

A BAFL Division 2 South East Clash



Kent *EXILES*



Vs Essex Spartans

Sunday 29th May 2005, Hoblinwell Park, Orpington



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Welcome to the game.

Welcome to the Kent Exiles first home game of 2005, and our fifth overall.

After four tough away fixtures to start the season, including two at the Norwich Devils who were relegated from division 1a last season, our record stands proudly at 4-0. This is our best ever start to a season, and if we keep it up we can beat the record we set in 2003 of 7 wins back to back!

Today sees the Essex Spartans visit the Exiles once more; a few weeks ago we played them away and came away 7-6 winners, so we're hoping for more of the same today. But it's safe to say this is a fierce local rivalry that can always go any way, and the recent close results between the two clubs means that no quarter will be given!

The Spartans have an Ex-ile playing for them today; Dave Thomas played for us a few seasons ago before returning to the Spartans. And unusually we have two ex-Spartans playing for us today, so look for #32 and #75 to be making a few big plays today!

All of you long time Exiles fans will notice that we have a lot of new names on the roster this year, as our off-season recruitment plans were a great success. You'll also notice we've expanded the program again, this time to 12 pages, so we can bring you more information on the club, as well as a regular feature introducing you to all the players and staff. Collect all the programs and you'll have the full set of player biographies by the end of the season!

Make sure you give a special welcome to Aaron Alexis and Glen Boyle, both of whom return to the Exiles this season, fresh from being part of the Great Britain Lions team who beat the odds and triumphed in Amiens, France, in the European Championships group B. This means that GB are promoted to the top flight of European football once again, and will be taking on Germany, Finland and Sweden in the Group A finals later this year. Stewart Muir has also been called up to the squad in preparation for the finals, so congratulations all round.

As always if you would like to get involved with the Exiles, Mariners, or American football, in any way we can be contacted by the means listed below. We are always looking for new players, coaches, sponsors, sideline staff, etc. So drop us a line, or just ask us today!

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Or call Dave on 01689 859356 or Martin on 07944 730634

Today's Cover Photo shows the Offence getting ready for the next play vs. Norwich in game 1 of the season.

***Our Next Home
Game.
26th June
Vs.
Norwich Devils,
KO at 2.30pm***

***#45
Alan
Hands***

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Kent Exiles 2005 Schedule and Results

<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Opponents</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Score</u>
3/4	Away	Norwich Devils	Win	32-6
24/4	Away	Essex Spartans	Win	7-6
1/5	Away	Norwich Devils	Win	17-0
15/5	Away	Colchester Gladiators	Win	26-0
29/5	Home	Essex Spartans – 4pm KO	Win	41-0
26/6	Home	Norwich Devils		
10/7	Away	Maidstone Pumas		
17/7	Home	Maidstone Pumas		
14/8	Home	Colchester Gladiators – Double Header		
28/8	Home	Maidstone Pumas		

All KO's 2.30 unless stated

Division 2 South East	P	W	L	T	PF	PA	%
Kent Exiles	5	5	0	0	123	12	1.000
Essex Spartans	6	4	2	0	132	98	.666
Norwich Devils	6	2	4	0	99	111	.333
Colchester Gladiators	4	1	3	0	47	83	.250
Maidstone Pumas	3	0	3	0	10	107	.000

Other divisional results: Essex 21-20 Colchester
 Norwich 36-15 Colchester
 Essex 35-3 Maidstone
 Colchester 12-0 Norwich
 Maidstone 0-42 Essex
 Norwich 27-28 Essex
 Maidstone 7-30 Norwich

Kent Exiles 2005 MVP's

<u>Opponents</u>	<u>Offence</u>	<u>Defence</u>	<u>Special Teams</u>
Norwich Devils	Paul Pester	Michael Turner	Alex Campbell
Essex Spartans	Garry Dillon	Defensive Line	Joel Grundy
Norwich Devils	Alan Hands	Gary Ead	Mat Tompsett
Colchester Gladiators	Alex Campbell	Steve Morrison	Steve Collison
Essex Spartans	Grahame Warby	Aaron Alexis	Michael Turner
Norwich Devils			
Maidstone Pumas			
Maidstone Pumas			
Colchester Gladiators			
Maidstone Pumas			

All Most Valuable Player awards are given directly after the game, and awarded by the coaching staff to individuals for their contribution on the day.

