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10-Year-Old Chicagoan Lands Dream Job on ESPN

British School of Chicago Student Premiered Sunday as 'Kid Commentator'

CHICAGO (Sept. 10, 2007) — Local sports fans may see a familiar face next time they turn on ESPN. 10-year-old Jason Krause, a Lakeview resident and British School of Chicago student, premiered as a “kid commentator” on Sunday’s episode of “NFL Countdown,” the popular show that provides in-depth coverage of NFL football games.

The young sports fan met ESPN producers when his twin sister, who is valiantly fighting brain cancer, taped a “My Wish” segment for the network with figure skater Michelle Kwan. The producers also interviewed Jason for the segment and liked him so much that they asked him to submit an audition tape. Two months later, they contacted him and asked him to be on the show. Jason taped his first segment – which focused on Detroit Lions quarterback Jon Kitna’s 10-win prediction – from his home Thursday.

A British School student since 2003, Jason is an avid Bears fan and a Year 6 student, the equivalent of American 5th Grade. At the British School, Jason has participated in football, basketball, soccer, drama and saxophone lessons.

To see Jason’s segments – appropriately titled “Jason Krause: Takin’ It to the House” – tune in to “NFL Countdown” Sundays at 10 a.m. on ESPN.

The British School of Chicago opened in 2001 and offers classes for students ages three to 18. For more information about the British School, which will move to its new Lincoln Park campus in January 2008, call 773-506-2097 or visit www.BritishSchoolChicago.org.

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