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Keiran Singh scores first TD of season

“It was the first game of the season. We were down 14 in the third quarter, and we were fourth and one on our own 21 yard line. And, you know, the entire student section they haven't been to a game in two years. They're just going crazy because if we didn't make the first down, the game was basically over, and I get the ball and I'm running up the left and I bounce it, and I find the hole. I find the freedom. And I'm running. I think I ran 79 yards for the first touchdown of the season.

— Keiran Singh (12)



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C-team create goals and bond throughout season



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Dylan Ehrnstrom, Tight End

“So far my favorite moments [of the season] are definitely before and after games, just with the team in general, and just bonding with them,” Dylan Ehrnstrom (9) said. “I think that's the best part of football and sports.”



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Sawyer Kendall, Quarterback

“Our team has grown a lot from the start of the season. We weren't all together, and now we're really strong,” Sawyer Kendall (9) said. “Socially, we're all linked together and we've really grown as a team.”



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Kade Gonzales, Tight End

“I want to accomplish a good winning season. Obviously, all of us are working hard, so I want to play the best practice that we can get,” Kade Gonzales (9) said. “Go 100% before we move on to next year.”

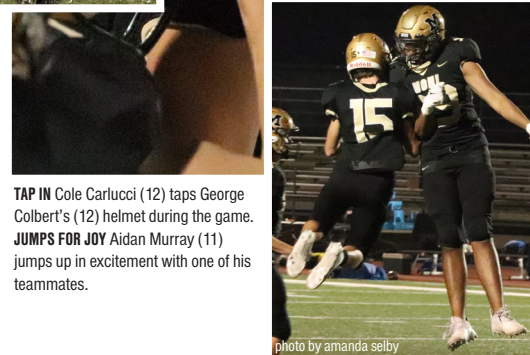
WINS N DINS Kemper Stilson (11) enjoys his team's company and companionship on and off the field. “The team dinners the night before games [are always fun] because they are a really good opportunity for everybody to come together as a team and build team chemistry,” Stilson said.



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TAP IN Cole Carlucci (12) taps George Colbert's (12) helmet during the game. **JUMPS FOR JOY** Aidan Murray (11) jumps up in excitement with one of his teammates.



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BRAVO, BRAVO Coach Bravo gives pep talk to a player on Senior night, October 22. **PUMPED-UP** George Colbert (12), Kieran Singh (12) and the other players run onto the field to start the homecoming game on Sept. 24.

saying bye to BRAVO

Head coach Phil Bravo retires as a legend

On senior night, Oct. 22, head coach Phil Bravo reached into his pocket and pulled out a 26-year-old letter from his daughter. He reads this letter before almost every game.

“This was my 36th year as a head coach, and honestly my nerves for our opening kickoff this year were equivalent to my first game as a head coach back in 1986.”

Bravo accumulated more than 300 wins over his career, a feat fewer than 300 high school coaches in America have accomplished. He's won two state championships with Monarch, once in 2002 and the other in 2013. The Denver Broncos also recognized him with the High School Coach of the year award in 2013.

Bravo set the bar for excellence by pushing his players to become the best versions of themselves.

“One of my goals as a head coach is to bring my players one step closer to manhood,” he said. “I always want my teams to be equipped, each and every day, better to handle those challenges that come with growing up.”

Bravo's career began in California and after he moved to Colorado, he got a job as a

Centaurus High School's assistant coach.

Monarch, of course, plays their home games at Centaurus, which brought symmetry to Bravo's tenure.

“To start my career in Colorado at the same stadium, and then to end it there, it was pretty cool,” he said.

Walking off the field for the last time, Bravo was satisfied with an astonishing career.

“Regrets! Are you kidding me? Heck no, I don't have any regrets. I consider myself to be so blessed to have an occupation that I just absolutely love doing.”

2 state championships

24 years at monarch

300+ career wins

Q&A



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Zach Ferrera (12) recovers from injury

Q: How did your injury happen?

A: “I was playing guard, we were on a 45 pitch, and I pulled in front of Keiran [Singh] and met a linebacker, and then he got thrown into me. The pile landed right on my ankle, and I fell back on it. My ankle just went numb.”

Q: What was the hardest part of your recovery?

A: “I think the hardest part was feeling confident in my leg and watching my team play from the sidelines just knowing I couldn't do anything about it. Just kind of overcoming the thought of it being hurt and having that confidence and trust that it won't get hurt again.”

Q: How did you stay positive throughout your recovery?

A: “I had a lot of people around me that helped, and that I could talk to whenever I was down. But I just kept in mind that I'm getting better and better every day, and it's one step closer to coming back and doing what I love most, playing football. The thought of coming back for senior night just kept pushing me and pushing me.”