

**VIRGINIA RUGBY UNION**  
**Summer 2005**

**Raleigh Venom wins the Division II Championship! Story below under WOMEN'S CLUB.**

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**CLUB MEN:**

**In the Division I USA Competitive Region 4 Playoffs, the scores were:**

Charlotte 54, New Haven 3  
Boston Irish Wolfhounds 31, Baltimore-Chesapeake 19  
Worcester 25, Pittsburgh Harlequins 0  
Old Blue 24, Schuylkill River 20

In the next round, Charlotte shut out Old Blue 27-0 and then lost to Worcester in a shortened game, 20-15. However, Charlotte went on to the national round of sixteen.

In the national sixteen, Charlotte beat San Mateo 25-12 and then Chicago Griffins 19-11 to reach the national semi-finals. They ended up losing in the semi's to Back Bay, 25-17. Congratulation to Charlotte for making it to #3 in the entire country! Santa Monica ended up winning Division 1.

**In the first round of the MARFU Division II Playoffs, the scores were:**

Norfolk Blues 72, Brandywine 27  
Raleigh 24, Doylestown 17  
Media 48, Washington Irish 31  
Lancaster 35, Frederick 3

In the MARFU Semi-Finals:

Lancaster 20, Raleigh 17  
Media 27, Norfolk 22

In the game for 3<sup>rd</sup> place:  
Raleigh 36, Norfolk 32  
Championship:  
Lancaster 47, Media 17

No VRU team moved on.

Haggis (Pacific #2 seed) ended up Division II National champion.

**In the MARFU Division III Playoffs**, the scores were:

Happy Valley 24, Dickinson School of Law 0  
Harrisburg 10, Newport News 5  
Old Gaelic 31, West Potomac 5  
James River 23, Quantico 7

In the second round:

Consolation Newport 17, Dickinson School of Law 7  
Consolation: Quantico 31, West Potomac 8  
Semi-final: Happy Valley 25, Harrisburg 7  
James River 19, Old Gaelic 7

Finals:

7<sup>th</sup> Place: West Potomac over Dickinson School of Law by forfeit  
5<sup>th</sup> Place: Newport News 27, Quantico 18  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Old Gaelic 36, Harrisburg 0  
Championship: Happy Valley 27, James River 23

Although no VRU team moved on, congratulations go to James River for making it to the championship game in MARFU.

Division III National Champion ended up being Pearl City from the Midwest.

**The Porter Cup** was won by Norfolk

**The Rugby Super League** title was won by New York Athletic Club, beating Belmont Shore 23-19 in the final.

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**COLLEGE MEN:**

**In the MARFU Playoffs, Division I:**

Navy 71, Kutztown 25  
Delaware 52, Virginia Tech 6  
U. Penn 27, Maryland 11  
Penn State 29, UVA 0

Thus no VRU Division I team advanced.

**In the next round of MARFU Playoffs:**

Semifinals:

Navy 15, Delaware 0

Penn State 32, Penn 3

Plate Semifinals:

Kutztown 36, Virginia Tech 9

Maryland 18, UVA 10

Finals:

First Place: Penn State 29, Navy 18

Third Place: Delaware/U Penn cancelled due to field conditions.

Fifth Place: Kutztown 36. Maryland 19

Seventh Place: UVA/Virginia Tech cancelled due to field conditions.

Going on to Nationals: Penn State and Navy. No VRU team advanced.

Cal-Berkeley ended up winning another championship with a 44-7 win over Utah in the final.

## **Division II:**

Georgetown 19, Mary Washington 7

VMI 39, Albright 10

Radford 46, St. Mary's 13

Salisbury 21, The College of New Jersey 8

VMI and Radford moved on to the second round from the VRU.

## **In the next round of the MARFU Playoffs:**

Semifinals:

Georgetown 27, VMI 9

Salisbury 10, Radford 7

Finals:

First Place: Georgetown 6, Salisbury 3

Third Place: Radford/VMI cancelled due to field conditions.

Going on to Nationals: Georgetown. No VRU team advanced.

The University of Northern Colorado beat Humboldt State 24-22 for the national championship.

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## **COLLEGE WOMEN:**

**In the MARFU Playoffs, Division I:**

UVA 118, Salisbury State 0  
Navy 36, West Chester 5  
Penn State 48, Virginia Tech 0  
Princeton 47, James Madison 10

UVA was the only VRU Division I team to move on.

**In the next round of MARFU Playoffs:**

Semifinals:

UVA 3, Navy 0  
Penn State 5, U Penn 0

Plate Semifinals:

West Chester 27, Salisbury 3  
JMU 20, Virginia Tech 10

Finals:

First Place: Penn State 16, UVA 5  
Third Place: Princeton 12, Navy 7  
Fifth Place: West Chester 11, JMU 0  
Seventh Place: Salisbury/Virginia Tech cancelled due to field conditions.

