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My name is Alessandro Barajas, I'm 8 years old from Reno Nv, and I play for battle-born jaguars fc, my ultimate dream is to be a pro-soccer player and before I'm able to achieve my dream I gotta show how willing and dedicated I am to making that happen, one goal for my self is to win first place at the copita alianza tournament in August I've done this tournament for the past 2 years and this last year I got second place with my old club and now I'm determined to win, this past December I was chosen to compete in the soccer youth all American golden cup in mesa Arizona which was of the coolest tournament ever and team had some of the best talent from across the world and we even made it to the final were we came up short but I had a blast and I made so many friends and now I was recently selected for the all American super cup as well I haven't decide if I will attend yet but hopefully I will. with playing soccer I've had to overcome a lot either by losing friends or injuries, it doesn't mean that any of those thing should defend who I am as an athlete all of the negative you hear from over about you should make you stronger as a person, and for that I'm so thankful for all of my coaches and trainers, Coach Chuy, Coach George, DNA performance training, coach B thank you guys for always pushing to be great.

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Alessandro Barajas

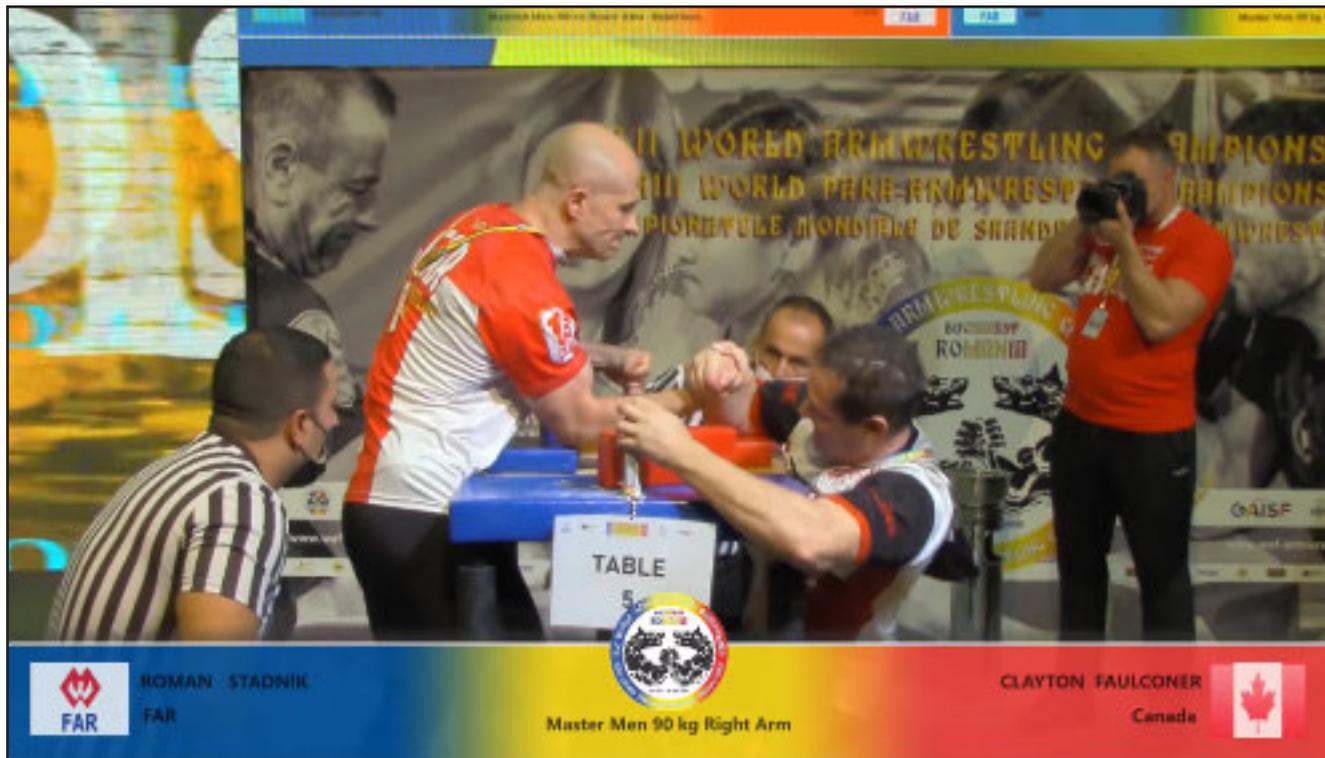
Alessandro Barajas





**Alessandro
Barajas**





Arm Wrestling Champions

I have made a website called armwrestlingchampions.com that tells about my comeback story. I have been in 4 accidents that would kill most people. I have risen about the challenges I face and have comeback to become a 9 time Canadian National Armwrestling Champion. Recently in 2024, I was the victim of a 4th accident where I was rear ended by another vehicle going 3 times faster than I was.

