

VIRGINIA RUGBY UNION
WINTER 2002

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CLUB MEN:

MARFU Standings for Division II South:

Club	W	L	T
Raleigh	7	0	0
Washington Irish	6	0	0
Norfolk Blues	5	2	0
Frederick	3	3	0
Rocky Gorge	3	3	0
Roanoke	3	5	0
United	2	3	0
Severn River	1	6	0
Western Suburbs	0	8	0

VRU Division III Standings:

Club	W	L	T
Newport News	6	0	0
Blacksburg	5	1	0
Virginia	3	2	0
James River	3	3	0
Winchester	2	4	0
SW Virginia	1	4	0
Blackwater	0	6	0

COLLEGE MEN:

Qualifying for the MARFU Playoffs:

Division 1	Division 2	Division 3
Virginia Tech	Radford	ODU
JMU	UVA	
	Mary Washington (perhaps)	

ODU has the option to move up to Division 2 for 2003.

Those named to the VRU All-Star team are as follows:

Todd Applebaum - JMU

George Averbach - W&L
 Chris Ball - JMU
 Jeff Calcagno - VT
 Nick Connell - UVA
 Evan Davis - UVA
 Ryan Duffy - W&L
 Jeffrey Ferguson - ODU
 Ryan Findley - MWC
 Bryan Gassenmeyer - VT
 Cisco Jimenez - MWC
 Ben Johnson - MWC
 Keith LeBlanc - UVA
 Brendan Malone - W&L
 James McKinnon - MWC
 Chas Muller - JMU
 Nick Nunes - VT
 Ryan Peterson - Radford
 Nate Scott - Radford
 Nathan Stockley - JMU
 Jon Umlauf - ODU
 Steve Verdi - ODU
 Jack Wols - W&L
 Brad Wright - Radford

COLLEGE WOMEN:

Final standings for the College Women:

Division 1	Division 2
JMU	Mary Washington
UVA	Longwood
Virginia Tech	Radford
	William & Mary
	VCU

Those named to the VRU U-23 All-Star Team are as follows:

Forwards
 *Angie Marfisi (Captain) - Raleigh
 Kerry " Fish" Fisher - JMU
 *Jaime "Jay Jay" Burke - UVA
 Naomi "Na Na" Sandler - JMU
 Lauren Dellinger - Tech
 Rachel Warden - UVA

Gillian Sciacca - MWC
Giza High - UVA
Miwa Ng - UVA
Brittany "Bubba" Martin - Norfolk
Katie "Sinbin" Mandell - UVA

Backs

*Beth Black (Captain) - Blue Ridge
Maia Paglinawan - JMU
#Fiona Foxin - Blue Ridge
Lindsay Dellinger - Blackwater
Mary Ferguson - Raleigh
Nichelle Allen - Blue Ridge
Jeanette Moses - Mary Wash
Jenny Miller - JMU
Dierdre Tsai - Blackwater
Kristen "Babe" O'Connor - UVA
Svea Stromme - UVA
Jennie Buechner - Blue Ridge
*Jen "SBJ" Starkey - JMU
Sara Balboa - Tech

Of these players 14 are rookies to this team.

*Are currently or have been in the past on the Nat'l U-23 team.

U-23 7's team

WOMEN'S CLUB:

The final standings of the Women's Club in the VRU:

1. Blue Ridge
2. Norfolk
3. James River
4. Blackwater
5. Roanoke
6. Raleigh

Blue Ridge will be going on in the MARFU playoffs in the Spring.

OLD BOYS:

The Sons of Beaches (Norfolk Blues Old Boys) won the over 45 division at the Aspen Ruggerfest with a 5-0 record over the four-day tournament. They beat the Bald Eagles, a team comprised mainly of ex-Eagles, 3-0 in the Sunday final!

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ED AND SANDY LEE CUP

This year's winner at the Ed and Sandy Lee Cup were as follows:

College Men: Virginia Tech over Radford 25-9 in the final.

College Women: JMU over UVA 16-5 in the final.

Club Women: Blue Ridge 30, Norfolk 10 in the final.

Club Men: Raleigh 22, Norfolk 19 in the final.

Sportsmanship Award: UVA men.

REFEREES:

A lesson learned: The subject on the referee's listserve for the past month has been to carry an extra whistle in your pocket. Twice on Sunday at the Ed and Sandy Lee Cup referees broke their whistles and had to use a spare. In fact, in the Club Men's final, the referee broke two whistles!

