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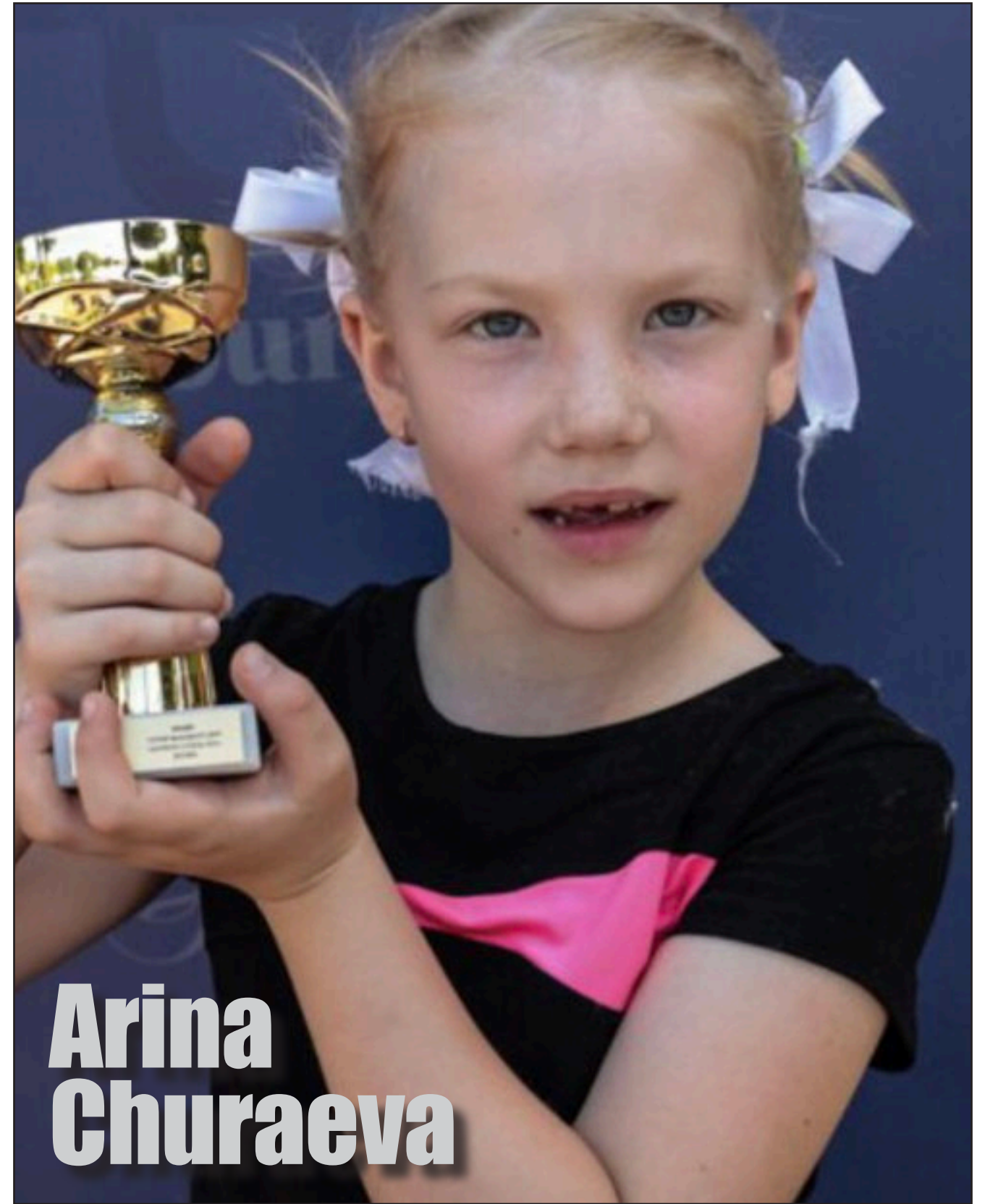
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I'm Arina Churaeva from Moscow. I am 8 years old now.

My grandma brought me to @smash.lebedeva tennis school, when I was 4,5. I loved tennis from my first training and I still enjoy every minute on court. I also love functional training.

I started my tournament rally when I turned 6.

I have two 7U, twelve 8U and eleven 10U (green ball) trophies and prize medals by the moment.

