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Return To Glory

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Our football teams compete annually outdoors from September to November in the Nassau-Suffolk Football League (NSFL est. 1996) against other towns throughout Long Island (Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk counties). When the outdoor season concludes, BYA enters teams in the Long Island Youth Indoor Football League (LIYIFL est. 2004) for arena/indoor games in December and January.

BYA has excelled in football in all of the various leagues and age groups in which it competes (*see p. 2*). When an age group is split into more than one team, it could diminish the chances of winning because the talent should be fairly distributed between the two or three teams. Thus, for BYA to advance to several title games with multiple teams from the same age group, is indicative of a program that has been rich with talent and coaching excellence for over a decade. In 2003, BYA had three 9-10 yr old teams win their respective championships during the same season, and throughout the last decade we have had several undefeated champions. Every year since 1997, BYA has produced county-wide champions in football regardless of the age group and/or league: PAL, NSFL, or LIYIFL.

Next month we will be embarking upon our campaign for the 2008 indoor (arena) LIYIFL season. Unlike the NSFL, where a town is permitted to have more than one team per age group, the LIYIFL only allows one team per age group per town. Therefore, it is each town's best players versus the other town's best players. With the NSFL Brentwood evenly divides its talent between the multiple teams within an age group, but in the LIYIFL all of our rich talent and coaching skills are unified on a single team per age group.



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The arena football league began in 2004, with BYA having an undefeated 8U champion team for that inaugural year. In 2005, we had our 8U and 9U teams advance to championship games in their respective age groups – both teams having had undefeated regular seasons – and a 12U team that qualified for the semi-finals. By 2006, the 10U team (the 9U unit from the previous year) won its championship while the 8U team made a championship appearance. Last arena season, in 2007, the 11U team (the same basic composition of the prior 10U and 9U squads) went back-to-back with undefeated championship seasons with Coach Chris Mooney and will be seeking a three-peat in the 12U division in the weeks ahead. The 9U team, under Coach Brian Sherrard, also won an undefeated championship. A review of the following chart reveals that Coach Mooney has only lost one game in arena football from 2004 to 2007, appearing in four consecutive championship games, and having three undefeated seasons. The chart also shows that Coach Sherrard in all three of his years from 2005 to 2007 reached the trophy game each time, had an undefeated championship season, and another undefeated regular season. His overall win-loss record to date is an outstanding 24-3 in arena football. Assessing the perennial championships and runner-up finishes that Brentwood Football has achieved at the several age levels both at indoor/arena (LIYIFL) and outdoor (NSFL and PAL) football proves that BYA has one of the best football programs on Long Island.

The NSFL 5-6 Peanut Division is instructional and does not compete for NSFL titles, but they do compete in the annual multi-town Turkey Bowl competition. The 7-8 Pee Wee Division, 9-10 Midget Division, 11-12 Pony Division, and 13-14 Senior Division all play for a championship. In LIYIFL/arena football all five of its divisions vie for a title: 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U, and 12U (one age group per town – it's each town's best vs. the other's best).

The results of our seven teams are presented below for the past NSFL season. Both 5-6 teams gave a preview for future BYA glory, both 7-8 teams had mediocre regular seasons but turned it on for the post-season with each making it to their respective championship games, the 9-10 Gold team reached the same semi-final point as it did last year, the undefeated 9-10 Green team and the undefeated 11-12 team won their respective trophy games. A re-cap for 2008 Brentwood Football is for the five competitive-aged teams four were Tier II or better, four had title game appearances, and two were undefeated champions. Our young boys and girls (cheerleaders) exhibited the best of Brentwood throughout the entire season – and we applaud them all. Congratulations to this year's NSFL champions from BYA and the other towns as well. The chart below presents our playoff results.

BRENTWOOD FOOTBALL FINISHES

Note: Finals=Runner-up or lost championship/round three; semi-finals/round two and quarter-finals/round markings indicate a loss at that playoff level.

**undefeated regular season*

2008

Outdoor/NSFL

<u>Age/Team</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Playoffs</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Name</u>
11-12	AFC East	9-0 (2-0)	1st	Und. Champs*	Chris Mooney	Indians
9-10 Green	AFC West	9-0 (2-0)	1st	Und. Champs*	Brian Sherrard	Rough Riders
9-10 Gold	NFC West	7-2 (1-1)	t-2nd	Semi-Finals	Jude Innocent	Mustangs
7-8 Gold	NFC West	4-5 (2-0)	4th	Finals	Larry Clark	Titans
7-8 Green	AFC East	0-7-2 (1-1)	9th	Finals	Jerry Brooks I	Pee Wees
5-6 Green	AFC East	8-1	1st	TB Semi-Finals	Willie Crespo	Raiders
5-6 White	AFC West	7-2	2nd	TB Semi-Finals	Tyrone Pannell	Mustangs

Indoor/LIYIFL

12U	none	tbd	tbd	tbd	Chris Mooney	Indians
10U	none	tbd	tbd	tbd	Brian Sherrard	Rough Riders
8U	none	tbd	tbd	tbd	Mike Jakhkah	Indians

2007

Outdoor/NSFL

<u>Age/Team</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Playoffs</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Name</u>
13-14	NFC East	4-5 (1-1)	6th	Semi-Finals	Kirk Newsome	Indians
11-12	NFC West	6-3 (0-1)	4th	Quarter-Finals	Chris Mooney	Indians
9-10 Green	NFC West	9-0 (0-1)	1st	Quarter-Finals*	Brian Sherrard	Indians
9-10 Gold	AFC West	7-2 (1-1)	2nd	Semi-Finals	Jude Innocent	Warriors
7-8	NFC East	7-2 (1-1)	3rd	Semi-Finals	Larry Clark	Titans
5-6	AFC West	8-0-1	1st	TB Finals*	Willie Crespo	Raiders

Indoor/LIYIFL

11U	none	8-0 (2-0)	1st	Und. Champs*	Chris Mooney	Indians
9U	none	8-0 (2-0)	1st	Und. Champs*	Brian Sherrard	Indians



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12/9	General Membership Meeting
1/5	Basketball Opening Day
1/17	Football Awards Dinner

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