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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Derby High School modifies the remaining football season

Derby High School has had to modify its football season for the remainder of the 2021 season due to the health and safety of its players. Per CIAC guidance if unable to in good faith to reschedule postponed contests you must forfeit those contests. Thus, Derby will be forfeiting its remaining varsity contests this season vs. Oxford, Seymour, Ansonia, Gilbert and Shelton due to the current number of eligible healthy players.

Derby High School will continue to operate its football program, train and get healthy, returning to play a scrimmage vs Ansonia on Thursday, November 11th at 6pm at the Ryan Sports Complex, DeFilippo Field at Derby High School. This game will be Senior Night for the Derby High School Football and Cheerleading seniors.

Athletic administration and coaching staff are finalizing details now for a second scrimmage prior to Thanksgiving. The season will conclude with the Fall Season Sports Awards Ceremony where all Fall sports teams will be honored for their participation, team accolades, special player awards and recognition and varsity letters on November 30th at Derby High School.

The Derby administration appreciates the guidance of the CIAC staff through this process and the graciousness and understanding of the fellow athletic directors and coaches of the schools impacted.

The Derby administration would also like to express great appreciation for the entire coaching staff and everything they have done to keep our kids on the field and playing. They have supported our kids every minute through a very difficult season.

Most importantly our appreciation goes to the athletes who have faced adversity throughout the season and keep coming back, practice after practice, play after play, game after game giving everything they have to compete and leaving it all on the field.

Derby looks forward to keeping its football student-athletes engaged, getting them healthy and continuing to strive, grow and improve our football program to come back better and stronger for the 2022 season.