My first green ball medal came at my first 10U tournament. I had to play with a very big boy for the 3rd place. He was twice as big as me! The match was hard, the boy had strong hitting, but I managed to win. That was the moment when I realized that I have no limits!

This summer I had a great clay season.

I wish everybody good luck!

@churaeva_arisha



Carmello "LOLO" McAfee is a 10 year old 5th grader from Lincoln, NE. He plays football, basketball and track! He's the back to back state and regional champion and ranked the 3rd fastest kid in the country in his age group. He often gets asked what's his favorite out the 3 and his answer changes everytime so He's not even sure he knows just yet. Carmello's competitive nature is what drives him to go as hard as he does. His goal is to be a professional athlete and he thinks he's on the right track to do just that. When he

decided to take on sports the goal was always that once we start then we are going to train to be at the highest level possible. Carmello is a really quiet kid so it's easier for him to express his moods through his craft. At a young age his father instilled in him to always put God 1st, Be a good person, Be responsible, always look a man in the eye when you're talking to him and to OUTWORK EVERYBODY!

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Carmello LOLO McAfee



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**Dakota
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For Dakota initially baseball was just something to do to get him out of the house during COVID and to make friends and meet his classmates. Little did he ever think that baseball would become a sport that he absolutely loves and is dedicated to. Dakota's story starts with an already rough history, not by his own fault. Dakota was in foster care until my husband and myself (uncle and aunt) were able to take in Dakota.

Unfortunately, Dakota came to our home during COVID and he had no friends out here in California and it was hard (almost impossible) to make friends at first. When Little League sign-ups came around Dakota was hesitant to sign up but ultimately wanted to make friends and to play sports. His first experience of baseball was intense but great; he started with 2hour 5 day a week practices. One of those days, he came home

and was so excited to tell me he found a position he loved and wanted to work towards to be the primary 3rd baseman by the end of the season. And so it began, he listened to his coach and worked hard to improve his technique. Practice didn't stop when practice was over, there were nights Dakota, his cousins and myself would be outside until past dark working on batting, throwing, catching, and specific base drills. As the season went on, Dakota grew and grew as a baseball player, improving his hitting, throwing and baseball IQ. By the end of his first season, Dakota loved baseball and had improved to a completely different player than the beginner he initially walked on the field as. The ending of his first baseball season was definitely not the end of Dakota playing baseball, he went on to be a part of his local Little League All Star team and competed for 5 days straight in Bishop this past

summer. While at the All Stars tournament, Dakota had some amazingly beautiful plays. My personal favorites are the 2 back to back hits that came to him straight at 3rd base, his grab and throw of the ball perfectly to first was just so amazing it was almost as if it was art. Dakota is now in new to our town travel ball team and has increased his want to play and to play more positions. He's currently working on catching and pitching in addition to playing 3rd base and outfield. Dakota is excited to be able to continuously play baseball until he gets to high school next school year. Dakota plans to play football and baseball in high school and is looking forward to being back with his first baseball coach and a lot of his original teammates that he grew so much with.

