

The Eleven Starters

Wayne

I'm Wayne. I was the running back of this story. I'm now in the NFL but I will come back to that later. Let's go back 8 years from now.

"Wayne!" Wayne's mom called from downstairs, "Are you ready for practice?" Wayne mom asked.

"Yes," he replied. Later on at practice, Wayne and the quarterback got in an argument Wayne pushes the quarterback "Why can't you just hand the ball off right" Wayne said shouting so loud people two blocks down heard him,

"Maybe I'm handing the ball off right, maybe you just can't grab it because you have baby hands," the quarterback shouted back, Wayne didn't like the quarterback he felt that he was a brat.

Ethan

I'm Ethan. I'm the quarterback for the team raiders, ethan comes from a well paid family. Ethan listens to music that makes him think he got to hustle, but Ethan never had to hustle before because he came from a family that gave everything to him. Ethan's parents are very busy so some games they don't make but Ethan feels that's unfair to him, but he also is thankful for them always being busy at work because he gets to invite some of his friends and some girls over. Ethan parents gave him a 2018 dodge charger it was red with yellow headlights, ethan gets ready and heads to practice later on at practice ethan gets in an argument with one of his teammates named wayne, wayne totally messed up on the hand off but he yelled at ethan " why can't you hand the ball off right" wayne said to ethan but ethan didn't want to look scared so he yelled back at him " maybe i'm handing the ball of right maybe you just can't grab it because you have baby hands". Wayne may not know but Ethan can not stand him.

Rashad

Rashad is the wide receiver for the raiders, Rashad life has been pretty hard from the age of 4, when he was four Rashad's brother died, then when he turn 6 he lost another brother, then when he was 10 he lost his father and five years later he lost his mother and now the only things that he have is his grandma,his best friend, and football. Rashad is at football practice and notices that the quarterback and the running back are arguing, he wished his best friend came to practice so they could laugh about it together.

James

James has been having a rough week. James found out that his girlfriend Malien was cheating on him, he didn't catch her his best friend Rashad did. James is mad at his best friend Rashad because he feels that he should have punched the guy that Malien was kissing. James watching the video over and over just made him even more mad. The reason he's watching a video is not because he wasn't there, it's also because he's on house arrest. James has been out of jail multiple times. It's not that James is a bad kid, he just fell into the wrong crowd, and the crowd sometimes didn't try to help him. "It's hot in here" James opens a window to his house. James can't go places unless he talks to his parole officer so opening a window was the best way to get air, the only times James gets air is when he has practice or has to go to school because the judge allowed it. The main people talk to are probably his girl best friend Brianna, Reshad, and Malien. Well, probably not Malien no more talking to these three people keep James from getting into trouble and from hanging out with the wrong people.

Lucas

Lucas is having a hard time completing his work and staying awake in school. But it's not Lucas' fault every time he's doing his homework he hears his parents arguing. "Maybe if you spend more time with him and not be at work maybe he won't stay in his room all day" Lucas' mom shouted at his father. "It's not my fault I have to get money to feed this family, that's just how life works" Lucas' father shouts back, it felt the more they argued the louder it got for Lucas. Lucas knew that his mother only didn't want his father working because she thinks he is cheating at work.

Elijah

Elijah doesn't get along with other kids. Elijah has multiple siblings so their family is not broken but they are not well played. When Elijah was eight years old his parents separated. Elijah is a really quiet kid, he doesn't have any friends and he doesn't talk at home. The only things Elijah likes to do is listen to music and play football.

Noah

Noah had two parents who cared for him. Noah felt good because he had both parents there for him. Noah has friends who don't have both parents and he sees how it affects

them. The friends Noah hangs out with makes him sometimes forget that he has two loving parents who care about him and try to keep him safe, but sometimes Noah just falls into the wrong crowd. I wouldn't say wrong crowd, I would say children who need guides. Noah was a good kid. He kept up on his grades and never really got in trouble, maybe for just joking around. But he is a very good child.

Quinn

Quinn goes to therapy, his parents broke up a few months back. "How are you feeling, Quinn," Quinn's therapist asked. Quinn therapist name is ally, ally was like another parent to Quinn. "I've been good and I'm getting closer to both my parents," Quinn replied.

"Well, have you made any friends in school," Ally asked.

"I having made any friends but I am trying to make friends that are on my football team," Quinn said.

"I feel that you should be more social to people in school that way you make new friends,"

"I'll try," Quinn said.

