



Queen City Old Boys – August 2015

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President's Half Time Report

I want to take this opportunity thank **Pete "My Original Hooker" Brimelow** for many years of service to QCRFC; most recently serving as Head Coach. His ability to deal with low numbers and John really helped the team to continue. As Pete steps aside to spend more time with Jerry and the lake, I am sure my opinion is shared by all of QCRFC faithful in wishing Pete a well-deserved semi-retirement and hope to see him at several games and a Guy Fawkes night or two.

Lee Burton will be replacing Pete as our new coach for this year. Lee has a whole new game plan so we will need bodies at practice to adjust to the new schemes. Tuesday will be general rugby practice with Game day Thursday's being game prep. I thought we ended the spring season pretty well but with room to improve. I believe we all share a common goal of winning the league this year. We need some more players to help in this effort. Lets make recruiting a goal for the next 3 weeks bring somebody from work (those that have a job) or where ever. Everyone (expect Nick Baltimore) has a friend. Our one 7's tournaments went pretty well finishing tied for 3rd out of 12. We plan on playing 3 tournaments next season. I would like to thank **Alex MacLeod** for coming out and coaching the guys for the 7's tournament.

We have scheduling conflicts with practice times at Woodlawn. We are exploring options for practice but will be playing our games there still.

Lastly, the new jerseys seemed to be a big hit this year. The final order of jerseys will be in next week. Please email me to make arrangements for delivery of jerseys if you ordered one.

Cheers,
Rob

Three Rivers Tournament

The annual pilgrimage to Fort Wayne was made on July 18 and Queen City returned with a 1 and 3 record after receiving a tough draw. After defeats to **Nick Shroeder's** family team (the Sock Goblins) and Fort Wayne, Queen City bounced back to beat Dwenger Alumni 33-15 in the final pool game, before suffering "a lot" to five defeat against the Indianapolis Impalas. **Paxton McGhee**, a product of the Westside high school rugby program, again led the team in scoring in this 10 a-side format event.

Fall Schedule

There is just one warm up game before Queen City dives into the 7 game league schedule. Note that we have a B game against Findlay after the Kelts game on October 3, with Old Boys encouraged to play.

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| Aug 29 | Ohio University Bobcats | Home |
| Sep 5 | Bye (Labor Day Weekend) | |
| Sep 12 | Cincinnati Wolfhounds | Away |
| Sep 19 | Columbus Castaways | Home |
| Sep 26 | Lexington Blackstones | Away |
| Oct 3 | Cincinnati Kelts | Home |
| | (B side match vs Findlay) | |
| Oct 10 | Bye | |
| Oct 17 | Louisville | Away |
| Oct 24 | Columbus Castaways | Away |
| Oct 31 | Lexington Blackstones | Home |

Summer Sevens



Queen City teamed up with the Kelts to field a combined team to play sevens this summer.

They took 3rd place of 12 teams in the Rock N Roll Sevens in Cleveland on July 11. QCRFC had good wins over the Cleveland Rovers & John Carroll University before running into Buffalo in the semi-finals and losing 45-12. Youngster **Paxton McGhee** led the scoring with 5 tries and **Matt Fuhr** contributed 3 tries. In the post tournament festivities the Rovers bounced back by beating Queen City in a sand castle building contest, but QCRFC beat them soundly in the bar!

Wins over Ohio State (24-22), Lost Boys (29-17) and Columbus Castaways (29-14) put the team into the semi-finals in the Capital City Sevens in Columbus, where they were beaten 19-7 by the eventual champions, the Indy Royals.



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Speedy Recovery

Time to wish former Queen City wing forward **Ryan Webb** a full recovery from shoulder surgery. After dislocating his shoulder several times over the past few months while playing for the Wolfhounds, he had his labrum repaired in July. Ryan plans to be back on the field for next summer's sevens tournaments. He did get some early rehab in during the golf outing with a couple of alcohol induced tackles on the last green.

Congratulations

Congratulations to prop **Danny Delph** on his marriage to long time partner Tina on June 27.

Alex & Jessica MacLeod welcomed Malcolm McLeod to the Queen City family on July 17. Here's hoping young Malcolm inherits the big MacLeod hands and pulls on the Queen City #10 jersey sometime around 2035.

