

VIRGINIA RUGBY UNION
Summer 2004

CLUB MEN:

MARFU Division II Playoffs:

April 17: Lancaster 18, Raleigh 8
Norfolk 32, Frederick 5
Rocky Gorge 31, Washington Irish 22
Media 28, Doylestown 19

April 24-25: Lancaster 21, Media 7
Norfolk Blues 42, Rocky Gorge 5

Consolation: Media over Rocky Gorge
Championship: Norfolk Blues 38, Lancaster 8

Both Norfolk and Lancaster moved on in the National Playoffs. In the round of 16, Norfolk ran all over Queen City 38-5 while Lancaster lost to Nashville 19-5. The next day in the Round of 8, Norfolk lost to the Connecticut Yankees 41-14. Norfolk got one round closer this year than last. Congratulations to the Blues for going so far.

MARFU Division III Playoffs:

Quarterfinals: Lehigh Valley 31, Blacksburg 7
Newport News 22, Quantico 13
Old Gaelic 20, Virginia 17
Happy Valley 23, Harrisburg 11

Consolations: Harrisburg 12, Virginia 7
Blacksburg 29, Quantico 21

Semifinals: Lehigh Valley 16, Newport News 10
Happy Valley 35, Old Gaelic 17

7th Place: Quantico over Virginia by forfeit
5th Place: Blacksburg 23, Harrisburg 8
3rd Place: Newport News 41, Old Gaelic 3
Championship: Happy Valley 37, Lehigh Valley 23

United has changed its name to the Richmond Lions.

The Raleigh Vipers won the Porter Cup.

The Norfolk City Blues won the Washington Irish Tournament.

The Marchwood Dolphins, a military team from Portsmouth, England, is touring the VRU the last week of May. Opponents include Newport News, Virginia, and Richmond.

COLLEGE MEN:

In the MARFU Collegiate Playoffs, the scores were:

Division I

Penn State 52 - Delaware 7

West Chester 22 - Virginia Tech 19

IUP 19 - Kutztown 12

Navy 98 - JMU 0

Consolation:

Kutztown 30, James Madison 0

Virginia Tech 51, Delaware 15

Semi-finals:

Navy 78, IUP 15

Penn State 29, West Chester 15

7th Place: Delaware 24, James Madison 12

5th Place: Virginia Tech 17, Kutztown 14

3rd Place: West Chester 24, IUP 17

Championship: Navy 41, Penn State 14

Both Navy and Penn State moved on in the national playoffs. Cal-Berkeley eventually won the championship with a 46-24 win over Cal Poly-SLO.

Division II:

UVA 50 - York 7

Salisbury 53 - Mary Wash 5

Radford 62 - Mt. St. Mary's 5

Georgetown 29 - Temple 12

Semi-finals:

Salisbury 13, UVA 10

Radford 36, Georgetown 27

3rd Place: Georgetown 34, UVA 7

Championship: Salisbury 29, Radford 22

Only Salisbury moved on to the national playoffs. Salisbury ended up winning the championship with a 43-24 victory over Arkansas State. A win for a MARFU team!

UVA's Tom Sanders was featured in the February issue of Rugby Magazine.

COLLEGE WOMEN:

In the MARFU Collegiate Playoffs, the scores were:

Division I

Pool A

Princeton 12 - James Madison 5

Navy 50 - Shippensburg 5

Pool B

Virginia (UVA) 46 - Salisbury 0

Penn State 37 - West Chester 0

Semi-finals:

Navy 17, Princeton 3

Virginia 36, Penn State 0

3rd Place: Penn State 42, Princeton 0

Championship: Virginia 20, Navy 18

Moving on in the national playoffs were Virginia, Navy, Penn State, and Princeton.

At the Round of 16, Virginia shut out Marquette 14-0 and then edged Chico State 17-15. Going on to the semi-finals, Virginia got edged by Princeton 13-10 while in the other semi-final Penn State beat Navy 20-8, setting up an all MARFU Final, which Penn State won, 24-8. Congratulations to Virginia for getting all the way to the semi-finals! Well done, ladies!

Division II:

Temple 75 - Virginia Commonwealth 0

St. Joseph's 39 - George Washington 5

Pool B

College of New Jersey 130 - William & Mary

Mary Washington 31 - Bloomsburg 7

Semi-finals:

Mary Washington 21, College of New Jersey 0

Temple 27, St. Joseph's 0

3rd Place: College of New Jersey 22, St. Joseph's 19
Championship: Mary Washington 7, Temple 5

Moving on in the national playoffs were Mary Washington and Temple.

In the Round of 8, Mary Washington shut out Central Florida 12-0, but then got shut out by Providence College 25-0. The eventual Division II winner was Temple by 17-7 over Providence College. Congratulations to Mary Washington for making it to the semi-finals!

JMU won the VWIT after Princeton pulled out of the final. This broke the six year stranglehold UVA had on the trophy, going 28-0 before losing its 2004 semi to Princeton 5-0.

Mary Washington won the College Women's division at the Porter Cup.

WOMEN'S CLUB:

Raleigh lost in the MARFU Playoffs.