I was injured in this accident, but will comeback and win the Canadian Nationals and WAF World Championships in the summer of 2024.

I have many people (over 40) that are members of my team.

Talents that I have: Recover well, I am fast, strong, know techniques that win, expose my opponent's weakness, use psychology to win, able to make a website, able to teach people my winning secrets, able to get into lighter weight classes, able to get my cardiovascular in top condition, stay calm in competition, able to work the muscles needed to win, use the rules to my advantage.

People can visit my website to get my winning secrets. My basic package is no cost.

I have many more photos, depending on what you want.

Website: armwrestlingchampions.com





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Falconer takes gold

By [Name]

Clayton Faulconer of Fernie recently took gold at a provincial armwrestling championship, and his sights are now set on nationals.

Faulconer, who lives in North Vancouver, was in Kelowna on May 3 for the 2012 BC Armwrestling Championships, and placed first in the master division 182 pound and over left and right arm categories.

"It was hard, it was very difficult," he said.

He was up against at least 10 other people in his weight class, and he said at least five of them were over 230 pounds. Faulconer weighs just over 200 pounds.

"I refer to them as monsters," Faulconer said with a laugh.

"I beat all the monsters."

He said the competition brought in around 120 armwrestlers total.

"It was big."



Clayton Faulconer (left), Marko Wido (middle), Jim Pees (right). Courtesy of Clayton Faulconer

Faulconer has been on a road to redemption of sorts since a 2008 car accident that left him with a traumatic brain injury, and in an induced coma for seven days.

In a past interview with The Free Press, he said he had to learn how to eat, talk and walk, but armwrestling was like riding a bicycle. He already had a history with the sport prior to the accident, and when a year and a half after the coma, was competing again.

In December of 2011, he flew out to

Remainder for the World Armwrestling Federation championships, and placed seventh in his weight class. There were about 1,000 competitors total in different weight classes at that tournament.

Faulconer has called armwrestling a "gift from God."

Now, he has his sights set on the 2012 Canadian National Armwrestling Championships, which will be held in Winnipeg in July.

"That is the next goal for me."