Florence Freedom Scrimmage

Queen City gained some much needed publicity by giving a rugby demonstration on Irish Heritage Night prior to the Florence Freedom baseball game on July 23. A 10 v 10 scrimmage in the outfield was followed by \$1 beers and a great turnout by players, old boys, friends and families.

As well as the rugby, QCRFC provided entertainment as **Scott Eisenhower** limboed across the infield, **Jason Tinch** took down **Nick Schroeder** in the Hudepohl joust and **Robert Grogan** won a cheese coney eating contest (how did **Jeff Marshall** miss out on free food?).



Nick Schroeder (left) about to be taken out by Jason Tinch in the Hudepohl joust. If you want to see how proud Jason was of his victory check out his Facebook page.



Queen City at the Florence Freedom Irish Heritage Night

Back Row: Rob Overbeck, Justin Bell, Scott Sherlock, Lenny French, Joe Macke, Jason Tinch, Danny Delph, Scott Eisenhower, Jeff Marshall, Robert Grogan, Nick Schroeder, Paxton McGhee, Mike Nicolai, Lee Burton, John Klosinski
Front Row: Gus Haas, Nick Klaserner, Jason Brandt, Keith Gilland, Chris Schmoyer, Matt Fuhr, Scott Morgan, Ryan Krallman, Tim Handy



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Coaches Corner

This fall Old Boy **Lee Burton** will be returning to the role of head coach. Lee sends the following message to the players and Old Boys.

"I'm very excited to be coaching the team this fall. I saw a lot of good things at the Florence exhibition that we can build on for a winning season.

Rugby is a game of recognition. On every play, there is somewhere every player is supposed to be and something they are supposed to be doing. When a player has to think about it, they're playing rugby. But, when they do it instinctively, they are rugby players. And, that's our goal, 15 rugby players doing their job which results in winning games. And, winning games is fun.

I want to bring a very specific playing style to Queen City that is our own. I am a proponent of a wide-open, dynamic, back-oriented style of offense. We want to get the ball out as quickly as possible and matriculate the ball down the field. When the offense is really clicking, everybody gets to run with the ball, including forwards. I think you'll find that it's a lot fun to play.

Looking forward to August 18th!"

Keg Sponsors

We are looking for keg sideline keg sponsors for our four fall home games. Any old boy that would like to support this worthy cause please contact Alan Webb at qcrfc10@gmail.com.

Canada Tour 2016

We have started planning a short Rugby tour May 2016. We plan on going to Canada for 1 or 2 games. The trip will be 4-5 days and cost around \$550. We need to know who is interested on going and would love several old boys to join us. More details to be provided by September.

Eagles vs. Australia - September 5

There is another chance to see some of the rugby best players in the world at Soldier Field, Chicago. **Jim & Suzann DeLapp** will again be hosting QCRFC players and alumni for pre-game festivities. Contact Jim on rugby45684103@yahoo.com before August 17 if you'd like to join the fun.

Golf Tournament

Five groups hit the links at Avon Fields for the annual golf outing. Poor planning by our social secretary meant **Willie Landrigan** was out of town and not available to stash a cooler of beer in the woods.

Despite being partnered with "cripples" **Ron Creager & Ryan Webb, Andy Powis** and ringer **Mike Umney** won with a solid 2 under par. **Nick Duwell** fought off strong challenges from **Scott Eisenhower, Javier Tarez & Ryan Webb** to win the much coveted Asshole of the Day Award.



Old Boys Creager & Powis claimed that frequent hydration was the key to their victory

Spring Season Awards Banquet

The spring season was celebrated on the Blind Pig patio on August 8. **Nick Brandt** hogged the awards, taking home MVP and Try of the Season for his match winner as time ran out against the OU Bobcats.

Jason Tinch was awarded "Hit of the Season" for his hit on the buffet at the banquet.



Nick Brandt displays his MVP form against the NK Grubs



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Player Profiles

Danny Delph - Prop



Danny took up rugby aged 19 with the US Navy team at the Bangor submarine base in Washington State. From there he moved to the Puget Sound Rugby Club for 4 seasons and then onto Seattle Rugby Club.

