

Welcome to the Game.

Welcome to the Exiles final regular season home game of the 2011 season, A special welcome to you if you've come along for the first time, we hope you enjoy the Exiles game day experience and come back again soon.

Today see's the Bedfordshire Blue Raiders visit us for the first time. We beat them convincingly earlier in the season, and more of the same today will see your Exiles crowned as Division 2 East Champions, and solidify our place in the playoffs.

We also welcome the East Kent Mavericks junior team, who play our juniors in their final match this year. It should be a good game, earlier in the season we lost 34-24, but a victory today by more than 10 points will see us jump the Mavericks and finish third in the division.

If you were here last week you will have seen an unforgettable game, we'll all be reliving those final few minutes and that last gasp touchdown for a little while yet. If you were not here, you have to settle for reading about it later in the programme!

Yesterday saw our youth team play in their third tournament of the season, they are doing well so far and have their biggest ever squad, so listen out for their results today, and see how they did.

We're also now putting the arrangements in place for our annual autumn family flag football fun day, so look out for details of that on our website. As always it is open to all comers, as the emphasis is on a fun day that we can all enjoy, and the last few years have certainly been that!

Now, sit back, and enjoy the game, BBQ and bar. But don't forget to get behind your Exiles; our twelfth man can make all the difference!

Match Trivia

This is the first season we have played the Blue Raiders.

Their Head Coach, Craig Ramsey, was our Head Coach in 2007

Blue Raiders running back Mike Wilson has tormented us in the past when playing for Norwich

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***Our Next Home Game;
If we win today it will be the
28th August in the playoffs!
KO at 2.30pm***



This year's Schedule & Results

Date	Kick-off	Home Team	Away Team	Result
10 th April	2.30pm	Pumas	Exiles	Win 62-20
1 st May	2.30pm	Spartans	Exiles	Tie 18-18
8 th May	2.30pm	Pathfinders	Exiles	Tie 36-36
5 th June	Noon	Exiles	Pumas	Win 78-6
12 th June	Noon	Exiles	Cheetahs	Win 18-0
19 th June	2.30pm	Exiles	Devils	Win 1-0
26 th June	Noon	Blue Raiders	Exiles	Win 35-14
24 th July	Noon	Exiles	Spartans	Win 24-20
31 st July	Noon	Exiles	Blue Raiders	
7 th August	2.30pm	Cheetahs	Exiles	

Please note: This schedule is subject to change. Full details on www.kentexiles.co.uk

BAFACL Division 2 East Table

Team	Won	Lost	Tied	PF	PA	%
Exiles	6	0	2	272	114	0.875
Spartans	6	2	1	237	88	0.722
Pathfinders	6	2	1	240	135	0.722
Cheetahs	5	3	0	169	75	0.625
Blue Raiders	3	4	0	82	99	0.429
Pumas	2	7	0	62	401	0.222
Devils	0	10	0	14	164	0.000

Other Divisional Results

Cheetahs 16 – 20 Pathfinders

Spartans 50 - 0 Pumas

Cheetahs 19 – 6 Spartans

Pathfinders 58 – 6 Pumas

Pathfinders 31 – 20 Cheetahs

Blue Raiders 6 – 20 Spartans

Spartans 16 – 7 Pathfinders

Game Report – Kent Exiles 24-20 Essex Spartans

The Exiles welcomed the Spartans in a game that would go a long way to deciding the champions of Division 2 East. Touchdowns from Jon Miller, Audley Swain and Rob Welling gave the Exiles 18 points, but with 4 minutes remaining the Spartans had the ball, and we still trailed by 2 points, then the game got a little crazy!



The Exiles defence had to stop the Spartans progressing and they did just that with Lee Baxter making a great tackle on fourth down, and giving the Exiles the ball back on the 28 yard line, but just as it looked like the Exiles were going to win, Zac Ritchie was intercepted, and the Spartans had another chance to end the game.

On their first play they coughed up the ball for Chris Hope to recover and return to the 14 yard line, and the Exiles had a second chance. But three plays later the Spartans defence had held firm, and the Exiles opted to kick the field goal to try and win the game. Miller lined up for the kick, but it was blocked, and the Spartans recovered.



The Spartans ran the ball as the clock ticked down, but the Exiles defence held them back, and forced the Spartans to punt with less than a minute remaining. Hope fielded the ball, and dazzled the crowd by evading tacklers and returning the kick all the way for what everyone thought was the winning score. The crowd went wild, and the Exiles sideline erupted, but the celebrations were short lived as the referees called the play back for an illegal block, and it looked like all was lost as the Exiles only had 20 seconds remaining to move 64 yards.

