








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New Beginnings

The spring saw Queen City struggle on the field and as a result finish at the bottom of the league. With several key players having moved away or been unavailable due to family commitments over the past year, the results have been frustrating to say the least.

Midwest Senior Men's Division III South 2016-2017		
Team	Record	PTS
 Columbus Castaways	12-0-0	57
 Cincinnati Kelts	9-3-0	47
 Louisville Rugby	7-5-0	39
 Dayton Flying Pigs	7-5-0	38
 Cincinnati Wolfhounds D3	4-8-0	19
 Lexington Blackstones	2-10-0	12
 Queen City Rugby	1-11-0	9

In hopes to bring more talent to the club, the team met at the Blind Pig on a hot and humid Saturday afternoon in June to cover the city with QCRFC recruitment flyers. So be on the lookout around Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky for your latest Queen City propaganda.



Recruitment flyers around town designed by Chris Pennington

QCRFC 12 – 47 Kelts

QCRFC played a tough opening 20 minutes against the Kelts, but 3 quick scores gave the Kelts a 19-0 lead by half time. The Kelts proceeded to have the upper hand in the second half, although tries from **Ben Kurzhals** and **Joe Macke** kept the score line somewhat respectable.

QCRFC 42 – 46 Cleveland Rovers

QCRFC managed to rustle up 16 players for the long road trip to Cleveland. A special thanks to Old Boy **Tad Steen** who not only played, he also picked up **Dominic Ali** in Columbus on the way.

The Rovers found early success getting the ball wide, scoring 36 first half points, while Queen City found success employing a much more direct style with centers **Chris Schmoyer & Ryan Webb** picking up large gains crashing through the midfield, with outside center Webb scoring QCRFC's only first half try.

Despite trailing by 29 points at half-time there was no quit in this team and QCRFC came roaring back with 5 second half tries by **Ryan Krallman** (2), **Chris Pennington** (2) & **Chris Schmoyer**. Krallman's second try was a sight to behold as he scampered 70 yards while dishing out multiple stiff arms. It was only topped by his projectile vomiting as the Rovers kicked off to restart the match!

QCRFC took a one point lead into the closing moments of the game. However, the final twist of fate in this entertaining game came when the Rovers scored on a breakaway from inside their own 22m line to steal the match 46-42 with the final play of the game.



Tad Steen proving age is just a number as he smashes into the Rovers defensive line



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QCRFC's Next Generation Shines

The past spring season has been very successful for the off spring of several QCRFC Old Boys.

Dylan Marshall (son of Jeff) & **Paddrick Libbert** (son of Chris) played on the City Championship winning team in the tackle division of rookie rugby. Dylan, Paddrick & **Jack Ledbetter** (son of Noodle) have been selected to the Rookie Rugby Cincinnati Middle School All Star team which will play other Midwest All Star teams in Fishers, Indiana on June 24-25.

Jordan Thompson (son of DT) made the trip to Glendale Co on May 20/21 with his UNC Charlotte teammates and took second place in the Collegiate Men's Division II Sevens National Championship.

Ohio University Bobcats **Trenton Macke** (son of Joe, grandson of Marty) & **Robert Overbeck** (son of Rob) were selected to the 40 man Ohio College All-Star representative squad. Although Robert didn't make the gameday squad for the 80 point thrashing of Michigan on May 13, Trenton did, although his appearance was somewhat marred by a yellow card. The apple really doesn't fall far from the tree!



Dylan & Jeff Marshall with the City Championship Trophy



Dave & Jordan Thompson in Glendale, Colorado

Congratulations

A congratulations is in order to former QCRFC prop, Brian "Cali" Tuck for finishing Nursing school at Miami University this past May. Also, former QCRFC scrum-half/wing Kyle Connolly just finished his Master's in Health Care Administration at Xavier University this past Spring. Maybe they'll have time to come join us again this Fall.

Shawn Keller

We received the sad news that Shawn Keller passed away in May at the tragically young age of 22.

Shawn was a product of the Westside high school rugby program, which was coached by **Steve Kurzhals**, **Chris Pennington** and **Joe Macke**. Shawn was also teammates with several of our current players. In the spring of 2013, while a senior in high school, he played in several QCRFC games and proved himself to be an able and promising young winger. Plans to join the military after high school fell through and Shawn faded away from the rugby scene.

Summer Rugby

The team traveled up to Dayton on June 17th to take part in the Gem City 7's tournament hosted by the Dayton Rugby Club. The club didn't fare too well as they lost all 3 pool matches against Louisville, the Wolfhounds, and Findlay, Ohio. But as the weather got hotter, so did Queen City in a hard fought consolation finals match against Urbana but they came up short of a win by 2 conversions.

Our annual trip to Fort Wayne 15's tournament will be the weekend of July 15th. The tournament will consist of two matches (20 minute halves) on Saturday with a third match on Sunday. Please contact John Lengyel at jlengyel12@gmail.com if you're interested in joining us.



Team photo at the Gem City 7's tournament.

Back row: Brad Jordan, Nick Schroeder, John Janson, Robert Grogan, Chris Pennington, RJ Groh, Danny Gaddes
Front row: Lydia, John Lengyel, Ryan Krallman, Chris Schmoyer, Nicole Yannetti



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Chris Montgomery– Center/Fly-Half



Chris is from Cincinnati and has been playing rugby since 8th grade. He started playing with Northbend, which morphed into St. Xavier. Chris played rugby for 4 years at Spring Hill College in Mobile, AL before heading back to the Queen City. He played with the Wolfhounds for a year, before taking a break from rugby.

