



# The Lonestar

Newsletter of the Houston Australian Football Club

Competing in the USAFL. Commenced Season 2010



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## Houston v Austin June 23 2012

## Registration

Houston - 12.12 - 84

Austin - 3.7 - 25

The Houston Lonestars hosted Austin on June 23 for the last scheduled home game of the season. Austin planned on bringing a larger squad than last game resulting in a venue change to Independence Park at Pearland. While the oval was a little 'lumpy' in patches, it was nice to play on a larger field with good grass cover. The arrival of four Baton Rouge guys enabled a 16 a side game. The 9.30am start beat the heat of the day, but it was still a hot, dry 96 degrees at the final whistle.

Houston jumped out to a flying start thanks to some great center clearance work by the midfield. Unfortunately inaccurate kicking in the first 15 minutes failed to apply real scoreboard pressure on the Crows. As the match progressed, Chris Fielder, Simon Game and rookie Jesse applied terrific pressure on the opposition and created numerous turnovers to win their own ball and drive forward again. The larger field seemed to help the run and carry of the Lonestars small men with some good outside speed that has been lacking in the past. The ball was locked in the forward line for long periods of time thanks to excellent forward pressure and rebounding from the midfield. Big Kev and Wes worked tirelessly as normal and demonstrated a skill level above most others. The defense was tight all day and played a strong part in the victory. For the visitors, Matt King seemed to be everywhere in the backline and ensured that the score didn't blow out for the Crows.

Overall an outstanding team effort to beat one of the better teams in the country. The enthusiasm, tenacity and run was a highlight for the appreciative crowd. Another milestone in the short history of the Houston Lonestars - a first ever victory over Austin!

Finally, well done to Mike Reilly who ran his first game field umpiring last Saturday. A great job with good consistency for a thankless task - well done Old Man Mike!

Club Registration is \$50. We need more players to contribute to make the club a sustainable operation. <http://www.payitsquare.com/collect-page/4763>

## 'Addaboys'

Congratulations to Kev Waden on his selection for the USA Revolution team to play Canada in the 49<sup>th</sup> Parallel Cup in August. There is no higher honor than representing your country and now Big Kev has earned that through his hard work and desire. Good luck Kev!

And for those who have been living on another planet, Dan and Vanessa welcomed Lawson into the world - congratulations guys! Too bad he is already a Collingwood supporter.



The victorious Lonestars - June 23 2012

## 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

**Sat/Sun Evenings** - Metro Footy - TBA

**Jul/Aug** - Team BBQ TBA

**Aug 18** - @ Fort Lauderdale

**Sep 8** - @ Baton Rouge (TBC)

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