



VIKINGS SIDELINE SCOOP

PRESEASON GAME 2 | MINNESOTA VIKINGS VS INDIANAPOLIS COLTS | AUGUST 21, 2021

NATIONAL ANTHEM:

The colors for the National Anthem will be presented by the Minnesota National Guard.

PREGAME PRESENTATION: CONRAD CARDANO RETIREMENT WITH RICK SPIELMAN:

Before the game, Minnesota Vikings General Manager Rick Spielman will recongnize the 34-year career of Conrad Cardano, a long-time scout/consultant for the club. Cardano's career had stops at Western Carolina (1967-70), Catholic University (1975-78) Marshall University (1979-80) and Eastern Kentucky (1981-83) before landing with the Vikings in 1987, where he would work for the next 34 years. When Spielman started with the Vikings, he would often seek advice from Cardano before becoming GM in 2012. Cardano's career has paved the way for generations of scouts and this retirement ceremony will be an opportunity to acknowledge everything he has done for the organization.

HALFTIME:

Halftime will feature Stunt Dog Productions. Led by Minnesota native Abby Klaine, stunt dogs will be performing a variety of freestyle frisbee stunts, long throws, back vaults and tricks.

TCO LEGENDS CONNECTIONS: GREG COLEMAN

Current sideline reporter for KFAN and former Vikings punter, Greg Coleman, will be the TCO Legends Connection on Saturday. Coleman was the first African American punter in the NFL and is a member of the Florida A&M University Hall of Fame. After punting for the Vikings for 10 years, Coleman earned a spot on the Viking 25th and 40th Anniversary Teams. He was even voted as the Minnesota Vikings NFL Man of the Year in 1985. Coleman's interview will be conducted by Tatum Everett.

NATIONAL ANTHEM SINGER



MARK J. LINDQUIST

United States Air Force and Afghanistan War Veteran Mark J. Lindquist started his singing career while at Hickam Air Force Base as part of the entertainment unit called Tops in Blue. Lindquist has performed on many stages, including a variety of NFL, NBA, MLB, and NCAA games as well as for Former President of the United States Barack Obama.

GJALLARHORN SOUNDER



CONRAD CARDANO

Cardano has spent 34 years with the Minnesota Vikings. He has recently retired and General Manager Rick Spielman would often seek advice from Cardano during his tenure with the club.



Hometown Hero: Nicki Hangsleben

Nicki Hangsleben is the founder and executive director of QUEERSPACE Collective. The organization, QUEERSPACE Collective, provides a safe space for LGBTQ+ youth to be their true authentic self through 1:1 in-person/virtual mentoring. Hangsleben left her corporate job earlier this year knowing the lack of resources to support the LGBTQ+, which motivated and inspired her to take the leap on starting the non-profit organization. By starting this organization, Hangsleben hopes to reduce the statistics of homelessness, isolation and suicide amongst the LGBTQ+ youth. With the support and partnerships of many local organizations, QUEERSPACE collective is already making its mark in the Twin Cities area. Vikings fans can learn more about how they can support LGBTQ+ youth at queerspacecollective.org.