



Queen City Old Boys – April 2016

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Canada Here We Come!

We are just a couple of weeks away from crossing the border into the land of Molson, Labatts, Moosehead, hockey & beavers. Your newsletter editor hasn't seen the sights of Windsor since the Friday night before a game in Toledo in 1992. I clearly remember being told "Windsor is kinda on the way to Toledo and if eight of us are late for kick-off they can't start the game without us!"

There has been a lot of enthusiasm for the first tour in 8 years with the 37 strong touring party consisting of a large number of tour virgins, numerous seasoned old boys, two Wolfhounds and three members of Queen City East (aka Eccleshall RFC).

There will be a full report of the on-field proceedings in Ottawa and Toronto in the next newsletter. However, only those on tour will be privy to any off-field shenanigans.

Remaining Spring Schedule

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| April 23 | vs Louisville Rugby |
| April 30 | at Akron |
| May 7 | Bye (rest for tour) |
| May 12 | at Ottawa Beavers |
| May 14 | at Toronto Buccaneers |

Old Boys Take on Cleveland

A total of 41 players got on the field in the A & B games in the season opener against Cleveland. A very impressive number and there were even 3 regular players injured on the sidelines! Several Old Boys swelled the ranks by appearing for the B team.



Old Boys involved in the Cleveland Rovers B game: Nike Nicolai (coach), Lee Burton (coach), Tad Steen, Craig Skiba, Lenny French, Steve Morris, Jeff Marshall, Scott Sherlock (looks like you got promoted to old boy!), Alan Webb

QCRFC 19 - 24 Cleveland Rovers

Queen City came off second best in this closely contested season opening friendly against the Rovers. **Paxton McGhee** and **Steve Kurzhals** (2) scored tries for QCRFC. In a game with constant lead changes, the Rovers finally took the lead for good with just 4 minutes of the game left.

QCRFC 96 – 7 East. Kentucky University

EKU scored first off of an interception, but then the floodgates opened as Queen City rattled off 15 tries against an inexperienced team. Congratulations to the Cringer for being able to write down all the scorers. The tries were courtesy of **Chris Schmoyer** (2), **Ryan Krallman** (2), **Nick Brandt**, **Matt Fuhr**, **Bob Grogan**, **Ben Kurzhals**, **Paxton McGhee** (3), **Nick Klaserner**, **Javier Tavarez** & **Scott Sherlock**. Surprisingly, **Steve Kurzhals** missed out on a try but was successful with a penalty kick and 8 conversions.

QCRFC 7 – 24 Cincinnati Kelts

The Kelts were obviously determined to avenge their fall loss and jumped out to a quick 12-0 lead within 15 minutes. However, as the first half progressed QCRFC got the upper hand in possession, but could not put points on the board.

The second half was evenly matched. **Eric Jacquez** scored under the posts for QCRFC, but 2 more tries for the Kelts resulted in a 7-24 loss.

QCRFC 17 – 8 Cincinnati Wolfhounds

After a last minute switch to Brimelow Field because of scheduling conflict with baseball at Woodlawn, Queen City swept the Wolfhounds in league play. The Hounds struck first with a penalty before good offloads in the pack released **Nick Schroeder** for 40 yard scamper and a try. The Hounds took a half time lead on an unconverted try late in the first half.

The second half saw QCRFC gain the upper hand and the constant pressure was rewarded when **Nick Brandt** crashed in from a ruck close to the Wolfhounds line. **Eric Jacquez** added a late penalty to give QCRFC a two score advantage and then stellar defense in the last 10 minutes sealed the victory.

