

VIRGINIA RUGBY UNION
Winter 2003

The Virginia Rugby Union's Annual General Meeting will be held on January 24, 2004 in the E. Carlton Wilton Center for Interfaith Campus Ministries on the campus of the University of Richmond from 10AM to 3PM. Attendance of a team representative is mandatory! The meeting will cover the following:

- CIPP register your club with USA Rugby.
- Review the budget for 2003.
- Approve the budget for 2004.
- Receive officer reports.
- Admit new teams to the VRU.
- Cover new business.
- Elect VRU officers.

To get to the Wilton Center, go to:

<http://www.richmond.edu/about/directions/campusmap.pdf>

Need more info? Contact VRU President Kris Kabza at president@rugby.org.

CLUB MEN:

Southwest Virginia RFC has disbanded.

Named to the VRU Select Side were:

Front Row

Sean Cox	Raleigh
Darin Darden	Norfolk
Doi Oddoye	Raleigh
Bill Attmore	Raleigh
Mirza	United

Second Row

James Cross	Norfolk
Brian Cross	Blacksburg

Back Row

Jamie Newman	Norfolk
Michael O'Brien	Virginia
John Garofalo	Virginia
Cody Sutton	United

Scrum Half & Fly Half

Matt Robinette	Norfolk
Fred Wintermantle	Norfolk
Albie Visser	Virginia

Centers

Chris Porter	Norfolk
Brad Bell	Raleigh
John Hamilton	Norfolk

Back 3

Brian Patterson	United
Drew Rogers	Norfolk
Ed Stockunas	Norfolk
Mike Kageg	Virginia

THE VRU Select Side beat the Potomac Second XV 20-12. Those who played from the VRU not listed above included Isaac Harms and Kenny McCombs of Norfolk and Bill Atmore and Theo Birkhead of Raleigh.

MARFU Division II South Standings:

	W-L-T	Points
Washington Irish	8-0-0	36
Norfolk Blues	6-1-0	31
Frederick	5-3-0	26
Raleigh	4-3-1	22
Rocky Gorge	4-2-1	22
Western Suburbs	3-4-0	16
Severn River	2-6-0	9
United	1-6-0	5
Roanoke	0-8-0	0

It is not yet 100% sure what the seeds are in the MARFU playoffs, but Norfolk and Raleigh are guaranteed playoff spots.

Virginia Division II:

Norfolk	3-0-0
Raleigh	2-1-0
United	1-2-0
Roanoke	0-3-0

VRU Division III:

Virginia	4-0-0
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Newport News 3-1-0
Blacksburg 2-2-0
James River 1-3-0
Blackwater 0-4-0

Moving on in the MARFU playoffs will be Virginia, Newport News, and Blacksburg.

COLLEGE MEN:

Moving on in the MARFU Playoffs in the Spring are Virginia Tech and James Madison in Division I, and Radford, University of Virginia, and Mary Washington in Division II. University of Richmond plays the Eastern Penn Division champion on November 16. University of Richmond played Albright College for the right to move on in the MARFU Playoffs in the Spring, but lost 29-12.

Those named to the VRU Men’s Collegiate All Stars were the following:

Virginia Tech: John Schnibbe, Anthony Caron, Bryan Gassenmeryer, Mark Seiss, Chris Roark, Jesse Hilmandolar, Joshua Heckler, Luke Dusett.
Radford: Kurt Goddard, Brandon Manahan, Nathan Scott, Joey Gatto, Jason Conlon, Ryan Peterson, Sean Conlon, Thom Drunagel, Pat Becker.
Mary Washington: Matt Weller, Mark Malone, Jim McKinnon.
Old Dominion: Jon Umlauf.
James Madison: Chris Daly, Chas Muller.
University of Virginia: Nick Conell, Steve Gaborik,.
Washington & Lee: Robert Decosimo.

The VRU Men’s Collegiate All-Stars lost to Eastern Penn 25-14, then blasted North Carolina 86-0.

COLLEGE WOMEN:

Moving on in the MARFU Playoffs in the Spring are James Madison and University of Virginia in Division I and Mary Washington in Division II.

Those named to the VRU Women’s U-23 All Stars were the following:

University of Virginia: Lauren Baker, Katie Dressel, Fiona Foxon, Katie Mandel, April McCollum, Miwa Ng, Kristen O’Connor, Carolyn Runyon, Siobhan Tiernan, Rachel Warden.
Virginia Tech: Heather Cole, Amanda Hibbert.
Virginia Commonwealth: Alexa Ebersole, Kate Farley.

