



## **ELMHURST FOOTBALL TEAM TO TRAVEL OVERSEAS FOR GLOBAL FOOTBALL TOUR OF BERLIN & PRAGUE**

Wednesday, May 19, 2010 – Granbury, TX - The Elmhurst College football team led by head coach Tim Lester is traveling to Germany and the Czech Republic from May 31 to June 8 for a unique cultural experience that combines local sightseeing with a game against Czech opposition in the Global Football Tour of Berlin & Prague.

Yes, this is football – the American version – to be played on a continent that where soccer is commonly known as football, but the gridiron game has a growing presence on the sporting landscape.

While exploring the many historical places of interest that Germany and the Czech Republic have to offer, the Blue Jays will find time to practice as they prepare to face the Prague All-Stars on Saturday, June 5.

The visit is organized by Texas-based Global Football, which provides the opportunity for young amateur athletes from different countries to compete against one another, while experiencing and learning first hand about each other's cultures.

Global Football President Patrick Steenberge has produced football games in 18 nations and this year Global Football is scheduled to travel with NCAA DIII college teams to Austria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy and Switzerland.

“We have hosted American football games in some of the greatest venues in the world in 18 different countries with each place being an honor,” said Steenberge. “Our mission is to share our passion for the sport with intrigued onlookers and hardcore fans, of which there are many in the Czech Republic and Germany. We hope the challenge of a game against American opposition will help continue the global development of the sport and also provide a memorable experience for everyone involved.”

Second-year head coach, Tim Lester made an immediate impact on the Blue Jays in his first season as head coach, guiding Elmhurst to a 7-3 overall record and a fourth-place finish in the CCIW.

In his freshman year, quarterback Joe Furco led his team's offense, throwing for 1,362 yards and 13 touchdowns. The Blue Jays defense was anchored by senior Randy Wright and junior Jon Janus, who recorded 98 and 76 tackles respectively.

The visiting group will spend their first days sightseeing in Berlin, the capital of Germany, going to the Brandenburg Gate, Checkpoint Charlie Museum, crossing the famous former border point between East and West Berlin, and will take in a historical walking tour. Once in Prague they will have an opportunity to walk the medieval streets of Mala Strana, cross the Charles Bridge to the 13<sup>th</sup> century Old town and view Europe's oldest synagogue dated to 1270.

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