Skydiving Team set to Perform at 80th Annual Hyundai Sun Bowl

The 80th Annual Hyundai Sun Bowl is being held at the Sun Bowl Stadium in El Paso, TX on Tuesday, December 31st. As part of the opening ceremony, Team Fastrax will be skydiving in with the game ball.

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The Sun Bowl is scheduled to start at 12pm (MST) on December 31^{st,} and will feature Virginia Tech and UCLA. Team Fastrax will be performing a patriotic aerial display during the opening ceremony, and will also be delivering the game ball. The performance will include their 3,700 sf flag, 2,500 sf flag, 2,000 sf flag, and 1,100 sf flag, and is sure to be an amazing site to behold.

John Hart, owner of <u>Start Skydiving</u>, and founder of Team Fastrax said, "We are honored to be performing at such an important event. Football is one of our favorite American pastimes, and we always enjoy delivering the game ball."

There will be four demonstrators on this performance. John Hart will be the first to land with the game ball. John Hart has more than 18,000 skydives and is a 24 year combat veteran First Sergeant of the United States Army Special Forces

"Green Berets". Dan Aukstikalnis will be the second to land with an 1100 square foot American flag. Dan has over 6,000 skydives and is a veteran of the United States Army 1st Armored Division. Dana Bowman will be the third to land with a 2,000 square foot American flag, Dana has more than 10,000 skydives and is a 20 year combat veteran Sergeant First Class of the United States Army Special Forces "Green Berets". Dan Paganini will be the fourth and final jumper to land with a 2,500 square foot American flag. Dan has more than 9,000 skydives and is a veteran on the United States Army 82nd Airborne Division.

The 2013 Hyundai Sun Bowl will mark the first meeting between the two



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teams. Virginia Tech, 8-4 and 5-3 (ACC), returns to the foundation of their 26-bowl game history. The Hokies' first bowl appearance was in the 1947 Sun Bowl. Cincinnati defeated Virginia Tech 18-6 at Kidd Field. The Hokies will be making their first appearance at Sun Bowl Stadium.

Team Fastrax is sponsored by <u>Selection.com</u>, a leading provider of criminal background checks and pre-employment screening services. They are the most ambitious professional skydiving team in the world. The team has a roster of more than twenty-nine active members, with a culmination of more than 300,000 skydives. <u>Team Fastrax</u> has performed exhibition skydives all over the world for audiences large and small as a patriotic display or as a product promotion.

The 80th Hyundai Sun Bowl is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 31 at noon (MST). CBS Sports will broadcast the game for the 46th consecutive year. Tickets can be purchased at the Sun Bowl Association office (915-533-4416, 800-915-BOWL or email), online at <u>www.ticketmaster.com</u> or at any TicketMaster outlet.

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