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When Lance Scheib hosted a Football University Camp in July, little did he know it would lead to a big opportunity.

Saturday night, the Noblesville coach will lead a group of All-Stars from the mainland against an All-Star team from Hawaii in the second annual Aloha Prep Bowl in Honolulu. The game, which is conducted by Football University, will be televised by Fox Sports Network beginning at 7 p.m. Hawaii time (midnight EST).

"The guys that own the company (Football University) were at the camp, and they were very impressed with the way we ran the camp," Scheib said. "They were very impressed with the way that we did things. That was a reflection on the staff that organized it, so I think that helped a little bit. It was a complete surprise to me."

Scheib will have six assistant coaches and 31 players. The only player from Indiana is defensive back James Manuel, a Minnesota recruit from Class 5A state champion Warren Central.

"When I saw my list of players, I was pretty much in shock," Scheib said. "It's an elite group of players, and I'm looking forward to coaching them."

The mainland team won 22-6 in last year's inaugural Aloha Prep Bowl.

"There's a lot of pride in what Hawaii does in football, and it's a real testament of them to take on a mainland team," Scheib said. "It's a true All-Star game. We have a short time to get ready."

"Our main goal is to enjoy ourselves and represent the mainland states as well as we possibly can. I'm just excited about representing Indiana and Noblesville in general."

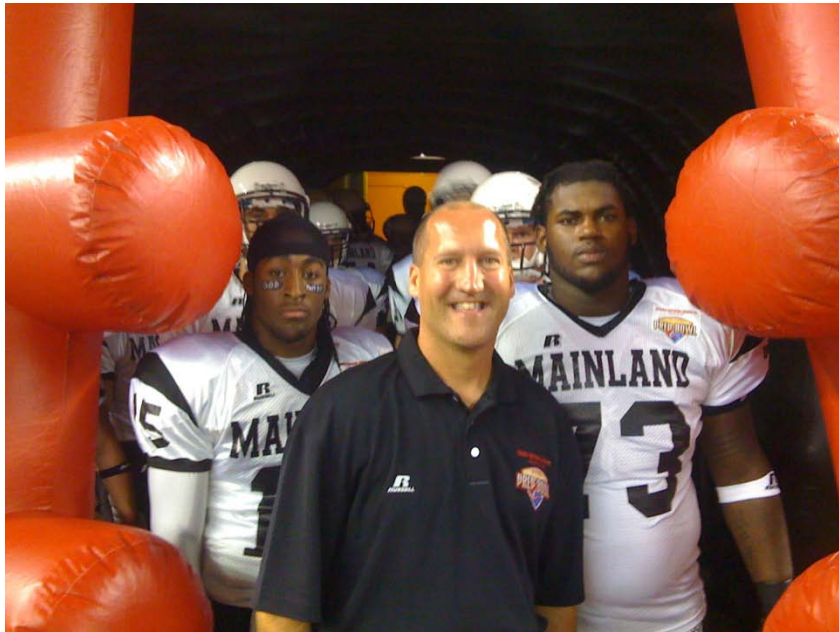
Scheib also has been invited to attend Football University's Army All-American Bowl on Jan. 9 in San Antonio, Texas. The following day, Noblesville seventh-grader Trace Bulger will play in the Football University Youth All-American Bowl on the same field.

"I think the exposure that he gained from the camp allowed him to do this," Scheib said.

Scheib left Wednesday morning for Hawaii. He plans to return Monday.

"I've never been to Hawaii, so I'm excited about that," Scheib said. "I'm not looking forward to the 12-hour flight, but I'm looking forward to seeing some things that most people don't get to see."

"It's just another example of football opening a lot of doors. Football has been very good to me, and this is just another example of it."



Coach Scheib - with Lache Seastrunk the number 1 RB in the country on his right and Sharrif Floyd the number 1 defensive linemen in the country on his left.