

**VIRGINIA RUGBY UNION**  
**Issue 2006-2**

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**CLUB MEN:**

**Charlotte has joined the Rugby Super League** and thus will not be participating in the Division I playoffs.

**Division II and III MARFU Playoff Schedule:**

MARFU 2006 Division II Playoffs

April 22 - Quarterfinals

Game 1 TBD at Raleigh (D2S #1)

Game 2 Doylestown (D2N #3) at Frederick (D2S #2)

Game 3 Severn River (D2S #4) at Lancaster (D2N #1)

Game 4 Norfolk Blues (D2S #3) at Media (D2N #2)

April 29-30 - D2 Final Four

Location: Raleigh, NC

Andy Richards (andyrichards@nc.rr.com) is Raleigh's POC.

MARFU 2006 Division III Playoffs

April 22 - Quarterfinals

Game 1 #8 Virginia at #1 Quantico

Game 2 #7 Happy Valley at #2 James River

Game 3 #6 Roanoke at #3 Old Gaelic

Game 4 #5 North Bay at #4 Second City Troop

April 29-30 - D3 Final Four

Location: Quantico, VA

Bob McCarthy (robertmccarthy@cox.net, robert.e.mccarthy@usmc.mil) is Quantico's POC.

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**COLLEGE MEN:**

**MARFU Playoffs:**

**Saturday, March 25, 2006**

Men's Div 1 quarterfinals (Pool A) - Penn State (PRU1) 43 - Princeton (EPRU3) 0  
Men's Div 1 quarterfinals (Pool A) - Virginia (VRU1) 26 - Temple (EPRU2) 23  
Men's Div 1 quarterfinals (Pool B) - Kutztown (EPRU1) 18 - Maryland (PRU3) 13 (OT)  
Men's Div 1 quarterfinals (Pool B) - Navy (PRU2) 63 - Va Tech (VRU2) 0

Men's Div 2 quarterfinals (Pool A) - Salisbury (PRU1) 30 - University of Richmond (VRU3) 17  
Men's Div 2 quarterfinals (Pool A) - Albright (EPRU1) 27 - VMI (VRU2) 8  
Men's Div 2 quarterfinals (Pool B) - Mary Washington (VRU1) 57 - Frostburg State (PRU3) 20  
Men's Div 2 quarterfinals (Pool B) - Georgetown (PRU2) 47 - St. Joseph's (EPRU2) 12

**Saturday, April 1, 2006**

Men's Div 1 semi-final - Penn State 38 - Virginia 7  
Men's Div 1 semi-final - Navy 40 - Kutztown 10

Men's Div 2 semi-final - Salisbury 28 - Albright 10  
Men's Div 2 semi-final - Mary Washington 23 - Georgetown 16

**Sunday, April 2, 2006**

Men's Div. 1 3rd Place - Virginia 32 - Kutztown 14  
Men's Div. 1 Championship - \*Penn State 18 v \*Navy 17

Men's Div. 2 3rd Place - Albright 24 - Georgetown 22  
Men's Div. 2 Championship - \*Salisbury 25 - Mary Washington 7

Advancing on to the National Championship Series will be Penn State and Navy in Division I and Salisbury in Division II. No VRU teams moved on.

Division III: VCU plays in the Collegiate Division III East Coast Tournament April 22-23.

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**COLLEGE WOMEN:**

**MARFU Playoffs:**

**Saturday, March 25, 2006**

Women's Div 1 quarterfinals (Pool A) - Penn State (PRU1) 84 - Virginia Tech (VRU3) 0

Women's Div 1 quarterfinals (Pool A) - Princeton (EPRU1) 21 - James Madison (VRU2) 15

Women's Div 1 quarterfinals (Pool B) - UVa (VRU1) 90 - American (PRU3) 0

Women's Div 1 quarterfinals (Pool B) - Navy (PRU2) 5 - West Chester (EPRU2) 0

Women's Div 2 quarterfinals (Pool A) - Kutztown (EPRU1) 50 - Virginia Commonwealth (VRU3) 0

Women's Div 2 quarterfinals (Pool A) - Maryland (PRU1) 61 - Richmond (VRU2) 0

Women's Div 2 quarterfinals (Pool B) - Mary Washington (VRU1) 22 - The College of New Jersey (EPRU3) 0

Women's Div 2 quarterfinals (Pool B) - St. Mary's College (PRU2) 17 - Temple (EPRU2) 15