Chris had the misfortune of running into fellow GE accountant John Lengyel at work and was brought out to practice in the Spring. Versatility is a big part of Chris' game. He has played every position except 1, 2 or 3 and he intends to keep it that way. You can see Chris playing center or fly half this Fall while he's still in Cincinnati.

Scott Wesson – Full Back



Returning home from a two year adventure in LA California, Scott Wesson moved in with QCRFC outside center RJ Groh. RJ invited Scott Wesson to rugby practice promising him a chance to finally be able to pick up women. Scott came out to practice in the Fall of 2016. After proving himself to be a speedy back and a solid tackler he earned his first "A" side cap for QCRFC.

After playing just 20 minutes of his first match, he was quick to let his all of friends know he had missed zero tackles so far in his very young career. He did however end up missing his first tackle soon thereafter, even know he was quoted saying "Rugby is my life now" with a selfie of nothing but a picture of his chest on Facebook.

Autism Speaks

On a cloudy Sunday morning in May, the club got together to volunteer at the Autism Speaks Walk at Coney Island. The team spread out along the lake at Coney Island to make sure no kids would drown in the lake during the walk. Ty Morris made the only save of the day as he tackled a small autistic child to save him from drowning. While we're still waiting to hear back on the charges from the lawsuit, you can be sure to vote him in for the hit of the season at the banquet on July 8th.



Left to Right: Lee Burton, Stephen Kurzahls, Mike Nicolai, Lenny French, Robert Overbeck, Scott Eisenhower, Robbie Overbeck, Richie Pierson, Joey Roetting, Robert Grogan, Austin Cox, Nils Herdelin, Scott Morgan, Ty Morris, Nick Brandt, Ryan Webb, Chris Pennington, RJ Groh, John Janson, John Lengyel, Alan Webb, Scott Sherlock, Max Buchanon

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All Proceeds from this event will be donated to benefit Autism Speaks

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2017

KICKING OFF AT 6 p.m.

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*You must have a wristband to receive access to the streetcars
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Old Boys Game 2017

A beautiful spring day greeted in Old Boys for their match up with the current players. After a tough spring season the youngsters were determined to bag their first win of the season, while the Old Boys sensed an opportunity for an upset.

The Old Boys roster may have lacked some quantity compared to recent years, but the quality was good. The tight 5 options were **John Klosinski, Mark Toad Harlow, Bob Darby, Brian Brandt, Jason Gilbert, Rob Overbeck, Tommy Brimelow & Javier Tavarez**. Honorary captain **Tad Steen** was joined in the back row by **Gannon Goodall, Craig Skiba, Steve Premie Morris** and the recently Old Boy eligible **Nick Brandt**.

Old Boy backs were a little scarcer. As such **Jeff Marshall, Scott Pokey Morgan, Alan Dog Webb, Scotty Sherlock, Matt Noodle Ledbetter, Kent Mole Wells & Joe Duffy** all got more playing time than they bargained for. **Trent Ledbetter** helped out the Old Boys to play with his dad and even young **Dylan Marshall** joined in the action a few times.



Tad Steen tries to break away from a would be tackler with Bob Darby in support

The youngsters opened the scoring after **Matt Fuhr** picked up an errant kick in a lot of space. The Old Boys responded with some solid forward play that was finished off when **Gannon Goodall** crashed over from short range.

After the youngsters scored a second try, it was time for **Jeff Marshall** to take the ball on a scissors move and skip his way through almost the entire opposing pack before running over **Gus Haas** for a try.

At this point the Old Boys were looking good and **Scotty Sherlock** finished off some slick ball handling by the backs to put the Old Boys ahead. With the halftime whistle beckoning, **Chris Montgomery** broke through the Old Boy defense to restore the current players lead at 19-17.



Sean Kehl suffers the ultimate Old Boys game humiliation of being tackle by Alan Webb

The lack of fresh legs saw the Old Boys wilt in the second half, while after a frustrating season the youngsters relished the opportunity to put some points on the board. The Old Boys conceded 41 unanswered points in the second half before **Max Buchanan** blew the final whistle.

Thank you to **Ty Morris** for acquiring a QCRFC walking stick complete with frog for the Old Boy man of the match. As El Presidente for Life Creager was struggling to get his scooter through the long grass on the sidelines as he recovers from his recent surgery, he was presented with the trophy.

All-in-all a great weekend. The meet and greet at Che was a success on Friday evening, although the Old Boy plan of getting the youngsters to drink too much didn't exactly go to plan. Also, 4 groups made it out to Devou Park on Sunday lunchtime for a round of golf. Looking forward to doing in again in May 2019.



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One of the few times the Old Boys were able to stop Chris Montgomery in the second half



Ryan Webb cuts inside Mole for his second try



Bob Darby got his Ritze wedding shirt out of the closet



PJ Haas, Tony Drake & Andy Powis provided support on the sidelines



Ron Creager was presented with a QCRFC Old Boy cane



Mark Harlow almost latches onto Justin Meinecke



Javier Tavarez, resplendent with bare midriff, bursts into the open field in the first half