Going on to Nationals: Penn State, UVA, Princeton, Navy, West Chester.

**In the Round of 16, it was:**

Penn State 34, West Chester 10  
Ohio State 25, Vassar 17  
Air Force Academy 29, Northern Iowa 0  
Naval Academy 32, California 12  
Princeton 32, North Carolina 24  
Chico 28, Bowling Green 5  
Stanford 22, U. California San Diego 5  
Virginia 29, Radcliffe 17

**In the Round of 8:**

Penn State 29, Ohio State 13  
Naval Academy 13, Air Force Academy 11  
Princeton 25, Chico State 17  
Stanford 43, Virginia 27

Congratulations go to Virginia for reaching the Round of 8.

Stanford ended up beating Penn State 53-6 for the national championship

**Division II:**

Mary Washington 15, The College of New Jersey 5  
York 43, St. Mary's 0  
Temple 76, U. of Richmond 0  
U. of Maryland 65, William and Mary 0

Mary Washington was the only VRU Division II team to move on.

**In the next round of the MARFU Playoffs:**

Semifinals:

Mary Washington 15, York 0  
Temple 15, Maryland 10

Finals:

First Place: Temple 15, Mary Washington 0  
Third Place: Maryland/York cancelled due to field conditions.

Going on to Nationals: Temple, Mary Washington.

**In the Round of 8:**

Temple 48, UCLA 12  
Western Oregon 45, Dayton 29  
Mary Washington 15, Illinois State 12  
Providence 12, Central Florida 10

**In the Semi-Finals:**

Temple 22, Western Oregon 14  
Providence 36, Mary Washington 22

Congratulations go to Mary Washington for reaching the national semi-finals.

Providence won the national championship with a 15-10 victory over Temple.

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**WOMEN'S CLUB:**

**In the MARFU Division II Playoffs, the results were:**  
Blue Ridge over Chesapeake

Raleigh 62, Lehigh Valley 0

Final: Raleigh 35, Blue Ridge 10

Congratulations to the Raleigh Venom for winning the MARFU Division II Championship! Both teams went on to the national championship.

In the Division II championship's first round, Blue Ridge fell to Detroit 19-0 while Raleigh blanked Albany 21-0. In the second round Blue Ridge came back to beat Nashville 29-5 and Raleigh rolled over the Milwaukee Scylla 29-8. In the 5<sup>th</sup> place match Blue Ridge blitzed Naples 31-8. Raleigh, meanwhile, took the whole ball of wax by edging Detroit 8-6 for the championship! Congratulations Raleigh!!!

**In Division I**, Berkeley beat the Minnesota Valkyries 32-20 in overtime for the championship.

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### **OLD BOYS:**

**A collection of old boys** from around Virginia went to the Ft. Lauderdale Ruggerfest and swept both the Over 35 and Over 45 divisions – for the second year in a row!

Congratulations, Virginia Cardinals! For a complete roster, stories, and photos, go to: [http://www.richmondrugby.net/ftl\\_post\\_2005.html](http://www.richmondrugby.net/ftl_post_2005.html)

**At the Porter Cup**, over 30 old boys showed up to play a Red v White match, which ended in a tie.

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### **REFEREES:**

**Congratulations to Mark Boger** on his promotion to C-1 and to Barry Cross on his promotion to C-3.

**Recently retired international referee** Paddy O'Brien from New Zealand was appointed IRB Referee Manager.

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### **DISCIPLINE:**

**Those VRU Players** sinbinned in Spring 2005:

Jason Hayes, Charlotte  
Matt Myers, Charlotte

Sean Kim, Charlotte  
Julia Swavola, JMU  
Christina Johnston, Longwood  
Matt Casciano, Mary Washington  
Chris Redder, Mary Washington  
Joey Agustin, Norfolk  
John "Spice" Hamilton, Norfolk  
Jamie Newnam, Norfolk  
Duane Sowa, ODU  
Nate Schultz, ODU  
Rob Munsell, Raleigh  
Elliott Clark, Richmond Lions  
John Andrews, Roanoke  
Mike Sexton, Roanoke  
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Matt Federici, UVA

Red Cards:

Doug Schmiedel, Charlotte, punching/kicking – two week or two game suspension, one year probation  
John Yaniero, Charlotte, punching – two week or two game suspension, one year probation  
Jamie Newnam, Norfolk, punching – two week or two game suspension, one year probation  
Andy Pero, Norfolk, punching/kicking – two week or two game suspension, one year probation  
Jamie Newnam, Norfolk, dangerous tackling – four game suspension, continuation of year probation  
Brett Beckner, UVA, two yellow cards – two week or two game suspension, one year probation

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**ED AND SANDY LEE CUP:**

**The 2005 Ed and Sandy Lee Cup** has been awarded to James River Men and Women RFC.

**This Fall the College Men** will have a new format in the Ed Lee Cup. Competition will now be broken down into divisions as follows:

Division 1 has 3 clubs. There will play two 80-minute matches on Saturday and one 80-minute match on Sunday in a round robin format. Saturday will be #3 v #2 in the AM and #3 v #1 in the afternoon. Sunday will have #2 v #1.