**Saturday, April 1, 2006**

Women's Div 1 consolation - James Madison 35 - Virginia Tech 7

Women's Div 1 consolation - West Chester 25 - American 17

Women's Div 1 semi-final - Penn State 57 - Princeton 7

Women's Div 1 semi-final - Virginia 15 - Navy 0

Women's Div 2 semi-final - Maryland 33 - Kutztown 12

Women's Div 2 semi-final - Mary Washington 24 - St. Mary's College 0

**Sunday, April 2, 2006**

Women's Div. 1 7th Place - Virginia Tech 38 - American 5

Women's Div. 1 5th Place - \*West Chester 10 - James Madison 7

Women's Div. 1 3rd Place - \*Navy 55 - \*Princeton 0

Women's Div. 1 Championship - \*Virginia 13 - \*Penn State 7

Women's Div. 2 3rd Place - St. Mary's College 46 - Kutztown 5

Women's Div. 2 Championship - \*Mary Washington 22 - \*Maryland 19 (OT)

Moving on in the National Championship Series are West Chester, Princeton, Navy, Penn State, and Virginia from Division I. In Division II both Maryland and Mary Washington move on.

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**WOMEN'S CLUB:**

**From Margy Thomas:**

Hello VRU Women

On April 23rd, the VRU Women's Clinic (select side tryouts) will take place from 11am to 3pm at Lafayette Park in Norfolk. Please forward to the rest of your teams. Please encourage as much of your team to show up and learn something new, even though they may not be available for the Baltimore Rites of Spring tournament in May. Brett Burdick will be coaching.

Directions to Lafayette Park:  
<http://www.norfolkrugby.com/Directions.htm>

**Named to the MARFU Team** was Caroline Duckworth. Heather Ferrell, Jamie Jones, and Jen Cowman made the MARFU Developmental Team. All four are from the Raleigh Vipers.

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**DISCIPLINE:**

**Those from the VRU** who have been yellow-carded to date include:

- Austin McPherson, U of R
- Brett Flynn, ODU
- Scott Thompson, ODU
- Kelly Ginley, W & M
- Jonathan Chernega, ODU
- Jennifer Lui, VCU
- Michael Ulrich, VCU
- Patrick Brenner, James River
- Nick Taylor, UVA
- Chris Ridge, Mary Washington
- Drake Watts, VMI
- Ian Foley, VMI
- Alex Robertson, UVA

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**ED AND SANDY LEE CUP:**

**James River has once again** been awarded the Ed and Sandy Lee Cup.

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**SEVENS:**

**IRB 7's:**

Dec 1-2: Dubai, UAE – Winner: England  
Dec. 9-10: George, South Africa – Winner: Fiji  
Feb. 3-4: New Zealand – Winner: Fiji  
Feb. 11-12: Los Angeles, Ca. – Winner: England  
Mar. 31 – Apr 2: Hong Kong – Winner: England (Cup); Wales (Plate); China (Bowl)  
Apr. 8-9: Singapore -  
May 27-28: Paris, France -  
June 3-4: London, England –

**MARFU 7's Schedule:**

June 10      Lehigh Valley 7s – Contact: [Susan Martinko](#)  
June 17      NOVA 7s – Contact: [Charlie Kaiman](#)  
July 8        Norfolk 7s – Contact: [David Chapman](#)  
July 15      Maryland Exiles 7s – Contact: [Jason Maloni](#)  
July 22      MARFU Championships (Hosted by Rocky Gorge)  
July 29      Back-up date for MARFU Champs/Possible All Star Camp

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**NATIONAL:**

**Dates and games for the 2006 Churchill Cup:**

June 3 – England A v Scotland A  
June 3 – USA v Ireland A  
June 7 – Canada v Scotland A  
June 7 – USA v New Zealand Maori  
June 10 – Canada v England A  
June 10 – New Zealand v Ireland A  
June 17 - Finals

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## **INTERNATIONAL:**

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

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

### **From the Ruggerworld listserve:**

The Women's World Cup will be played in Edmonton Canada from 31 August to 17 September this year. The IRB has announced the match schedule.

The opening match will be between the reigning champions New Zealand and the hosts Canada at Ellerslie Rugby Park.

Pool matches, which will be played at Ellerslie Rugby Park and St. Albert Rugby Football Club, will determine the rankings that will position teams for the knockout rounds. The final will be played at Commonwealth Stadium on 17 September.

Edmonton, a city accustomed to holding events of this calibre, will welcome two-time defending champions New Zealand Black Ferns along with England (winners 1994, runners-up 1991, 2002), France (third - 2002), Canada (fourth 2002), Scotland, USA (winners 1991, runners-up 1994, 1998), Australia, Spain, Kazakhstan, Ireland, South Africa, and Samoa.