But the Exiles still believed they could do the impossible. Ritchie stepped under centre and took the snap, dropped back and looked downfield where he saw Miller open in the middle of the pitch. The ball was thrown and seconds later Miller was tackled after a 34 yard gain. The Exiles hurried to the line of scrimmage, and with just seconds left on the clock managed to get the snap off.

Ritchie again dropped back and surveyed the field, amazingly Miller again found himself open, and Ritchie fired him the pass, then in what seemed like super slow motion Miller outpaced the Spartans defence and crossed the line for the touchdown.

This time the celebrations were not to be dampened, the crowd had witnessed an incredible ending, and they showed their appreciation as the players celebrated, and the referees signalled the end of the game as time had expired during 'the play'.

Once the celebrations had quietened Exiles Head Coach Tony Bainbridge said "that was probably the best end to a game I have ever witnessed, we had chances to put the game away early on but did not take them, but I have to give the team credit for showing immense heart and really pulling this one out of the bag".



Photo Gallery



Exiles Volunteers

The Exiles are fortunate to have an award winning crew of game day staff. We were proud to receive the league award for best game day management in 2009.

They support the teams with all the behind the scenes activities, and make everything run smoothly. You will see many of them today, either on the door, the BBQ, on the sideline or around the ground.

We have several new volunteers in 2011, and we'd like to welcome them all to the team. Of course we are always looking for more volunteers, so if you'd like to help out in any way then please let us know.

We're especially keen to hear from anybody who would like to help on the chain crew, they are essential to the game, and also get the best view of the match.

We're also always looking to improve game day for our fans, and we'd welcome any comments or suggestions you have, please let us know today if you have any ideas or suggestions.

Kent Exiles Staff

Coaching Staff

Tony Bainbridge Head Coach

Aaron Alexis	Defence	Karl Waite	Linebackers
Dave Pester	Offensive Line	Manny Oyewole	Defensive Backs
Ted Smith	Special Teams		

Sideline Staff

Julian Coates	Statistician	Kieron Hyams	Commentator
Julius Hobbs	Statistician	Vici Holdsworth	Photographer
Mary Smith	Video	Peter Jenkins	Sideline
Aileen Ross	Physio	Martin Jenkins	Sideline
Stuart Vickers	Medic	Claire Pester	Sideline
Steve Holland	Sideline	Alison Beardwell	Sideline
Sandy Pearson	Sideline	Helen Eibeck	Sideline
Matt Murphy	Sideline	Lee Robbins	Sideline

Meet the Head Coach

Every home game we'll be hearing a parts of an interview with our Head Coach, Tony Bainbridge. This week the story describes some of his Exiles Memories....

For the 2003 season Phil Wood was appointed Head Coach. Although Coach Wood was the biggest factor in our change of fortunes a few other notables joined us in the preseason. Matt Duncan, an American quarterback from Michigan and Stewart Muir a running back. It was fantastic having a knowledgeable skilled QB and Scousers apparently have running away from or around people in their blood.

We narrowly lost the season opener at home to a heavily favoured Cambridge side but everything seemed promising, the offense scored more points in one game than in some previous seasons and the defence created turnovers that weren't wasted.

For the second game we travelled to Nene Valley to play the Hybrids and we won, YES WE WON, six weeks short of 4 years since we last tasted victory on the field, we had finally gotten the monkey off our back. There was no stopping us now, the Exiles were pouring onto the field every week. A 1 point victory over Chiltern at home was the only game where the result was ever in doubt. The final game against Maidstone was lost 3 nil, it was ridiculous, but it meant travelling to Bristol instead of Gateshead in the first round of the playoffs.

That's right; we had gone from not winning in nearly 4 years to the playoffs in one season. We gave Bristol their toughest game of the season but we lost 27 to 12. It was a tough loss but ultimately the season had proven that the pieces were almost in place for a run at the championship. In 2005 the Exiles went unbeaten and made the championship game, they shocked the league with their performance against a heavily favoured Coventry side in a game that was decided on a KR with 1 minute 26 seconds to go. I'm not sure what was tougher to take, the Exiles losing the game in that manner or the fact that I had not been able to be part of it. This time it wasn't surgery or injury, it was my own fault. I wanted to be an Exile again but would have to right some wrongs, go through 18 months of intensive group therapy and finally come to terms with myself.

After spending 2005 and 2006 in exile at the Pumas I had done enough to rejoin the Exiles for the 07 season, I had also become the defensive coordinator at the University of Brighton Tsunami, football was about to become fun again. To bring the story up to date we will need a home playoff game, so cheer loud and hard for your Kent Exiles!