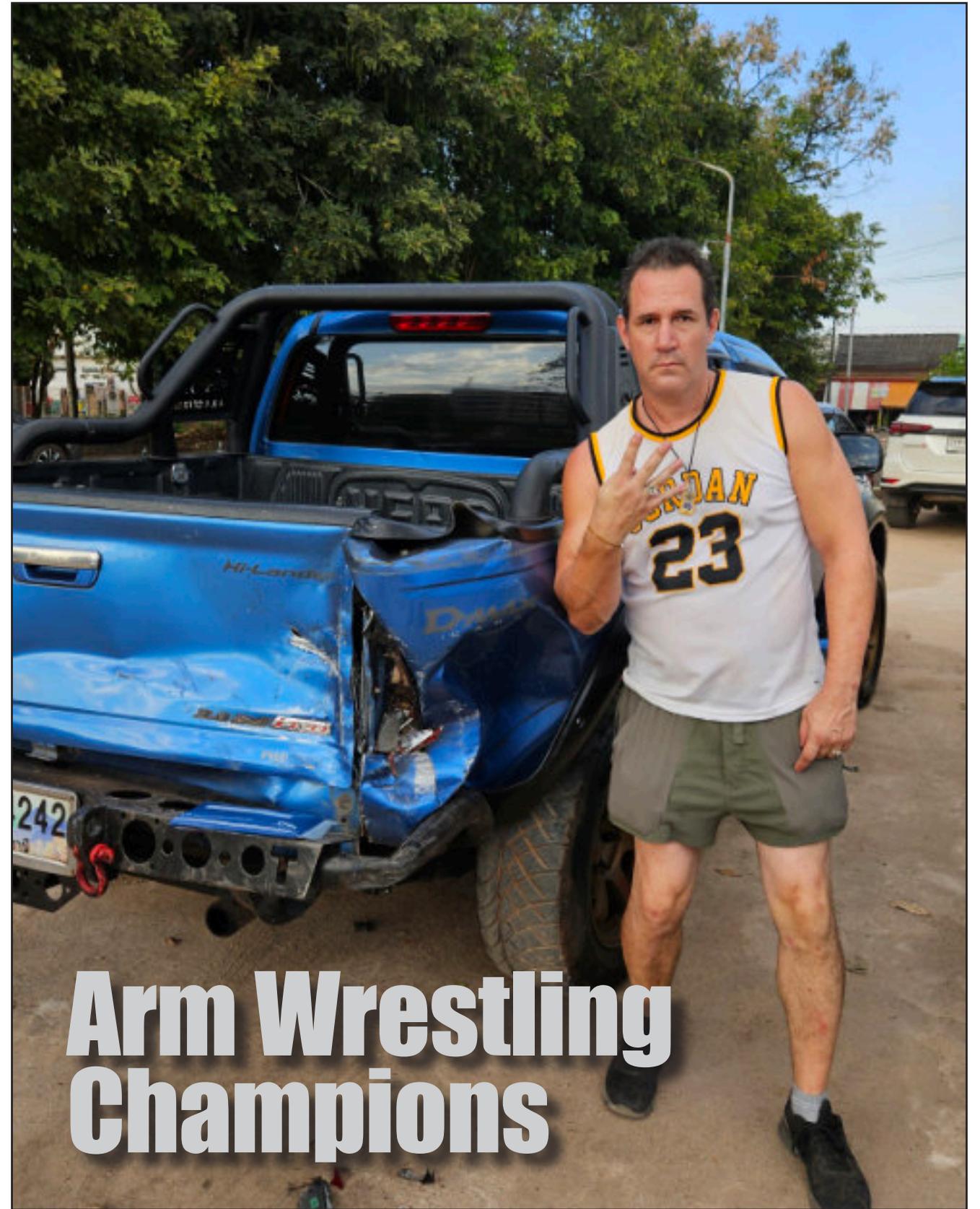


CLAYTON FAULCONER

ARMWRESTLING CHAMPIONS

THE COMEBACK KING!





