



## Queen City Old Boys – June 2016

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### Final League Standings

Congratulations to the Columbus Castaways on their perfect 10-0 league record and a well deserved Midwest southern region league title. They went on to beat Fort Wayne in the first round of the Midwest playoffs, but were beaten by Grand Rapids in the East Conference Championship game.

Queen City finished fourth, just one win shy of the second placed team, and are making good progress under **Lee Burton's** coaching. Strong at home, QCRFC needs to travel better to challenge for the league title.

	W	L	PTS
Columbus	10	0	48
Kelts	6	4	32
Louisville	6	4	30
<b>Queen City</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>24</b>
Wolfhounds	2	8	10
Lexington	1	9	7

### Summer Social Schedule

If you are looking for some entertainment this summer our social chairman John Lengyel has put together a busy schedule.

On the playing side we have the **Rock N' Roll Sevens in Cleveland on Saturday, July 9** where we will be trying to improve on our third place finish from last year. We will also be making our annual pilgrimage to **Fort Wayne on Saturday, July 16**. The tournament has reverted to 15 a side so Old Boys wanting to play a few minutes will be warmly welcomed.

**Friday July 29** we will meet at the **Christian Morelein Taproom** straight after work for a double celebration. After 50+ years as a bachelor our old battle cat **Mike The Cringer Nicolai** is getting married and our favorite hooker, **Joey Tater Roeting** turns 21.

We have been invited back to the **Florence Freedom** for another rugby exhibition on **Thursday, August 4**. See more details elsewhere.

The annual **golf outing and summer awards banquet** will be held on **Saturday, August 6 at Hartwell**. Please contact John Lengyel at [jlengyel12@gmail.com](mailto:jlengyel12@gmail.com) to confirm attendance at this event.

### QCRFC 64 - 34 Louisville

What an astonishing game of rugby! Inside the first 10 minutes Louisville scored 2 tries, **Ben Kurzhals** scored a try for QCRFC and scrum-half **Joe Macke** got a red card. Despite playing a man short QCRFC matched Louisville try for try in a first half of end to end action.

The pace of Queen City's free flowing rugby took it's toll on Louisville and the guys in green started to pull away after the break. Mid-way through the second half QCRFC were reduced to 13 men when **Javier Tavarez** picked up a red card. This didn't slow the rampant QCRFC backs and back row as they racked up 10 tries to finish the season with a flourish.

**Nick Schroeder** led the way with 4 tries, while **Ben Kurzhals, Bob Grogan, Scott Eisenhower, Chris Schmoyer, Nick Brandt** and **Scotty Sherlock** each scored one. **Steve Kurzhals** converted 7 of the 10 tries.



Nick Brandt offloads to Ty Morris against Louisville

### QCRFC 17 – 45 Akron

Only 17 players ventured to Akron and the starting line up featured several newer players, several veterans playing out of position and **Alex Whitacre** playing his first ever game.

The first half was close thanks to a **Scotty Sherlock** try after a fine pick and go and offload by **Matt Fuhr**, and a penalty and conversion off of the boot of **Eric Jacques**. In the second half, despite some great tackling by **Ryan Krallman & Brad Baker**, Akron pulled away, but a try by youngster **Trent Macke** prevented QCRFC being shut out in the second half.



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### Queen City Connection

Have you ever needed a job done and not known who to call? Rather than go to a random contractor why not keep business within the Queen City family?

Are you looking for a mortgage or refinance? Give **Jason Tinch** a call at Guardian Savings Bank on 513-465-2933.

Do you need an electrician? Call **Ryan Webb** on 513-301-1905.

If you need a photographer consider **Laura Klaserner** (wife of club captain Nick) 513-265-4812. Check out Laura's Facebook page **My Inner Circle Photography** for her work, which includes some great shots of the Kurzhals family.

If you would like to let the members of Queen City rugby know about services you provide email details to [qcrfc10@gmail.com](mailto:qcrfc10@gmail.com). No charge for including your services in the newsletter.

### Turban Up!

Several Queen City tourists stumbled upon the Turban Up! event in Toronto that was hosted by the Sikh Youth Federation. **Nick Brandt, John Lengyel, Derek Cohen, Nick Schroeder & Ian Marsh** joined in the fun and goodwill by donning turbans and posing with Officer Arbinder Singh of the Toronto PD.



### QCRFC at Florence Freedom

QCRFC will be teaming up again with the Florence Freedom and holding rugby exhibition game on **Thursday, August 4**. Just like last year this will be part of the Irish Heritage Night celebration and will take place from 5:45-6:30 pm before the Freedom plays. A good turn out of players is essential in this opportunity to promote our sport.

Bring your friends and family for rugby, baseball and \$1 beers. Tickets are just \$10 and please use the offer code "rugby" when purchasing on-line so Queen City receives a portion of the proceeds. Did we mention that Thursday is \$1 beer night?



