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# LADERRICK “PABLO” SMITH #14



**Hometown:** Pompano Beach, Fla.

**Residence:** Pompano Beach, Fla.

**Age:** 27

**Height:** 5-10

**Year on U.S. National Team:** 3rd

**Pronunciation:**  
LADERRICK Smith (*Luh-DERRICK*)

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Smith is known by his nickname, “Pablo.” The nickname was given to him when he was seven years old by his flag football coach in reference to the character Pablo Sanchez from the popular Backyard Sports video game franchise that featured cartoon kids playing a variety of sports, including baseball and football.

Pablo Sanchez was referred to as “The Secret Weapon.” According to the Backyard Sports Wiki on Fandom.com, Pablo “is often considered to be the best all-around athlete and teammate. He is known for his good sportsmanship and his natural ability to lead.”



## FLAG AND TACKLE

Smith started playing flag football at the age of seven at the Thomas D. Stephanis Boys & Girls Club in his hometown of Pompano Beach, Fla.

“I’ve been playing since I was knee high,” Smith said. “It was something I was doing recreationally and I just so happened to fall in love with it.”

Smith has been able to reach great heights in the sport as he is now in his third year with the U.S. Men’s Flag National Team. He says his greatest flag football moment is winning gold with the National Team at the World Games 2022 in Birmingham, Ala.

Smith said, “That was a really memorable experience because it was the first time that flag football had ever been in the World Games, and we were able to win Gold!”

Smith’s success in football hasn’t been just in the flag discipline. He excelled as a kick return specialist in tackle football at Blanche Ely High School.

Football skills run in Smith’s family as he is a cousin of professional tackle players Jerry Jeudy (NFL’s Cleveland Browns), Asante Samuel Jr. (NFL’s Los Angeles Chargers) and Binjimen Victor (UFL’s Birmingham Stallions).



## CLOTHES MAKE THE MAN

Smith has his own clothing line – LillyDillyNation.

“We have clothes for men, women and kids – clothes for working out and clothes you can go out in,” said Smith. “I haven’t been able to put as much time into it lately due to football, but from a business standpoint, I’m looking to launch a new collection soon!”

The name LillyDillyNation comes from two aspects of his life: his grandmother’s name is Lilly Mae and when he was a child he used to eat a Florida treat called a “Lilly Dilly,” which according to 2021 article in the *Florida Times-Union* is “a homemade treat comprised of Kool-Aid, fruit punch or canned fruit frozen inside in a Styrofoam or Solo cup. According to the article, the treat is also known as honey drippers, frozen cups, cherry berry or thrill based on the locale.

The LillyDillyNation clothing line can be found at @lillydillynation536 on Instagram.

