



MAGAZINE

HOLSTEBRO DRAGONS AMERICAN FOOTBALL



A TEAM ON THE RISE

SETTING A NEW STANDARD FOR AMERICAN  
FOOTBALL IN DENMARK

BUILDING A STRONG FOUNDATION

DEVELOPING YOUTH PLAYERS FROM WITHIN



Season 2016 is here! Only 2 days until the first game of the season against Avedøre Monarchs at our Dragons Stadium. The Dragons organization and the senior are preparing hard for a repeat of the 2015 season a perfect season going 11-0 with a promotion to Division I.

The Dragons will have completed three training camps when the season starts and have played two scrimmages against the National Champions Triangle Razorbacks and the Norwegian team Tønsberg Raiders, this past weekend.

Now, this year the Dragons organization is more than just our senior team, as we have youth football teams at ages U12, U14, U16 and U19. Also as a part of our success, we created many new initiatives for our sponsors.

For example, we will be placing permanent advertising banners around the perimeter of the field, as well as multiple sponsor boards, which will be placed at Dragons field and at our brand new locker room's at Idrætscenter vest. Our new locker room area meets standards of bigger colleges in United States. We will have professional style players lockers, weight training area, equipment room, coaches room, physical therapy section as well as an area for team video review.

As we grow, we are constantly working on new ideas, initiatives and actions. Such as this magazine. This is the very first edition of our "HD" fan magazine and our plan is that it will be online four times this year and hopefully be a huge success and another step in our growth to become the most professional team in all of Denmark.

All of this is something we are very proud of and accomplished in under 12 months. We hope that this magazine will set the same standards as all the things mentioned above and that you will enjoy reading it.

Here is to a fantastic 2016 season!

Martin Borg  
Editor and vice president of the AFC Holstebro Dragons



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## INTRODUCING OUR 2016 AMERICAN IMPORT PLAYER/COACH

Matt Reyes



Matt Reyes is the second import player of the Dragons history, after having wide receiver Blaine Ruiz last year. Matt comes to Holstebro out of West Texas A&M where he completed his Bachelors degree in History as late as December 2015. Matt arrived on March 2, and went straight into the first camp of the off season, where he showed why coach Ruiz and the board decided to bring him on to the team.

When Matt ends his playing career (hopefully that won't happen for a while) he wants to be a High school football coach, and to get experience for the future he will be the U19 Head coach for the Dragons as well as assist with U12 & U14 teams.

Matt Reyes is born and raised in El Paso, Texas and has played quarterback since he was 5 years old. Welcome to Denmark, Matt.





## 2016 COACH STAFF

American Head Coach - Dan Ruiz



Coach Ruiz probably does not need an introduction here, but he is going to get one anyway. After retiring as a law enforcement officer coach Ruiz decided to go all in at coaching football. Before joining the Dragons in 2015 he spent 6 months in Brazil as Head Coach for the Vitoria Antares.

Coach Ruiz has 17 years of coaching in multiple areas such as position coach and coordinators at different semi-pro teams. Coach Ruiz spent 4 years at Chula Vista High School in San Diego where the team was un-defeated league champions 4 years in a row. As a player coach Ruiz played at Division 1 Idaho State University. He also had a tryout with the San Diego Chargers professional football team as a long snapper.

In his first season as the head coach for the Dragons he transformed a team that went 0-9 the year before, to get a promotion after going 11-0 in 2015.

Dan Ruiz is one of the most energetic persons that you will meet, and he gets things done fast just check the Dragons from 2014 until now!



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## 2016 COACH STAFF

American assistant head coach and offensive coordinator - Gene Alim



Coach Alim is the newest addition to the Dragons staff. The experience he brings to the Dragons this year is HUGE! After being a record setting head coach at Sweetwater high school in San Diego, State champions in California and named as LA Times southern California football coach of the year, coach Alim will spend 2016 as the assistant head coach and offensive play caller for the Holstebro Dragons.

Coach Alim's understanding of player development is as his resume, simply extraordinary. The value of having coach Alim is already showing on the practice field where every snap counts.



## 2016 COACH STAFF

Danish assistant offensive coordinator and running back coach - Asbjørn Viller



It is vital to the future success of our program that our Danish coaches gain as much knowledge and experience from our American coaches, as possible.