Meet the 2005 team

The Coaches and Sideline Staff

Phil Wood – Head Coach

Phil joined the team in 2001 and played on the defensive line for 2 seasons whilst also contributing in the coaching ranks, from where he was appointed Head Coach for the 2003 season. Phil has previously played the game at the highest level in the UK, having played for the Manchester Spartans in the early 90's when they were not only British champions, but also European club champions. Phil was also part of the 1989 Great Britain European championship winning team, and is proud to have been voted onto the all-time greatest player's 2nd team in a recent poll.

Phil Wood



Nigel Hadley – Defensive co-ordinator

Nigel joins us this season from the Norwich Devils, where he also co-ordinated the defence. Nigel has a great pedigree in the game having won the britbowl as a player with the Ipswich Cardinals, and then again as a coach with the Devils.

Chris Denny – Defensive Assistant

Chris also joins us for the 2005 season; he is also the defensive back coach at the University of Surrey Stingers team. Chris has previously played for the PA Knights, Sussex Thunder and Maidstone Pumas.

Jamie Poorman – Offensive Assistant

Jamie joins us for 2005 from the Maidstone Pumas, another emigrant from the USA, he has been a playcaller on TV in the states, and will assist as an offensive coach.

Nigel Hadley



James McCartney – Youth Teams Head Coach

James has been coaching youth football for many years, and always at the Kent Brewers who became the Exiles last season. James has also coached the GR Youth team

Stuart Croucher – Offensive Consultant

Stuart was the clubs head coach in the mid 90's, before moving on to coach for the London O's where he won several championships, he has also coached at Great Britain. Now semi-retired due to having twins he has aided in the formulation of the clubs playbook, and is a constant liaison to Phil on Offensive matters.

Martin Jefkins – Special Teams Coach

Martin has coached with the Exiles for many years now, and takes on special teams responsibilities whilst still lining up as wide receiver every week.

It's fair to say we would not get very far without these guys! They are the unsung heroes of the team, and literally do all of the 'dirty' jobs.

**Claire Pester
Ted Smith
Mary Smith
Julius Hobbs
Gill Vickers
Stuart 'Waterboy' Vickers**

You'll see these guys parading our sideline on game days, doing the chains, videoing the match for coaches to review, doing the statistics, fetching the water, cutting the oranges.....you get the picture! Without them the team would not function as well as it does, believe me there is nothing worse than wanting some water only for it to be empty!

Thanks Guys.

Richard Clement – Defensive Assistant

Richard has been with the club for 3 years now, formally a player with the Bexley Barons; he has taken well to the coaching ranks, and is showing his improvement each and every year!

Richard Clement



Meet the 2005 team

In each of this years programmes we are going to introduce you to the team. We have a lot of new faces this year as you can see from the roster, so in each edition we are going to feature some of the units so you can get to know them!

This week it's the turn of the Defensive Line.



The Defensive Line gets ready for their first taste of action vs. the Saxons in pre-season

#65 – David Maisey

From Liverpool, this merseysider is in his rookie season as well, and learning fast. Watch him use his speed to make the tackles.

#74 – Stephen Morrison

Steve is another new face in 2005; he joins us with years of experience after playing with the London O's. If you ask him nicely he may show you his many BSL champions medals!

#56 - Stuart 'Queenie' Collings

Stuart rejoined the club in 2004 after taking a few years out, he originally played as a WR, but found an uncanny knack of batting down passes during a stint on the DL and has gone on from there! He was the Exiles sack leader in 2004.



#69 - Carl Alexis

Exiles players player and defensive player of the year honours say it all for this guy. A valued team member and no doubt a future coach when he finally hangs up his boots. Look out for him in his chair (and coolbox!) when on the sideline.

#73 – Rob Boulter

Hailing from Zimbabwe, Rob is a rookie this year, but has shown huge potential in training and pre-season, look for some solid run stuffing from him in the middle.

#61 – Tristan Wait

Again a rookie, but this time from Australia! Another huge load on the DL, with good tackling abilities. He is another showing great potential under Coach Hadley's watchful eye.

#67 – Scott Lawrence

Scott is a veteran who has joined us from the Southend Sabres. He was a constant thorn in our O-lines side for years, but now he's working with us to do the same to our opponents! Watch him on the end of the line, he has a nose for the sack.