Promotions in the Referee Society of Virginia include Bob Underwood and Greg Robinette to C-2. Congratulations, men!

There are 20 people registered for the Level 1 Referee clinic in Charlottesville on November 24.

SEVENS:

Norfolk's Ed Stockunas was selected to play for the Atlantis team in the Singapore Sevens. Due to an illness in the family, though, he was unable to go. Also, Norfolk's Chris Porter was chosen to play on Team America again in the Bermuda Classic.

MARFU:

Chosen to the MARFU Senior All-Star Squad for the 2002 ITT All-Star Tournament in Tampa in December were the following ladies:

Jamie "J.J." Burke, UVA

Megan Washburn, Roanoke
Shannon Plum, James River
Kara Smith, Blue Ridge
Francesca Lomonaco, Blue Ridge
Fiona Foxon, Blue Ridge
Emily Pellicia, Blue Ridge
Beth Black, Blue Ridge

NATIONAL:

The Men's Collegiate All-American team toured South Africa in September. The schedule was as follows:

September 22	Peninsula Technikon	44-13	W
September 26	Stellenbosch University	21-45	L
September 29	University of Western Cape	45-17	W

INTERNATIONAL:

England, Canada, and the USA have signed a memorandum of understanding for a Strategic Alliance which will feature an annual tournament called The Churchill Cup. This is for both men's and women's national teams. The memorandum has been sent to the IRB for ratification.

Here are the current rankings for the top 20 countries:

1. England 2. Australia 3. New Zealand 4. South Africa 5. Argentina 6. France 7. Ireland 8. Fiji 9. Canada 10. Scotland 11. Wales 12. Samoa 13. Italy 14. Tonga 15. United States 16. Japan 17. Romania 18. Georgia 20. Russia. There are currently 60 countries that have qualified for world rankings, with Malaysia bringing up the rear. Rankings are done by Ross Finlayson of Live Networks, Inc.

OF INTEREST:

At many tournaments, such as the Ed & Sandy Lee Cup and the VWIT, you see a man on a ladder with a camera. That is noted rugby videographer Bill Burch. Bill has an extensive collection of local and national rugby videos that he has shot. If you or your club would like to see itself in action, get ahold of Bill and see what games he has to offer for sale. For example, he has lots of 2001 and 2002 Ed & Sandy Lee Cup matches, including all the finals. Some others he has include men's and women's nationals, the

ITT's, Can Am, and Aspen Ruggedfest, among many, many others. Bill can be reached at bbrugby@aol.com or by calling (804) 320-2846 (H).

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

<p>The rugby newsgroup:</p> <p>On the World Wide Web:</p> <p>VRU WWW Site: EPRU Web Site: PRU Web Site: MARFU Web Site: US National Team: Rugby Today: Rugby magazine: USA Rugby: IRFB: Planet Rugby: Rugbyrugby:</p> <p>E-mail:</p> <p>majordomo@world.std.com</p> <p>listserv@listserv.uoguelph.ca</p> <p>walshpj@erols.com</p> <p>tacticalrugby-subscribe@egroups.com</p> <p>rugbymag@aol.com</p> <p>info@usarugby.org</p>	<p>rec.sport.rugby.union</p> <p>http://www.rugby.org http://www.epru.org http://www.pru.org http://www.marfu.org http://www.usa-eagles.org http://www.scrum.com/rugbytoday/default.asp http://www.rugbymag.com http://www.USARUGBY.org http://www.irfb.com/ http://www.planet-rugby.com http://www.Rugbyrugby.com</p> <p>USA Women's rugby mailing list. To subscribe, put in the message: subscribe uswrugby-discussion (your e-mail address) without the parens.</p> <p>Rugby coaches' mailing list. To subscribe, put in the message: SUB RUGBYCOACH (your full name) without the parens.</p> <p>This address gets you on the U-15 Youth Rugby listserv. Send your name, address, phone number, and rugby responsibilities to get on.</p> <p>Tactical Rugby listserv. For coaches, administrators, players, and referees.</p> <p>Rugby magazine. Hey, can reporting a tourney result get any easier???</p> <p>USA Rugby's e-mail address. To reach an employee, e-mail (first initial)(last name)@usarugby.org</p>
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vru@rugby.org scompton@usa-eagles.org	The VRU official e-mail address. The U.S. National Team's e-mail list.
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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:

The difference between sympathy and compassion is the difference between saying "I'm sorry" and "Let me help." – Mort Crim

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