"Ok Quinn that's the session have a good day,"

"You too have a good day,"

Jaden

Jaden lived a pretty good life until he found out his father is a drug lord. His mother was a stay at home mom who gave him everything. His father is a very busy person so Jaden doesn't really get the time to spend with him. Jaden's mother was somewhat of a father figure to him because she had to teach him certain things that his father couldn't teach. The way jaden found out about his father being a drug lord was in a bad way, his house got attacked by some people who wanted his father money so jaden protecting his mother because his father wasn't home he had to make a quick move and he killed the attacker, sometimes jaden think about the attacker and can't sleep at night because he was still star struck that he killed someone, so jaden look at it as if he did it for his mom but that still didn't help him. Jaden promised to himself to never tell anyone what happened so he decided to take this one to the grave.

Kayden

Kayden was white his family had money but not a lot of money. Kayden had black friends who had encounters with the police. Kayden would look at how the police would

treat his friends but wouldn't do anything to him. One day when a cop was about to approach Kayden and his friend he started to record. "Are you ok?" the officer asked Kayden.

"Why would you ask am i ok but not ask my friends," Kayden replied

" i was just trying to make sure that you were ok i saw you with a large group it's about four of you i was just making sure,"

" so because i'm walking in a large group of people with black friends you come and ask me am i ok"

" umm nothing sir have a good day," the cop said.

Zion

Zion is a good kid with two parents that care about him. Zion cousin and brother are in the streets,he tries to stay away from the streets but sometimes people try to bully zion but he's not the type to lay down for to anybody which makes people threaten him a lot but he's not scared because he know that his brother and cousin would protect him if it came down too it. Zion was pretty popular in his school. The people liked him because he was just an all around good person. He liked to see everyone smile even if he was hurting or if he was going through something. He was smart but sometimes he didn't take his education seriously because he's busy trying to make everyone smile and happy and sometimes he felt that school was a waste of time, plus he was focused on football. One time in class zion teacher mr.kay pulled him aside and said " i know you want to talk and make some people laugh but you also have to do your work," "I understand," said Zion, from that day on Zion learned that he can make people laugh but his work comes first.

James

James hears nothing but arguing in the locker room, then he hears a thud so he runs around the corner to see what's going on. James sees Rashad and Zion fighting. James didn't no why he just helped his friend and punched zion in the face."That's enough," the coach yelled almost slipping on the sticky pissing stinking floor of the locker room. " he started it," rashad said

"It was a joke to learn how to take one," Zion said. James really didn't know what was going on but he was going to take Rashad's side so he said " yeah zion started it," to be honest james doesn't have a clue in his mind what's going on he was like a new born baby in the room. " My office Zion," the coach said.

Wayne

Wayne was in the locker room changing out of his clothes, when he heard cluster in the background before he knew it Rashad and Zion were arguing in the locker room. He doesn't know why they were arguing but he thinks Elijah did because he was sitting next to them and he probably heard why they were arguing. Rashad punched Zion and Zion slammed him against the locker which made a loud thud. Then out of nowhere he saw James join in on the fight and punched Zion in the face. Then the coach came out and stopped them from fighting, after the fighting was stopped James and Rashad blamed Zion when it looked like Rashad clearly started it. I don't know if Zion got in trouble but going in the coaches office never was good, unless you had a good game. After they left the locker room Wayne walked over to Elijah to find out what happened " I heard Zion say a joke about Rashad mom I couldn't really hear what he said but that's what started it," Elijah said.

" You sure it was a joke about his mom because I'm gonna have to ask Zion about it," Wayne said.

" Would you like to hang out sometime Wayne," when face showed that he didn't want to hang out but his mouth wasn't " sure we can hang out".

Quinn

Quinn has been having a pretty good week his father's new girlfriend brought him the new oreo retro Jordan four's. " Quinn today I would like to change the session up and ask you for one bad thing that happened this week and one good thing," ally asked " My father's new girlfriend," Quinn would like to keep her name. His father's girlfriend he wouldn't like to call her anything else. "My father's new girlfriend brought me a new pair of shoes and one bad thing is probably that my team was fighting this week,"

" How did getting a new pair of shoes make you feel" ally asked

" It made me like my dad new girlfriend more but it also made me feel like I was a new man when I put the shoes on,"

" Now how is your team fighting a bad thing how does it affect you,"

" I feel that my teammate and practice is a bad environment because they always arguing and fighting,"

" maybe you should try and figure out why they are arguing and fighting," ally pause then continues " maybe you should help your teammate stop arguing,"

" I'll try but I have practice so I should get going," Quinn said.

Noah

Noah noticed that his team wasn't as close as they should have been. Noah decided to make a group chat with his football team. He typed and sent " I notice we are not the closest team i was wondering what do yall think we can do to make us closer," Noah only had football so the fact that they were losing because the team couldn't stop arguing and fighting, he didn't get any scouts to look at him. So he felt trying to put the team together could make them play good because they all had talent.