Arm Wrestling Champions

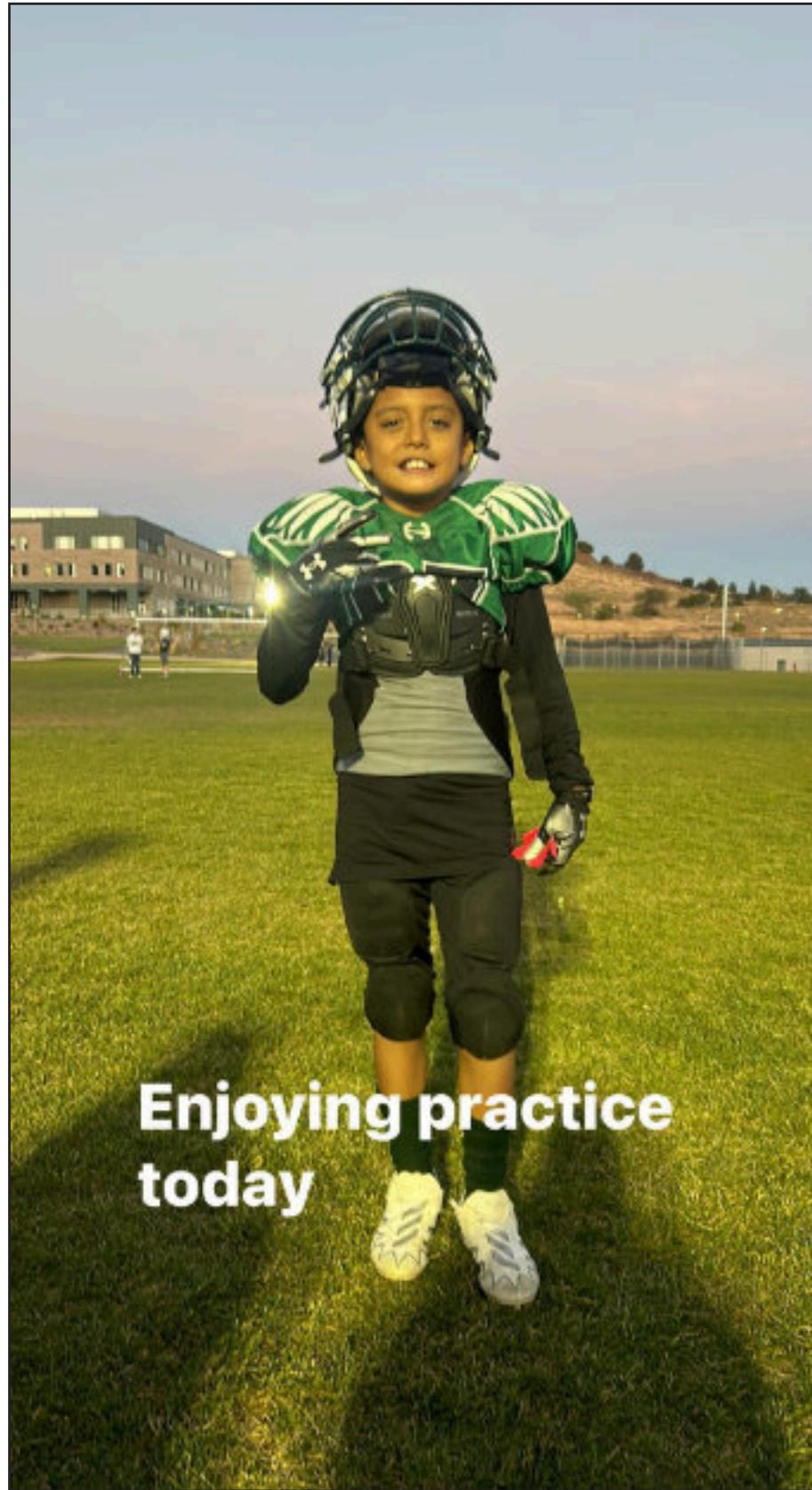


My name is Ayden Valdez I am 10 years old. I have been playing football since I was 4. My goals and dreams is to play with a d1 college and make it to the nfl, but first I must put in work day after day in

school and out of school on the field.

Photos Credits: Dad





Enjoying practice today



Ayden Valdez



Giovanni Roacho



"My name is Giovanni Roacho" My dream is to make my family proud and to represent the name on the back of my jersey my goals is to make the MLB,NFL,NBA. It really don't matter. I'm a Tri-Athlete my achievements is I have a 4.0 GPA earned a Junior National Honor Society

scholarship, I have 4 national championships and 1 state championship, My challenges are Raised in a single parent home also living in poverty, and facing trials and tribulations on a regular bases.

Photos Credits: Angela vizzi



**Giovanni
Roacho**



Joseph Petraitis



From the very minute I put on skates at 2 years old, I fell in love with the ice. That love only increased when I was introduced to hockey during learn to play at 3 years old. Fast forward 8 years later and hockey is more than just a sport to me. It teaches me discipline, sportsmanship, teamwork and is helping

to shape me into the person I am. My ultimate dream is to make it as a goalie in the NHL, especially for the Chicago Blackhawks. However, I know achieving this will not be easy and I need to work hard and push myself at every practice and every game. However, with my passion for the sport and my drive, I

