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STAR QUALITY

Manitowoc native Doug Free, the starting left tackle for the Dallas Cowboys, eagerly accepts leadership role

By Benjamin Wideman
Herald Times Reporter

Last year at this time, Doug Free was the youngest starter on the Dallas Cowboys' offensive line.

Now, on the eve of the team's NFL season opener, the 27-year-old Manitowoc native is being relied upon to provide veteran leadership for a young, revamped offensive line facing a formidable Game 1 challenge Sunday night.

Playing on the road against the favored New York Jets — viewed as early contenders

for the Super Bowl — whose talented defense and notoriously rabid fans will be even more energized on the

10th anniversary of 9/11.

"It definitely will be an electric atmosphere out there to New York," Free, a 2002 graduate of Lincoln High School, told the Herald Times Reporter via a phone interview from Dallas on Thursday.

"It's the 10th anniversary and they've got a new memorial, so it'll be loud, very electric. But we're looking forward to the challenge."

The 6-foot-7, 320-pound Free, in his fifth season with the Cowboys, will start at left tackle, the same position at which he started every game last season and received widespread praise for his standout performances.

Four of the league's elite defensive ends — Chicago's Julius Peppers, Indianapolis' Dwight Freeney, Minnesota's Jared Allen and Houston's Mario Williams — managed only a combined two tackles and one sack against Free.

The Cowboys made signing

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ABOVE: Manitowoc native Doug Free, a 2002 graduate of Lincoln High School, is shown during the Dallas Cowboys' training camp last month. Free, who returns as the Cowboys' starting left tackle, signed a four-year deal in July reportedly worth \$32 million. BELOW: Free blocks O'Brien Schofield of the Arizona Cardinals during a game last season in Glendale, Ariz. AP photos



BY THE NUMBERS

Based on team values from the 2010 season, the Dallas Cowboys are the NFL's most valuable franchise for the fifth straight year, according to an annual survey by Forbes magazine.

The team is worth \$1.85 billion, more than any other pro sports franchise in the United States. The only other pro team in the world worth more money is English soccer team Manchester United (\$1.9 billion).

Rounding out the top five NFL teams on Forbes' list are the Washington Redskins (\$1.55 billion), New England Patriots (\$1.4 billion), New York Giants (\$1.3 billion) and New York Jets (\$1.22 billion). The Green Bay Packers rank ninth at \$1.08 billion.



Inspired by 9/11 to serve, protect

Local men moved by events to fight on behalf of U.S.

By Sarah Kloeping
Herald Times Reporter

MANITOWOC — Manitowoc native Andrew Suggitt joined the U.S. Navy on Sept. 5, 2011, as a way to simply get out of town.

Less than a week later, the world was forever changed by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, which resulted in the deaths of approximately 3,000 people and beginning

of the war on terror. Sunday marks the 10-year anniversary of the attacks.

"It kind of made me realize that maybe there was a little more to me wanting to join the military than just, 'Oh, I want to get out of town and do something else for awhile,'" Suggitt, 28, said. "It opened up my patriotism."

When the planes hit the World Trade Center, Suggitt was in boot camp filling out paperwork with other members of his division. But they didn't find out until late that evening all that had happened during the day.

"Some guy rushed in,

grabbed the guy in charge and whispered something to him," Suggitt said. "He just had this look of shock on his face and yelled, 'Everybody up, we're going back now.' And we went back to our barracks and then we were basically on lockdown the rest of the day."

"We didn't leave. No one told us what was going on."

Suggitt said the only hint they had of the events occurring was that a staff member had asked if anyone was from the Manhattan area or knew someone who lived or worked there. When Suggitt and others finally saw

footage from the attacks, emotions ran high.

"A lot of people were crying and saying, 'Oh man, what do we do now?' kind of thing," he said. "It kind of brought us a little bit more together. We'd only been there for six days ... but it kind of was a topic to open up about and we all (realized) we do care about what happens to America and that's why we were there."

Motivation

For Manitowoc native Capt. Matthew Brauer, the

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Manitowoc Cranes laying off 300 workers

Recalls set for Oct. 24, union steward says

By Charlie Mathews
Herald Times Reporter

MANITOWOC — About 300 Manitowoc Cranes workers will be laid off over the next two weeks, with recalls set for Oct. 24, a union steward said Friday.

Scott Rosinsky, a Machinists Union worker at the South 30th Street plant for 21 years, said he might be safe from layoff.

However, he was told by a Boilermakers union official that Friday was the last day for 189 welders.

Combined with layoffs from Machinists and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Rosinsky said as many as 80 percent of Manitowoc Cranes production workers may be off the job for four to six weeks.

Rosinsky said he wonders why such a high percentage of union employees have or will be laid off, but he is not aware of any temporary job losses among management personnel.

Earlier this month, Tom Musial, Manitowoc Company's senior vice president for Human Resources-Administration, said management expected a change in the "build

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Report: Using DNA to find Asian carp is sound method

Army Corps also announces plan to improve electric barrier

By John Flesher
The Associated Press

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. — Federal officials promised Friday to improve two crucial weapons in the fight to prevent Asian carp from invading the Great Lakes: an electric fish barrier near Chicago and an early-warning system that detects carp DNA in waterways.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers released a report by four independent scientists who analyzed the "environmental DNA" process that government and university scientists have used the past two years to search for the carp on both sides of the barrier.

The study concluded the means of detecting the carps' genetic material in water samples is fundamentally sound but should be refined to answer questions such as whether the DNA came from live carp and, if so, how many. Research to improve the system is under way, Army Corps officials said.

The Corps also announced it was turning up the juice on the barrier network in the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, a man-made link between Lake Michigan and the Mississippi River system. The barrier is designed to prevent Asian carp and other fish from migrating between watersheds and competing with native species for food and living space.

The Obama administration has pledged more than \$125 million to protect the Great Lakes from

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