Ead and Morrison Line Up

#79 – Chris Stenson

Chris joins us from the Nottingham Caesars where he played several years in the high divisions. Played on the 2003 Britbowl runners up side who lost to our conquerors that year the Bristol Aztecs.

#95 - Kerry Gray

Kerry joins us from the Southern Sundevils, who are a Div 1 team, after recently moving to the area. He was a standout on the line for them for many years.

#55 – Gary Ead

A familiar face to Exiles fans, especially the girls! Gary has played LB and DL for a few years now, and is looking to cause more havoc this season.

#37 – Damian Scott

Damian joined us late last season and has switched up to the D-line for 2005, not the normal size you'd expect, but his speed and nimbleness causes O-lines problems!

#99 – Joakim Johansson

A long time standout in Sweden, Joakim has played European football to a high level in the Eurobowl for his previous team the Stockholm Mean Machine



2005 Coaches, Players and Staff.

Phil Wood – Head Coach
 Nigel Hadley, Richard Clement, Chris Denny – Defensive Coaches
 Stuart Croucher, Jamie Poorman – Offensive Coaches
 Martin Jefkins – Special Teams Coach

<u>Name</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>
Eric 'Ohio' Williams	1	LB	Rob Osborn	52	OL
Colin Chislett	2	WR	Paul Samartin	53	LB
Aaron Harris	3	DB	Gary Ead	55	DL
Lee Nash	5	RB	Stuart Collings	56	DL
Hayden Webber	8	DB	Mark Jackson	57	LB
Joel Grundy	10	QB	Adrian Scorey	59	LB
Simon Mackerill	11	QB	Philip Marks	60	OL
Matt Duncan	12	QB	Tristan Wait	61	DL
Jonathan Weller	13	RB	Paul Pester	62	OL
John Croucher	18	RB	David Pester	63	OL
Martin McDonald	20	DB	David Maisey	65	DL
Andrew Willoughby	21	RB	Stephen Johnson	66	OL
Patrick Hearn	23	LB	Scott Lawrence	67	DL
Steve Chislett	24	RB	Malcolm Fell	68	OL
Graham Deacon	26	TE	Carl Alexis	69	DL
Darren Durup	27	WR	Tom Rick	70	OL
Scott Shephard	28	QB	Norman Navarro	72	OL
Mat Tompsett	30	LB	Rob Boulter	73	DL
Adam Pearson	31	TE	Steve Morrison	74	DL
Garry Dillon	32	RB	Brad Stevenson	75	OL
Xavier Heckel	33	RB	Chris Stenson	79	DL
Stewart Muir	34	RB	Grahame Warby	80	WR
Damien Scott	37	DL	Sean Starwind	81	WR
Stephen Collison	40	DB	Anthony Richards	83	WR
Mark Evans	41	DB	Roydel Hall	84	DB
Steven Garwood	42	TE	Martin Jefkins	85	WR
Michael Turner	44	DB	Martin Boffey	87	TE
Alan Hands	45	RB	Kieron Hyams	88	RB
Glen Boyle	49	RB	Alex Campbell	89	WR
Aaron Alexis	50	LB	Kerry Gray	95	DL
Mark Vickers	51	LB	Joakim Johansson	99	DL

Julius Hobbs – Statistician
 Claire Pester, Mary Smith, Ted Smith, Stuart Vickers, Gill Vickers – Game Day Staff

Essex Spartans



2005 Coaches, Players and Staff.

Information derived from website and league registration documents

Coaches – Dean Gibson, Brenden Bride, Karlos Baah

<u>Name</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>
James Bader (USA)	2	LB	Duncan Hamilton (CAN)	46	LB
Gareth Evans	3	DL/K	Stephen Jiggins	51	DL
Aaron Griffiths	4	QB	James Rist	53	LB
Kirk Beacham	5	LB	Gary Abbott	54	DL
Jonny Alon	7	QB	Tarik Reid	55	DL
A.Ward	12	WR	Richard Harper	60	OL
Anthony Ellis	17	RB	Martin Moran	62	OL
David Thomas	18	TE	James McMahon	66	OL
A.Lee	20	DB	Gregory Simpson	67	OL
Robert Welling	21	DB	Paul Roberts	69	LB
Colin Dash	22	RB	Anthony Wallace	72	DL
A.Buckley	23	DB	S.Taylor	73	DL
William Still	24	DB	Veselin Tornev	77	OL
Matthew Campbell-Carr	27	RB	K.Ball	81	WR
Lee Lacey	29	RB	Chris Simpson	82	WR
Marco Duncan	33	RB	Paul Simpson	83	WR
Alexander Townsend	34	RB	Jamie Wood	84	WR
Ian McCarthy	42	DB	Philip Groombridge	87	WR
Jonathan Smith	43	DB	Jags Mahil	88	WR
Christopher Sawyer	44	RB	Marcel Campbell	90	LB

Team Officials - Paul Barquinha, Karen Evans, and Tony Palmer

Scoreboard

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	Total
Exiles					
Spartans					

Match Stat!

