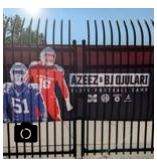
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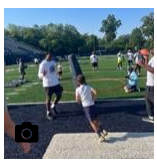
Ojulari Brothers Bring Annual Camp to Northcutt Stadium

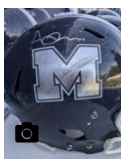
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From left, Azeez and BJ Ojulari prepare for a TV interview during their camp Saturday at Northcutt Stadium.

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MARIETTA — Azeez and BJ Ojulari were back among their old stomping grounds over the weekend.

The brothers hosted the fourth annual Azeez and BJ Ojulari Elite Football Camp at Northcutt Stadium, returning the field where they first made a name for themselves as members of the Marietta Blue Devil football program.

The camp, for players ages 8-12, featured multiple stations where high school coaches and players helped teach the kids the fundamentals of football.

BJ Ojulari, a linebacker heading into his second season with the Arizona Cardinals, said the camp focuses on the kids learning the basics.

Azeez Ojulari, a linebacker entering his fourth season with the New York Giants, said it is important for him and his brother to give back to the community they grew up in.

“This is where I started. This is where I grew up my whole life,” Azeez Ojulari said. “I’m just blessed to be here and have this opportunity to give back to the younger ones who are the future.”

The brothers were standout football players at Marietta. BJ Ojulari was a key contributor on the 2019 Blue Devils team that won the Class AAAAAAA state championship, while Azeez Ojulari was a four-star recruit and top-100 player in the country.

It led to both players playing for Southeastern Conference programs — BJ at LSU, Azeez at Georgia — and then the opportunity to play at the highest level.

“We just want to show these kids it’s possible to get to the NFL from Marietta,” BJ Ojulari said.

Azeez Ojulari also spends a lot of time working with his community in the New York/New Jersey area. Earlier this summer, he and teammate Andrew Thomas took 100 children from the local Boys & Girls Club and the Secaucus, New Jersey, parks and recreation department to watch a movie premiere.

The brothers said giving back to the community in the form of football is awesome because of the large role the sport played in their youth. They also both said it was a blessing to be hosting the camp with one another.

“It’s phenomenal, man, and that’s what it’s all about,” Azeez Ojulari said. “We both had a dream of playing in the league, and now it’s happening. And we’re here for these kids to let them know that it could happen for them. They just have to work hard, stay positive, stay on track and do well in school.”