



Queen City Old Boys – October 2017

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League Standings

After a hard fought season, your Queen City Rugby club has ended in 6^h place out of 7 league teams.

STANDINGS Full Standings		
Midwest Senior Men's Division III South 2017-2018		
Team	Record	PTS
 Dayton Flying Pigs	6-0-0	29
 Louisville Rugby	5-1-0	25
 Columbus Castaways	4-2-0	20
 Lexington Blackstones	3-3-0	16
 Cincinnati Kelts	2-4-0	9
 Queen City Rugby	1-5-0	8
 Cincinnati Wolfhounds D3	0-6-0	-6

Ohio University – September 2nd

The first match of the season started in Athens against Ohio University's bobcats. It was a rough start to the season as the club struggled to find their rhythm on defense and offense. The team only managed to score 1 try against Ohio University's 9 tries, with **Nick Brandt** as the only try scorer.



Joe Macke getting ready to put the ball in the scrum against Ohio University.

Dayton Pigs – September 9th

The first league match of the season started in Dayton for Queen City. It was a rough start to the league season as the club found themselves down 34-0 in the first half. But the team didn't give up as **Ryan Krallman** scored in the first two minutes of the second half and **Nick Brandt** scoring shortly after. **Nick Baltimore** was able to convert the 2nd try and Queen City ended up losing 60-12 to the inevitable Midwest South D3 league champions.

Wolfhounds – September 16th

The team found themselves without a match on September 16th since the Wolfhounds were having troubles fielding a D3 side this Fall. We decided to call as many Old Boys as possible to join us for an inter-squad scrimmage. **Craig Skiba** was named captain for the Old Boys to try and wreak havoc among the young guns of Queen City.

Notable tries scored by **Nick Brandt** on a 60-meter break away in the first half after a missed tackle from a very confused **Jeff Marshall**. The Queen City starting lineup won on a lopsided 76-0 victory but the team appreciated the support we received from all the Old Boys who could make it out. We are honored to have the long-standing tradition of Old Boys to support us and sacrifice their bodies on the line for another Saturday. Thank you for coming out!

Louisville – September 30th

Queen City traveled down to Louisville to face one of the top teams in the league this season. **Chris Pennington** kept the match close with two tries in the first half and one conversion from **Joe Macke**. However, Queen City could not hold onto the 29-12 deficit in the first half. Louisville went on to score 38 unanswered points in the second half for a final score of 67-12.



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Lexington Blackstones – October 7th

The team seemed to find their offensive and defensive groove against the Blackstones as tries from **RJ Groh** and **Ryan Krallman** gave the team a 12-0 lead in the first half. Opening up in the second half, Lexington finally scored their first try but **Chris Schmoyer** would rebuttal with a try to give Queen City a 17-5 lead.

However Lexington came storming back with 24 unanswered points on a stale defensive showing. In the last five minutes of the match, **Jason Tinch's** try in the last 5 minutes still couldn't give Queen City the lead back as it ended on a close 29-24 loss.



Nick Brandt goes up for a lineout against the Blackstones



Nick Klaserner breaks away from the defense.

Columbus Castaways – October 14th

Queen City had a strong defensive first half at home against the Castaways as **Nick Brandt** and **Chris Pennington** gave the team a strong 10-7 lead before the half. But Queen City ran out of steam as Columbus scored 14 unanswered points to open the second half. **Gabe Stiver** scored a try in the last five minutes of the match but it still couldn't hold off Columbus from beating Queen City, 26-15.



Chris Pennington breaks multiple tackles to score a try

Cincinnati Kelts – October 21st

The club played their best match of the season against the Kelts in Germania. Tries scored by **Nick Brandt**, **Chris Pennington**, and **Nick Baltimore** kept the score at a close 17-20 in the first half. The Kelts held a good 10-point margin above Queen City for a majority of the match going into the second half. Two tries were scored by **Gabe Stiver** late in the second half. Within the last 5 minutes of the match, tries were scored by **Ben Kurzhals** and **Jason Tinch**. However, this still couldn't close the deficit as the Kelts won 54-36. Overall, the team didn't give up as they played their hardest hitting match to close out the Fall season.



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New Player Profile



Tym Pollack

While drinking at a local pub around town, Tym Pollack came across a flyer to “Join Queen City Rugby”. He inquired over the summer and found himself at Fall practice. Tym is excited to be a part of Queen City, so much that he already put his deposit down for tour!! He loves the amount of teamwork and athleticism rugby requires. He also enjoys the camaraderie of the team on and off the pitch.

Tym is a Software Developer who finds himself enjoying Ultimate Frisbee with coworkers every lunch break at Smale Park downtown. He enjoys tabletop games and spends the winter snowboarding. When you don't see him around downtown, you can catch him at a local Electronic Dance Music (EDM) festival.



Gabe Stiver

Gabe was born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio. He currently works for Twin Lakes (Senior Living Community) in Montgomery as a fitness/wellness specialist. He loves anything competitive and it shows on the rugby pitch. Gabe came to Queen City in the Fall of 2016, but didn't become a force on the pitch until this past Fall.

He got into rugby during high school as a junior when his friends finally convinced him to give the sport a try. He joined practice a few times and really enjoyed himself. However, he was a three sport athlete at the time and his track coach wasn't exactly on board with letting him play rugby. So he never played his junior year. His senior year of high school he couldn't help himself and had to play. That's when he fell in love with the sport.

His favorite quote is that rugby is a “barbarian sport played by gentlemen.” He loves that you can beat up each other on the field then grab a beer and laugh about it after. That's what makes rugby a truly unique brotherhood.



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Get Well Soon

Fullback **Scott Sherlock** had an unfortunate incident when his face hit a Forward's knee on a tackle in the Louisville match September 30th. He went to the emergency room after the match only to find out he fractured his jaw in two places on the tackle. We wish him a speedy recovery as his jaw is wired shut for the next 6 weeks. Perhaps the forwards will learn to tackle so as to prevent this from happening again.



Congratulations!

Congratulations are in order for **Chris Schmoyer**, Outside Center, for getting married on September 23rd. He got married to his fiancé Stephanie Mullins. Cheers to a life long marriage in the suburbs of West Chester!



Stephanie and Chris Schmoyer on their wedding day

Autism Speaks Banquet

Queen City Rugby was honored to receive a Silver Sponsorship award from Autism Speaks on Sunday, October 22nd at Great American Ballpark. The award was earned for the funds raised at the Streetcar Pub Crawl and team volunteering at the Autism Speaks Walk at Coney Island.



John Lengyel, Robert Grogan, Former Bengals Kicker Jim Breech, and Jason Tinch at the Autism Speaks Banquet

Catching Up

A few Old Boys enjoying pints at Deer Park Tavern talking to young barmaids on the glory days.



Left to Right: Ron Creager, Terry Carr, Wayne Waligorski, Beautiful Barmaid, Jim Carr, John Cheng, and Willi Landrigan