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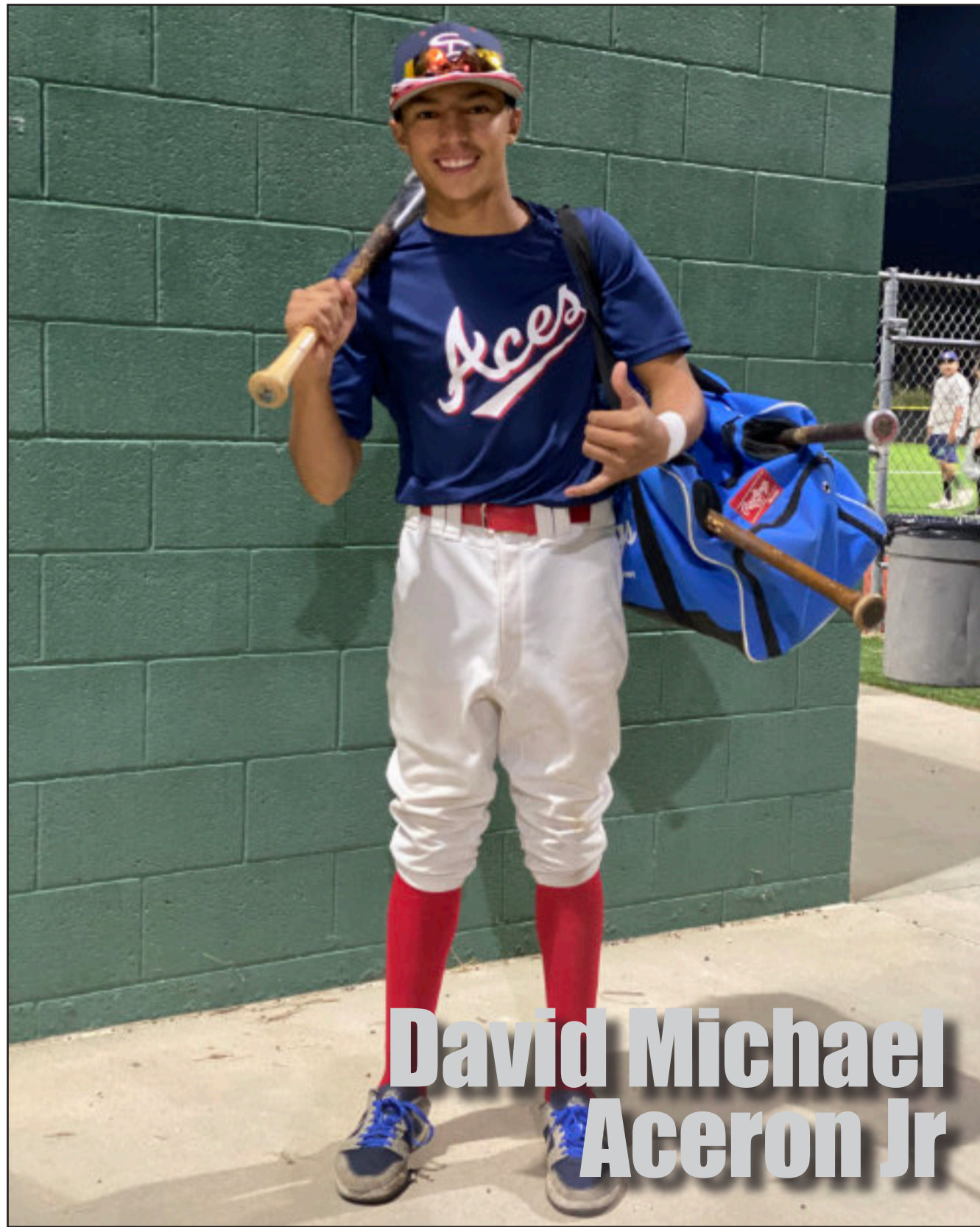


David Michael Acheron Jr

David Michael Acheron Jr. is a Sophomore middle infielder for the Orange Glenn Patriots baseball program (Last years CIF DIV 5 San Diego, CA section champions). He also plays travel ball for the ACES out of Escondido, CA. David carries a 3.8 GPA and is working insanely hard for collegiate baseball scholarship at

LSU. His future goals include being drafted by the New York Yankees and getting a college degree. David is the great grand son of former Los Angeles Dodger great Willie Davis.

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**Hayden
Delong**



Hayden Delong



Hi my name is Hayden Delong I'm 15 years old and I have been skating since I was four years old.

This year I am playing U18 A for TASA Minor Hockey .

Although I love all sports Hockey is my favourite.

I love to play with my friends and against my friends. I am now in hitting Even though I am not very big I will hit the biggest kid on the ice.

My hopes are to tryout for my high school team next year and play for grade 11 and 12 from my school.

Hockey has taught me a lot about teamwork and to respect my coaches. I try very hard to do my best on the ice and to make my coaches proud.

Couple years ago I had my favourite coach Coach Sheldon !!!

I was suffering through a bit of anxiety as I want to be the best on the ice and I would come off the ice with panic attacks sometimes. Sheldon really help me get through my anxiety because he suffers from the same thing.

I really wanted to quit hockey because I didn't think I was good enough but because of him I know I am.

This year I am happy to say Coach Sheldon is my coach yet again. I can't wait to make him proud of me this year.