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OLD BOYS AND GIRLS:

A group of Virginia old boys known as the Virginia Cardinals swept both the Over 35 and Over 45 brackets in Ft. Lauderdale Feb 28 and 29.

The Virginia Gentlemen (Richmond) beat the Virginia Old Boys (Charlottesville) 10-5 in the Porter Cup.

REFEREES:

In the feature on UVA's Tom Sanders in Rugby Magazine's February issue, Tom said that his favorite referee was Bob DeStafney of the Referee Society of Virginia.

Congratulations to Mark Boger for his promotion to C-2.

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DISCIPLINE:

Those disciplined for the Spring 2004 season:

Yellow Cards:

Joe Caridi, VCU - Pulling an opponents hair
Antoine Ware, VCU - stiff arm to the face
James McKenna, MWC - repeated infringement of the off side law
Adrienne LeKeche, VCU woman - high tackle
James Boucher, MWC - dangerous tackle
Heather MacKenzie, MWC Women - multiple high tackles
Brian Longtin, Va Beach - throwing the ball at tackler after the whistle
Fiona Foxon, UVa Women - pulling the hair
Jamie Austin, Roanoke - Stamping
Steve Murray, Va Beach - back chat

Red Cards:

Steve Murray, Va Beach - Foul Play: stomping of a player in the face/neck

MARFU:

The MARFU U-23 has a web page. It is
<http://www.people.virginia.edu/~nek8n/MARFUindex.htm>

Coming up are the following for the U-23 team:

May 29 - South Selection Camp at Mary Washington University, 10AM – 4PM
June 12 – A warm-up match, opponent and location TBD.
June 17-20 – U-23 National All-Star Competition, Blaine, MN

ED AND SANDY LEE CUP:

The Ed and Sandy Lee Cup has been awarded to James River again, this year on
November 6 & 7.

SEVENS:

The World Rugby 7's Series:

Results to date:

UAE: Winner – South Africa
South Africa: Winner – England

New Zealand: Winner – New Zealand
Los Angeles: Winner – Argentina. The USA took the Shield.
Hong Kong: Women’s Winner - New Zealand (USA placed 5th.)
Hong Kong: Men’s Winner – England
Singapore: Winner – South Africa

UVA’s Tom Sanders has been playing on the USA team in the World Rugby 7’s Series.

MARFU 7’s Calendar:

Qualifiers:

June 12	Lehigh Valley 7’s	Bethlehem, PA
July 10	Norfolk 7’s	Norfolk, VA
July 17	Rocky Gorge 7’s	Laurel, MD
July 24	Philadelphia-Whitemarsh 7’s	Langhorne, PA
July 31	MARFU 7’s Championship	TBD

YOUTH/U-19:

New Zealand defeated France 34-11 to win the IRB Under 19 World Championship.

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NATIONAL:

The Superpowers Cup is being played in Tokyo May 26-30. The schedule is:

May 26: Canada vs. USA
Russia vs. Japan

May 30: Loser vs. Loser
Winner vs. Winner

The Churchill Cup is being played June 12 – 19 in Calgary and Edmonton, Canada.
The schedule is:

June 12: Canada Women vs. England Women
USA Men vs. New Zealand Maori

June 13: USA Women vs. New Zealand Black Ferns
Canada Men vs. England Men

June 19: Women’s 3rd/4th Playoff

Women's Final
Men's 3rd/4th Playoff
Men's Final

Kort Schubert has been named as captain of the United States national team.

INTERNATIONAL:

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. Ireland 6. South Africa 7. Argentina 8. Wales 9. Scotland 10. Samoa 11. Italy 12. Fiji 13. Canada 14. United States 15. Romania 16. Uruguay 17. Portugal 18. Tonga 19. Morocco 20. Korea. There are currently 95 countries that have qualified for world rankings, with Bosnia bringing up the rear.

The World Cup continues to grow in popularity. It was watched by a cumulative total of 3.4 billion viewers worldwide.

The draw for the 2007 World Cup is as follows:

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C	Pool D
England	Australia	New Zealand	France
South Africa	Wales	Scotland	Ireland
Oceania 1	Oceania 2	Europe 1	Americas 1
Americas 3	Americas 2	Europe 2	Europe 3
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Based on current world rankings, the USA would end up playing in Pool A. Time will tell.

The IRB U21 World Championship will be held in Scotland in June. The USA does not have a team entered.

OF INTEREST:

If you are looking for a particular book about rugby, David Shead probably has it in stock. Located in New Zealand, he has hundreds of older rugby books. I was able to get Ice man, the biography of Michael Jones published eight years ago, from David last year after searching for the past two years. Now I wanted to get New Zealand referee Paddy O'Brien's brand new biography, Whistle While You Work. I checked with several online book dealers in New Zealand, but none had it in stock yet. David came to the

rescue. His wife traveled to the nearest city and bought it for me and David shipped it airmail! Talk about super service! You can contact David at Bookloft: bookloft@xtra.co.nz

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)@</p>
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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 trouble with referees is they just don't care who wins. – Basketball coach Tommy Canterbury

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