

VIRGINIA RUGBY UNION
Fall 2003

University of Virginia's Jamie JJ Burke is the Woodley Award winner! Jamie was named as the outstanding female collegiate rugby player in the USA! The Woodley Award is the Heisman Trophy of rugby. Jamie was also named All-American for her fourth time as well as invited to the U-23 elite camp! Besides playing rugby, Jamie is also a member of the Referee Society of Virginia. Congratulations Jamie on an outstanding collegiate playing career!

CLUB MEN:

Belmont Shore won the Super League with a 23-15 decision over OMBAC.

COLLEGE MEN:

Congratulations to Tom Sanders of UVA for being named to the Collegiate All American Team! He went on a tour of New Zealand with the team. They played Victoria and Massey universities. Victoria won 31-28 and Massey won 38-26.

COLLEGE WOMEN:

The Collegiate All-Americans from Virginia are Jamie JJ Burke of University of Virginia and Jennifer Starkey of James Madison University. For Jamie, she becomes only the second person to be a four-time All-American!

WOMEN'S CLUB:

No news this issue.

REFEREES:

At the Referee Society of Virginia AGM Jeffrey Anderson was reelected as president and Bob Underwood was reelected as secretary/treasurer.

The Referee Society of Virginia is planning on holding a Level 1 Referee Course in November in Charlottesville. More information will be forthcoming when it is set up. If you are interested in attending, contact RSV president Jeffrey Anderson at jeffand@regent.edu

MARFU:

The MARFU U-23 Women's All Star team played in the U-23 All-Star Tournament in Blaine, MN June 26-30. Those named to the team from Virginia include:

- Jamie JJ Burke, UVA
- Kerry Fischer, James Madison
- Fiona Foxon, Blue Ridge
- Katie Mandel, UVA
- Brittany Martin, Norfolk Storm
- Miwa Ng, UVA
- Maia Pagliona, James Madison
- Jen Starkey, James Madison
- Svea Stromme, UVA
- Rachel Warden, UVA
- Angie Marfisi, Raleigh

In the opener, JJ and Jen led the MARFU squad to a 23-0 whitewash of the West. In the final, Jen scored all the MARFU points in a 17-9 loss to Midwest, which won its fourth straight U-23 title.

Jen Starkey and Jamie JJ Burke were invited to the U-23 elite camp. Fiona Foxon was named an alternate. Mary Washington alum Liz King, who plays for NOVA, was also invited to the camp.

Now that it's Fall, the MARFU women's All-Star squad is having new tryouts. A selection camp will be held on Sunday, Sept. 14 at Colmar Manor, Bladensburg, MD., home field for the DC Furies. Time is 9:30AM – 4:00 PM. For directions go to www.dcfuries.com The team will play the West All-Stars at Pumpkinfest on Sunday Oct. 12. If you are interested, contact Nancy Kechner, Acting MARFU Women's All-Star Manager at kechner@virginia.edu

The MARFU Men's Collegiate All-Stars played in the USA Rugby All Stars Tournament. They lost first to Southern Cal 29-13 before losing to the Northeast 32-26. Those on the team from the VRU were:

- Chas Muller, James Madison
- Stuart Freakly, Virginia Tech
- Nate Scott, Radford

Tom Sanders, UVA
Anthony Caron, Virginia Tech

The MARFU Women's 7's team won the 16-team women's division at Cape Fear. Svea Stromme and Karen Vandecar of the BRATS were the VRU players on the team. Named to the MARFU Women's 7's team for the ITT's were Beth Black and Emily Pellicia of the BRATS. Also named to the team were Liz King of NOVA formerly with Mary Washington, Julie Lau of the DC Furies formerly with UVA, and manager Jane Bolin formerly with Radford.

The MARFU Men's 7's team included Ed Stockunas and Chris Porter of Norfolk.

SEVENS:

Upcoming 7's tournaments for 2003:

June 7	Lehigh Valley 7's	NOVA	(Qualifier)
June 14	Pittsburgh Harlequins 7's	Washington	(Qualifier)
July 12	Norfolk Blues Hurricane7's	PAC	(Qualifier)
July 19	NOVA Yuengling Battlefield 7's	Maryland Exiles	(Qualifier)
July 26	MARFU Championship	Washington	
Aug. 9-10	Men's Club Championships	Riverside, CA	
Aug 23-24	Men's & Women's All-Stars	Men: Pacific Women: Pacific	

MARFU lost to Southern Cal 24-19 and beat the Northeast 33-22 and the West 40-0 in pool play. The next day MARFU won the Plate with a 24-14 victory over the South. MARFU Women defeated the U-23's 19-5 before losing to the South 7-5 and the Northeast 28-19 in pool play. The next day MARFU beat Southern Cal 19-7 in the Bowl semi's and then lost to the West 17-12 in the final.