Well I guess that's all about me I am not shy I have lots of friends and my family means the world to me.

Thank you



Hayden
Delong





**Kalina
Mitsova**



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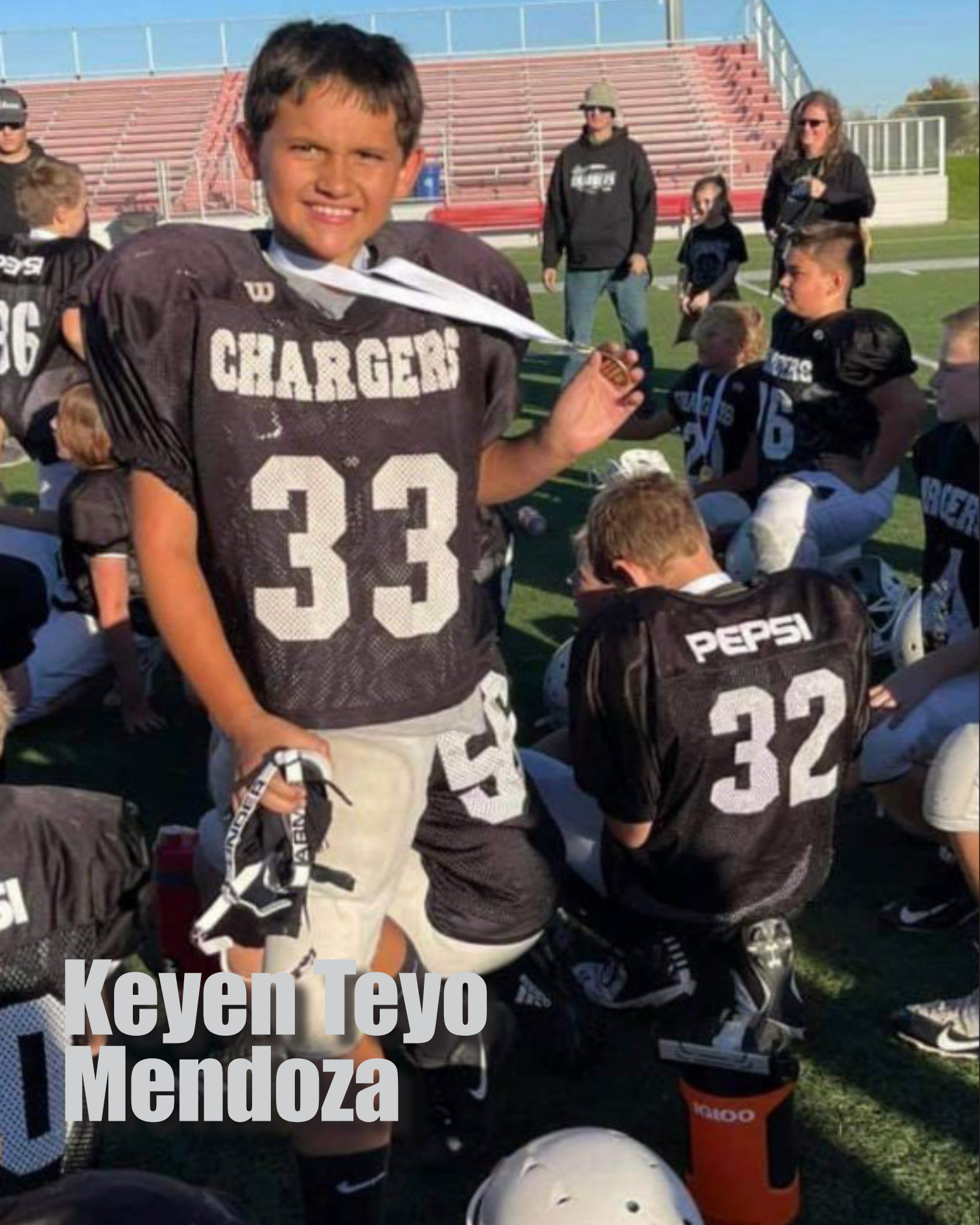


I am Kalina, 5 years old and my passion is rhythmic gymnastics. I dream for perfect execution Every time I play, because I want all I do to be amazing. For six months I have two individual combinations and two group dances. I am the Best on rope. I have two competitions and two gold and one

silver Medal. I am training five times a week, two hours a day and I feel happy. I dream to have beautiful gymnastics tights and Ball (because I have not my own). I love all the colours but purple the most.