The Exiles and the Spartans have been regular opponents since the 2002 season, having played each other 5 times so far. Curently the Exiles lead the series 4-1, our only defeat coming in that first match in 2002 by a score of 21-12

Game Report – Norwich Devils 6-32 Kent Exiles

The Kent Exiles travelled to Norwich to face the Devils in the kick-off weekend of the 2005 BAFL season, and returned home having exorcised the demons of never having beaten the Devils before, with a comprehensive victory.

The Exiles dominated the game from the outset. It was to be a huge day for the team, racking up over 500 yards, and scoring five touchdowns, the first of which came on a first quarter pass from Matt Duncan to Grahame Warby, from 15 yards out and an early 6-0 Exiles lead.

The Exiles defence, which had been re-vamped in the off-season under new defensive co-ordinator Nigel Hadley, also showed signs that it was to be a force to be reckoned with in 2005. Paul Samartin stood out and led the unit in tackles. The Exiles were driving behind some inspired running from Great Britain trialist Stewart Muir, who finished the day with a club record 239 yards from just 14 carries. His work soon led to a 12-0 lead following Duncan's second touchdown strike of the day, this time to Alex Campbell from 13 yards out.

A third touchdown came on Matt Duncan's 1 yard run and rounded out the scoring in the half, and the Exiles held an 18-0 lead.

The Exiles were unlucky to not extend their lead on the opening kick-off of the second half, as Alex Campbell had a return called back on a penalty. The Defence also uncharacteristically gave away a series of silly penalties, leading to the Devils only score of the game on a 10-yard pass. Michael Turner blocked the point after attempt, and it was 18-6 to the Exiles.

A Turner interception then gave the Exiles the ball back early in the 4th quarter, and the Exiles took control of the game once more. More elusive Muir running interspersed by the hard nosed style of former Essex Spartan Garry Dillon, led to the former Essex man rumbling in from 2 yards out and a 24-6 lead.

Muir capped his superb performance late on with a 26-yard reception from backup quarterback Simon Mackerill, after which Dillon added the 2-point conversion for the final 32-6 scoreline.

After the game Exiles head coach Phil Wood commented, "I've been with this club for 5 seasons now, and I can't remember a better opening season performance than that. We've still got a lot of rough edges to work out, and special teams needs some work, but to come to a class team like Norwich and win like that was very satisfying".



Vickers and Evans make the tackle



Gary Ead



Garry Dillon Breaks Through

Game Report – Essex Spartans 6-7 Kent Exiles

The Exiles travelled to the Spartans once again to take on a team bolstered by signings from the Southend Sabres. Both teams opened with strong defensive performances, helped by offensive mistakes by both teams, and for the Exiles Aaron Alexis led the charge with 12 tackles on the day.

The Spartans opened the scoring in the 2nd Quarter, on a 5 yard pass play, but the Extra point was blocked by Paul Samartin, who also had 7 tackles on the day, and the Spartans held a 6-0 lead at the half.

The Exiles turned to their version of "Dad's Army" in the second half, utilising the running of Garry Dillon, Alan Hands and Lee Nash (combined age of 121 years!) to grind down the Spartans defence. Dillon was the standout against his previous team and led the attack with 130 yards, whilst Hands chipped in with 74 yards.

It was to be Nash who made the difference in the game though, following a Gary Ead sack Essex were forced to punt, and a good bounce left the Exiles starting a drive late in the 4th quarter at their own 2 yard line. 9 plays later the Exiles had first and goal on the Spartans 6 yard line, the Spartans defence held, and gave the Exiles 4th and goal from the 3 yard line. Head Coach Phil Wood called Nash's number, and the veteran crashed in for the touchdown behind a crushing block from offensive Lineman Paul Pester, to tie the game 6 all.

