

Propane heat plays key role in Seahawks-Vikings playoff game

Quality Propane, an Energy Distribution Partners (EDP) company based in Burnsville, Minn., played a key role Jan. 10 in heating the field and keeping the sidelines warm for the NFL playoff game between the Minnesota Vikings and Seattle Seahawks at TCF Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.

With negative game-time temperatures anticipated for the noon kickoff, the host Vikings partnered with Quality Propane to prepare the frozen field and keep players, coaches and others on the sidelines warm. The Quality Propane team worked around the clock to help create a playable, non-frozen surface, according to General Manager Russ Head.

Heat is already piped underneath the stadium turf as needed, Head says. In the game Jan. 10, propane heat was also needed to prevent moisture from icing on the playing surface.

When kickoff arrived, the game temperature was measured at minus-6 degrees. The wind chill was measured at minus 25. The recorded air temperature made the game the coldest in Vikings history and the third coldest in league history.

The January game, which Seattle won, 10-9, wasn't the first time Quality Propane served the Vikings. The company was asked on short notice in December 2010 to heat TCF Bank Stadium for a playoff game following a roof collapse at the Metrodome, the Vikings' former home. Quality Propane has provided heat to TCF Bank Stadium over the last five years.

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A Quality Propane bobtail is strategically placed to heat the field at TCF Bank Stadium in Minneapolis. An Energy Distribution Partners company, Quality Propane played a key role during the NFL playoff game last month between the Minnesota Vikings and Seattle Seahawks. Seattle advanced with a 10-9 victory.



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