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**MANUEL CAMPOS
(#11), DB
CAPTAIN STRONG**



Manuel Campos (#11), a defensive back who only started playing football last year, has emerged as a leader. His impeccable attendance, hard work in the weight room, and dedication on and off the field have earned him a captain's role.

High Roster Numbers and Veteran Leadership

DEFENDING E.Y.L. CHAMPS

The Mt. Whitney football team, a proud member of the East Yosemite League, attended an electrifying press conference that showcased their remarkable roster and unwavering determination for the upcoming season. Under Coach Chamberlain's guidance, the team boasts its highest roster numbers since his tenure began, a testament to the program's growth and the players' dedication.

"We're in a position to refine technique rather than build brick by brick," Chamberlain remarked. "It's time to take the training wheels off and reach new heights." With returning talents at quarterback, running back, and wide receiver, the team is set to establish their identity of running the ball and adapting to defensive strategies with finesse.

FAMILY TIES

While the defense has seen some solid players move on, the team remains hungry and determined. Three-year varsity player Mario Rodriguez will be a key figure at linebacker, bringing experience and strength to the defense.

On the offensive side, Addison Montion (#53), an offensive guard and tackle, shared a personal anecdote about his father, a Redwood alum, highlighting the friendly rivalry and his pride in playing for Whitney. "I dislike Redwood, and I enjoy the challenge of rivaling my dad," Montion quipped.



**VALLEY FOOTBALL
KIDS ARE TOUGH!**



Skylar Pagnett (#6) expressed his excitement about facing Mission Oak, reflecting on the bitter loss but emphasizing the team's commitment to learning from their mistakes. "We want people to recognize that valley football players are tough. We're proud of our hard work on the field and in the weight room," Pagnett stated, acknowledging the significance of the team's publicity and recognition on campus.