Upon moving back home to Northern Kentucky he played for the Wolfhounds before life happened and got in the way for a while. After a hiatus from the game Danny found a new home last year when he appeared at Queen City. He loves the camaraderie he has developed in a short time with his new teammates.

Over his career Danny has moved from inside to outside center, to the wing, to the back row (all 3 positions), to hooker and now loose head prop.

Old Boy Update

Tommy Brimelow 2003-07 & 2011-12

Tommy had two spells with Queen City, playing second row from 2003-2007 and returning from 2011 to 2012. Tommy has played in the last two Old Boys games, teaming up with dad Pete in 2013.

He lives at his dad's pay lake near Blanchester, home of the notorious annual November QCRFC Guy Fawkes Party, where he hunts and fishes. As well as helping out at the pay lake during the summer, Tommy works in machining for American Showa in Blanchester.

Tommy also enjoys playing softball and working on his vocal skills under the alias "Tom Zombie".

Dave Denning - Lock



Dave grew up in Cincinnati, but moved to Portland, Tennessee aged 17. He joined the Marine Corps, hence the nickname Lieutenant Dan, and returned to Cincinnati after completing his service.

Dave is family friend of the DeMaris brothers who took him to the Three Rivers Tournament in Ft. Wayne in 2014 and he has been hooked on rugby ever since. Dave is playing mostly 2nd row as he learns the game.

Dave is a roommate of Joe DeMaris and currently attends the Northern Kentucky University and is majoring in history.

Jimmy Oney 2004-06

Jimmy took up rugby as a high school junior and is a protégé of Josh Dehart. He remembers Josh often cancelling practices as only 3 players would show up, but somehow managing to eke out a victory on Saturday. They made state playoffs both years he played, but he quickly realized how disorganized they were compared to the other top teams.

After high school Jimmy played outside center for Queen City for 3 years. It was the most fun he has had in rugby and there was never a dull moment. Eventually Jimmy had to grow up and pursue a career and that took him Greenville, SC where he now has a landscape business. For the past 6 years he has played open side flanker for the Greenville Griffins.



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QCRFC's Next Generation

Here is a quick round up of how the offspring of some of Queen City's finest are doing on the rugby field. If any Old Boys who have sons or daughters playing rugby please send a note and photo to qcrfc10@gmail.com and we will feature them in a future newsletter.

Utility back **Gus Haas** has been playing with Queen City since he graduated from Ohio University bringing dad **PJ Haas** out to the occasional game to sing to us about how he got lucky last night!

Ryan Webb is not handsome enough to play fly-half like dad **Alan Webb**, so he has plied his trade at wing-forward. After 4 years learning the game with Queen City, the 22 year old moved to the Wolfhounds a year ago where he starts on the open side for the D1 team.

Robert Overbeck has followed in the footsteps of club president **Rob Overbeck**, applying his skills at prop. After starting with the Westside high school program, he is getting ready to begin his sophomore year in college playing for Ohio University.

This spring the Westside high school team included 4 QCRFC next generation players. **Trent Ledbetter**, son of **Noodle**, completed his first season playing full-back just like his dad and will be returning to Westside for his senior year. **Trenton Macke**, son of **Joe** and grandson of **Marty**, completed his 5th year with Westside (he started in 8th grade) and the fly-half will be joining Robert Overbeck at Ohio University this fall. Meanwhile **Mark "Toad" Harlow** is wondering how he produced two wingers. **Ben "Frog" Harlow** completed his second year of rugby, while **Nick "Tadpole" Harlow** completed his first rugby campaign.

After winning a state high school wrestling title, **Jordan Thompson**, son of **DT**, played his first year of high school rugby this spring (and made an appearance in the QCRFC Old Boys game). Jordan will continue to develop his rugby skills at UNC-Charlotte.

Dan Morgan was a teammate of Ryan Webb in high school and played his freshman year at Ohio University. OU was suspended from campus his sophomore year and Dan took up water polo. Dan graduates from OU shortly and dad **Pokey** is hopeful that a rugby comeback may be on the cards.



Westside's Trent Ledbetter and Nick Harlow attack



Nick and Ben Harlow, far too good looking for the front row...



Ryan Webb in action for the Wolfhounds



Robert Overbeck