The Exiles now needed to make the extra point to win the game, and following 5 missed attempts against the Devils two weeks earlier it was far from a formality. Fortunately the unit had learnt from it's mistakes, holder Joel Grundy got the ball down perfectly, and Mat Tompsett slotted the ball through the uprights for the crucial point, and a 7-6 victory.

After the game Head Coach Phil Wood commented, "that was far from pretty, but we showed immense heart to drive 98 yards for the winning score deep in the game, and that's what we need to take away and build on now".

Game Report – Norwich Devils 0-17 Kent Exiles

The Exiles travelled to Norwich for the second time this season, and once again returned home comprehensive winners behind their dominating ground game, and another smothering defensive performance.

For the second week in succession it was to be the tandem of Garry Dillon and Alan Hands who did most of the damage. Dillon racked up his second consecutive 100 yard game with 171 yards, whilst Hands showed he still has a lot of life left in the old legs, contributing 83 yards on just 7 carries, and earning offensive MVP honours.

It was to be Grahame Warby who started the scoring though, on the end of a 22-yard catch from Mat Duncan, Mat Tompsett slotted the extra point for a 7-0 lead.

Whilst the offence was grinding out the yards, the defence was racking up some impressive statistics, forcing five turnovers and recording 4 sacks. The unit was again led by the impressive linebacking duo of Aaron Alexis and Paul Samartin, both of whom recorded 10 tackles, whilst Eric Williams, Steve Collison and Mark Vickers all snared interceptions.

The second quarter saw Tompsett extend the Exiles lead to 10-0 on a 21-yard field goal, and Gary Ead stepped forward for the defensive MVP award after bagging 2 sacks to go with his 4 tackles.

Although Dillon and Hands were carrying the load, it was to be Matt Duncan who ran in the second touchdown of the day from 15 yards out. Tompsett was again good and the Exiles held a 17-0 lead.

Knowing they had the game under control, the Exiles gave most of the second half to the rest of their squad, knowing that the valuable gametime could benefit them later in the season, and the game finished with the 17-0 scoreline.

Following the game Exiles Head Coach Phil Wood commented, “we’re standing tall at 3-0, but we are still not where we need to be. We made too many mistakes in the red zone, and the penalties are crippling us. We need to concentrate more on offence, this is no walk in the park”.

Defensive co-ordinator Nigel Hadley was more pleased though; “we finally recorded the shutout we wanted after letting in 6 points in both of our last games. But I’m more pleased with the big plays we’re recording, that’s something the Exiles defence has always lacked, and we’ve worked hard to make them all more ball hungry”.

Game Report - Colchester Gladiators 0-26 Kent Exiles

The Exiles moved to 4-0 on the season with a second shutout victory, this time over league new boys the Colchester Gladiators. The Gladiators were held to just 84 total yards by the hard hitting Exiles, whilst they racked up over 350 yards themselves, in a dominating performance which sees them consolidate top spot in the conference.

Quarterback Matt Duncan led the line for the Exiles with 175 yards passing on the day, and hit Stuart Muir on the sideline for a 30 yard touchdown to give the Exiles their first score and a 6-0 lead. Garry Dillon continued his fine start to the season with two short yardage touchdowns, both behind great blocking from fullback Glen Boyle, Mat Tompsett added an extra point and the Exiles held a 19-0 lead early in the third quarter.

Meanwhile the defence continued to blank the Gladiators, with Mat Tompsett, Roy Hall and Patrick Hearn all making interceptions to quickly end drives.

Knowing the game was effectively won, the Exiles once again mixed in their less experienced players for the remainder of the half, Xavier Heckel making a statement with 47 yards rushing on seven carries, and David Maisey recording a sack on the defence. It was to be rookie Anthony Richards making his first catch who scored the final touchdown on a 12-yard reception from Duncan; Tompsett was again good for the final 26-0 score.

After the game Exiles Head Coach Phil Wood commented, “another good win, and we’ve picked up our game a little as well. The defence is hitting good form, but the offence is still stuttering in the red zone, so that will be our focus in training this week”.

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Caps are coming soon!



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Kent Exiles Youth Kitted Teams

2005 sees the first year of our youth team playing under the Exiles name, having decided to change from the Brewers in order to show their allegiance to the Exiles family.

The club has been in existence since 2001, but last year was their first in the league proper, and much like their senior counterparts the first season was a tough one! Although being asked to take part in the BYAFA plate final highlighted it, which was lost to the Lancashire Wolverines.