Division 2 will have 4 clubs entered. There will be two 80-minute semi-finals on Saturday followed by the third/fourth place game and the championship game on Sunday. Saturday's matches will be #1 v #4 and #2 v #3.

Division 3 – same as Division 2.

In all divisions teams get two games – one each day – and the games are longer.

**For the College Women**, the set-up will be the same as the College Men for Divisions 1 and 2.

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## **SEVENS:**

### **The World Rugby 7's Series for 2004-05:**

Dubai, UAE: Winner – England over Fiji  
George, South Africa: Winner – New Zealand over Fiji  
Wellington, New Zealand: Winner: New Zealand over Argentina  
Los Angeles: Winner: New Zealand over Argentina  
Singapore: Winner: New Zealand over England  
London, England: Winner: South Africa over England  
Bordeaux, France: Winner: France over Fiji  
New Zealand retained the overall IRB Sevens title.

**The Rugby 7's World Cup:** Hong Kong, March 18-20. Winner: Fiji over New Zealand

**The sevens qualifiers** in MARFU are as follows:

June 18	NOVA Battlefield 7's	Manassas, VA
July 9	Norfolk Blues 7's	Norfolk, VA
July 16	Maryland Exiles 7's	Aspen Hill, MD
July 30	MARFU Championships	Laurel, MD

**The Monk Vaughan 7's Cup** champion was the Kenyan Exiles. The Bowl winner was Richmond Lions II.

**Those named to the Women's VRU Select Side Tour** include the following:

For the June 25<sup>th</sup> PAC 7's – A Side: Mandy Cox (Raleigh), Tracie Sauers (Raleigh), Giza High (Blue Ridge), Stephi Jo Edwards (James River), Caroline Duckworth (Raleigh), Jen Mitchell (James River), Jackie Kurszewski (UVA), Monica Gittings (James River), Leigh Prpich (Norfolk). B side: Jessie Grafflin (Blue Ridge), Deshia Williams (James River), Emily Pauler (Norfolk), Yen Hwang (JMU), Carla Harrell (Norfolk), MaryBeth Boogren (Norfolk), Brittany Martin (Norfolk), Heather Weaver (James River), Alissa Ashley (James River).

For the July 2 and 3 Cape Fear 7's – A Side: add Carrie Ann Perdue (UVA), A J Steffen (Raleigh). B Side: add Daniele Canney (Raleigh), Shoshana Griffith (UVA)

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## **MARFU**

**Those from the VRU** named to the MARFU U-23 team include:

Sarah Miller, JMU  
Catherine Easterling, Mary Washington  
Carrie Perdue, UVA  
Fiona Foxon, UVA (Captain)  
Keri Fischer, Blue Ridge  
Katie Miller, Mary Washington  
Miwa Ng, Blue Ridge  
Rachel Warden, UVA  
Rachel Winters, UVA  
Carolyn Runyon, Blue Ridge  
Shoshana Griffith, UVA  
Vernetta Alston, Raleigh Venom  
Winnie Chao, UVA  
Yen Hwang, JMU

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## **U-19**

**The USA placed sixth** in the U-19 World Championships. South Africa beat New Zealand for the title.

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## **NATIONAL:**

Superpower's Cup:

May 25 - Canada 30, USA 26  
Japan 23, Romania 16.  
May 29 – Third place: USA 28, Romania 22  
First place: Canada 15, Japan 10