James Madison: Kerry Fischer, Jamie Hill, Jennie Miller, Maia Paglinawan, Naomi Sandler, Lizzie Scerbo.
Blue Ridge: Giza High.
Mary Washington: Ashley Horne, Kim Woods.
Norfolk: Lindsay Kinsler.
William & Mary: Tiffany Smith
Alternates: Sarah Howell, UVA; Emily Karnes, James River; Jennifer Stello, JMU.

The VRU Women's U-23 All-Stars clobbered North Carolina 55-5 and beat Eastern Penn 25-5 in all-star play.

WOMEN'S CLUB:

Raleigh will be moving on in the MARFU Playoffs in the Spring.

Roanoke Women RFC has disbanded.

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ED & SANDY LEE CUP:

The winners at the Ed and Sandy Lee Cup were as follows:

Women's Collegiate: UVA 17, JMU 12 in OT.
Men's Collegiate: Virginia Tech 24, Radford 12.
Women's Club: Raleigh 15, Blue Ridge 5.
Men's Club: Norfolk 13, Raleigh 3.

The VCU Women won the Sportsmanship Award and will receive a \$100 credit on their referee society bill.

IN MEMORIUM

James Madison rugger Chris Ball died in a canoeing accident on September 18. He was both a VRU and MARFU All-Star.

REFEREES:

Congratulations to Virginia referee Steve Myers on his promotion to B-1!

MARFU:

Chosen to the Fall MARFU Women's All-Star squad from the VRU were Calley Gerber of Raleigh, and Beth Black and Emily Pelliccia of Blue Ridge. The MARFU squad played the West All-Stars at Pumpkinfest in Philadelphia October 11. The West won, 7-0. Those ladies selected for the MARFU squad to play in the ITT's included Rachel Warden and JJ Burke of UVA, Kathy Borkowski of the Norfolk Storm, Emily Pelliccia and Beth Black of Blue Ridge, Calley Gerber of Raleigh. Nancy Ketchner is the manager.

Chosen to the MARFU Men's All Star team from the VRU were James Cross, Chris Porter, Ed Stockunas, and Fred Wintermantle from Norfolk, John Garofalo from Virginia, and Brad Bell from Raleigh. The MARFU Men beat the New Zealand Ambassadors 31-28 and the South 31-5. Also, Raleigh beat the South B, 20-18. Captaining MARFU is Norfolk's Chris Porter. Captaining the South is former William & Mary and Norfolk lock Jay Boyd.

SEVENS:

The World Rugby 7's Series is coming to America! It will take place in the Home Depot Center in Los Angeles on February 14-15, 2004. Other stops in the series include England, South Africa, New Zealand, United Arab Emirates, Singapore, and of course Hong Kong.

Former Norfolk Blue Mike Coyner has been named as head coach of the National 7's team for a two-year term.

OLD BOYS:

The Sons of Beaches Old Boys from Norfolk, the defending Over 45 champions at Aspen's Ruggerfest, lost in this year's final to the St. Louis Da Bombs, 17-7. St. Louis was accused of playing ruggers younger than 45 and playing at least six players illegally recruited from other old boys' rosters for the final. St. Louis admitted to having picked up extra players, but felt it didn't violate any of the rules.

NATIONAL:

Elected to the 2004 USA Rugby Board of Directors from the VRU were UVA women's coach Nancy Kechner as Collegiate Representative and RSV referee Bob Destafney as Military Club Representative.

Norfolk's Chris Porter once again played in the World Rugby Classic for Team America in Bermuda in October. Team America beat the Classic All Blacks in the first round and the Springboks Old Boys in the semis. Team America lost in the final to France in the pouring rain. The USA Women beat England to win the women's division. Dr. Barry Brunt from Cork, Ireland, was one of the referees in the Classic. Barry spent his Spring 1993 sabbatical here in Newport News and refereed for the season with the Referee Society of Virginia.

Eagles player and former captain Dan Lyle has retired.

INTERNATIONAL:

England beat Australia in overtime to win the World Cup. The USA National Team, the Eagles, went 1-3 losing to Fiji, Scotland, and France, and beating Japan.

The IRB have instituted their own world rankings. Here are the current rankings for the top 20 countries:

- 1. England 2. New Zealand 3. Australia 4. France 5. South Africa 6. Ireland 7. Argentina 8. Wales 9. Scotland 10. Samoa 11. Italy 12. Fiji 13. Canada 14. Romania 15. United States 16. Uruguay 17. Tonga 18. Portugal 19. Georgia 20. Japan. There are currently 94 countries that have qualified for world rankings, with Bosnia bringing up the rear.

OF INTEREST:

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
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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 involvement and commitment is like a ham and egg breakfast. The hen was involved, but the pig was committed! - Anonymous

Jeffrey Anderson,
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