



Queen City Old Boys – June 2018

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Nash Bash 2018

Queen City started off the Spring Season against Chicago's D2 club, the South Side Irish. The match saw a strong first half as the club held a 17-15 lead after the first 40 minutes of play. The Irish had greater numbers on the day and subbed in a new second side to finish off the match at 22-45. **Justin Meineke** had an outstanding match, playing in the backs for the first time in his career.



The Fighting Foley's were too hungover on the following Sunday to show up to the pitch, so Queen City went 1-1 on the weekend at Nash Bash

Columbus Castaways Tournament

Queen City traveled up to Columbus, Ohio for the second annual 15's tournament hosted by the Castaways. We were 1-2 for the weekend as we beat Canton 19-14, lost to Louisville 7-46, and lost to Findlay 7-26.



Fred Lawrence taking in the ball on Findlay defenders.

Ohio University

Queen City RFC with a good showing against Ohio University yesterday as the club won 29-10. Two tries from **Joey Roetting**, and one each from **Nick Brandt** and **Chris Pennington**. **Stephen Kurzhals** converted 3 of 4, and also provided a penalty kick. **Roetting** was force on defense, getting around the pitch, making many tackles. Offensively, **Ty Morris** best demonstrated Coach Pokey's commitment to keeping the ball alive and allowing for a faster-paced offensive attack. Good match all around from everyone!



Justin Meineke avoiding an OU defender.



Nick Brandt diving into the try zone.

Inter-Squad Scrimmage

After the beating that Queen City put on the Canton Mad Dogs at the Columbus Castaways Tournament, they decided to back out on coming down to Cincinnati to play us. So we called on all Old Boys to play an inter-squad scrimmage in preparation for tour. It was a good turnout by the Old Boys to keep us in shape.



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Lexington Blackstones

Queen City's first home match this Spring was hard fought against the Lexington Blackstones. It was a fairly close match in the first half, 17-12. Then Lexington pulled away with numbers and exhausted the Queen City defense as they came up on a close match of 37-25.



Austin Fields on a breakaway as he evades two Lexington players.

Columbus Rhinos

Queen City traveled to Columbus, Indiana to face the Columbus Rhinos, once a rival in the Midwest D3 South League. It was a tough match but our defense couldn't hold off their forwards as they won, 52-30.



Chris Pennington carrying two Columbus Castaway defenders.

Columbus Castaways

Queen City's last match of the Spring season was hosting Columbus Castaways at home. Per usual, the Castways brought down enough players to side two full teams. That did not stop Queen City as we held our own in the first half. The Castaways began their lead in the second half and maintained it as they wore down our rolling subs. Overall a great finish and hard fought match to end our Spring season.



Chris Schmoyer breaking through the Columbus back line.



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NEW PLAYER PROFILES



Austin Fields

Growing up in Kentucky, Austin began playing rugby for the Northern Kentucky Grubs. After playing for a few years on the Grubs, the Grubs disbanded and Austin came over to play for Queen City for a short stint in the Fall of 2014. As a tattoo artist by trade, he decided to take his talents and move to Nashville, Tennessee with his girlfriend. He then played for Nashville's Rugby club for a few seasons.

Upon moving back to the Cincinnati area in 2018, Austin decided to come back to play for Queen City. You can see him breaking tackles in the backline or making tackles as a flanker for QCRFC. He's a great guy off the field and willing to drink a pint with anyone, with the only exception of being a Michigan fan.



Jon Adams

While attending Bowling Green State University, Jon was approached by a few guys who were trying to recruit players so he decided to give rugby a try. His dad played for Miami University when he was in school and he thought his football/hockey experience would help with his rugby career. He played for 3 seasons at BGSU and then he had been looking for a local club to keep playing rugby.

Then with the help of a few beers at a pub, **Ty Morris** (Jon's fiancé's cousin) convinced him to come out and play for Queen City. This earned Jon the nickname of "CF", short for "Cousin-F**ker" while at Nash Bash. Jon has been a great boost to the club's defense this Spring as a flanker and utility back. We look forward to many future seasons with him on QCRFC!



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Wales Tour 2018

Queen City vs. Usk

Queen City had a great first half against Usk with a half time score of 24 to 17. After the half and a limited team for Queen City, we were overcome by the vast number of players Usk brought. Usk started putting in ruggers from the pro fourteen finals match, Welsh national players, and a Welsh national team coaches. The match was an amazing and was a once in a life time opportunity for young boys and old boys a like.

Try's scorers first by **Chris Pennington** then followed by **Nick Brandt** with two try's and **Robert Grogan** with the final try of the match. We also want to take this time to reach out and to let everyone know that **Aevion Blackwell** will always be missed and loved by Queen City and Usk. Queen City received a number 13 Usk Jersey from their president in honor of Ave.

Queen City vs. 14th Regiment Royal Artillery

Queen City played the 14th Regiment Royal Artillery in Larkhill, which is just outside of Stonehenge. Queen City may have lost the match, but we won the Social. Try's scored by **Chris Neumann**, **Robert Grogan**, **Chris Pennington**, **Nick Schroeder**, and **Sean Kehl**. Man of the match went to **Nick Schroeder**.



Queen City vs. Eccleshall

Queen City beat Eccleshall, 38-31. Queen City fought a tough match and congratulations are in order as everyone played a big roll in the win. Tries were scored by Rob Overbeck, Justin Meineke, Nick Brandt, and a hat trick by Nick Schroeder.