Coach Viller was a Dragons player for six years, he then became a Dragons youth coach for two years. Last season coach Viller worked under coach Ruiz as the assistant offensive coordinator for the Senior team. Last season he called plays in multiple games helping the Dragons to dominant victories.

As a result of his success last season he was selected by DAFF as a QB coach for the U17 team.

Coach Viller has a strong passion and desire to succeed in his future career as a football coach. He will be traveling to the United States this coming December to work as an intern coach at San Diego Mesa college and the San Diego Enforcers, with coach Ruiz. He is taking advantage of every opportunity to learn as much as possible about coaching.



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## 2016 DIVISION 1 - SEASON SCHEDULE

**2016 SCHEDULE**

Date	Home/Away	Opponent
APRIL 9	H	M
APRIL 23	A	KINGS
MAY 7	A	T
MAY 21	H	KINGS
JUNE 5	A	DRAGONS
JUNE 11	A	M
AUGUST 20	H	A
AUGUST 28	H	A
SEPTEMBER 10	H	T
SEPTEMBER 18	C	A

H - HOME GAME



## 2016 DRAGONS TEAM ROSTER

TE - Kasper Hyldgaard  
WR - Nino Zore  
LB/S - Mathias Sander Sørensen  
DT - Morten Vind Kristensen  
LB/S - Edin Mahmutovic  
WR/K - Dennis Kasljevic  
FB/DT - Mads Andreas Westergaard Jensen  
OL - Anders Sidelmann  
WR - Martin Cueto  
LB - Jens K. Frederiksen  
WR/CB - Jesper Skovbo Laustsen  
OL - Oliver Hvid Williams  
CB/S - Birk Andreas Grüttnner  
CB - Alexander Trabjerg  
WR - Aziz Dakhel  
WR - Jesper Halkjær Poulsen  
QB - Matt Reyes  
WR/QB - Søren Bakbøl Frederiksen  
RB - Leon Rasmussen  
CB/RB - Lasse Hollænder  
LB - Jakob Schwartz  
S - Chris Frederiksmose  
WR - Daniel Brosbøl  
TE - Christian Bo Poulsen  
DT/OL - Thomas Meldgaard Sørensen  
OL/DT - Frederik Kvisegaard Nielsen  
OL/DL - René Lilleøre  
DT/OL - Nicolai Dyekær Sivebæk  
OL/DT - Jes Nygård Poulsen  
OL - Phillip K.H Olsson  
OL/DT - Joakim Toft  
LB/TE - Martin Borg Andersen  
DT - Thomas Landbo Bak  
OL - Mads Enevoldsen





## Avedøre Monarchs

This weekend's opponent is an institute in Danish American Football. From 2002 they went to the Mermaid Bowl – The Danish national championship game on won all 3. They also had an undefeated season in 2007 until the final where they lost to Triangle Razorbacks.

In the recent years they have struggled a little with consistency, and have gone from the top of Danish American Football to the lower part of Division I where they have been since 2010.

This game will once again mark a new top spot for the Dragons, as it is the first time ever the Dragons will play in a Division I game. We hope to see all of our fans, sponsors and others with interest in the Dragons and help us put up the first W of the season!





## Monarchs Team Roster

### Avedøre NFA Monarchs

Mikkel Horsdahl	1996	
Nikolaj Kjær Frederiksen	1994	9
Emil Tønder Petersen	1996	15
Kevin Hansen	1992	17
Martin Bregninge	1990	19
Lars Vangsted Myrup Jensen	1993	20
Nicklas Anders Snedsted	1998	25
Michael Henriksen	1983	26
Martin Wrona Løfquist Olsen	1989	29
jackie Nicolai Berg	1992	35
Ronni Christophersen	1985	39
Emil Munch Nielsen	1993	47
Michael Nielsen	1984	53
Michael Christiansen	1985	54
Frederik Zmylon	1995	55
Oliver Pedersen	1992	61
Jan Jespersen	1972	63
Emil Tuxen	1986	80
Jonas Møller Jensen	1996	81
Mathias Harrison Andersen	1996	82
Nikolai Drejer-Pedersen	1996	92
Nikolaj Grønholdt	1987	98