Graham Brown, CEO of Rugby Canada said: "This is an excellent opportunity for the Canadian rugby community to host a world level championship of this nature, and showcase rugby, more specifically women's rugby to the Canadian public.

"We encourage Canadians to support this event, as it is important not only to the growth of the women's game internationally, but to future opportunities of hosting other major international championships here at home."

Simon Jelowitz, Rugby World Cup Limited's Tournament Director, said: "The women's game continues to expand and the fact that nations from five continents will be present in Edmonton to contest the Women's Rugby World Cup is testament to that. We are delighted to be working with Rugby Canada on such a prestigious tournament and we are sure that they will produce an event of the highest calibre."

The teams are seeded and divided into pools.

## Seedings

1. New Zealand
2. England
3. France
4. Canada
5. Scotland
6. USA
7. Australia
8. Spain
9. Kazakhstan
10. Ireland
11. South Africa
12. Samoa

The 12 teams are divided into four pools:

Pool A: New Zealand, Spain, Kazakhstan

Pool B: England, Australia, Ireland

Pool C: France, USA, South Africa

Pool D: Canada, Scotland, Samoa

Each team will play three matches in the pool rounds. Pool A will play Pool

D, and Pool B will play Pool C.

## Fixtures

Match day 1 - Thursday 31 August, 2006

Ellerslie

New Zealand vs Canada

Kazakhstan vs Samoa

Australia vs South Africa

St Albert

Spain vs Scotland

England vs USA

Ireland vs France

Match day 2 - Monday 4 September, 2006

Ellerslie

England vs South Africa

Australia vs France

Ireland vs USA

St Albert

New Zealand vs Samoa

Spain vs Canada

Kazakhstan vs Scotland

Match day 3 - Friday 8 September, 2006

Ellerslie  
New Zealand vs Scotland  
Kazakhstan vs Canada  
Australia vs USA

St Albert  
Spain vs Samoa  
England vs France  
Ireland vs South Africa

Match day 4 - Tuesday 12 September, 2006

Ellerslie  
Knockout matches - triple header

St Albert  
Knockout matches - triple header

Match day 5 - Saturday 16 September, 2006

Ellerslie  
7th place play-off  
9th place play-off  
11th place play-off

Match day 6 - Sunday 17 September, 2006

Commonwealth Stadium  
5th place play-off  
3rd place play-off  
Final

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**OF INTEREST:**

**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>
USA Rugby:	<a href="http://www.USARUGBY.org">http://www.USARUGBY.org</a>
IRFB:	<a href="http://www.irfb.com/">http://www.irfb.com/</a>

Planet Rugby: Rugbyrugby:	<a href="http://www.planet-rugby.com">http://www.planet-rugby.com</a> <a href="http://www.Rugbyrugby.com">http://www.Rugbyrugby.com</a>
E-mail:  <a href="mailto:majordomo@world.std.com">majordomo@world.std.com</a>	USA Women's rugby mailing list. To subscribe, put in the message: <b>subscribe uswrugby-discussion (your e-mail address)</b> without the parens.
<a href="mailto:listserv@listserv.uoguelph.ca">listserv@listserv.uoguelph.ca</a>	Rugby coaches' mailing list. To subscribe, put in the message: SUB RUGBYCOACH (your full name) without the parens.
<a href="mailto:walshpj@erols.com">walshpj@erols.com</a>	This address gets you on the U-15 Youth Rugby listserv. Send your name, address, phone number, and rugby responsibilities to get on.
<a href="mailto:tacticalrugby-subscribe@yahoogroups.com">tacticalrugby-subscribe@yahoogroups.com</a>	Tactical Rugby listserv. For coaches, administrators, players, and referees.
<a href="mailto:ruggerworld-subscribe@yahoogroups.com">ruggerworld-subscribe@yahoogroups.com</a>	Rugby union listserv.
<a href="mailto:rugbymag@aol.com">rugbymag@aol.com</a>	Rugby magazine. Hey, can reporting a tourney result get any easier???
<a href="mailto:info@usarugby.org">info@usarugby.org</a>	USA Rugby's e-mail address. To reach an employee, e-mail (first initial)(last name)@usarugby.org
<a href="mailto:virginiarugbyunion@yahoogroups.com">virginiarugbyunion@yahoogroups.com</a>	The VRU e-mail list.

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:

Pain is temporary; quitting is forever. – Lance Armstrong

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