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NFL AND ANA MEET ON THE FIELD

CARLSBAD, Calif. (Jan. 30, 2014) – For the past two weeks, Army and Navy Academy has been the home field for 24 elite football players training for the NFL combine. Some of the star athletes include Blake Bortles, quarterback from the University of Central Florida and projected first pick in the NFL draft; Bishop Sankey star running back from the University of Washington; and Brandon Cooks, wide receiver from Oregon State and Biletnikoff Winner.

The athletes arrived at Army and Navy Academy via SKLZ, A Pro Performance Sports Brand, based in Carlsbad, CA. SKLZ trains elite athletes to prepare for entrance into the world of professional sports, in addition to selling training equipment. SKLZ-trained athletes are currently on the active rosters of many NFL and MLB teams.

The athletes were accompanied by NFL agents and camera crews from ESPN who were filming for an upcoming story tracking Bortles' and Sankey's path from college-athlete to NFL player.

SKLZ chose Army and Navy Academy's Maffucci Field as its training ground based on its NFL-quality synthetic turf field. Maffucci Field is part of the larger Duffield Sports Complex, the Academy's state-of-the-art athletic facility that also features a strength and conditioning center, a training room, and an 800-seat gymnasium. The Sports Complex opened in October, 2013, and is one of Southern California's premier athletic facilities.

As a thank you to the Academy, SKLZ is donating some of its professional-quality training equipment to the Warrior athletic program. Additionally, the Academy's Cadet-Athletes assisted the SKLZ coaches, who are retired NFL coaches and players, in coordinating drills and training, giving Cadets a taste of athletics at the next level. Both Army and Navy Academy and SKLZ are looking forward to continuing their partnership in the coming years.

Founded in 1910, the Army and Navy Academy is a private not-for-profit institution that provides an academically robust, character-based education for young men, grades 7 through 12. It is the only private boarding school in San Diego County and the only private military academy for high school-age students in California and surrounding states.

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