Ethan

Ethan wakes up and reaches for his phone and notices he got a text from a group chat. The text said I notice we are not the closest team. I was wondering what do y'all think we can do to make us closer. Ethan ignored the text and made him a bowl of cereal, the bowl bright red, the cereal tan and the milk as white a white paint the milk hit the bowl the wrong way which made the bowl flip over what a natural disaster cereal and milk all over the place. Ethan couldn't help but remember the text and he noticed that he was the quarterback so he should step up and find a way to help the team so Ethan typed " I agree we should find a way to come together".

Jaden

Jaden couldn't sleep, having nightmares about what he did. So Jaden texted his football group chat and said I got an idea. Wayne replied and said, "What is it?" Wayne replied "We should have a sleep over so we can come together," Jaden said. "Well my parents are barely home so we can have the sleepover at my house," Ethan replied. "Sounds like a plan," Rashad texted.

Wayne

Wayne and Elijah went to the mall. They went to the new burger shop that was just built. "So ...how do you feel about the team losing," Wayne asked. " it was just a scrimmage but or team got to get together before the season start," elijah replied " i agree if we keep on arguing and fighting we may not never win," " Did you see the new group chat that Noah made?" " no" wayne said when wayne opened up the group chat he saw they were talking about a sleepover so he agreed to it. " did you know they want to have a sleepover," " No, are you going," Elijah said. " well yeah because i already agreed to go," "Well then I should agree to go, who knows maybe it can bring the team together," Elijah said. They stop talking about the team and start to eat.

Lucas

The sleepover worked...well for some people, others just made it a disaster. At practice Lucas didn't like how Ethan was acting so he confronted him. " just because you have two parents that do everything for you don't mean you can act like a jerk,"

" I agree I don't like you," Wayne said.

" I don't care if you like me because I don't like you either," Ethan said.

Coach yelled " that's enough to get back to work," he yelled so loud it looked like an ant scattering back in place from water.

Kayden

Kayden and the team were getting ready to go home in the locker room, when the coach closed the door and locked it. Everyone ran to the door like people in a horror film. " What are you doing, coach," Rashad said.

" I'm locking y'all in here until y'all learn how to get along," coach said. For a few minutes the locker room was quiet, so quiet you can hear a pen drop and it'll sound louder than any of them. " i don't like Ethan because he has two parents that care for him and I have a single mom and I seem like I care about my parents more than him. I'm just saying most kids would pray to have both parents," Wayne said.

" Just because I have two parents doesn't mean I get to spend time with them, I bet your mom will spend some time with you," Ethan said.

" The only reason I snapped at you about the mom joke zion was because i lost my mom at ten," rashad burst out.

" I just make jokes to make everybody laugh because deep down i'm hurting inside i lost people too," zion said.

" Since we were telling our problem I'm on house arrest for running from the law but they were targeting me," James said.

" I understand you james i have multiple black friends that are stereotype just because they are black and i feel for you," kayden said

" Thanks," James said. " i don't really have any friend and my family not the best with money right now," elijah said

" I go to therapy because my parents broke up.... Sob, It messed with me at first but therapy helped," Quinn said with a tear rolling down his face from his teammates telling their story. " I found out my dad was a drug lord the hard way. I always wonder why he didn't really spend time with me. Now I know, my mother was like the father in my life. She gave me whatever I wanted,"

" I can relate to you, my parents argue a lot. I tried to ignore them but it seemed the more they argued the louder they got one day when I got home from practice my dad wasn't in the house and I found out they had a divorce," Lucas said.

"Now that we are all getting along, can we go out there and win this season,"Elijah said. Now that they were getting along, the coach let them out of the locker room. Some kids probably got in trouble that night but it felt good to Kayden that they let their problem off their chest.

For the four years they were in high school, the boys won 3 championships and the last one they lost by a field goal. Wayne made it to the NFL as a running back. It's his first year and he can do big things because he's talented. Ethan started his own company with his parents money they gave to him now he makes his own money. Rashad was broke so he asked Ethan for a hand and now he works for Ethan, his grandmother passed. Once he graduated high school he did it all to make her happy. James is an assistant for one of the biggest attorney's in the world. Lucas' parents made up and he became a doctor to make the money his father worked hard for. Elijah is no longer the quiet kid and he is now an entrepreneur he has five clothing store businesses. Noah became a therapist for those who didn't have both parents. Quinn made it to the NFL he was an o-lineman but in the NFL they moved him to d-lineman. Maybe one day he can be better than Lawrence Taylor. Jaden got caught up in his father's lifestyle, his father sitting in prison and he has passed. Kayden became one of the biggest attorney's in the world and James also works for him. Zion made it to the NFL but he only made it because he listened to mr.kay advice he graduated with a 3.53 gpa grade average and he made it to the Nfl as a tight end. That's a story on how the raiders became one of the best teams in high school history.