

Hellingly Hounds Dogs YAFC

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FIXTURE UPDATES

The HoundDogs Committee have been busy arranging fixtures for all age groups. The following fixtures are confirmed:

Flag U12's and U14's

9th June 10AM Away at East Kent Mavericks – Simon Langton School, Langton Ln, Nackington Rd, Canterbury CT4 7AS

14th July 10AM Home at Horsebridge.

U17's

2nd June 10AM away at Kent Exiles, Beaverwood Club, Beaverwood Road, Chislehurst, Kent.

14th July 2PM Home at Horsebridge 1PM

Other Dates

Wednesday, 17th July is the last training session of 2019

Tuesday, 23rd of July, AGM @Horsebridge Club House

Wednesday 4th September Training starts for 2020 season

Saturday 28th September Sponsored run (all age groups)



**"Coaching is not how much you KNOW.
It's how much you can get players to DO."
- Bum Phillips**

Chairman's Report

It has been a great couple of months since I sat down to write the last chairman's report. We have now joined up with our brothers over at Kent Phoenix and East Kent Mavericks to form the U19's Legion. We lost our 1st game, won our 2nd then lost the 3rd but in my eyes we could have easily been 2-1 for the season so far. It's been a tough start for the Legion with the first 3 games all back to back. Not an ideal start for the new team, but those are the cards we were dealt, and that is what we got on with. We lost our starting QB in the 1st game which pushed Jacob into the starring role and he really has excelled. George has been fantastic in his 1st season and Tom has really shone playing offence, defence and special teams. To be honest, all the lads have been fantastic in both ability and attitude. I would like to thank Claire Boorer for sorting out the minibus hire from Ratton School where she works. This has been such a fantastic help for us as a club as all the players get to travel together and I know the lads like travelling together. However, I feel we need to work on the singing department. I will introduce them to Johnny Cash on the next trip!!

Our Flag team numbers have continued to grow recently. This is such a fantastic boost for me personally as we started as a Flag only club. A large reason for this has been Coaches Jamie and Ronnie, who have both successfully passed their level 1 coaching awards. It's great to see 14 or 15 kids now all playing Flag together and look forward to the Canterbury games where we can show the skills they have learnt.

We have our club's 2nd AGM booked at Horsebridge for Tuesday July 23rd. I will be emailing all the roles and responsibilities for parents to read through and see if they want to come along, learn about the club, make sure the finances are in order, ask questions and maybe even stand for election to the Committee. This year has really been the first time we have had a proper Committee since we formed 3 years ago. We pretty much ran on informal group meetings to get things done. The Committee that was elected last year have worked really hard this year and I hope they all stay being involved with the club. However, we always like new faces to join us and get involved with the club's day to day running. If you have questions about the club or the AGM please speak to me and I will do my best to help.

We are also in the process of booking a venue for the 2019 season awards. This is going to be a great event with every age group awards being up for grabs for the 1st year ever. We are looking at Sunday 1st of September. As soon as this is confirmed I will let you all know, but please save the date.

You may remember from the previous newsletter and social media posts that we were one of three charities to profit from Tesco's Carrier Bag Grant. I am pleased to say that we came second, so have been awarded £2000. This money will be reinvested within the club. We will sit down as coaches and Committee and decide where these funds will go over the next month.

I am very much looking forward to July. Firstly, we host our U19's game against Cobham on the 7th and then host a new style Flag event. We already have 6 teams confirmed, bringing teams at both U12's and U14's. We will release more details on this as soon as everything has been confirmed but watch this space. It's going to be great. We have already started to receive some very good prizes from local companies, but if you know a local business that maybe interested, we would love you to talk to them. This is a great way for us to establish links with the local communities and help the HoundDogs to raise much needed funds.

In 2018, we competed in the Alfriston Pre-school fun run. We are planning on doing the same this year but opening it up to all Flag players as well as Contact Team players. U11's will be entered into the 1K, U14's will have the choice of the 1K or 5K and everyone else will enter the 5K. We ask each runner to raise at least £10 to cover the cost of entry. We hope that as many members as possible will join us this year. Again, it's another way we can raise funds to help with our running costs, whilst also raising awareness of our club in the local area.