June 4 – Wales 77, USA 3

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## **INTERNATIONAL:**

**How has the game changed** since professionalism came about in 1995? According to the IRB, for top games studied:

- Total tries per game has gone from 2.0 to 4.5 while penalty goals have dropped from 6.1 to 4.5. Also, conversion success has risen from 50% to 63%.
- The time the ball is in play has gone up 40%, just about 10 minutes more, from 26 minutes 43 seconds to 36 minutes 41 seconds.
- From 1993 – 1996, England played 16 tests and scored 15 tries and 58 penalty goals. From 2002 – 2004, England played 15 tests and scored 58 tries and 35 penalty goals.
- Average scrums per game for the 6 Nations was 21 with possession retained 87% of the time. One in three scrums collapsed. Average scrums per Tri Nations game was also 21 with 92% possession retained. One in four scrums collapsed.
- Lineouts had less success. Average lineouts per game for the 6 Nations was 36. Those that were contested was 61% with possession retained 80% of the time. In the Tri Nations, there were 32 lineouts per game with 60% contested and 81% of them retaining possession.
- In the 2003 Rugby World Cup, northern hemisphere referees whistled 26.8 penalties per game; southern hemisphere referees 26.5.
- Concerning sin bins in the 2003 Rugby World Cup, the rate of scoring in the sin bin period was less than in the rest of the game. In no case did the team with 15 players benefit by more than 7 points. In over 50% of cases there was either a 0 points benefit or the team with 14 players scored more points. The average number of points scored by the team with 15 players: 3. By the team with 14 players: 2.
- In the 1995 Rugby World Cup, 96% of the players that started the match were there at the end. In the 2003 Rugby World Cup, only 66% were still around at the end of the game.
- Want to change the scoring value of a penalty goal? In 360 matches studied, if the penalty goal had been changed from 3 to 2 points, the outcome of the game would have changed only 21 times. Conversely, in a test of 33 matches, if the penalty goal was changed to 6 points, the outcome would have changed only twice.
- And here's this tidbit, also from the IRB. The Scotland V Wales game from this Spring's 6 Nations clash set a few records. It had the highest ball in play time ever recorded at senior international level – 43 minutes 45 seconds, or 55%. It also had the highest number of passes with 428 and rucks and mauls (229) ever recorded in one game! Compare it to the famous 1973 Barbarians v All Blacks game, which had 150 *fewer* passes!
- By the way, who makes most of the passes in a game? In the Ireland v England game, there were 246 passes. Just 17 or them, or 7%, were made by forwards! In the 1983 Ireland v England game, the forwards also made just 17 passes, but there were only 146 passes in that game. This means that proportionately the forwards of 22 years ago passed twice as much as the forwards of today.

**The IRB has instituted its own world rankings.** Here are the current rankings for the top 20 countries:

1. New Zealand 2. Australia 3. South Africa 4. France 5. Wales 6. England 7. Ireland 8. Argentina 9. Scotland 10. Fiji 11. Italy 12. Samoa 13. Canada 14. Uruguay 15. USA 16. Japan 17. Portugal 18. Romania 19. Georgia. 20. Tonga. There are currently 95 countries that have qualified for world rankings, with Finland bringing up the rear.

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**OF INTEREST:**

**Kevin Kilgore** has been appointed to the vacant Youth Coordinator position on the VRU Executive Committee.

**One story I like to tell** from my early rugby years was a rugby tournament I was playing in with the Miami Rugby Club back in 1971. We had four teams and played the tourney on the University of Miami's soccer pitch. The first day of the tourney coincided with the Miami Dolphin's rookie camp, also being held at the U. of Miami. During the game I was playing in, the Dolphin rookies – along with some veterans like Larry Czonka and Jim Kiick – came over to the soccer pitch to do the 12 minute run on the track around the pitch. Coach Don Shula stood on the grass strip between the track and the pitch. It wasn't long before he turned around and started watching our rugby game. At one point, we had a gang tackle and ruck by the touchline, right at Shula's feet. The ball came out and play took off. As the rest of us on the ground started to untangle bodies and get up, Shula looked down at us, shook his head, and said, "Too rough for me," then turned back to watch his rookies run. I have always taken this comment as my badge of honor in rugby!

**Do you have** a rugby story you'd like to share? Send it along to me at [news@rugby.org](mailto:news@rugby.org)

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

The rugby newsgroup:	<b>rec.sport.rugby.union</b>
On the World Wide Web:	
VRU WWW Site:	<a href="http://www.rugby.org">http://www.rugby.org</a>
EPRU Web Site:	<a href="http://www.epru.org">http://www.epru.org</a>
PRU Web Site:	<a href="http://www.pru.org">http://www.pru.org</a>
MARFU Web Site:	<a href="http://www.marfu.org">http://www.marfu.org</a>
US National Team:	<a href="http://www.usa-eagles.org">http://www.usa-eagles.org</a>
Rugby Today:	<a href="http://www.scrum.com/rugbytoday/default.asp">http://www.scrum.com/rugbytoday/default.asp</a>
Rugby magazine:	<a href="http://www.rugbymag.com">http://www.rugbymag.com</a>
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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! Two great places to start:

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

<http://www.rugby-union.info>

#### FINAL WORD:

If you do not stand for something you will fall for everything. - Anonymous

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