Kalina Mitsova



**Keyen Teyo
Mendoza**





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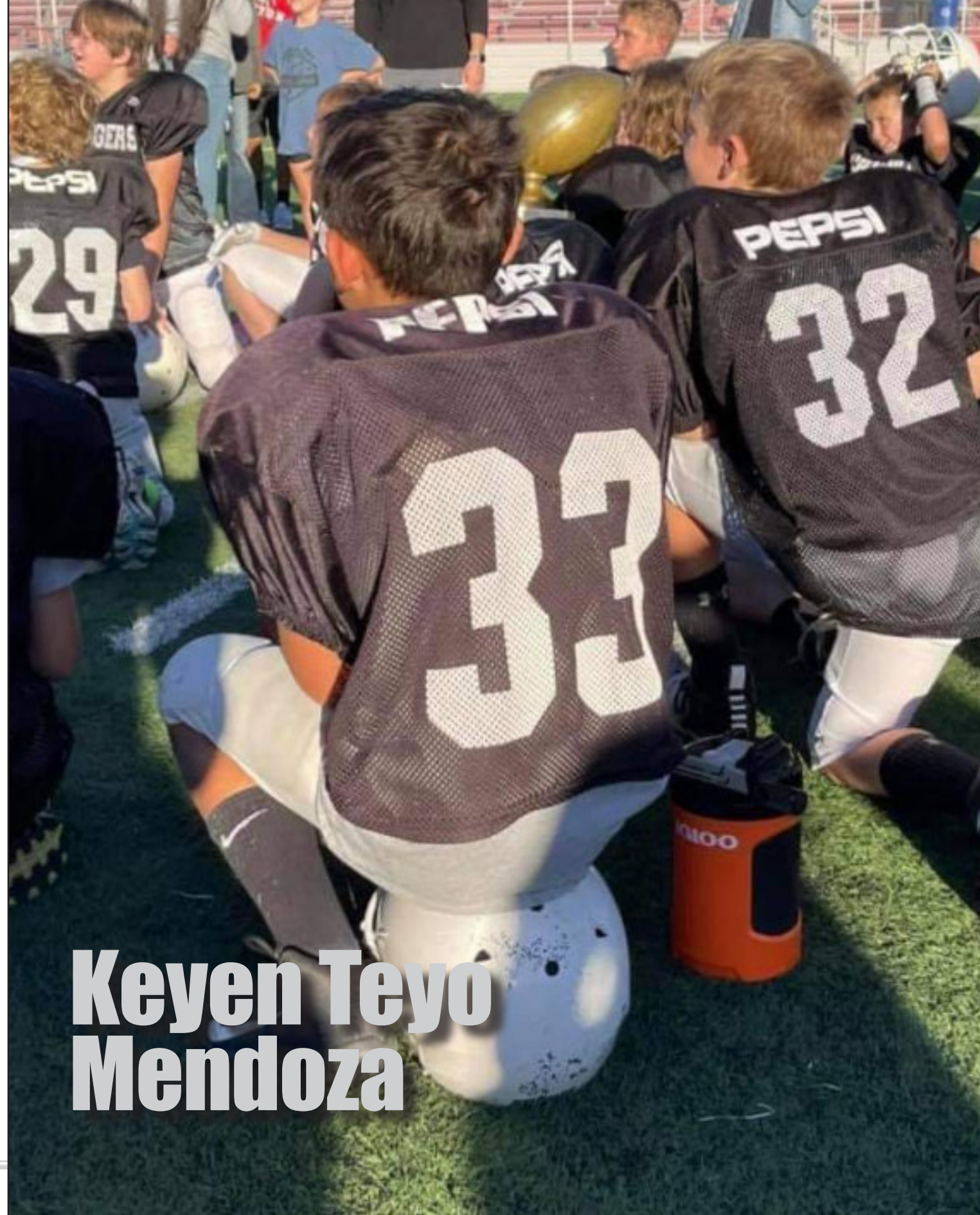


Keyen Teyo Mendoza is an ambitious 4th grader. The young student athlete competed in his first year of tackle football, playing safety/linebacker helping his team win the Hastings,Ne 12u youth tackle football championship. Keyen will also be playing baseball this spring, making the Hastings



A's 11u baseball travel team. He carries a 3.5 GPA and wants to get a college degree like both his parents.