The VRU Women's Select Side 7's team played at Cape Fear July 5 and 6 and at Ruggerama July 12. United's Pete Sweet was the coach of the team. They reached the quarterfinals of Cape Fear beating NC State 12-7 and Eno River 38-0 and losing to Atlanta 39-0. In the quarterfinal they lost to the MARFU team 15-0. At Ruggerrama the ladies placed second in the Bowl Division. Their scores were NOVA II 15, VRU 5; VRU 17, Chesapeake 0; Furies Lightning 17, VRU 5; VRU 17, Chipolte Hot 12; Maryland II 22, VRU 0. Those who were selected for Cape Fear included:

Stephiejo Edwards (Captain) James River
Jamie Jones (co captain) Raleigh
Calley Gerber, Raleigh
Tracie Sauers, Raleigh
Carla Harrell, Norfolk
Rose Ferguson, Norfolk

Jessica Grafflin, Blackwater
Helen Paul, Blueridge
Jennie Buechner, Blueridge
Jay Jay Burke, Blueridge (unable to attend due to injury)
Manager: Shannon Plum James River

For Ruggerama, we were not able to get the names by publication time, but the clubs represented included Blue Ridge, James River, Blackwater, and Norfolk. Helen Paul from Blue Ridge organized it.

UVA's Fiona Foxon made the national U-23 Women's 7 team.

OLD BOYS:

A team of old boys from around the VRU played in the Saranac Lake Can Am tournament as the Virginia Reds. To learn more:
<http://www.richmondrugby.net/saranac.html>

NATIONAL:

Two people from the VRU are running for the 2004 USA Rugby Board of Directors. UVA women's coach Nancy Kechner is running for Collegiate Representative and RSV referee Bob Destafney is running for Military Club Representative.

USA Rugby has moved. The new address is 1032 Walnut Street, Boulder, CO 80302.

Superpowers Cup:

May 17	USA v Japan	69-27 W
July 19	Russia v USA "A"	21-30 L

Churchill Cup:

June 18	USA v Canada	16-11 W
June 21	USA v England "A"	10-36 L
June 28	USA v England "A"	6-43 L

Pan-American Tournament:

August 23	USA v Argentina	8-42 L
August 27	USA v Canada	35-20 W
August 30	USA v Uruguay	31-17 W

Tom Billups has signed a two-year contract extension to continue coaching the men's national team.

The USA Rugby National Team Women's schedule:

Churchill Cup:

June 18	USA v England	8-15 L
June 21	USA v Canada	13-18 L
August 2	U19 Girls v Ontario U19 Girls	8-15 L
	U23 Women v Ontario Senior Women	8-8 T

Jamie JJ Burke of UVA and Angie Marfisi of Raleigh played in the U23 match as did Liz King, formerly with Mary Washington. A player from JMU played on the U19 team, but we were unable to get her name before publication.

Can-Am:

August 23	Development Eagle A v Canada	Blaine, MN 21-22 L
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INTERNATIONAL:

Here are the current rankings for the top 20 countries:

1. England 2. New Zealand 3. Australia 4. South Africa 5. Ireland 6. Argentina 7. France 8. Scotland 9. Samoa 10. Italy 11. Wales 12. United States 13. Fiji 14. Canada 15. Tonga 16. Namibia 17. Portugal 18. Romania 19. Georgia 20. Morocco. There are currently 63 countries that have qualified for world rankings, with India bringing up the rear. Rankings are done by Ross Finlayson of Live Networks, Inc.

From RUGBYeNEWS.com:

USA is in Pool B with Scotland, France, Fiji, and Japan.

Complete RWC 2003 Draw

Fri 10 Oct	Australia v Argentina	Telstra Stadium, Sydney
Sat 11 Oct	New Zealand v Italy	Telstra Dome, Melbourne
Sat 11 Oct	France v Fiji	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane
Sat 11 Oct	Ireland v Romania	Central Coast Stadium, Gosford
Sat 11 Oct	South Africa v Uruguay	Subiaco Oval, Perth
Sun 12 Oct	Wales v Canada	Telstra Dome, Melbourne
Sun 12 Oct	Scotland v Japan	Dairy Farmers Stadium, Townsville
Sun 12 Oct	England v Georgia	Subiaco Oval, Perth
Tues 14 Oct	Argentina v Namibia	Central Coast Stadium, Gosford
Wed 15 Oct	Fiji v USA	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane

Wed 15 Oct	Italy v Tonga	Canberra Stadium, Canberra
Wed 15 Oct	Samoa v Uruguay	Subiaco Oval, Perth
Fri 17 Oct	New Zealand v Canada	Telstra Dome, Melbourne
Sat 18 Oct	Australia v Romania	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane
Sat 18 Oct	France v Japan	Dairy Farmers Stadium, Townsville
Sat 18 Oct	South Africa v England	Subiaco Oval, Perth
Sun 19 Oct	Wales v Tonga	Canberra Stadium, Canberra
Sun 19 Oct	Ireland v Namibia	Aussie Stadium, Sydney
Sun 19 Oct	Georgia v Samoa	Subiaco Oval, Perth
Mon 20 Oct	Scotland v USA	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane
Tues 21 Oct	Italy v Canada	Canberra Stadium, Canberra
Wed 22 Oct	Argentina v Romania	Aussie Stadium, Sydney
Thur 23 Oct	Fiji v Japan	Dairy Farmers Stadium, Townsville
Fri 24 Oct	New Zealand v Tonga	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane
Fri 24 Oct	South Africa v Georgia	Aussie Stadium, Sydney
Sat 25 Oct	Australia v Namibia	Adelaide Oval, Adelaide
Sat 25 Oct	Italy v Wales	Canberra Stadium, Canberra
Sat 25 Oct	France v Scotland	Telstra Stadium, Sydney
(Australian Eastern Daylight Savings Time begins Sun Oct 26, at 2am)		
Sun 26 Oct	England v Samoa	Telstra Dome, Melbourne
Sun 26 Oct	Argentina v Ireland	Adelaide Oval, Adelaide
Mon 27 Oct	Japan v USA	Central Coast Stadium, Gosford
Tues 28 Oct	Georgia v Uruguay	Aussie Stadium, Sydney
Wed 29 Oct	Canada v Tonga	WIN Stadium, Wollongong
Thur 30 Oct	Namibia v Romania	York Park, Launceston
Fri 31 Oct	France v USA	WIN Stadium, Wollongong
Sat 1 Nov	Scotland v Fiji	Aussie Stadium, Sydney
Sat 1 Nov	South Africa v Samoa	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane
Sat 1 Nov	Australia v Ireland	Telstra Dome, Melbourne
Sun 2 Nov	England v Uruguay	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane
Sun 2 Nov	New Zealand v Wales	Telstra Stadium, Sydney

Quarter Finals

Sat 8 Nov	QF1 - 1st D v 2nd C	Telstra Dome, Melbourne
Sat 8 Nov	QF2 - 1st A v 2nd B	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane
Sun 9 Nov	QF3 - 1st B v 2nd A	Telstra Dome, Melbourne
Sun 9 Nov	QF4 - 1st C v 2nd D	Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane

Semi Finals

Sat 15 Nov	SF1 - Winners QF1 v QF2	Telstra Stadium, Sydney
Sun 16 Nov	SF2 - Winners QF3 v QF4	Telstra Stadium, Sydney

Third Place Playoff

Thur 20 Nov	Loser SF1 v Loser SF2	Telstra Stadium, Sydney
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2003 Rugby World Cup Final

Sat 22 Nov Winner SF1 v Winner SF2 Telstra Stadium, Sydney

OF INTEREST:

While teaching in the Malaysian state of Sarawak on Borneo during the latter half of July, I found rugby to be a huge sport there. Daily there was at least one rugby story in the Sarawak Tribune and on Saturday there was a rugby column. There were plenty of rugby matches and tournaments going on in Malaysia during my time there.

World Cup on TV? Yes! According to Goff On Rugby (www.GoffonRugby.com) Setanta Sport, a C-band satellite provider, has bought the rights for the World Cup. This means that if you want to watch live World Cup rugby you will have to have the large satellite dish or go to a sports bar that has one. Setanta has a list of area bars that will show the World Cup at www.setanta.com. If you can't find one there, e-mail them. What about home TV? Some games will be live on pay-per-view. Secondary rights have been sold to Fox Sports World, which will air all World Cup games on a three-day delay basis.

Don't forget about the on-line services for rugby. Some of the main ones are:

The rugby newsgroup:	rec.sport.rugby.union
On the World Wide Web:	
VRU WWW Site:	http://www.rugby.org
EPRU Web Site:	http://www.epru.org
PRU Web Site:	http://www.pru.org
MARFU Web Site:	http://www.marfu.org
US National Team:	http://www.usa-eagles.org
Rugby Today:	http://www.scrum.com/rugbytoday/default.asp
Rugby magazine:	http://www.rugbymag.com
USA Rugby:	http://www.USARUGBY.org
IRFB:	http://www.irfb.com/
Planet Rugby:	http://www.planet-rugby.com
Rugbyrugby:	http://www.Rugbyrugby.com
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The referees have a mailing list, but it's closed to non-referees. Weekly, more and more Internet rugby services go on-line. Get on-line yourself and see what there is! One great place to start:

<http://www.sportszineuk.co.uk>

FINAL WORD:

We secure our friends, not by accepting favors, but by doing them. – Paul Harvey

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