



Welcome to the fifth edition of the New York Jets 2026 Girls Flag Football Weekly Recap. We're excited to share the latest initiatives and events that highlight our dedication to empowering young athletes and promoting inclusivity. From growing youth football to providing opportunities for disadvantaged populations, the Jets are dedicated to fostering a spirit of unity and support. Stay tuned for updates on the season.

THIS WEEK IN ECAC

OPOW



Cara Vollmer
QB/S - Marymount

DPOW



Ava Martinez
LB/WR - Wagner

Read more about this week's awards [HERE](#)

UPCOMING GAMES

- April 23
- LIU V. Mercy
- April 25
- Franciscan V. Mount St. Mary's (Doubleheader)
- Franciscan V. Mercyhurst (Doubleheader)
- Mount St. Mary's V. Mercyhurst (Doubleheader)
- Sacred Heart V. Montclair State
- Wagner V. Sacred Heart
- Wagner V. Montclair State
- April 26
- St. Joseph's V. Wagner
- Mercy V. Kean
- Kean V. St. Joseph's
- Mercy V. Wagner
- St. Joseph's V. Mercy
- Kean V. Wagner

FOURTH ANNUAL GATORADE GIRLS FLAG SERIES

The New York Jets continued the fourth annual Gatorade Girls Flag Series last week, with the third of four high school matchups at the Atlantic Health Jets Training Center in Florham Park, NJ. During the third Gatorade Flag Football Series game on April 15, **Midwood High School earned a thrilling victory, narrowly defeating Fort Hamilton High school, 14-6.**

On Wednesday, April 22, Linden High School will battle against Union High School at 4 p.m. from the Atlantic Health Jets Training Center for the fourth and final game of this year's Gatorade Girls Flag Football Series.

The girls from all eight teams that will compete in this year's Gatorade Girls Flag Series will have the opportunity to compete and show off their skills on the same field where Jets players train.

Since the founding of the Gatorade Girls Flag Series four years ago, 25 games have been played, and another two competitions will take place across April. This spring, over 6,000 girls will participate and compete in flag football leagues and programs supported by the Jets across the youth, high school, and collegiate levels.

GATORADE SERIES SCHEDULE
Upcoming Games

WEEK	DATE	OPPONENTS	RESULT
1	April 1	West Milford vs. Wallkill Valley	15-0
2	April 8	Pine Bush vs. Valley Central	34-0
3	April 15	Midwood vs. Fort Hamilton	14-6
4	April 22	Linden vs. Union	-



Erisa Mani Named Jets High School Girls Flag Player of the Week Presented By Gatorade



Erisa Mani of Midwood High School in Brooklyn, NY, has been named this week's New York Jets High School Girls Flag Football Player of the Week presented by Gatorade. In its fourth year, this award is presented to standout girls flag players in the tri-state area. The Jets and Gatorade will recognize players throughout the season from a series of games hosted at the Atlantic Health Jets Training Center, in addition to games played throughout the tri-state.

In the third game of the 2026 Gatorade Girls Flag Series, Mani delivered a game-winning pick six to lift Midwood over Fort Hamilton in a thriller, winning a highly competitive PSAL showdown, 14-6. The junior OLB/WR also added four flag pulls, five deflections, two tackles for loss, two receptions for 15 yards, and a 20-yard punt return. Midwood now sits at 3-1 on the season and will look to add another win when they play Francis Lewis High School on the road this Wednesday at 4pm.

As the New York Jets Girls Flag Football Player of the Week presented by Gatorade, Mani will receive a \$1,000 donation to be used toward Midwood's Girls Flag Football program. In addition to the monetary award, she is invited to attend the Jets Play Football preseason game at MetLife Stadium, where she will be honored on-field for her achievement.

Aden Smith Named Jets High School Girls Flag Coach of the Week

Aden Smith of Longwood High School in Longwood, NY, has been named this week's New York Jets Girls Flag High School Coach of the Week. Coach Smith will receive a \$1,000 donation to benefit Longwood's flag football program. Along with the monetary award, he will be honored on-field at MetLife Stadium during the Jets Play Football preseason game.



In its fourth year, the Jets Girls Flag High School Coach of the Week award is given to a coach in the tri-state area who serves the best interests of the game through the teaching of sound football fundamentals, the motivation of young players to achieve, and the promotion of youth football by way of dedication to their community, their school, and their student-athletes.

Smith and his team are off to a 7-0 start on the season, with their most recent win coming in a 20-0 shutout over North Babylon. The Longwood Lions aim to build on last year's impressive 13-3 campaign and remain undefeated when they take on Commack this Wednesday at 5 p.m.

A Long Island native, Smith grew up in Nassau County and attended Malverne High School, where he was a multi-sport athlete in football and baseball. He continued his football career at Stony Brook University, playing linebacker and earning team captain honors for two seasons. Smith was later inducted into the Stony Brook University Hall of Fame in recognition of his impact and contributions to the football program. Smith is now a dedicated educator and accomplished coach with more than two decades of experience shaping student-athletes both on and off the field.





Jets Flag Elite Players Make U.S. Flag Football Junior National Team



In Jets Flag Elite's inaugural year, three players have been selected to represent Team USA on the 15U Girls U.S. Flag Junior National Team. Myla Ramos (QB/DB; Woburn, Mass.) and Kaitlyn Richards (WR/DB; Clayton, N.J.) were named to the final 12-athlete roster, while Razalia Colter (Ath; Ewing, N.J.) was selected as an alternate.

The athletes will attend training camp at the Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center (Chula Vista, Calif.) in May as they prepare for the fifth edition of USA Football's Junior International Cup in Los Angeles this summer.

To view the final roster please [CLICK HERE.](#)



Myla Ramos
QB/DB
Woburn, Mass.



Kaitlyn Richards
WR/DB
Clayton, N.J.



Razalia Colter
Ath.
Ewing, N.J.