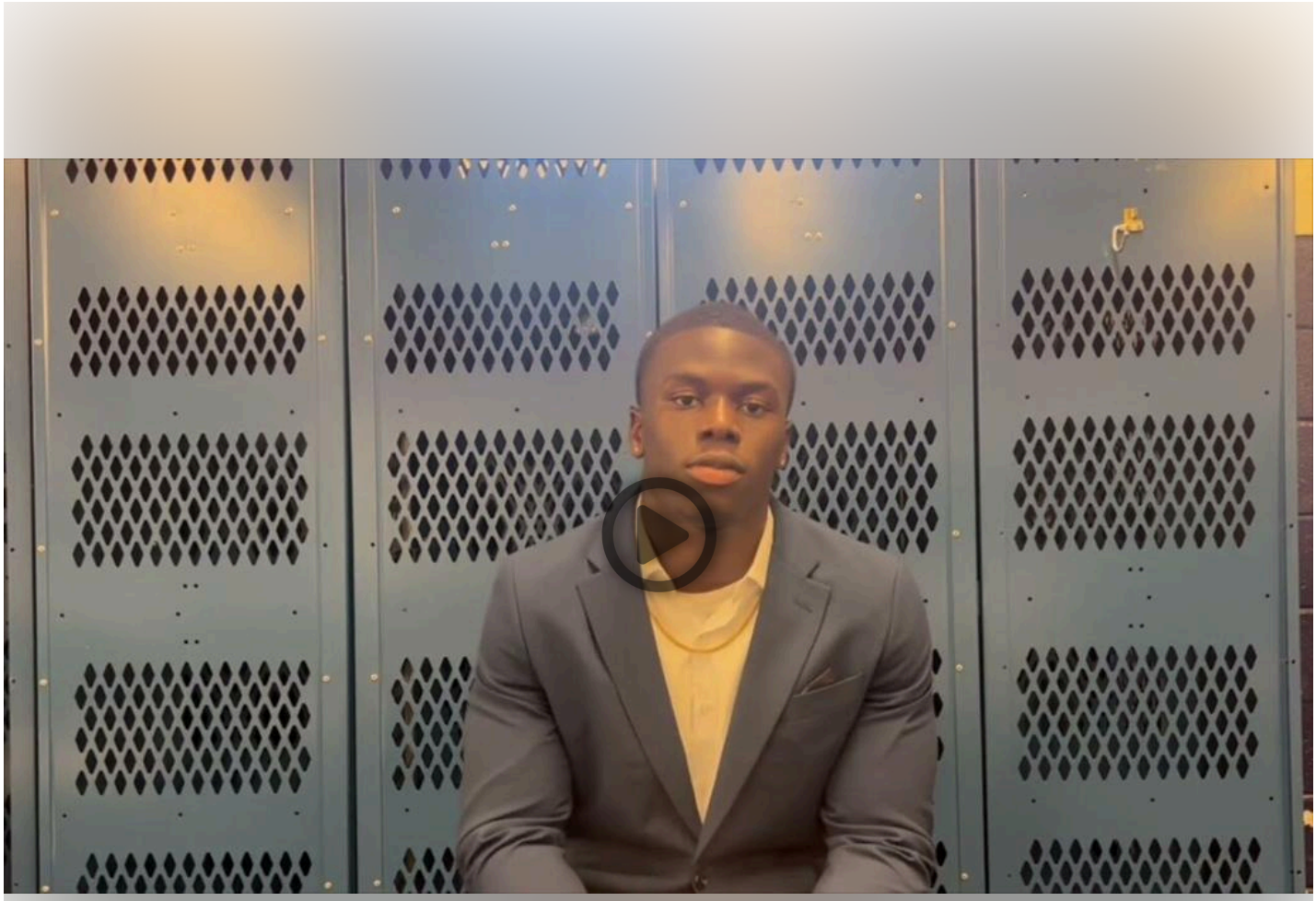
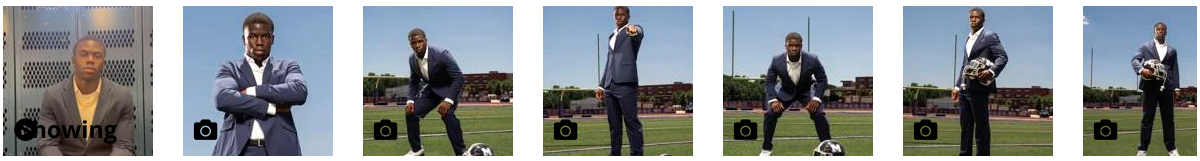
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Dynamite Dozen: Kruah May be Mr. Everything for Marietta in 2024

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Marietta returned only five starters from its 2023 squad.

One of them is standout linebacker and defensive end Anthony Kruah. This is the senior's third year starting for the Blue Devils, and they came in looking to him as one of the players to lead the young team, which features 17 new starters.

Kruah was set to move back to his natural position as an edge-rusher this year, after playing linebacker last season.

"He can rush the passer and give us more of a presence up there, because our sack numbers were not where they needed to be last year," Marietta coach Richard Morgan said. "He gives us that dominant guy at the point of attack."

Kruah was set to play on both sides of the ball this year, also lining up as a tight end on offense.

"He's a really good wideout with good hands," Morgan said. "He can play tight end, so we're going to utilize his talents and maybe have some packages where we direct-snap it to him. He's going to have an impact on a football game."

Through three games in 2024, Kruah has been one of Marietta's true standout players. He has 16 tackles and leads Cobb County in both sacks (5) and tackles for loss (8). Against McEachern last week, he had nine tackles, five tackles for loss, three sacks, a caused fumble and, on offense, an 80-yard touchdown reception.

Last year, Kruah had 70 tackles, 10½ of which were for a loss, to go along with one interception and five sacks. He was awarded first-team all-Region 3AAAAAAA honors.

Heading into the season, Kruah was ranked as a three-star recruit by the 247Sports Composite rankings. He was the 55th-ranked linebacker in the country and the No. 61 player overall in Georgia.

Kruah, who committed in April to play at North Carolina, said he had a decent season last year but wants to help bring Marietta together this season in order to rack up more wins.

The 6-foot-2, 210-pound Kruah said he has set his goals on breaking Marietta's single-season sack record on 19 set by BJ Ojulari in 2019. Ojulari is now with the NFL's Arizona Cardinals following a standout college career at LSU.

"Just building momentum and staying consistent in everything we do," Kruah said of the key to the team finding success this year. "Just being physical and fast, just dominating."



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