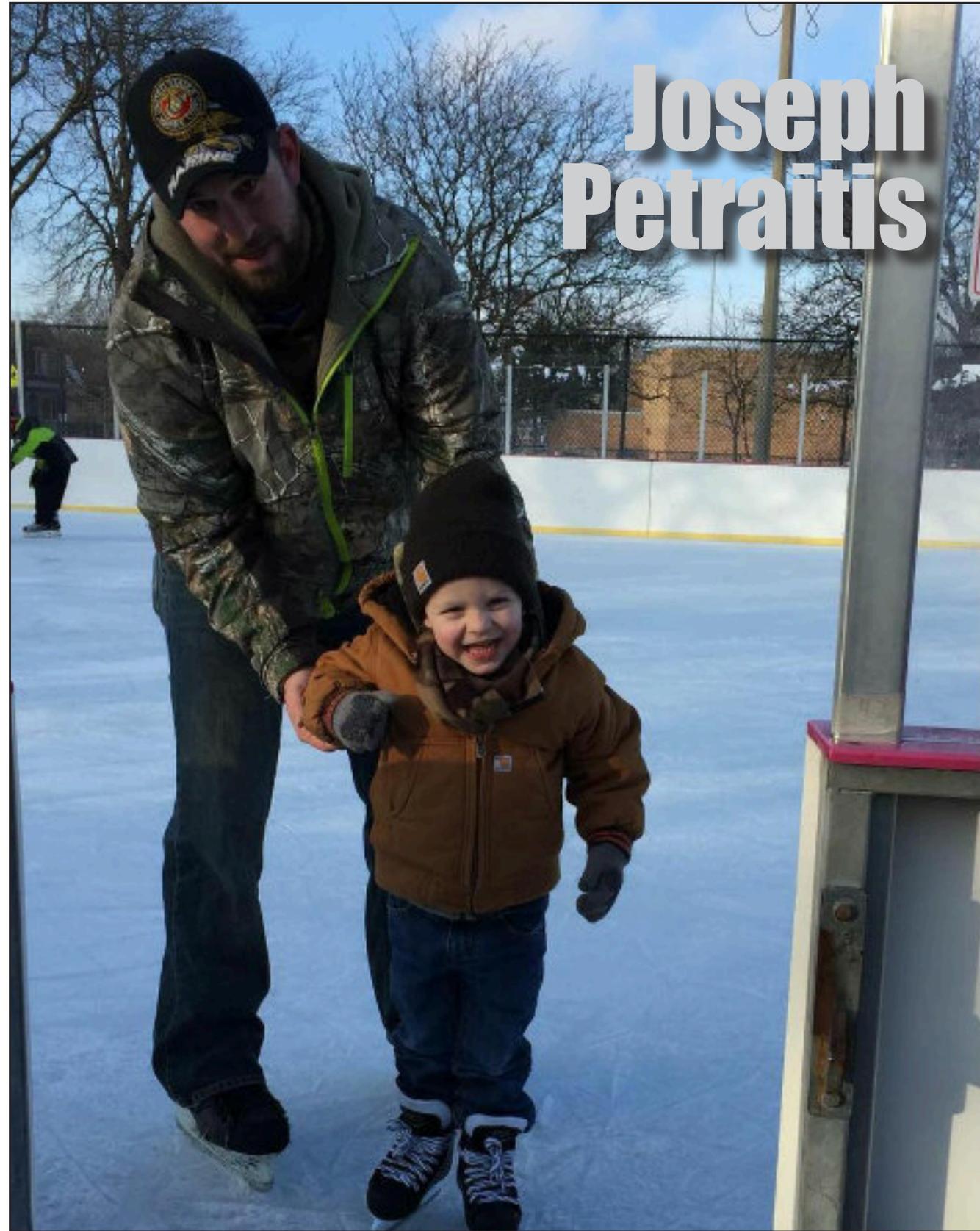
know it's possible.





**Joseph
Petraitis**





My name is Kaiden. I am 9 years old & live in NC. I have been playing football for 4 years & play Safety, Corner, DE, RB, WR, offense line. Photos Credits: brinaleephoto