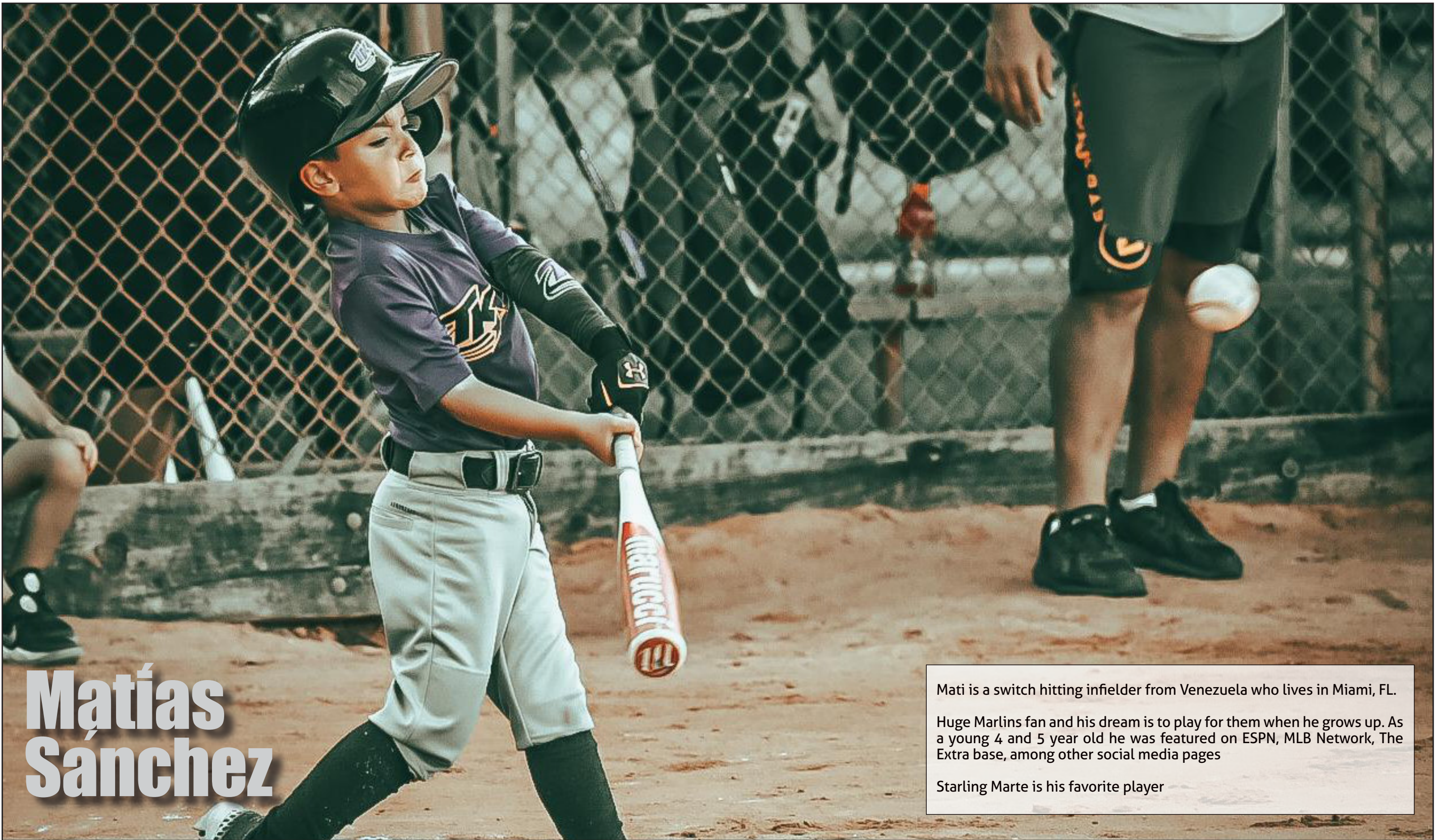
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Keyen Teyo Mendoza