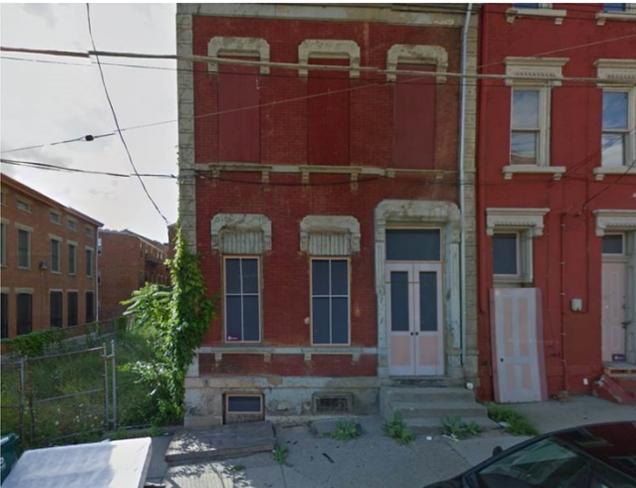


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1711 Lang St

When asked about an “Old Boy Update” **Dan Kilcoyne** started thinking about where it all started for him. Although the MASH bar where **Shaun Gaffney** first got him interested in rugby is long gone, the old rugby house at 1711 Lang is amazingly still standing. Judging by the old mattress sitting out front it is still likely a crash pad!



Aevion Blackwell Memorial Award

A strong all round performance against the Wolfhounds gave **Nick “Shredder” Schroeder** the Aevion Blackwell Man of the Match Award. We are sure Aevion was looking down with a big smile when Shredder burst through four Wolfhound tacklers for Queen City’s opening score.



Nick Schroeder breaks free for QCRFC's first try

Trouble at the Border

Marin Fleming’s old boy profile reminded a couple of our old boys about Martin having a spot of bother at the Canadian border. **Alan Webb** recalls “We had played away and Martin, who was probably nudging the limit, had driven home. We went straight to Clifton and continued with the session until the bars closed. On Sunday morning he went to recover his car but it wasn’t there so he reported it stolen. A day or too later Martin remembered he had left the car somewhere else, found it and drove home. At the time we thought it was pretty damned funny.

“A few months later it got a whole lot funnier when I got a call from a distraught Martin who was under arrest at the Canadian border. He had neglected to tell Cincinnati police he had found his car and when he tried to re-enter the country was promptly apprehended for driving a stolen vehicle. It was a Sunday afternoon and I had to search through Martin’s possessions for the title, go into work and fax it to border control to prove it belonged to him to secure his release.”

Dehart Joins the Old Boys

After 14 years with Queen City the demands of a growing family have pushed **Josh Dehart** to Old Boy status. The hooker and former club captain will be spending his spring Saturdays watching little league tee ball games rather than leaving a trail of humanity in his wake on the rugby field (thanks for that quote **Keith Gilland**). A big thank you to Josh for his on and off the field contributions to Queen City rugby.





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Queen City Player Profiles

Jim Grogan - Prop



Nicknamed “Smalls” as he is the smaller, but older, wiser and better looking of the Grogan brothers, Jim grew up in the Westside Manor. After graduating from Elder in 2008, he went to ECU where he discovered rugby. Smalls joined Queen City this spring when he saw how many wonderful new friends little brother Robert was making.

He currently works as a distillery operator in Lawrenceburg, which he claims is totally legit and is also serving as a First Lieutenant in the Kentucky National Guard. He also suggests you ask his baby brother how being a catcher in T-ball went.

Old Boy Updates

Dan Kilcoyne – 1975-1979

Dan, better known as a Killer, started in the B-side in the fall of 1975 and after many games throwing “hospital” passes to teammates and giving up penalties for obstruction and lurking offside he got his chance in the A-side. Actually, Don Hinton moved away and there was no one else to play #8. Although the games were mostly local, Dan recalls the memorable first team trip to Canada when we just barely crossed the border from Detroit.

Dan played with Queen City through 1979 when his rugby career fizzled out after he moved to night shift, although he did briefly play later with the Wolfhounds and UC.

Dan has remained in Cincinnati and is gainfully employed as a contractor at GE.