Shown below is the half way point on tour, where Queen City stayed at St. Braivels Castle (most haunted cast in England mind you). We enjoyed one night here, found a nice little pub and did yoga in the castle court yard lead by **Jim DeLapp**.



A very special thanks to **Tim West**, **Ian Bradford**, and all the teams across the pond who helped work to make this a successful tour.





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Old Boys

Old Boy participation in any club activities is a sure sign of the health of a rugby club. Queen City is lucky to have a very healthy and vibrant Old Boy contingent that stays close to the club. One can never not look forward to the lurid tales of Ronnie's UPS deliveries from yesteryear while enjoying an Old Boy sponsored cool, refreshing bevie on the sidelines of a hotly contested match in Woodlawn.

Recently, this Old Boy connection to the club was singularly reinforced when **Jim DeLapp**, **Lenny French**, **Craig Skiba**, **Pete Brimelow**, **Scott Morgan**, **Max Buchanan**, **Sean Cogan**, **Tom Shaw** and **John 'The Condor' Krause** sallied forth across the pond for untold hi-jinks and merriment! (I apologize if I missed anyone) (**John Klosinski** and **Rob Overbeck** were there as well, but they seem to get too much regular Saturday playing time to be complete Old Boyz, yet.)

Some went over to keep the Cal Ripken-like playing streak alive as **Jim DeLapp** stepped between the lines in his 73rd year only to be reminded by the travel-size box of Kleenex up his nose that not every all-star appearances is without incident. A later photo showed Fireman **French** in a perfect breakdown position in anticipation of an oncoming tackle. There is no report as to whether it resulted in an actual tackle, but that's really not the point, is it? And, really, no tour to foreign lands is complete without the local populace being intimidated by **Craig Skiba's** patented 'Mt Healthy Mohawk Warrior' haircut that simply says, 'Beer me and then move along, please!'

It's good to see such support by the Old Boys contingent and we other club members look forward to seein' 'em 'roun campus! (Wow, lotta missing consonants, right there?!)

~ Lee Burton



Jim DeLapp after making a tackle and breaking his nose against Usk.



Lenny French and Scott "Pokey" Morgan stopping the 14th Regiment Royal Artillery while Jason Tinch stands and watches.



Go jump in a lake, Skiba!



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Autism Speaks Walk

Queen City volunteered again to guard the lake at the Autism Speaks Walk at Coney Island. The rain held out long enough for everyone at the walk and it was a great way to help out the Cincinnati community.



Summer 7's

The club is on the upswing after a few wins this spring as well as a hard fought victory in the final match of an amazing tour overseas. In an effort to continue getting better, as well as in better shape, the team has decided to partake in a 7s tournament in Dayton on Saturday, June 30th. Preparation will include five practices before the tournament, starting on Thursday, June 14th at 6:30 at Woodlawn. We will then practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the same time/location until the tournament. Additional practices may be added after the tournament depending on the future tournaments this summer and our ability to be competitive in these matches. Additionally, the club will be making it's yearly track to Fort Wayne on July 14th for the annual 15's tournament. If any old boys have potential recruits, please email their contact information to John Lengyel.

Rookie Rugby Cincinnati

Rob Grogan and **Jason Tinch** have been coaching a youth girls rugby team for Cincinnati Rookie Rugby. The Panther's sevens team, which has girls from 3rd grade through 8th grade, completed their first season and came out on top for the city tournament with a record of 11-1. This placed them in the second seed spot for the Rookie Rugby Ohio Tournament in May.

The Panthers first match in the state tournament put them up against a Cleveland area team and unfortunately lost putting them in the consolation bracket. A keen defense and athleticism in the consolation bracket really played strong role in the win against Brunswick's "A" side team and Cincy Storm. The Panthers finished the state tournament in 5th place.

Coach **Grogan** and **Tinch** have been working with these girls for about 3 months and the amazing leaps and strides in skill, knowledge, and ability, have been extraordinary. They have learned the love of the game and sportsmanship. Its been a great experience, if you want to coach or referee please contact **Robert Grogan** for more information on what steps you can take and where to begin your coaching career.

Grogan and **Tinch** will be coaching the Girls Cincinnati Select 7s side at the Midwest Regional Cup Tournament this coming June 22-24 in Fisher, Indiana. We wish them good luck and have fun!



Jason Tinch and Robert Grogan with the lady Panthers Rookie Rugby team



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Your Spring 2018 Queen City Rugby Club....



Pictured Left to Right. Top Row: Robbie Overbeck, Trent Ledbetter, Nick Brandt, Doug Meyer, Lenny French, Joe Macke, Scott Sherlock, Sean Kehl, Vince DeSalvo, Fred Lawrence, Jon Adams, Jamie Bush, Preacher, Matt Ledbetter, Tad Steen, Tommy Brimelow, Scott Morgan, Robert Grogan, Justin Meineke, Derek Cohen, Scott Eisenhower, Alex Macleoud, Austin Fields, RJ Groh, Mike Nicolai, John Lengyel
Bottom Row: Rob Overbeck, Mark Harlow, Craig Skiba, Ron Creager, Chris O'Leary, Kyle Connolly, Ryan Krallman, Jason Tinch, Chris Pennington, Chris Schmoyer, Javier Tavarez, Tym Pollack, Matt Fuhr, John Klosinski

Interested in sharing your story?

Are you interested in sharing any old stories or updates with the club? Please reach out to John Lengyel at jlengyel12@gmail.com and we will be happy to feature you in our next newsletter!