Matías Sánchez



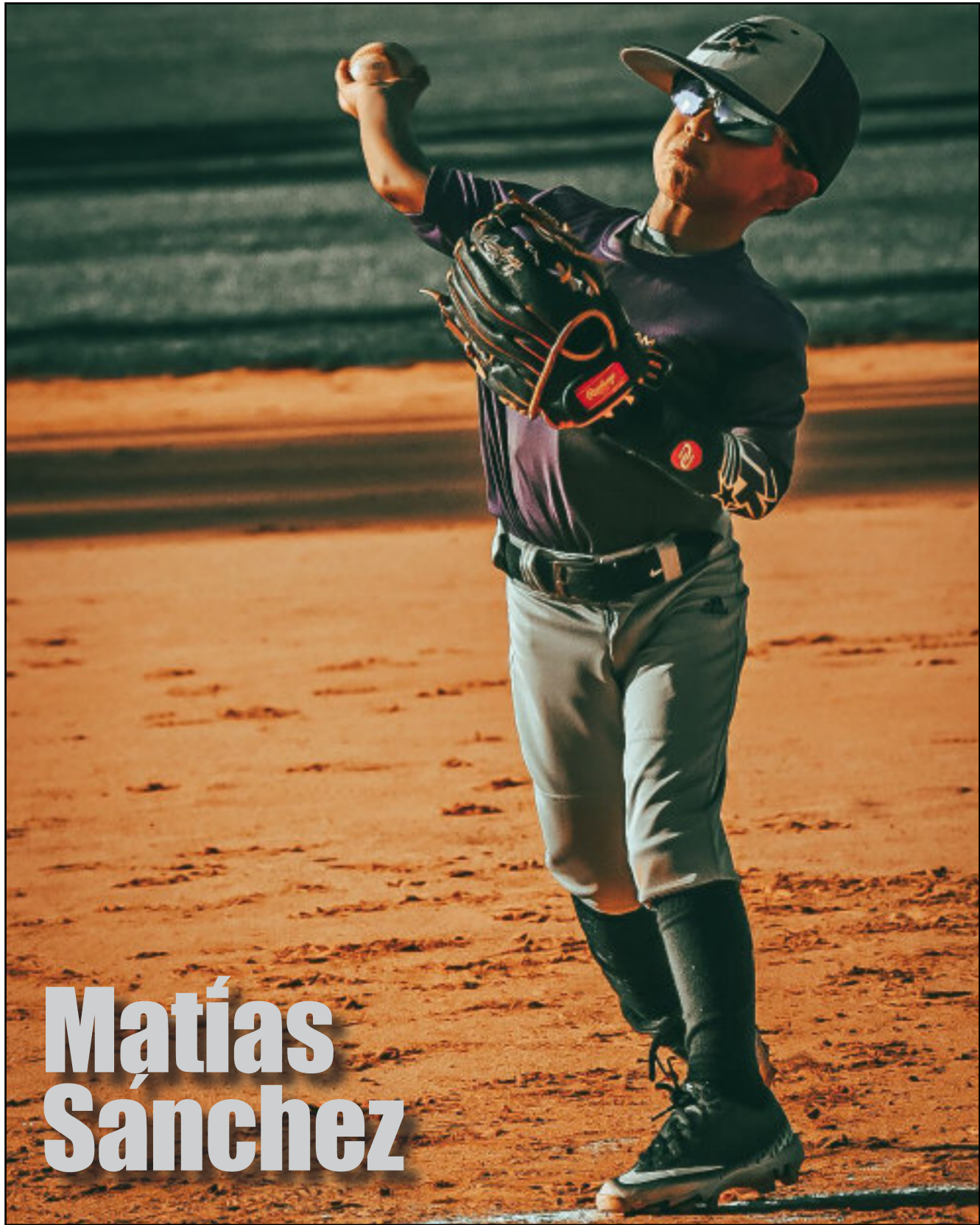


Matías Sánchez

Mati is a switch hitting infielder from Venezuela who lives in Miami, FL.

Huge Marlins fan and his dream is to play for them when he grows up. As a young 4 and 5 year old he was featured on ESPN, MLB Network, The Extra base, among other social media pages

Starling Marte is his favorite player



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