2005 sees the return of the London Olympians to youth football for the first time in years, and the MK Pathfinders returning after struggling last season. It also pits the Exiles against last season's champions the Bath Cardinals, and the very strong Bristol Aztecs.

James McCartney is the Brewers head coach; James has been coaching youth football for many years now, and has coached with the Great Britain team also over the past few seasons.

The Brewers play in both Junior and youth sections, meaning players aged 14 and over can now play organised kitted football with the Exiles. They would welcome any new players or coaches, just ask if you are interested.

2005 Schedule and Results

<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Opponents</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Score</u>
8/5	Home	Bath Cardinals	Loss	14-0
22/5	Away	London Olympians	Loss	32-11
29/5	Home	PA Knights (friendly)		
12/6	Away	Bristol Aztecs		
3/7	Home	MK Pathfinders		
10/7	Away	Bath Cardinals		
24/7	Home	London Olympians		
31/7	Away	MK Pathfinders		
14/8	Home	Bristol Aztecs – 12 noon		

2005 Roster

Head Coach

James McCartney

Assistant Coaches

Norman Navarro, Tom Rick

Name	Number	Position	Name	Number	Position
Justin Tenega	6	DB	Joe Alexis	55	LB
Matt Floyd	10	LB	Joe Rinaldi	59	LB
Jim Taylor	15	WR	Jerry Hughes	60	OL
Sherif Kader	16	WR	Ian Hills	62	OL
Pat Turner	17	QB	Joe Gleeson	64	OL
Billy Robertson	18	TE	Matt Felton	70	LB
Oliver Gould	19	QB	Chaz Thompson	92	DL
Oliver Rick	21	RB	James Hill	94	DL
Dan Young	23	DB	Gary Owen	97	DL
Robbie Britton	26	DB	Luke Grundy	#	WR
Michael Cutting	27	WR	Chris Chritchon	#	LB
Alex Goodenough	47	RB	Tom Hanney	#	OL
Dan Smith	49	RB	Patrick Shiel	#	RB
Chris Powell	50	OL	Max Dewey	#	DB
Liam Yorke	52	DL	Joe Beardwell	#	--

All home games have a 2pm KO unless stated.

The Hall of Fame

You may remember at the end of last season that we inaugurated the first members of our Hall of Fame, Peter Fisher, Nick Cursley and John Garner.

Well the voting committee has been hard at work again for this years nominations, and a shortlist has been drawn up which includes Julian Wates, Dan Dart, Chris Dryden, Scott Aitchison, and Julian Smith amongst others. The voting committee are now busy whittling down the nominations in order to find out who will be honoured by joining the Hall of Fame in 2005, we'll update you throughout the season.



Fisher, Cursley and Garner



Greenwich Mariners



The Mariners are the brainchild of Martin Boffey, who along with Ted Smith, built the plan and got the team off the ground – a feat not to be sniffed at! The Exiles and Mariners are now proud to be in Partnership for the future.

Based at the University of Greenwich campus in Eltham, the Mariners were accepted as an expansion team for the 2005 BCAFL league, which pits universities across the country against one another in a format similar to that of our very own senior league. The league has over 30 teams, and has been in existence for over 15 years, but surprisingly the Mariners are the first team to compete in London.

The team finished their inaugural season with a highly commendable 3-5 record, beating established teams the Essex Blades and APU Phantoms during the season, but they also got a football lesson from College powerhouse Hertfordshire Hurricanes along the way!

During 2004 the Mariners also saw the introduction of their very own cheerleading squad!

The team is now busy pre-paring for the 2005/6 season, and working to secure the services of a new Head Coach for the season. And recruitment starts as soon as the school year does in September. Last year saw the Mariners recruit players from several BSL teams including the Bristol Aztecs and London Blitz, and more of the team are now playing in the senior league having joined the London Olympians, Maidstone Pumas and ourselves of course.

You can visit the Mariners on their own website, the temporary address of which is below.

<http://bookchin.cms.gre.ac.uk/~ba382/mariners/index.html>

Want to play college football?

Anyone studying in the area to HND level or above is eligible for the team, so if you fancy playing football through the winter just get in touch with the Mariners via their website, or by calling Chairman John Mellett on 07856 020686. You can also get in touch with them via the Exiles of course.



Mariners vs. Hurricanes

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