Kent Exiles

Black Jerseys, Black Pants, Black Helmets



Players

Name	Pos	No	Name	Pos	No
Karl Waite	LB	2	Gary Stewart	LB	48
Adam Pearson	LB	3	David Pegg	DB	49
Zac Ritchie	QB	4	Aaron Alexis	LB	50
Marco Kornaros	QB	5	Mark Vickers	LB	51
Damian Marshall	QB	6	Rob Osborn	OL	52
Alex Surplice	WR	7	Gary Owens	DL	53
Richard Cooling	DB	9	Tom Cole	LB	55
Alex Konidaris	WR	10	Gary Mewse	DL	57
Simon Mackerill	LB	11	Russ Goodwin	DL	58
Andy Scott	RB	12	Shane Medhurst	OL	60
Ben Brooks	DB	13	Paul Pester	OL	62
Trevorr Matthews	LB	15	Gavin Cooper	DL	65
Peter Cook	WR	16	Stephen Keen	OL	66
Damir Latte	QB	18	Ruban Sriranjjan	OL	67
Dave Silverman	DB	19	Malcolm Fell	OL	68
Audley Swain	WR	20	Carl Alexis	DL	69
Wesley Eversley	RB	21	Martin Harrison	OL	70
Nick Clifford	DB	23	Jason Goode	DL	71
Dominic Yau	DB	24	Joe Collins	OL	72
Paul Crawford	RB	25	Joe Beardwell	OL	76
Ryan Bushby	LB	26	Bradley McManus	DL/K	77
Dave Bryant	DB	27	Martynas Juras	OL	78
Sean Starwind	WR	28	Graham Deacon	TE	81
Ryan Wilson	DB	29	Ben Fortune	WR	82
Kieron Woolmer	RB	31	Jon Miller	WR	83
Chris Price	DB	32	Glen Boyle	TE	84
Nick Thompson	RB	33	Yazid Garba	WR	85
Alex Abdullah	RB	35	Robert Welling	TE	86
Ben Westfield	DB	36	Sam Jobson	WR	87
David Ndede	RB	39	Tom Moore	WR	88
Josh Trimmer	LB	40	Kevin Newton	DL	91
Drew Filipowicz	DB	41	Lee Baxter	DL/K	95
Chris Campbell	RB	42	Jimmy Williams Jr	LB	96
Chris Hope	LB	43	Kerry Gray	DL	97
Alistair Beaton	TE	44	Robert Miller	LB	98
Kyle Gurney	DB	46	Abdul Habib	DL	99
Gareth Rees	LB	47			



Bedfordshire Blue Raiders



Blue Jerseys, Yellow Pants, Gold Helmets

Coaches and Staff

Craig Ramsey Head Coach			
Ian Papworth	Graham Searle	Steve Guy	Martin Songhurst
Kevin Gedney	Mark Davis	Geoff Clarke	Tony Law

Players

Name	Pos	No	Name	Pos	No
William Theurer	LB	5	Walter Bates	OL	57
Martin Day	QB	7	Mitchell Allen	OL	62
Simon Perks	QB	8	William Walsh	OL	64
Anthony Law	LB	12	Michael Dilley	DL	66
Phillip Cutts	QB	13	Adam Clough	OL	70
Charles Luetchford	LB	15	Timothy Morris	OL	71
Kevin Kong	RB	18	Lee Brown	OL	72
Callum Papworth	WR	19	Mike Walsh	OL	75
Clinton Harper	DB	21	Martin Kent	OL	79
Darren Richens	DB	22	Marytn Forster	WR	80
Jamie Smith	DB	24	Ben White	WR	83
Dwayne Small	DB	26	Kyle Shiels	WR	85
Joshua Cerri	RB	27	David Morales	WR	86
Matt Duffin	DB	28	Daniel Kilbey	WR	87
Richard Cooper	DB	29	Anthony Coverdale	WR	88
Andrew Peat	RB	30	Coner Hewitt	DL	93
Jason Boyer	DB	31	Daniel Field	DL	96
Darragh Mooney	RB	32	Dom Alphe		
Enrique Alonso	RB	40	Sam Delasalle		
Michael J Wilson	RB	44	Sean Dobson		
Mark O'Donnell	DB	48	Matthew Hollingdale		
Carl Gibbins	DB	49	Jordan McQueen		
Gareth Pullen	LB	50	David Packhurst		
John Murphy	LB	52	Gareth Thomas		
Charles Mack	LB	54	Adam Veitch		
Richard Melton	LB	55	Brendan Walsh		
James Salfarlie	OL	56			