This Week is National Volunteers Week. This week is dedicated to celebrate the work that the unsung heroes of organisations such as our own. Most of you have met the Coaches who deliver an excellent program of training for all our young athletes. However, there is another band of dedicated people who work behind the scenes to make sure we have all the equipment, qualifications, policies and enough money to keep our club afloat. Personally I would like to thank each and every one of our volunteers, so thank you to:

Claire Boorer,
Michael Williams,
Peter Drake,
Sam Dickinson,
Emma Walsh,
Aarron Jones,
Sean Trimby,
Ronnie Alderman,
David Boorer,
Jamie Powell,
Alastair Cameron-Dick



And finally: Our last session of the 2019 season will be Wednesday 17th July and we are planning on returning to training on Wednesday 4th of September 2019 at Horsebridge starting at 6:30PM

Anyway, that's enough from me.

Many thanks for reading.

Luke Boorer

Chairman

CLUB SHOP



Our team shop has just been updated by Football America. So pop over to our club shop and get your HoundDogs merchandise including T-shirts, hats, hoodies and so much more

<http://www.mycustomteamwear.co.uk/295-hellingly-hound-dogs>

FUNDRAISING

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Hellingly Hound Dogs American Flag Football Club?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, Ebay, Screwfix, Argos, Staples, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hellinglyhounddogs/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising, sign up and **add Hellingly Hound Dogs** as your chosen cause. Then just start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

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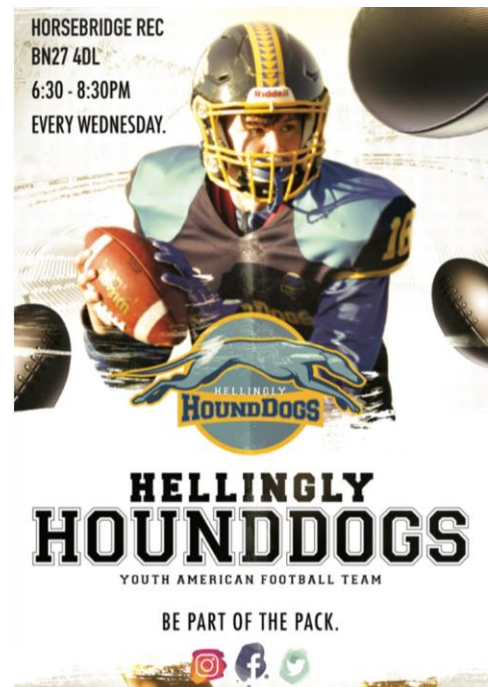
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AGM details

The club's 2nd ever AGM will take place on Tuesday, 23rd of July starting at 7:30PM. This is your chance to see what the club has achieved in the past 12 months. As last year, we will publish the complete list of roles that we wish to fill on the Committee. These will include:

Chairman,
Vice Chairman,
Treasurer,
Secretary,
Commercial Manager,
Welfare Officer etc etc.

All these roles will be voted in on the evening, but we do require anyone wishing to stand to notify the club's Secretary via Email at least a week prior to the AGM date, along with a brief reason why they feel they are the right person for the job.

Only the club membership are allowed to sit in the meeting and as we are a youth organisation, voting rights fall to the parent/carer of a child. However, only one vote may be cast per child as per rules.

If you have any questions about the AGM or process of the evening, please email myself or the club Secretary on hellinglyhounddogs@hotmail.com We would also like to thank the cricket section for allowing us the use of the clubhouse for our AGM.



HELLINGLY HOUNDDOGS
AGM



Notice is hereby given of Hellingly HoundDogs Youth American Football Club 2nd Annual General Meeting @ Horsebridge Club House on Tuesday 23rd of July 2019 starting at 19:30.

We encourage all members/parents to attend as we form a new Committee for the 2019/20 season and look to improve the club. Agenda will be emailed to all members one week prior to the AGM.

2019 SE LEGION U19'S FIXTURES

12th May @ Maidstone v Thames Valley Tigers

19th May @ Cambridge Cats

26th May @ Maidstone v Solent Seahawks

16th June @ Wembley Stallions

23rd June @ London Warriors

7th July @ Hellingly v Cobham Cougars

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We would like to thank our current sponsors for the 2018/19 season. They are:

Cannadines – Design and Installations of bathroom, kitchens and bedrooms.

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Best Of Eastbourne

<https://www.thebestof.co.uk/local/eastbourne>

Legion Reports

Sunday, 12 of May saw the U19's team from Hellingly HoundDogs become part of SE Legion for the first time, along with other players from East Kent Mavericks and Kent Phoenix as they took on Thames Valley Tigers at Maidstone.

