

# AJFC Holds Season Opener

Are you ready for some football? Saturday was a beautiful day for the season opener of the AJFC Jr. Bulldogs. They hosted the Eden Raiders on Saturday, August 27th. The Pee Wee (ages 6-8) football players took the field at 10:30 am. The Pee Wee team was led by their captains Daulton Mason, Caleb Vogt, Jacob Behrend and Brayden Becker. Charles Weatherbee opened a hole big enough for a Mack Truck allowing Tyler Lucas to run for a touchdown. Wyatt Lavis lead the team in rushing, thanks to great blocking by James Fry and Nick Wypij. The Pee Wee cheerleaders were loud and proud in their new uniforms. The football players are grateful for all the sideline encouragement.

Following the Pee Wee Game, the Freshman team (ages 9-10) took the field. The boys played a great game on both sides of the ball. They played a very competitive game with a 1 point victory over the Eden Raiders. AJFC Cheerleaders provided sideline support in record numbers with 32 Freshman and JV Cheerleaders combined.

AJFC would like to thank the Town for their generous support over the past few years. We have been able to raise enough money for both the football players and cheerleaders to get new uniforms this season. To further support AJFC, they will be once again holding the Gold Card Blitz (discount card for local businesses) on Monday, September 12th from 6-8 pm. Please look for the children to come to your door or you can come to the Town Park to purchase your Gold Cards.

AJFC has paid forward the generosity that the Town has shown us by donating our 50/50 proceeds (over \$400) to Huddle Up for Baby Ella. A Freshman Football player's family graciously donated their 50/50 winnings to Huddle Up for Baby Ella. Six month old Ella Suhr, a member of the WNY Youth Football family, has been diagnosed with a rare form of brain cancer. Ella has had surgeries in Florida and Rochester, NY. She is now home recovering and receiving chemotherapy. Funds donated will help offset the cost of medical treatment and travel expenses for the family. Additional donations can be mailed to AJFC, PO Box 124, Alden, NY 14004 and it will be forwarded

to the family. Checks can be made payable to AJFC with Baby Ella noted in the memo area of the check.

Future games are sure to be as great as this past week so come see for yourself. The teams are home (Alden Town Park) on Saturday, September 10th; Saturday, September 17th and Saturday, October 1st. The concession stand will be open for snacks or lunch for the family. Game day kicks off at 10:30 am.



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