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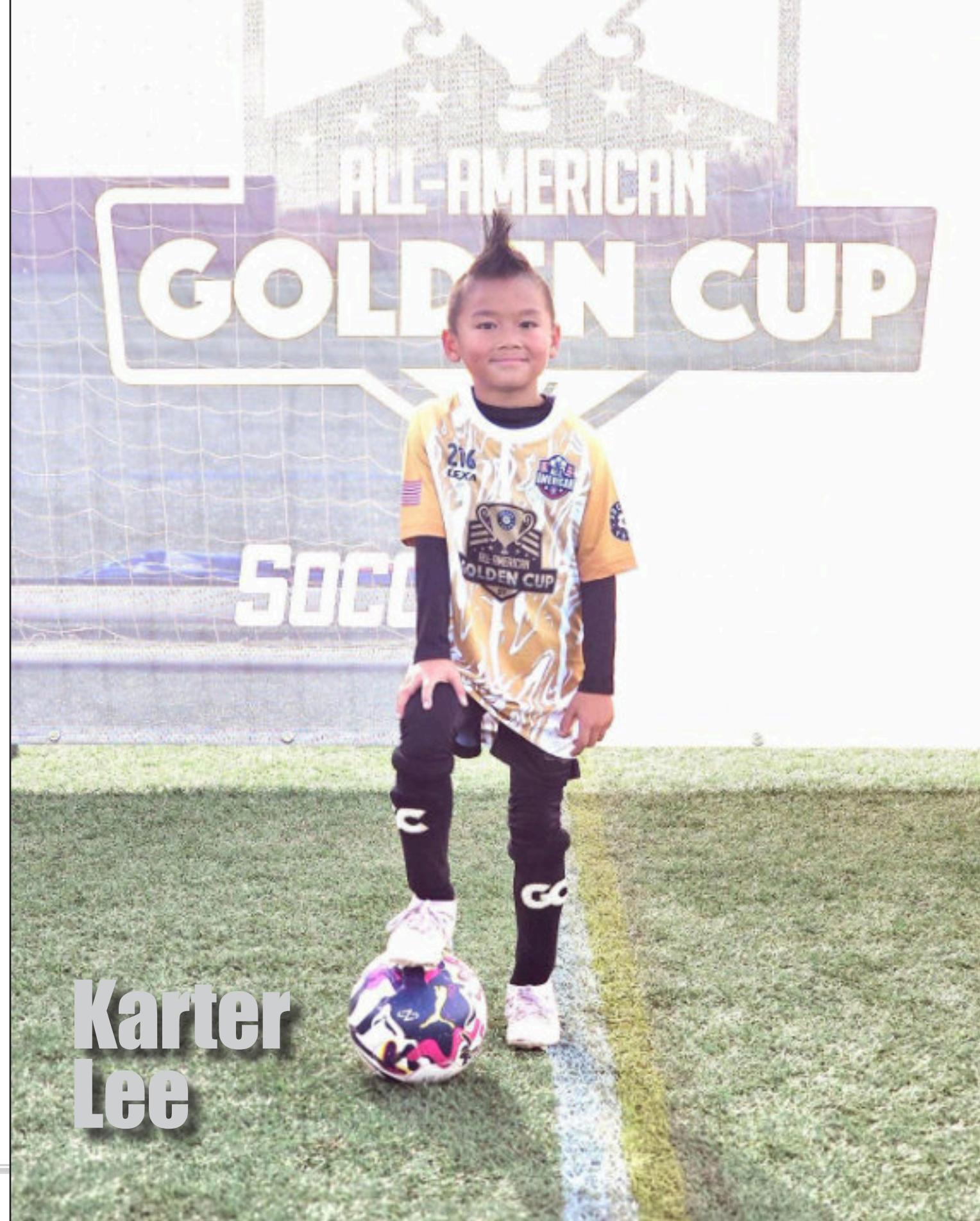
Kaiden Rodriguez





My name is Karter Lee. I am eight years old. I love soccer. I play the striker and attacking mid positions. I have been playing since I was five. It is a fun and competitive sport for me. I train hard 4 days a week. I have competed in games and tournaments across the U.S. My dream is to be a professional soccer player some day. My favorite

achievement was being chosen to play in the Soccer Youth All American Golden Cup, and I appreciate Soccer Youth for selecting me for the Sharp Shooter and Playmaker awards. Please follow my soccer journey on Instagram at @KarterLee2015.soccer.



