



1. Football fever, Jack Smith, Grizzly, 8th. Smith and his teammate getting focused for the tryout for Flag football. As you can see these players are very decanted to these tryouts at the beginning of the season. "I am a competitive person I think that makes me a better player," said Smith. **2. Play hard,** Win Easy. Coach Frye is very focused at the beginning of tryout. As you can see he looks very determined to win for this flag football season. "I worked really hard to have all of the teams to work well together. I would develop plays that would win the games." Stated Coach Frye. **3. Be Ready,** Tanner James, Panda, 8th. The team is working on blocking and maneuvering. In this photo they are practicing hard on patterns for route runs for games. **4. Huddle Up,** 7th grade C team is huddle together and ready to take on the opposite team. You can see on there faces they are gladly to play together for there last game of the season. **5. Catching Air,** Eli Cavanaugh, Grizzly, 8th. Have you ever seen someone jump so high . Cavanaugh in game against Sagewood middle school. He is catching air for that ball. Leaping to highest intercept. To end up winning the last point. "I love playing for the workout, I think it fun workout for me when playing," said Eli. As of Sagewood losing the game from the last point Mesa made. **6. Game face,** Jack Smith, Grizzly, 8th. Smith is having some fun being competitive on the field. "Being competitive is so fun it make the game more exciting" said Jack smith. You can tell from the photo he is very competitive. **7. Refuse to Lose,** Coach Jacobson is evaluating each individual skills for the teams this year. "How I think I lead the team to success is by checking in with them and always letting them know we are trying to help them grow." Said Coach Jacobson. As you can tell this coach has lots of potential in his teams. **8. Interception Skills,** Gage Remier, 7th, Interception skills takes focus and coordination. Hard interception make what a great touch. In this photo Gage making a amazing interception in practice. "All the coaches try to make you do better and help you and I think that helped me a lot in flag football" said Remier. **9. Breath-taking Game,** Kohl Olguin, Grizzly, 8th. Having a quick water break to refocus for the next play to take place. The last game of the season and the players are very diligent. "I always made sure I was refocus in the game to get back on the field and try hard." said Kohl.

THE ROSTER

Kai Lenard, sun, 8th. Kai Lenard is on B team of Mesa flag football team. He is determined just as much as the other players are on the team. Clearly stated by him he tries hard in his sport. "It takes hard work and time to be good, you have to respect your self because if you look down on yourself everything goes wrong so that why I inspire myself to do better each time in my sport," he said.

Dane Dunlab, Grizzly, 8th. Dane Dunlab is apart of A team of Mesa flag football. Dane is a committed player and unique player like others on the team to. "I love my sport and that makes me want to play more so I now became committed to flag football because I have lots of fun well playing."



Ian Corcoran, Panda, 8th. Ian Corcoran is on A team of Mesa flag football. Ian is a very passionate and fixable player. "I feel that I can pass easily when playing like if a pass goes wrong just keep working though it but the challenge makes flag football more fun sometimes." Ian said.

I GOT GAME

"I was encouraged to keep playing"

Eli Cavanaugh (8th, Grizzly), is clearly a fierce player out on the field you can just tell when he plays. Leading his team to success and winning more games is what he is always thinking about. "I think I work very well with my team, we're good with communicating while playing," Cavanaugh said.

As the Mesa flag football team focuses to meet their goals within their team, Eli continues to play football because he wants to push himself harder. Cavanaugh was motivated to start playing because of his brother. "I was encouraged to keep playing, the reason I started in the first place was because my brother won a championship for football, and I wanted to try it out," he stated.

Coach Frye continues to push this team to its limits to make them invincible players. "My coach inspires me, he's a good leader," said Cavanaugh. With all the inspiration he has from other people, it pushes him to continue playing. Every time these players practice, they get closer to winning. (Story by: Piper Johnston, Josey Seymour.)



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