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2010 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON STARTS SATURDAY

FIFTH ANNUAL SOLLENBERGER CLASSIC FEATURES NATIONALLY RANKED TEAMS CHANDLER HAMILTON & LAS VEGAS BISHOP GORMAN

Two of the best high school football programs in the region will kickoff their 2010 season this Saturday on FOX Sports Arizona and FOXSportsArizona.com when Chandler Hamilton faces off with Las Vegas Bishop Gorman in the Fifth Annual Sollenberger Classic at Northern Arizona University's Walkup Skydome in Flagstaff.

FOX Sports Arizona and the Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) are proud to announce that the game will be webcast live www.FOXSportsArizona.com and the AIA's website www.aia365.com beginning at 7 p.m. and tape delayed on FOX Sports Arizona at 8:30 p.m. The tape delay is necessary due to the network's coverage of the Arizona Diamondbacks/Colorado Rockies game at 5 p.m. Mark McClune will handle the play-by-play and John Fina is the analyst.

Hamilton is coming off an undefeated 2009 season (14-0) that saw the Huskies win their second consecutive Arizona Class 5A Division I State Championship. Further, it was their fifth title in seven years. According to the *MaxPreps* 2010 pre-season national rankings, Hamilton is ranked No. 22 in the country. Class 5A Division I is the AIA's highest classification.

As for Bishop Gorman, the Gaels won the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association's (NIAA) Class 4A championship last season for the second time in three years and went undefeated as well (13-0). They are ranked No. 23 in the *MaxPreps* pre-season rankings and led the nation in scoring last year with 798 points. Class 4A in the NIAA's highest classification.

After Saturday's initial airing, the game will be replayed on Monday, Aug. 23, at 8 p.m. and Friday, Aug. 27, at 1:30 p.m.

The Sollenberger Classic honors the late Barry Sollenberger, a former AIA employee. As a sports historian, Sollenberger was devoted to the task of documenting the achievements of high school athletes around the state of Arizona. This is the second time Hamilton and Bishop Gorman have played in this game. Hamilton beat Mesa Red Mountain in the very first Sollenberger Classic in 2005, while Bishop Gorman lost to Phoenix Brophy Prep in 2008.

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