



# The Lonestar

Newsletter of the Houston Australian Football Club

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## Houston v Austin May 19 2012

## Registration

Last Saturday the Lonestars hosted the Austin Crows at Bendwood Park for the first time. The field was in good condition and a slight breeze took the edge off the blistering sun. This match was going to be a litmus test to see how far the Lonestars have developed in the past 12 months with Austin being a very strong Div 2 team. While Austin only brought 12 players up the I-10, it was the nucleus of their best team and a great challenge.

The Lonestars showed up in good numbers for the match, which was great to see. Only 2 players backed up from the previous week, with 4 others unavailable and Dan implementing a rotation strategy to rest himself and Shaun for matches later in the season! The Crows won the toss and surprisingly decided to kick into the wind. It didn't stop them getting off to a quick start with the first few goals of the match. The Lonestars were a little flat and seemed to be second to the ball for much of the first half. New recruit Wes, a Texas Tech student who played football in the Geelong area last year, was a standout with his silky skills, exceptional contested marking and extraordinary long kicking, particularly for goal outside 50!

At halftime Big Kev was switched into the ruck and had an immediate affect. His attack on the footy and use of his body inspired other Lonestars to follow his example and the momentum of the game changed quickly. A number of quick goals had the Lonestars within 3 goals at 3/4 time and had the Crows very concerned about an upset result. Unfortunately the strong effort couldn't be sustained to the same degree in the last quarter and the Crows reverted to their game plan of Cambo on a strong fast lead and the Crows midfield delivering the ball with pinpoint accuracy. There were many aspects of the Crows play that we can take away as valuable lessons for future games. A good effort all round, however still room for improvement. The next opportunity to challenge the Crows is in June.

Houston - 8.12 - 60

Austin - 14.10 - 94

So far only 16 players have paid up their Club Registration. Registration is \$50 per player to cover the costs associated with operating the club. <http://www.payitsquare.com/collect-page/4763>

## Farewell Kenny Wilson

Last Saturday was unfortunately the final game for our 'bionic man' Kenny Wilson. Kenny and the family are headed to Tanzania for work. We will miss them dearly. It will be strange not seeing the 2 little blonde kids running around. We hope one day that their parents buy them a decent football jersey and not make them wear Fremantle! Good luck guys, safe travel and keep in touch.



Wes and Edgy battling against Austin

## Fort Lauderdale - August 18 2012

We have confirmed with the Fort Lauderdale Footy Club to play them in FL on Sat August 18 2012. It would be great to see a full Lonestars team run out against the Squids. Time for revenge for the Nationals Semi-Final last year!!

## Key Dates

**Every Thu** - Training Bendwood Park - 6:30pm

**Every Sat** - Training Bendwood Park - 11:00am

**Jun 23** - v Austin

**Aug 18** - @ Fort Lauderdale

**Oct 13-14** - USAFL Nationals - Mason, OH