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COACHES SELECTED FOR 2024 TOUCHSTONE ENERGY COOPERATIVE BOWL

The Touchstone Energy Cooperatives Bowl, in conjunction with the South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association, has named the respective coaching staffs for the 2024 game. Powdersville's Robert Muster will serve as the head coach of the North squad, while Battery Creek's Ed Susi has been selected to lead the South team.

This year's game will be played on Saturday, December 7 at Doug Shaw Memorial Stadium in Myrtle Beach.

Susi recently finished his first season at Battery Creek after having spent the previous two seasons at Buford. A veteran of nearly four decades, Susi also served as the head coach Fort Mill for 11 seasons and two more at Buford, as well as several coordinator/assistant stops.

Mustar has been the head football coach at Powdersville since the school's inception in 2011. The following year, the Patriots began playing varsity football. He's led Powdersville to a 75-63 record in that span. His team advanced to the 2022 state championship.

Mustar's North staff will include the following coaches: Scoot Watson (JL Mann); Bobby Collins (South Pointe); Grayson Howell (Pendleton); Greg Lawson (Batesburg-Leesville); Jay Brannon (Ridge Spring-Monetta); Brian Strickland (Laurens); and Billy Anderson (Byrnes);

Susi's South staff will include the following coaches: Derek Howard (Ridge View); Shane Fidler (Airport); Cedrick Jeter (Newberry); Greg Wright (Timberland); Brandon Iseman (Latta); Randy Hilyer (James Island); and Mark McClain (Westwood);

Both staffs will meet periodically between now and October on game strategy, player evaluation and ultimately the selections of each roster, kicking things off with the Carolinas Coaches Combines, which begin this week.

If you have questions about this year's selections or need assistance lining up interviews with any of this year's coaches, you can reach Touchstone Energy Cooperatives Bowl Media Director Ian Guerin at 843.267.2177 or <u>ian@ianguerin.com</u>.

South Carolina's electric cooperatives have been the primary sponsors of the Touchstone Energy Cooperatives Bowl since 2013. Previously known as the North-South All-Star Football Game, the event began in 1948. It is one of the oldest high school all-star games in the country.