### Old Boy Update

#### Gannon Goodall – 2004-2014

Gannon is currently a temporary Old Boy and hopes he will be out again in the not too distant future. A sprained knee against Louisville in 2014 took the best part of a year to heal and his son Tyler's sporting activities are keeping him fully occupied.

As a single parent, Moonshine singlehandedly ferries Tyler to 4-5 soccer practices a week year round as well as to basketball and swimming. Father & son shared a great experience in a tournament in Disney this past winter and Tyler just advanced to the State Olympic Development pool in soccer.

Gannon is still a supervisor of life insurance at Ohio National and with the little free time he has he plays indoor soccer once a week. He's not very good, which Tyler constantly reminds him, but he gets some exercise and has a lot of fun.



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### Canada Tour Summary

After a nine year hiatus, Queen City's tour to Canada was a resounding success. There were 36 tourists who came from as far as England, Texas, Alabama & Massachusetts to join their Cincinnati brethren..

We were told there would be plenty of beer on the bus. There was, but we had to stop for more by the time we got to Dayton. Despite the volume of beer consumed, everyone got through immigration at Windsor, although getting one particular tourist through passport control resembled the movie Weekend at Bernie's.

This tour will forever be remembered for riding the bus. And we spent a lot of time on that bus as it is a freaking long way to Ottawa. Apparently we went to Ottawa as **Vice-President Morgan** was born there. By 5 pm Thursday everyone wished **Pokey** had been born in a suburb of Toronto.

As we lined up for the first game we realized we had lots of props and not so many backs. On a typical Saturday we are clamoring for front row forwards, but mention tour and they show up fat kids at an all you can eat buffet. This was about the time it dawned on **Pokey** he was the closest thing we had resembling a scrum half and he was about to get substantial playing time just shy of his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Although we lost the game we dominated the party. Such were the shenanigans that it is safe to say that we will not be welcomed at the St Paul University residences again!

The short 5 hour bus ride to Toronto was relatively uneventful. However, the Buccaneers dispatched their infirm & reserves to help us explore Toronto the second we got off the bus. They provided all sorts of treats and we found a new way to keep **Scott Eisenhower** under control for 5 hours...

Another respectable performance on the field was followed by a dominant win at the social. It was interesting that the social was held in a bar with families eating dinner. It didn't take too long before our repertoire of songs resulted in a swift change of venue.

All in all our tour veterans did a reasonable job of showing the 20+ rookies how to tour and managed to get everyone back across the border without calling on the services of **Jason Gilbert**. Here's to the next tour!

### QCRFC 7 – 24 Ottawa Beavers

After an early start and 11 hour bus ride Queen City took on the Ottawa Beavers at the beautiful TD Place Stadium, home of the CFL Ottawa Redblacks.

QCRFC kicked off with Old Boys and families members on the field and **Lenny French, Rob Overbeck & Alan Webb** would like to point out that the opening 15 minutes were mostly spent in the Beavers half and it was 0-0 when they were replaced.

The game was tightly contested, but rather disjointed as QCRFC used 35 players on a rolling sub basis. Some missed tackles led to a couple of long range tries for the Beavers, while QCRFC couldn't convert pressure into points. **Ryan Webb** thought he had scored, but he hadn't taken a quick penalty through the mark before **Nick Schroeder** breached the Ottawa line from a 5 meter scrum.

### QCRFC 22 – 48 Toronto Buccaneers

After the unseasonably warm game in Ottawa, the weather was much more like we expected in Canada, cold and windy. The Buccaneers were eager to turn the tables on QCRFC after their defeat in Cincinnati last year. Poor handling in the backs and sloppy tackling led to a couple of early Buccaneer tries. A brawl amongst the packs, with **Brandt brothers Nick and Brian** to the fore, ignited the QCRFC efforts. Shortly afterwards **Steve Kurzhals** charged through for a well earned try. Right on the stroke of half-time **Eric Jacquez** had the opportunity to reduce the deficit but was forced into touch a yard shy of the goal line.

Multiple substitutions at half time put many players in unfamiliar positions and exposed some defensive frailties. However, QCRFC were always a threat offensively with **Kurzhals, Bob Grogan and Nick Brandt** scoring second half tries.

It should be noted that all of the Buccaneers who entertained us on Friday night were out of uniform on the sidelines on Saturday. A veteran move by our opponents!



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### QCRFC vs Ottawa Beavers



Scott Morgan shows he can still make the dive pass



Eccleshall's finest, Tim West, demonstrates the art of the subtle dummy pass



Javier Tavaréz rumbles through the Beaver defense



Ryan Webb on the charge



Nick Schroeder scores Queen City's try





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### Queen City vs Toronto Buccaneers



No one is about to get between Bob Grogan and the try line



Scotty Sherlock leads a counter attack



Jason Brandt attacks from deep in his own 22



Steve Kurzhals bursts through for Queen City's opening score



Eric Jacquez trucks his Canadian opponent

