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## INTRO

With remnants of Hurricane Ian making landfall throughout the east coast and possibly causing delays, postponements, and possible cancellations, YALD was determined to kickoff its 12<sup>th</sup> Season. Credit to the YALD administration for monitoring the weather throughout the entire night and into the morning. Forecast called for light drizzle after kickoff. All were in agreement and games would go on as scheduled.

Prior to kickoff on Saturday, we had our annual award ceremony on Friday.

***Quote: We play in everything except fire. And even then, we might consider it. – Kelvin Valentin***



## AWARD CEREMONY

As per YALD tradition, our award ceremony is a gathering in which we show recognition and appreciation to our standout performers from the previous year. This was our first in person ceremony since 2020. An extremely well-organized event and an excellent turnout. In summary, there were all the winners.

1. Most Improved Players – Woski Paulino, Jordan Ceballos, Dylan Castellanos, Gabriel Fernandez and Jayden Pena.
2. Flag Leader – Dylan Castellanos
3. Sack Leader – Jordan Ceballos
4. Rookie of the Year – Justin Rivera
5. Quarterback of the Year – Colin Rodriguez
6. Offensive Player of the Year – Sean Medina
7. Defensive Player of the Year – Matthew Gonzalez
8. Coach of the Year – Kevin Camilo
9. Most Valuable Player – Jayden Pena
10. 2021 Playoff MVP – Matthew Gonzalez
11. 2021 Championship Game MVP – Jayden Pena
12. Leadership Award – Jayden Pena
13. Chino Award Recipient – Miguel Guzman

## PACKERS vs 49ERS

Nothing like kicking off the season the same way we ended it, with a championship game rematch. Eager to reach the final game again, both teams weren't going to let the forecast get in their way. In what was expected from two elite coaches, the game plan focused on their strengths against the rain. Colin Rodriguez found Alex Cruz streaking down the sideline for a quick score. The Packers standout quarterback Dylan Castellanos responded by finding the newest member from the Guzman lineage Jayden Guzman for a touchdown. As the 49ers were missing league MVP Jayden Pena who is nursing an ankle injury, Colin relied heavily on Alexander Cruz who had a total of 9 receptions and 2 touchdowns. Newcomer Joshua Ortiz had an impressive 9 flags. 49ers won this game 14-13.

## BEARS vs GIANTS

This was the game in which inclement weather decided to play a factor. It was raining from whistle to whistle. However, both coaches were eager to see how their team would respond. As expected, both teams had difficulty moving the ball. Moreover, both teams had trouble reaching midfield. First and only score of the game came when Bears Quarterback JanLuis Castro found Jayvian Borrrome for a short pass but managed to squeeze through the defense for a score. Justin Fernandez had a solid game with 9 receptions. On defense, he recorded 4 flags, two deflections and one interception. On the Giants side, Jordan Sanchez had an impressive defensive debut with a total of 9 flags and 2 sacks. But Bears over the Giants by a score of 6-0.

## FALCONS vs BUCCS

For our final game of the day, the Falcons took on the Bucs. Weather seemed to subside for this one, but the field was a bit nasty and raw. Bucs quarterback Emil Rivera had a breakout game. After allowing an opening drive safety, Emil went 18 for 26 and throwing a total of 4 touchdowns. He found rookie of the year, Justin Rivera for two touchdowns. Nicholas Frade and Janiel Garcia each added one touchdown each. Buccs win 26-15.



## OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Emil Rivera  
Buccaneers

18 for 26, 4 TDs, 2 x/p, 2 sacks, 1 safety



## DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Justin Fernandez  
Bears

2 deflections, 1 interception, 2 drops, 4 flags

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