Today's Scoreboard

Team	1	2	3	4	Final
Exiles					
Blue Raiders					



Kent Exiles Youth

Black & White Jerseys, Black Pants, Black Helmets



Coaching Staff

Julius Hobbs Head Coach			
Dave Bryant	Assistant Coach	Steve Lewis	Assistant Coach

Players

Digby Holland	George Grainger	Elijah Wood	Haniel Whitmore
Joseph Cordery	Adam Renton	Devon Brown	Daniel Jarman
James Kemp	Kadel King	William Chu	Jonathan Eluwa
Kwame Opoku	Jack Lewis	James Woods	Leslie Myles
Matthew Murphy	Kieron Queva	Zac Prendergast	Solomon Agbabiaka
Alex Woods	Pierce Robinson		

The Exiles Junior squad play in the BAFACL Junior League South Division along with the London Blitz, Marlow Wolves, Colchester Gladiators, Reading Renegades and London Warriors.

The Youth team play games on a tournament basis, with each team hosting one event, with three of the others attending, and all playing each other during the day. The junior game is played with 5 players on the pitch at any time, and each game lasting 30 mins.

Date	Host	Home Team	Away Team	Result
30 th April	Wolves	Wolves	Exiles	Loss 15-0
30 th April	Wolves	Exiles	Warriors	Win 9-6
30 th April	Wolves	Exiles	Blitz	Loss 28-6
25 th June	Exiles	Exiles	Renegades	Win 25-24
25 th June	Exiles	Exiles	Blitz	Loss 46-27
25 th June	Exiles	Exiles	Warriors	Loss 33-18
30 th July	Renegades	Renegades	Exiles	
30 th July	Renegades	Exiles	Wolves	
30 th July	Renegades	Exiles	Gladiators	
14 th August	Gladiators	Gladiators	Exiles	
14 th August	Gladiators	Exiles	Wolves	
14 th August	Gladiators	Exiles	Warriors	
20 th August	Warriors	Warriors	Exiles	
20 th August	Warriors	Exiles	Gladiators	
20 th August	Warriors	Exiles	Renegades	
20 th August	Warriors	Exiles	Wolves	
20 th August	Warriors	Exiles	Blitz	

This year's Junior Schedule & Results

Date	Kick-off	Home Team	Away Team	Result
24 th April	Noon	Gladiators	Exiles	Loss 11-0
1 st May	2.30pm	Renegades	Exiles	Win 18-14
15 th May	Noon	Mavericks	Exiles	Loss 34-24
29 th May	Noon	Cats	Exiles	Loss 8-0
5 th June	3pm	Exiles	Gladiators	Loss 20-8
12 th June	3pm	Exiles	Cats	Loss 8-0
24 th July	3pm	Exiles	Renegades	Win 20-6
31 st July	3pm	Exiles	Mavericks	

Please note: This schedule is subject to change. Full details on www.kentexiles.co.uk All home Youth games kick-off approx 3pm after finish of senior game.

BAFACL Junior East Division Table

Team	Won	Lost	Tied	PF	PA	%
Cats	7	0	0	94	16	1.000
Gladiators	5	2	0	95	52	0.714
Mavericks	3	4	0	116	94	0.429
Exiles	2	5	0	70	103	0.286
Renegades	0	6	0	42	152	0.000

Other Divisional Results

Cats 12 – 10 Mavericks

Cats 32 – 6 Renegades

Gladiators 0 – 12 Cats

Renegades 2 -20 Mavericks

Mavericks 6 – 20 Gladiators

Today's Junior Scoreboard

Team	1	2	3	4	Final
Exiles					
Mavericks					



Kent Exiles Junior

Black Jerseys, Black Pants, Black Helmets



Coaching Staff

Paul Samartin Head Coach

Phil Wood

Defence

Stewart Muir

Offence

Players

number	POS	Name	number	POS	Name
1	RB	Folahanmi Dare	45	LB	Matthew Langley
6	QB	Ben Abbott	46	RB	Ben Wells
7	WR	Aaron Thompson	55	LB	Robert Kwan
8	WR	Sam Rogers	61	OL/DL	Ethan Garner
9	DL	Jamie Prentis	63	OL/DL	Tom Rowles
14	WR	Daniel Reeves	64	OL/DL	Conor Mitchell
17	WR	Freddie Leggett	70	OL/DL	Kenneth King
22	DB	Sebastian Pettitt	71	OL/DL	Joe Mulvihill
26	RB	Michael Jones	78	OL/DL	Joe-John Elliott
28	RB	Charles Mulvihill	80	WR	Stefan Rand
30	DB	William Moore	88	WR	Toby Hannington
31	DB	Lanre Agbaje	89	WR	Hayden Allen
34	RB	Victor Omolauje	91	LB	Ike Udeagbara
37	RB	Ryan Nestor	92	LB	Yannick Obara
39	WR	Alex Orphanou	93	LB	Elliot Neale
41	DB	Alex Lemeur	94	LB	Harrison Rackham-Beadle



