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## INTRODUCTION

As many already know, Miguel Guzman sadly passed away on May 24, 2024. Known to many as Coach Mickey, he was a prominent figure not only in YALD but also in our community. His endless dedication to his family, the community, and YALD speaks for itself. As one of the pillars who helped start this organization and shape it into what it is today, it's only right that we dedicate this season to him. A coach, a father, a friend — we love him, and he will forever be in our hearts.

Mickey was very passionate about football, and although he's no longer with us, his ideologies will live on, as he influenced many lives. This season will be both a dedication to and a celebration of Coach Mickey.

We've revamped our structure to pay tribute to Coach Mickey, transitioning from a six-team league to a four-team league. Each team will represent one that Miguel coached: the Vikings, Will Titans, Packers, and House of Pain.

Miguel's children, Austin and Rosie Guzman, were asked to kick off the season by performing the honorary coin toss. Also present was Miguel's mother, Carmen Guzman, who was overwhelmed with emotion.



## VIKINGS VS. WILL TITANS

One of the original four teams, the Vikings, is where it all began. Ironically, Coach Rob Valley and Assistant Coach Leo Vargas were prepared to face two of the original coaches, Adalberto Fernandez and Jason Ceden, who are now leading the Will Titans. Training camp standout and veteran Alex Vargas led the offensive charge, hauling in a touchdown pass from Naythin Borrrome. After that, the defense took over. The always-stout Joshua Ortiz dominated the field, preventing much progress from the Will Titans' offense. Jayvian Borrrome also contributed to the defensive stand. The Vikings took the opener with a 7-6 victory.

# HOUSE OF PAIN VS

# PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

## PACKERS

The two teams with which Miguel Guzman won the championship were set to do battle. One of the first YALD participants, Coach Austin Guzman, will continue in his father's footsteps by leading the Packers. He has also enlisted the services of Assistant Coach Rafael Quezada, one of Miguel's former players. House of Pain Coach Leandro Castellanos and Assistant Coach Eugene Amankwah are primed and ready for the challenge. Quarterback Elijah Corrales opened the scoring for H.O.P. by connecting with Johanssel Carvajal for an early touchdown. He would go on to throw four touchdowns, while the defense delivered a shutout. Final score: Packers 27-0.



## Killian Real

- 1 Receiving Touchdown
- 7 Receptions
- 1 First Down Conversion
- 2 Interceptions
- 2 Flag Grabs

Killian showcased incredible athleticism on both sides of the ball, with crucial interceptions and sharp receiving skills, leading his team to victory.

## Alex Vargas

- 1 Receiving Touchdown
- 6 Receptions
- 1 Extra Point
- 1 First Down Conversion
- 1 Deflection
- 1 Flag Grab

Alex delivered a well-rounded performance, contributing on offense with a touchdown and extra point, while also making key defensive plays to shut down the opposition.

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