2021 Murrieta Broncos Micro D1 Junior All-American Youth Football Team Captures Super Bowl Championship

Coach Chris Mercadal and staff's 12-0 Broncos prevail in an intense defensive battle against the league's top seeded Fontana Skyhawks, who were also undefeated going into Saturday's epic battle



Temecula, California Dec 23, 2021 (Issuewire.com) - The Division 1 - Murrieta Broncos Junior All-American Football Team, who finished the 2021 season 12-0 (#2 seed), outlasted #1 seed Fontana Skyhawks (now 11-1) in an epic defensive battle that saw Chris Mercadal's Broncos prevail with a 7-6 score.

Both teams compete in the weight and age-based <u>Southern California Junior All-American Football Conference</u> (SCJAAF) that encompasses both elite and non-elite level youth tackle football teams, grouped in divisions ranging from Division 1 to Division 2 and 1-A and 1-AA in between, with all teams eligible to earn playoff berths and ultimately the SCJAAF Super Bowl Championship games, if they win out; in the Elite Micro D1 Division, it came down to the conference's #1 offense and #1 defense in Murrieta and Fontana - perennial league powers - with a coin flip determining the #1 seed - Fontana Skyhawks.

The game started with the Skyhawks driving down the Norco High School Field (host site) with a brutal ground and pound rushing attack with off-balanced formations and crucial blocking schemes that were

often effective for the but, Murrieta Broncos high powered offense, which combines the league's #1 passing attack with an equally effective and top-rated rushing attack, the Broncos scored, then converted an extra point but, it was their solid and tenacious goal-line defense that secured a Murrieta 7-6 victory in the final seconds.

Youth tackle football leagues, such as the SCJAAF league, are essentially feeder programs to the team's and corresponding city's local high school football programs. The Murrieta Broncos are modeled after the area's powerhouse high school football team - the Vista Murrieta Broncos - with the Fontana team heavy on future Summit High School football players - a snapshot of local area Freshman High School Football in 3-4 years, with many of the youth football teams' coaches, also coaching currently or formerly at the high school level. Countless former Junior All-American youth football league players have gone on to have outstanding high school football careers, received college football scholarships, and have also gone on to have stellar NFL careers as coaches and players.

Murrieta Broncos Micro D1 Head Coach, Chris Mercadal, also coaches the Elite Murrieta Frat Boyz 10 - 12u 7 on 7 Passing League team (founded by <u>Chris Claiborne</u> and <u>Lonnie Ford</u>) and is currently the Varsity Defensive Backs Coach for the perennially California State Top 50 Ranked High School Football Team - Vista Murrieta; Murrieta Junior All-American League President - Kyle Jackson - is also on the Vista Murrieta Staff.

Mercadal's players, whose son, Payton Mercadal, a key, skilled veteran on the team, is made up of many first-year tackle football players, fellow Frat Boyz 7 on 7 football team players, who also compete simultaneously in other sports both during and after the tackle football season, such as <u>wrestling</u>, baseball, basketball, boxing, jiu-jitsu, soccer and motocross, some even attend sports training academies but, for a rigorous yet enriching 5-6 month period in Summer, Fall, and Winter, commit themselves to the top youth football program in the area.

The 2021 SCJAAF D1 Micro Division Champs and their entire league, during the month of October, supported Breast Cancer Awareness Month by wearing pink socks and ribbon decals on their helmets, and the MJAAF Website shows support for Type 1 Diabetes awareness, as it relates to warning signs, symptoms and the youth.

The Murrieta Junior All-American Youth Football League accepts donations, is always in need of volunteers: www.MurrietaYouthFootball.com

2021 Murrieta Broncos Micro D1 Championship Coaches: Chris Mercadal (Head Coach), Christian Dekker, Shane Granger, Efrain Soto, Patrick Ford, Darren Joseph, David Jones, Joseph Tilt, Adrian Smith, Shawn Moore

Athletic Director: Charmaine Mercadal

Team Mom: Charmain Mercadal

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2021 Murrieta Broncos Micro D1 Championship Players:

Jace BARELA, D.J. BERCASIO, Mason BOOKER, Aayden BOSBY-SMITH, Noah CHALFANT, Tavoi CRAVENS, Declan CRILLY, Mason DEKKER, Jaquori FORD, Cruz FRUTOS, Shane GRANGER, Gavin HOLLEY, Austin JONES, Payton MERCADAL, Detavian MILLER, Chadd MITCHELL, Steven

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