The Legion started the game well with opening the scoring on their second drive of the game with a well-worked QB sneak around the back. They went on to complete a 2 point attempt to take the lead 8-0. The Tigers then came back with a TD of their own but missed the 2 point conversion to take the score to 8-6 at the Half.

After the half the Legion then lost their QB from the Mavericks which let Rookie QB Jacob Boorer at the helm. With the change of QB, the Tigers started to blitz the line of the Legion a lot more which resulted in a whole heap of pressure for the QB to get the ball away. The Legion almost stretched their lead twice with runs down either side line but both plays were pulled back due to the Wide Receiver stepping out of bounds. The Tigers then started to gather momentum to take the lead and convert the extra 2 points to push them ahead 8-14.

The Legion then lost their kicker, which resulted in the Legion being unable to kick the ball any distance. After a 4th down punt from the Legion, resulting in only a 5 yard gain, the Tigers again strengthened their lead and again converted the 2 points to take the score to 8-22. The Legion came back and didn't let their heads sink as the final whistle approached. Riley Davis, put in as kick off returner, collected the ball which lead to a good 30 yard run back which really helped lift the players' spirits, followed by a couple of 1st down completions which lead the Legion into the red zone. The Legion went for it on 4th down but were unable to convert. The clock slowly ran out which lead to the Tigers winning 22-8.

HoundDogs Coach, Luke Boorer commented *"This season was always going to be a tough ask. In a sport where there are a lot of differences of opinion, it was great to see the 3 teams come together to form the Legion, train and become match ready. It's hard to find 30 players all aged 16 to 18, to form a team of your own, that is the reason we came up with the Legion model. I hope that a few more clubs will talk to other teams in their areas and work on a similar project. At the end of the day, we at the Legion just want to see kids playing Football. From a playing perspective, I was proud of all the lads. George Davies started the game strongly with some good runs and fantastic blocking. Riley Davis didn't get a lot at WR but showed his fantastic hand work and speed on punt return. Clayton Jarvis continued to battle on the Defence Line and adapted well to sealing the edge. Tom Avann moved positions and adapted very well to this, and showed great composure. After an unexpectedly early call to arms, Jacob Boorer started to settle in very well at the QB position."*

The Best Of Eastbourne MVP Awards go to:

HoundDogs D MVP – Clayton Jarvis. Continued to work hard on the line all game and applied pressure to the Tigers line.

HoundDogs O MVP – Jacob Boorer. After a very nervous start to the game, he started to demonstrate a good composure and by the 4th quarter, really started to settle in.

HoundDogs Special Team MVP – Riley Davis, a good couple of returns resulting in positive yardage.

Sunday, 19th of May saw the HoundDogsU19's players again team up with their fellow teams mates to make up the SE Legion, for the longest trip of the 2019 season as they drove north to take on the Cambridge Cats in the BAFA National U19's Div 1.

The Legion decided to receive the ball on kick off and the offence started to get the ball to move forward, thanks to some excellent work from HoundDogs Running Back George Davis. The first quarter saw a lot of good plays from both the Legion offence and defence. It was early in the 2nd quarter that Hounddogs QB, Jacob Boorer connected with Davis to see the pair score the game's only TouchDown. Unfortunately for the Legion, the 2-point conversion attempt failed to see the score set at 6-0. The end of the 1st quarter saw the Legion going into the break 6-0 up.

The second half saw the Cats offence start well, with their QB starting to get the ball moving forward. However, the Legion defence was equal to the task, with a few massive tackles completed by the Legion defence. The quarter continued positively for the Legion which saw a Safety scored, but was subsequently taken off the board due to a penalty conceded by the Legion.

The 3rd quarter was an ebb and flow affair with some good plays from both sides of the ball. The Cats scored themselves a TD, only for the Refs to pull the ball back as the Cats failed to set for the correct amount of time. The resulting play led to the Cats kicking a 3-point conversion to take the score to 6-3. The Legion came back from the kick-off with a good return from HoundDogs Riley Davis which marched the Legion downfield. The Cats managed to stop the Legion just outside their own end zone and got the ball back. However, after some good work, the Legion D's Captain Charlie Horne burst through the Cats' line to tackle the QB in the endzone giving the Legion a 2-point safety to take the score to 8-3.