John Klosinski - Hooker

I am a 5'2", 354 lbs. albino with purple eyes and no body hair. Whilst dropping 1 stone 4 this season, I hope some of my mass will migrate southward - thereby augmenting my already prodigious nether regions. Gifted by birth-right and pre-maturely mature, I've used rugby and beer for the last 29-1/2 years in a minimally successful effort to devolve and assimilate to the masses.

Queen City positions held: Hooker, Prop, Secretary, President, Asst. Treasurer, Referee, High School coach, field maintenance, water boy, beermeister, clean-up grunt, post-hole digger, alicado, De Fuhrer

This spring campaign sees me hitting some longevity milestones: 30 years since I started playing at Purdue University. 25 years with Queen City— my first game was against Findlay on 9/14/91. Canada will be my 10th international rugby tour and 11th overall (sorry, Texas). As an alternative to making any snide comments about any playing or scoring milestones; please send your sister, mother or daughter over to my place and we'll discuss my “performance”.

It's hard to believe it has been 24 years since that Brisbane-select hooker broke my ankle chain. I did not get lucky on the Ireland '95 Tour. Five knee operations and cutting off the end of my clavicle haven't slowed me down yet – I am still at just about every practice and game (and I was always this slow). Now if I just knew what to do with the Irish shoe, stripper's panties, letter from Bill Clinton, .45 slug and plastic duck ...

Kim Patton– 1985-1993

Kim retired after the England tour in 1993 to get serious about his career, although he did make a guest appearance on the 2000 tour to Spain. He has some great stories and needs to catch up with the new generation of players and share them.

Kim is an architect who has worked all over the US and in China, making 35 trips to Asia between 2002 and 2008. Ask him about playing black jack in Macau on a Sunday afternoon.

Kim is still on marriage #1 and has two adult children; Samuel who is a director/producer in Hollywood (more stories) & Andrea who works for the Ohio Democratic Party (stories about the White House). He was a part owner in a liquor store for 17 years (more stories) and lives in Hebron in a house he designed himself. The house was used for the 2014 Ben-gals calendar shoot. A full day of cheerleaders in bikinis! (More stories).



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Martin Fleming's Photos

Martin recently went through his old photo albums and found a few gems to share with the Old Boys. He was quite surprised to see how many shots featured **Bob Darby**. Maybe there was a hint of a man-crush 25 years ago!



The "chair game" was a simple concept where we challenged the opposition to get as many players on a chair as possible. It was all good fun until the fifth chair collapsed and we were told it was time to leave the Village Tavern. Alan Webb, Jim Osborne, Dave Wirth, Mike Roettker & Bob Darby are on the chair with Bruce Connet preparing to join them.



Bruce Connet & Scott Morgan flaunting the open container laws. By the way, Pokey still owns this jeep!



Martin about to ask some unsuspecting young ladies if they have a little bit of Irish in them



Bob Darby up to no good whatsoever in a late night visit to McDonalds



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England Tour 1993

These were the halcyon days of Queen City rugby tours when we took 36 tourists to England and fielded A and B sides at the same time. The photos below are the sides that matched up against our tour hosts Rolls-Royce. This tour occurred a year after QCRFC had

hosted the Derby based club in Cincinnati.

Queen City also played Castle Donington RFC, Derbyshire Fire Service RFC and London University Vandals on this very successful tour.



Back Row: Ed McConnaughy, Scott Morgan, Jimmy King, Dave Wirth, Sean Cogan, Boyd Petty, Greg Wasik, Pete Brimelow, Bob Darby, Bruce Connett
Front Row: Mark Harlow, Mike Roettker, Tony Drake, Tim Cassidy, Bob O'Shaughnessy



Back Row: John Klosinski, Joe Menyhart, Andy Powis, Ron Creager, Ken Dutton, Geoff Greene, Rob Fitzgerald, Joe Piciotti, Kim Patton
Front Row: Carlos Torres, Garth Turner, Dennis Finke, PJ Haas, Marty Berning, Jim Osborne, Don Leinweber, Randy Harding, Tony Jenkins