Game Report – Kent Exiles Junior 8-20 Colchester Gladiators

After four road games to open the season the Kent Exiles Junior team were in need of a win to get their season back on track. However in their home opener in the rain at Crockenhill against the defending division champion Colchester Gladiators, Kent dropped their third straight game to move to 1-4 and all but eliminate them from the post-season race.

However, the Exiles did start the game in the best possible way. Colchester made the mistake of not keeping the opening kickoff out of Ryan Nestor's hands, and the Exiles' answer to Devin Hester made the Gladiators pay, following excellent blocking to burn the Glads for an 80 yard score, his second in three games. Ben Abbott kicked the extra 2 points for Kent.



Kent's defence then provided another spark on Colchester's first possession – Sebastian Pettit continued his good form at cornerback with a diving interception, his second of the season. Unfortunately Kent followed this up by losing a fumble a few plays later. From then, the Gladiators started to find the wet conditions to their liking, and as was to be the case for most of the day, put the ball in the hands of their impressive running back Sam Hogarth.

The Glads ground out some long drives and took an advantage in the field position battle. The Exiles defence were able to hold them out of the endzone in the first quarter, with Joe Mulvihill and Victor Omolauje making tackles for losses. But Kent's offense continued to misfire and was unable to establish good field position themselves, on several occasions being forced to punt from deep in their own end. Colchester chalked up two scores in the 2nd period, one on the ground and one through the air on a bootleg pass, and went into the interval with a 14-8 lead.

The second half saw Kent step things up on defence, but again struggle to move the ball on offense. Quarterback Abbott made some good gains on the ground, but Kent were unable to sustain drives, and struggled in the passing game for most of the day. Colchester put together a long, clock-eating drive inside the last few minutes of the 4th quarter when they most needed it, and on 4th down with Kent needing a stop; Hogarth put the game away, dragging tacklers with him into the endzone on a powerful 20 yard run. Giving the game its final 20-8 margin.



Kent tried to come back in the waning seconds with Abbott finding Nestor for a couple of big gains, but time ran out.

“We fought hard today,” said Exiles defensive co-ordinator Phil Wood, “and managed to keep things close for most of the game. We just needed to execute a little better on offense today, and give the defence more of a rest. Colchester showed again that they are a well drilled side who carry out the fundamentals very well. We're not far away from where we want to be, and there are a lot of positives to come out of the season so far.”

2011 Play-off Picture

The Exiles Juniors are not able to qualify for the post season, but the Senior team's good form means they are in with a great chance of qualification, here's how the play-off standings look at present, with only 11 teams left in contention!

- (#1) West Coast Trojans
- (#2) Lancashire Wolverines
- (#3) Berkshire Renegades
- (#4) Kent Exiles**
- (#5) South Wales Warriors
- (#6) Dundee Hurricanes
- (#7) Shropshire Revolution
- (#8) Essex Spartans
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- (#9) Milton Keynes Pathfinders
- (#10) Watford Cheetahs
- (#11) Clyde Valley Blackhawks

With the top 8 teams in the division qualifying, the play-offs are seeded, meaning the #1 team gets home field advantage throughout. And in round one the games will be #1 vs. #8 and so on, so if the play-offs were today they would be.....

- (#1) West Coast Trojans vs. Essex Spartans (#8)
- (#2) Lancashire Wolverines vs. Shropshire Revolution (#7)
- (#3) Berkshire Renegades vs. Dundee Hurricanes (#6)
- (#4) Kent Exiles vs. South Wales Warriors (#5)**

The play-offs culminate in the National Finals weekend on the 24/25th September, and this year they are being held at Crystal Palace National Sports Stadium. Mark the date, as the best BAFACL teams in each division will converge for BritBowl XXV to decide this season's winners and losers.

This year's BritBowl looks to be unmissable with 8 finals taking place over the 2 days. The weekend will also mark the 25th anniversary of BritBowl and will see further events for all family plus live bands and entertainment throughout the two days. With free parking and a rail station less than five mins walk it's never been easier to get to a final. More information to follow, keep checking bafacl.com to see what else is planned.