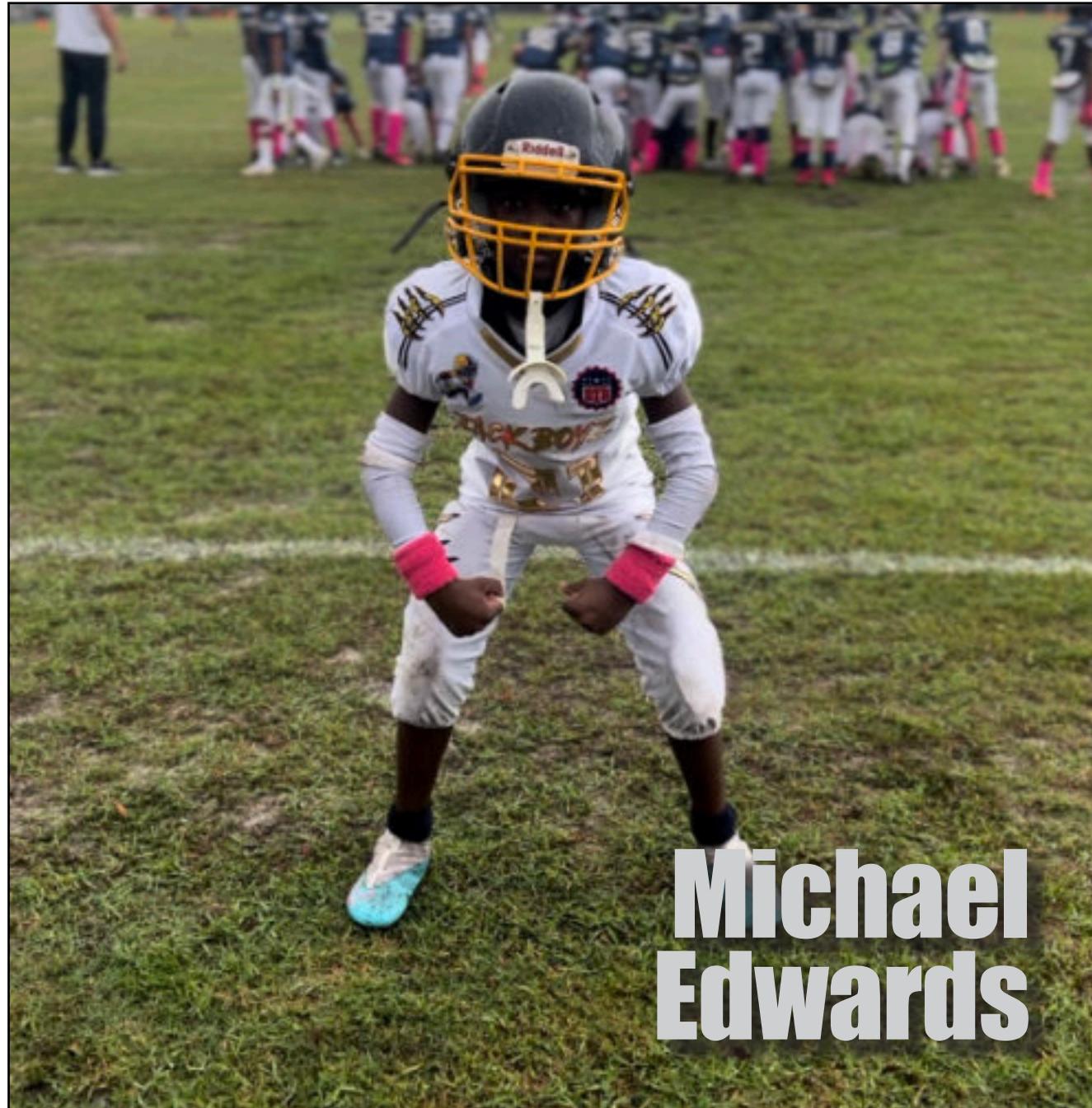
**Karter
Lee**



My name is Michael Edwards. My friends call me MJ. On the football field they call me a Savage. I am linebacker who loves to hit and play defense. I am a back-to-back Superbowl champ! (6u & 7u) I am the definition of a student athlete. I work hard on the field, and even

harder in the classroom. Although I am good in all subjects, math is my specialty. I have dreams on making it to the NFL and being accepted into medical school. I want to study medicine, and I love playing sports. As a student athlete I want to keep all of my options

