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MEDIA RELEASE

NINE YEAR NFL VETERAN RALPH BROWN TO SPEAK AT 41ST ANNUAL CIF-SS PRESS CONFERENCE AND LUNCHEON

LOS ALAMITOS — Former National Football League defensive back with the New York Giants, Minnesota Vikings, Cleveland Browns and Arizona Cardinals Ralph Brown will be the keynote speaker at the 41st Annual CIF Southern Section-Ford Football Championship Press Conference and Luncheon on Monday, November 28.

The luncheon will be held at The Grand in Long Beach (4101 E. Willow St.) beginning at 11:00 a.m. and will feature the 26 remaining finals teams in 11-man football as well as the two championship schools in 8-man football.

It is only open to the media and those interested media members must RSVP via email to Mrs. Anita Fopma (anitaf@cifss.org) in the CIF Southern Section office no later than Noon Saturday, November 26.

Brown is currently an analyst working the *Fox Sports West/Ford Prep Zone* games online and as worked as a sideline reporter for the *Fox Sports West/Ford High School Game of the Week*.

“Ralph Brown represents excellence at every level of competition, as evidenced by his outstanding career at Bishop Amat High School, the University of Nebraska and the National Football League”, stated CIF Southern Section Commissioner of Athletics Rob Wigod.

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RALPH BROWN (Cont.):

“He is one of our very best and we are proud to have him speak to our student-athletes and our coaches. I know they will enjoy and appreciate his message’ added Wigod.

Brown, 38, is no stranger to the CIF Southern Section having played high school football at Bishop Amat High School in La Puente. There he was listed as the second-best defensive back in the country by Blue Chip and named to the Dream Team. He was also named to USA Today ‘s second-team All-America squad. He was seventh in the state in rushing with 2,246 yards on 311 carries and scored the game-winning touchdown in the Lancers’ Division I championship win over Los Angeles’ Loyola High in 1995. He earned CIF Southern Section Player of the Year and MVP, and the Los Angeles Times Back-of-the-Year honors, scoring 29 times, including a school-record 6 in one game. Defensively, he had 57 tackles and six interceptions. He also lettered three times in track.

Brown attended the University of Nebraska, where he played for the Nebraska Cornhuskers football team from 1996 to 1999. He finished career with 143 tackles, including 88 solo and is third on the Cornhuskers career list with 11 interceptions and first with 253 interception return yards. Brown also set a school record with 50 pass deflections. He was recognized as a consensus first-team All-America, having been named to the first teams of Walter Camp, College Football News and the Sporting News as a senior in 1999. He was also a semifinalist for the Jim Thorpe Award, given to the top defensive back in the country. In 1997 and 1998, he was an All-Big Twelve Conference first team selection. Brown was then an All-American third-team pick by the Associated Press and College Football News in 1998. He became a member of the Big Twelve Commissioner’s Academic Honor Roll in 1997. One of six true freshmen who saw action for the Huskers in 1996, but the only one who earned a starting role. Brown became the first position player at Nebraska to start his first game as a true freshman since World War II.

Brown was drafted in the fifth round (140th overall) of the 2000 NFL Draft by the New York Giants. He played four seasons with the Giants from 2000-2003. In his first year Brown played in two games. He was inactive for season opener vs. Arizona and saw his 1st NFL action at Philadelphia, playing only on special teams. Only action was on special teams at Chicago. He was forced to leave game in the 3rd quarter after taking a knee to the abdomen. Injury was diagnosed as a laceration to the kidney. He was placed on season-ending injured reserve on October 2.

Next year played in eight games, with no starts and finished season with two assisted tackles on defense and five special teams tackles (4 solo).

2002 was his best year so far, he played in all 16 games, including his first two NFL starts, at St. Louis and at Washington. He was a reserve in NFC Wild Card game at San Francisco. He began the season as the dime (sixth) cornerback, but also played nickel corner. He finished with 25 tackles (19 solo), one interception, one fumble recovery, three passes defended and eight special teams tackles (six solo).

In his last season with the Giants, Brown contributed in the secondary as a reserve and spot starter and on special teams, providing depth to the defensive backfield. He demonstrated nose for the ball on several key plays last season. Brown played in 11 games, starting seven. He missed three games with a shoulder injury and was assigned to injured reserve prior to Week 16 at Dallas. He finished the season with 41 tackles (28 solo), one sack, one forced fumble, two interceptions and one touchdown.

He also played for the Minnesota Vikings from 2004–2005 and Cleveland Browns in 2006.

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