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# **INTRODUCTION**

In my humble opinion, there's no game like football. From my experience, nothing prepares you for life quite like this sport. The work ethic that life demands, I first discovered on the field. Football taught me the true meaning of family, and the memories it gave me still resonate today. The bonds forged through this game remain unbreakable. I urge every YALD participant to embrace this culture, as its impact will stay with you for a lifetime.

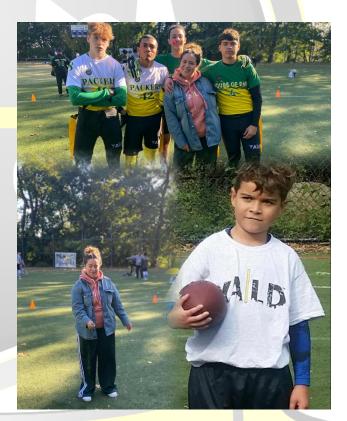
## Quote of the week

"Separation comes from preparation"

Steve Atwater

## HONORARY COIN TOSS

Respect, hard work, dedication, and commitment often begin at home, laying the foundation early in life. This week, we honor someone who exemplifies these values and has instilled them in her son, Elijah Corrales. Bibi Wehbe has been a dedicated member of the YALD community since 2016, showing unwavering support not only for her son but for the success of this program and the growth of our entire community. Today, we celebrate Bibi Wehbe and express our deep gratitude for her continuous support and dedication.



# <u>HOUSE OF PAIN VS</u> <u>PACKERS</u>

After suffering their first loss of the season, House of Pain was determined to get back on track. Standing in their way was a hungry opponent, The Packers, with ambitions of their own. House of Pain's defense set the tone early, with Nathaniel Platellas leading the charge, snagging one of his three interceptions and forcing the Packers to adjust their game plan. On offense, Nathaniel connected with Elijah Corrales for 4 receptions and 2 touchdowns, while Killian Real added two more touchdown catches. House of Pain dominated the game, securing a decisive 25-6 victory.

# <u>VIKINGS VS WILL</u> <u>TITANS</u>

The Vikings solidified their ranking with a commanding victory last week, but that's history now. What truly matters is what comes next. Fully aware of this, the Will Titans were determined to make a statement. YALD veteran Emil Rivera led the charge with a solid performance at quarterback, completing 16 of 33 passes and throwing for 3 touchdowns. His brother, David Rivera, hauled in two of those scores, while Max Parker Benson secured the third. The Will Titans sealed their win with a final score of 19-6.

## **PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

## Nathaniel Platellas

Receptions: 4

Receiving TDs: 2

Interceptions: 3

Deflections: 4

Flags Pulled: 2

Nathaniel delivered an outstanding all-around performance, showcasing his speed and versatility on both offense and defense. His impact on the game was undeniable.

## David Rivera

Receptions: 5 Receiving TDs: 2 Deflections: 1 Flags Pulled: 4

David Rivera continues to elevate his game. His growth as a player is evident, and his natural chemistry with his brother at quarterback is a clear advantage, making him a formidable force on the field.

### YALD Award Ceremony for the 2023 Season Date: November 2, 2024



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Join us as we celebrate the 2023 champions and honor the legacy of Coach Miguel Guzman, a beloved figure in the YALD community. This year's ceremony will take place on the same field where we held our inaugural event in 2012, a location that embodies Miguel's enduring passion for empowering youth.

#### Schedule of Events:

- Skills Challenge: Before the ceremony
- Award Ceremony: On the field
- All-Star Game: Following the ceremony

This special event will recognize team achievements, individual excellence, and the dedication of our coaches and volunteers, who selflessly support our youth. After the awards, we'll culminate the day with the All-Star game. We invite everyone to gather and reflect on Coach Guzman's lasting impact, celebrating the values he championed—community, dedication, and leadership. Let us come together to remember and honor Miguel Guzman, a true pillar in our community and the lives of many.

#### This Week's Matchups: The Heat is On! 🔥

As we hit the halfway point of the season, this week's matchups are absolutely crucial! Each game is a battle as teams fight for playoff contention.

#### Game 1: Titans vs. House of Pain

The Titans are riding high with a two-game win streak, and they're ready to take on the formidable House of Pain! Can they keep their momentum going and match their record?

#### Game 2: Packers vs. Vikings

The winless Packers are hungry for victory and looking to turn their season around against the Vikings, who are reeling from their first loss last week. Will the Vikings crumble under the pressure, or will they bounce back and leave the Packers still searching for their first win?

Every play counts as teams vie for their place in the playoffs! Don't miss out on the action—be there to witness these thrilling matchups unfold!

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