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The Bobcat Bulletin

A newsletter for the Lafayette Bobcat Football Community

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Upcoming Key Dates:

- NO GAMES Labor Day Weekend
- Next Games: September 12
- Pancake Breakfast: September 13

Week 1 Highlights

Our first week of games is in the books! Here are some brief highlights from the coaches:

12 Year Old Division:

The Lafayette Bobcats 12 year old team battled hard but came up short against a very talented Superior Red team, losing 8-0. Superior's size and speed showed on the first drive of the game moving the ball 30 yard in 6 plays for the only score of the game. From that point on the Bobcat defense held strong and only allowed two first downs the rest of the game. The Bobcat offense moved the ball but could not sustain a scoring drive against a formidable defense that took their team to the championship last

year. The Bobcats gave it all they had and gave the Mustangs a game they didn't expect.

10 Year Old Division:

The 10's also played Superior, with both teams going scoreless thru two quarters. The third quarter opened it up for the 10's with two punts being returned for touchdowns, and the third score on a sustained drive with some key plays on the ground. The 10's defense remained stout, completely shutting down the Mustangs and not allowing them any closer than the 10 yard line. Final score, 21-0 Bobcats!

9 Year Old Division:
Saturday's game against

Highland Hills was a hard fought match. With a lot of guys experiencing what it was like to play in a fast past game for the first time we did really well. We are looking forward to building off of our ups and downs and preparing to kick a little Brighton Bulldog butt on the 12th.

8 Year Old Division:

The 8 year olds played a tough opponent in Hyland Hills on Saturday. Our defense was very good and only allowed 13 points. We have some work to do on offense. But our boys played tough and never quit. We ended up scoring a late touchdown to give ourselves a chance to win. Bobcats 6, Hyland Hills 12.

Other scores this week:
Bobcat 11's 58, Hyland Hills-0

Fundraiser Update

Thanks to everyone who participated in the 3rd Annual LBF Car Wash fundraiser on Sunday, August 30th. We estimate there were about 200 cars washed over the course of the day. Between the advance ticket sales, drive-up sales, and the generous donation from Kohl's and their employees, LBF netted about \$2700.

Our Chili's fundraiser was also a success, with about \$250 in proceeds going directly to the LBF.

These funds will go directly to funding scholarships for players in need as well as to refresh uniforms, helmets, and pads. We could be successful in any of our fundraisers without your support!

Our next event is on September 13th. The annual LBF Pancake Breakfast will be held at the VFW Hall in downtown Lafayette. Watch for more details from your Team Mom and on the

lafayettebobcats.com website.

Finally, check the website for a link to vote for LBF to win a community grant from Nike. We could be awarded up to \$2500 in cash and/or Nike equipment, to help fund more scholarships for players in need, and to refresh some older equipment. More info at www.nikebackyourblock.com.

Thanks for supporting your Lafayette Bobcats!

Dates to Remember

Please note the following key dates:

Next Games	Sept. 12	Check website for times and locations	
Pancake Breakfast	Sept. 13	VFW Hall, Lafayette	8am – 1pm
Bobcat Night at CHS	Sept. 26 (tentative)	CHS Football Field	6:45pm

The Board will post updates to the www.lafayettebobcats.com website, and communicate any changes via the Team Mom's as needed. Please check back often.

Tip of the Week – Patch Players

This is one of the more complex rules in the [CCMFL rule book](#). (Probably due to the way it is written!) I will try to net it out here briefly.

The intent of the rule is for player safety and to “level the playing field.” It would be crazy to line up a very heavy or large child as a ball carrier against a team that has much smaller players; especially if you were a parent of one of the smaller players! It also makes the

competition very lopsided.

There are three designations for players after they are weighed: Single Patch and Double Patch, and None.

The term “Patch” used to refer to the CCMFL logo patch a player had to attach to his jersey. This has since been changed to a day-glo green sticker or stickers placed on the back of the player’s helmet.

To summarize:

“No patch” players can play any position on the field. Double patch players can only play on the line of scrimmage and are generally not eligible to carry / touch the ball. Single patch players are somewhere in between, in that they can play tight end and catch the ball. Please consult the [CCMFL Rule Book](#) for exact restrictions.

If you have further questions, please ask your Head Coach.

Tell Us What You Think!

As Bobcat parents, your thoughts and opinions help us make a better program for your kids. We’d like to know what you think – please let us know if these newsletters and the website are helpful to you.

If you have comments or suggestions for how we can better communicate LBF news to you, please let us know. Contact information for every LBF Board Member is on our website, lafayettebobcats.com, go to the “About/Contacts” link.

Website Update

We on the LBF Board are attempting to leverage our website more this year for communicating to our Bobcat players, parents, and fans. Please visit us at www.lafayettebobcats.com for the latest information, photos, and upcoming events in support of your Lafayette Bobcats.

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and be on the bleeding edge, as we try out some new things to generate excitement for the program and give you another reason to surf the web at work. ☺



“Everything begins with a positive idea. Positive thinking is the key to success in business, education, pro football, anything you mention. The mind is your most powerful muscle.”

-- Ron Jaworski