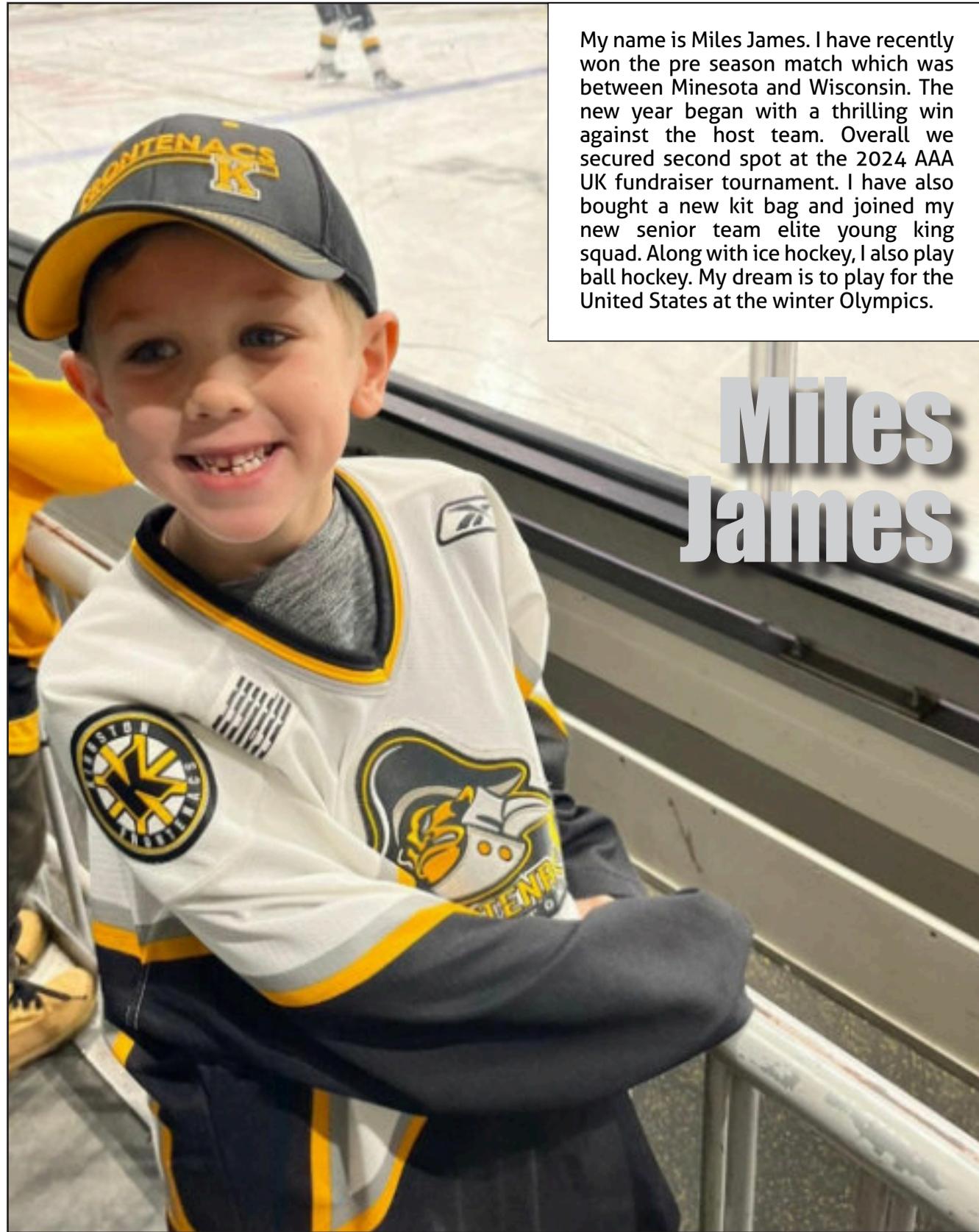
open for greatness. My current goals are to prepare my body and mind to achieve what I have planned. Being mentally strong will help me when things get tough on the field and in the classroom. The road may not be easy, but if I put my mind to it I know I can achieve it.



**Michael
Edwards**







My name is Miles James. I have recently won the pre season match which was between Minnesota and Wisconsin. The new year began with a thrilling win against the host team. Overall we secured second spot at the 2024 AAA UK fundraiser tournament. I have also bought a new kit bag and joined my new senior team elite young king squad. Along with ice hockey, I also play ball hockey. My dream is to play for the United States at the winter Olympics.

Miles James





**Miles
James**





My name is Robert Todd. I am not a great sports enthusiast, still I play variety of games like football, throwball, I do skates also. Because sports always provided me an edge over my batch mates,

both, mentally and physically. It is full of fun to practice and spend time outside. My dream is to do well in academics and continue playing various sports like I do.



Robert Todd



**Robert
Todd**





My name is Rue. I am 9 years young, having fun playing football and creating lasting memories with my teammates, my brothers! I aspire to be great at everything God puts in front of me. My goals are to stay disciplined while working to

improve skills and technique. I also want to keep balancing school and football while becoming a leader! My dreams are to succeed! I know that in order to do that I have to put in the work.



Rue Vaitagutu



Rue
Vaitagutu



**Samuell
Alexander**



My dreams are being a good man in the national football league.take care of my people and make sure they str8. Have kids and a wife.being noticeable by fans and people. Become the new star in the national football league



Samuell Alexander



My name is Treveon Hester. My first encounter with football was few years back when I saw my dad playing the game. It attracted me and since then, I am a regular player of the game. I am lucky as my dad is there to guide me in every step. Very

few people get this opportunity. I consider 50 as my lucky number and want to continue with this. I want to represent my state and make my father proud.



**Treveon
Hester**



**Treveon
Hester**



**Treveon
Hester**



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**Michael
Edwards**

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