



VIKINGS SIDELINE SCOOP

PRESEASON GAME 1 | MINNESOTA VIKINGS VS DENVER BRONCOS | AUGUST 14, 2021

Game Theme: PLAY FOOTBALL

The NFL Play Football initiative was created to provide opportunities for youth to learn the life lessons surrounding the game of football to later apply it both on and off the field. This has been accomplished through camps, clinics, and leagues throughout the country.

NATIONAL ANTHEM:

The colors for the National Anthem will be presented by the Air Force Color Guard.

PREGAME DJ:

DJ Skee returns with a set-list comprised of players' favorite warmup songs. The SkeeTV host, Dash radio founder and St. Paul native is widely considered a leading voice in the hip-hop community.

HALFTIME:

Halftime will feature the BMX Stunt Team. This group of athletes has an extensive background, competing on multiple stages, including the ESPN X-Games.

TCO LEGENDS CONNECTIONS: BRIAN ROBISON

Former Vikings Defensive End Brian Robison will be interviewed on TCO Legends Connections. Robison played his entire NFL career (2007-17) with the Vikings after being drafted in the fourth round of the 2007 NFL Draft. In 2007, he was named to the NFL All-Rookie Team. Robison was named season-long captain for the Vikings in 2017, when the team went 13-3 and won the NFC North. He ranks third amongst Vikings defensive ends in regular season games played (173), behind Jim Marshall (270) and Carl Eller (209). In 2014, he was presented with the Korey Stringer Media Good Guy Award from the Twin Cities media members.

NATIONAL ANTHEM SINGER



KAT PERKINS

Recording artist Kat Perkins is a resident of the Twin Cities and was a finalist on Season 6 of The Voice. In addition to releasing music and performing, Perkins travels overseas every year to perform for military members and leads the Rising Star Foundation.

GJALLARHORN SOUNDER



GABLE STEVESON

Minnesota native Gable Steveson claimed the gold medal in the men's freestyle 125-kilogram wrestling final in the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo.

IN-GAME PRESENTATION



PHELPS FALCONS

Local Minneapolis youth football team Phelps Falcons will be highlighted during this preseason matchup as part of the NFL Play Football initiatives.

Hometown Hero: Kim Royston



Kim Royston is a Minneapolis native and Assistant Principal at Plymouth Middle School. When multiple gunshots were fired by a student at the middle school, Royston was the first person on the scene to deescalate the situation and subdued them as law enforcement arrived on the scene. No one was injured and the student was safely taken into custody. Royston was also a defensive back for the University of Minnesota football team from 2009-11 after transferring from the University of Wisconsin. During his senior season in 2011, he ranked second in the Big-Ten and 16th in the nation with 123 tackles. Royston also earned All-Big Ten honors, won the Carl Eller Award, and received Minnesota's Defensive Back of the Year that same year.