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# BYA PRIDE

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## The Streak Continues

*by Bridget Mooney*

For 11 consecutive years, Brentwood Football has produced a champion in at least one of the leagues in which competes: Nassau-Suffolk Football League (NSFL), Police Athletic League (PAL), or Long Island Youth Indoor Football League (LIYIFL). Each of these leagues enters exceptional talent from Kings, Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk counties.

Since 1997 our town has emerged with a title from at least one of these leagues, and for many years have captured championships from all three organizations in the same year. This past season we did not qualify for the championship games in the NSFL. We had two teams (9-10 Gold and 13-14) just fall short. Therefore, our championship streak was in jeopardy until both of our arena/indoor football teams emerged undefeated to win their 9U and 11U titles.

The younger team led by Coach Brian Sherrard defeated Commack 36-14. Quarterback Jude Innocent Jr scrambled for four touchdowns. He orchestrated impressive drives down the field each time Brentwood was on offense.

The older team headed by Coach Chris Mooney dominated Riverhead 39-6. This unit controlled the game on both sides of the ball. The defensive was literally offensive by obtaining three safeties and one interception return. Chris "Face" Ajjan scored three touchdowns and Wanye Haynes made two touchdowns. The boys on this team are now back-to-back undefeated champions in LIYIFL, having been the undefeated 10U champions last year.

Congratulations to all of our Brentwood Football teams throughout the years – let's keep the streak going!

## Love and Basketball

*by Keith Allison*

The BYA basketball program was started about 15 years ago. It began with its first commissioner, Ron Carter, who nurtured the BYA Basketball from its infancy and was integral in laying the foundation for the current stage of the program. Commissioner Carter was a pioneer who gave great direction for the BYA Department of Basketball.

In 2001, I had a tough act to follow by succeeding Carter as the basketball commissioner. The following year, we introduced a new program for girls. Currently, the department has seven divisions: 5-6/Dribbler (for boys and girls); 7-8/Junior Varsity, 9-10/Varsity, 11-12/NCAA, 13-14/NBA (for boys); 7-10/WNCAA, and 11-14/WNBA (for girls). There are plans for a new division next year for 15-16 boys. It would be named the NBA Division, and the 13-14's will be re-named the NBDL Division.

The Basketball Committee is comprised of chief referee John Reyes, secretary/player agent Tim Parker, and all the division coordinators: James Gilliard (girls), Makisha Quinlan (5-6's), Joan Maybanks (7-8's), Claude Ellis (9-10's), Syd Barrington (11-12's), and Andre Smith (13-14's) as well as Eric Perdomo and Donzel Cleare, one of whom will coordinate the new division next year. Each coordinator is responsible for supervising every game within their respective divisions. To effectively manage gym time, a different day is reserved for a particular age group at a specific location: Monday/13-14's (South Middle), Tuesday/9-10's (North Middle), Wednesday/11-12's (South Middle), Thursday/7-8's (South West), Friday/5-6's (South West), and Saturday/girls (BRC). The Committee is continuously working to improve the program.

Brentwood Basketball is rich with talent and has a history of success, and this is a tradition that we intend to continue when our players take to the court. However, the most important thing is that we remember that this program remain family-oriented. The focus should always be about the children of Brentwood coming together to learn about the game of basketball and to form a lasting bond with their coaches and fellow children in our community. The recent free clinic hosted by Coach Jimenez at Brentwood High School was an example of our communities commitment to this goal.

The charts on the next page shows how our Brentwood Basketball program has faired in competition with outside leagues, in open tournaments, and at other municipalities. The asterisk (\*) indicates our girls teams. Finals=Runner-up/lost championship/2<sup>nd</sup> place; Semi-Finals and Quarter-Finals indicate a loss at that round.

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**2008**

<u>Age</u>	<u>Tournament</u>	<u>Finish</u>	<u>Coach</u>
14U*	Island Garden	Semi-Finals^	James Gilliard
12U	PAL Winter	Semi-Finals	M. Penny Maybanks
10U	PAL Winter	Und. Champions	Joan Maybanks
10U	Gauchios	Semi-Finals	Joan Maybanks
10U	Future League	Champions	Tim Parker

**2007**

<u>Age</u>	<u>Tournament</u>	<u>Finish</u>	<u>Coach</u>
16U	Jordan Rules Winter	Und. Champions	Kenny Jordan
15U	Nike Swoosh Spring	No Playoffs	Claude Ellis
14U	Smithtown Summer	Finals	Andre Smith
13U*	PAL Winter	No Playoffs	Kim Hernandez
13U	Smithtown Summer	Finals	Andre Smith
12U*	PAL Winter	No Playoffs	James Gilliard
12U	Jordan Rules Fall	Champions	Dwight Hodge
12U	Island Garden	No Playoffs	Syd Barrington
12U	Africa Park Classic	Semi-Finals	Syd Barrington
12U	SONIAY	Quarter-Finals	Syd Barrington
12U	Tri-State Nike	Semi-Finals	Syd Barrington
12U	Nike Swoosh Spring	Finals	Syd Barrington
12U	PAL Winter	Finals	Syd Barrington
10U	CYO	No Playoffs	Dwight Hodge
10U	Island Garden	No Playoffs	Dwight Hodge
10U	CYO	Semi-Finals	Tim Parker
10U	Island Garden	No Playoffs	Tim Parker

**2006**

<u>Age</u>	<u>Tournament</u>	<u>Finish</u>	<u>Coach</u>
16U	Jordan Rules Winter	Champions	Dwight Hodge
15U	UNAYO	Finals	Claude Ellis
15U	Ronkonkoma Spring	Quarter-Finals	Claude Ellis
15U	Island Garden	Champions	Claude Ellis
15U	PAL Winter	Semi-Finals	Claude Ellis
12U	Jordan Rules Fall	Champions	Kenny Jordan
12U	PAL Winter	Und. Champions	Andre Smith
12U	UNAYO	Champions	Andre Smith
12U	Smithtown Summer	Und. Champions	Andre Smith
12U	PAL Winter	Finals	Syd Barrington

**2005**

<u>Age</u>	<u>Tournament</u>	<u>Finish</u>	<u>Coach</u>
12U	PAL Winter	Champions	Jay Torres
11U	PAL Winter	Finals	Andre Smith

**2004—No BYA Basketball Participation**

**2003**

<u>Age</u>	<u>Tournament</u>	<u>Finish</u>	<u>Coach</u>
10U	PAL Winter	Champions	Jay Torres

**Basketball Clinic hosted by Brentwood High School**



**Coach Jimenez inspiring the players**



**All the players and coaches in attendance**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**BASEBALL DRAFT DAYS**

PLACE: BRENTWOOD RECREATION CENTER  
 DATES MARCH 1 FOR 7-10 GIRLS 12:30 PM  
 MARCH 8 FOR 11-14 GIRLS 12:30 PM  
 MARCH 8 FOR 15-18 GIRLS 12:30 PM