With the game clock starting to run out in the 4th quarter, the nail biting started! With the Legion starting to try and run the clock out, they turned to the run game, which saw Thomas Avann carry the ball through the middle of the field for the 1st down when the 2-minute whistle been blown. However, the Legion couldn't keep the ball till the end of the game. The Cats tried their hardest to get through the Legion D, but the Ref blew the full-time whistle resulting the Legion getting their first win of the season.

Coach Luke Boorer commented *"This result is fantastic for the Legion and all three of the teams which make up the Legion. The win was about the players and the skills they have developed. We, the coaches, can teach them the skills they need but it's down to the players to gel as a team and go into the games with the right mentality. It has been such a fantastic experience for me to see the Legion being formed and watching these players really develop into a true team. We still have a long way to go and have a very tough challenge ahead of us this Sunday as we take on Solent SeaHawks. However, we have a few reinforcements back this week with a couple of players due back from injuries, so I am really looking forward to the challenge. I and all the HoundDogs players would like to thank Ratton School for letting us use their minibus for this away game. Cambridge is the longest trip of our season and it was great to see the lads all get to travel together. As a club we rely on community spirit and are always looking to develop community links with schools and other organisations. We would also like to thank Committee Member, Peter Drake who gave up his Sunday to come along to help meet the insurance requirements. This spirit is what the Hounddogs organisation is built on."*

The Best of Eastbourne MVP's:

Defence MVP – Clayton Jarvis. Continued to battle hard on the line and got involved to make it very hard for the Cats to run the ball through the centre and sealed his edge on the D-line extremely well.

Offence MVP – George Davies. Scored the Legion TD and was a threat with the ball in his hands all game.

Special Teams – Thomas Avann. Always ready to get into the game and made some extremely good blocks and tackles.

Sunday, 26th May

The game was delayed by an hour due to a mix ups with referees, but the game started at 1PM as soon as the refs arrived. The Legion elected to receive the ball and got the game going with some good plays by the offence. However, things began to go against the Legion as HoundDogs QB, Jacob Boorer, was picked off in the Legion's half which lead the Seahawks player to run the ball almost to the EndZone. They soon scored and kicked the extra point to make the score 7-0.

The Legion then got the ball again, and made some good plays as they moved the ball down field. They got stopped around the halfway line and decided to punt. However, the ball didn't travel very far, and the Seahawks again capitalised on the Legion mistake to make the score 14-0. The Seahawks came again to go into the half 21-0 up.

The Legion came out still trying to push the Seahawks all the way and the team never gave up. The 2nd half was a tighter affair until the last couple of minutes. The Seahawks scored late in the second half after the Legion had moved the ball almost the length of the field. QB Jacob Boorer was picked off for the second time in the game, after Wide Receiver Riley Davis couldn't quite grab a pass that was tipped into the air off a Seahawks player, which led to the Seahawks winning 47-0.

Coach Luke Boorer said *"All the Legion players battled hard on what was going to be a difficult game. However, I really think the scoreline flattered the Seahawks. We lost a few players early on to injury and we had several calls go against us. However, that is sport and you have to overcome these issues within any game. Sometimes calls go for you and sometimes against. However, I was really impressed with all the lads, who never let their heads go down as we played with respect and a great positive attitude. Coaches can install the techniques etc into the players, but only they can control themselves on the pitch and I believe all the lads showed that today with taking a knee of respect for all players, whether they were Legion or Seahawks players. We will now sit down to watch the game film and adapt accordingly. We would like to thank the referees, the Phoenix staff for getting the pitch ready and a special mention to Phoenix Medical services. We had a player go down and stay down after an attempted tackle. The medics were on the pitch straight away and dealt with his injuries extremely well. We all wish Ethan the best and hope that he is out of hospital very soon and back on the side-lines with his teammates."*

The Best Of Eastbourne MVP's Awards go to:

Defence MVP – Thomas Avann, even though Thomas hardly missed a play on Defence and Special teams, he still gave 100% effort with each snap battling through tiredness.

Offence MVP – Jacob Boorer, playing starter in only his second game, he played with great control and got up and got on with the game after each hit to help his team move the ball down the field of play.

Special Teams MVP – Thomas Avann, always ready to go in the game and never asked for a breather. Also made a couple of good tackles to help his teammates complete the tackles.