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### **Press Conference Set for McKinley–Capitol ‘Downtown Showdown’**

**BATON ROUGE, La.** – McKinley and Capitol high schools will host a joint press conference to preview the highly anticipated “Downtown Showdown” football game.

**When:** Wednesday, Sept. 3.

**Where:** Old Capitol High School Gym, 1000 N. 23rd St.

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The press conference will feature players, coaches and administrators from both schools as they prepare for the second annual Downtown Showdown scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, at Memorial Stadium.

McKinley took home the inaugural Downtown Showdown trophy last year with a 44–6 victory. This year’s matchup continues a rivalry that dates back to 1950. The schools met annually until 2019 before reviving the series last season, complete with a trophy and bragging rights at stake.

Capitol leads the all-time series 37–33–3. The contest not only rekindles a football rivalry more than 70 years in the making but also celebrates the spirit, pride and history of two storied Baton Rouge schools.

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