



Queen City Old Boys – December 2018

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Fall 2018 Quick Recap

After a very slow 0-5 start to some of the most difficult teams in the Men's D3 Midwest South League, Queen City managed to end the season on a 4 game win streak. This put Queen City to finish in 5th place of the new 10-team Midwest South League that now includes teams from Indiana.

Team	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	PD	BT	BL	FF	PTS
Louisville Rugby	9	9	0	0	414	123	291	8	0	0	44
Dayton Flying Pigs	9	8	1	0	365	79	286	8	1	0	41
Columbus Castaways	8	6	2	0	326	106	220	7	1	0	32
Columbus Rugby D3	8	5	3	0	206	177	29	6	1	2	25
Queen City Rugby	9	4	5	0	201	342	-141	6	0	0	22
Lexington Blackstones	8	4	4	0	309	261	48	5	0	0	21
White River Rugby	9	3	6	0	256	369	-113	5	0	0	17
Cincinnati Kelts	9	2	7	0	132	327	-195	4	0	0	12
Columbus Rhinos	8	2	6	0	166	323	-157	2	1	0	11
Westside Outcasts	9	0	9	0	49	317	-268	2	0	4	-2

Queen City managed to stay atop of the rankings ahead of our local Cincinnati Kelts and ended the season on a road win against Lexington.

Date	Opponent	Result/Time
Aug 25th @	Columbus Castaways	L 0 - 57
Sep 8th vs.	Louisville Rugby	L 0 - 43
Sep 15th vs.	Dayton Flying Pigs	L 7 - 84
Sep 22nd @	Columbus Rugby D3	L 32 - 50
Sep 29th @	Columbus Rhinos	L 24 - 51
Oct 6th vs.	Westside Outcasts	W 28 - 0
Oct 13th vs.	Cincinnati Kelts	W 31 - 20
Oct 20th vs.	White River Rugby	W 41 - 25
Oct 27th @	Lexington Blackstones	W 38 - 12

We would like to take the time to recognize some of our players that have been making waves in the Midwest D3 Men's South League. There was a tie in first place for the most tries scored this season with our very own **PJ Meyer** in second place for the most tries this season in our league. He's not too bad for only playing 5 matches, averaging more than two tries a match.

MOST TRIES		
	Banjo, Victor	13
	Udoh, Mike	13
	Meyer, Patrick	12
	Nelson, Kolton	10
	Dunham, Stephen	DAYT 9

Also, our very own **Trent Ledbetter** is ranked fourth in the league for the most conversions, for a total of 15 on the season.

MOST CONVERSIONS		
	Cook, Daniel	28
	Nelson, Kolton	26
	McHenry, Skyler	DAYT 21
	Ledbetter, Trenten	15
	Holliday, Jordan	12

Thank You Keg Sponsors!

We wanted to thank the Old Boys for once again stepping up to the plate with their generosity in sponsoring Kegs this Fall Season:

9/8: Louisville RFC: **Mike Czirr**
 9/15: Dayton Flying Pigs: **Juan Imeroni**
 10/6: Westside Outcasts: **Tom Shaw**
 10/13: Cincinnati Kelts: **Kim Patton & Stark Rucker**
 10/20: White River: **Tad Steen & Pauley Brothers**

The club is truly grateful for all of the support we receive from the Old Boys every year to sponsor kegs for our home matches. This is a tradition we hope to continue.



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Fall Captain's Letter

The season started out with 3 matches against the teams (Dayton, Louisville, and Columbus Castaways) that have finished in the top three spots in the league for the past two seasons. We expected these to be difficult tests, and we subsequently dropped all three. After two much closer losses to Scioto Valley's D3 side and the Columbus Rhinos, the club accepted a forfeit from the Westside Outcasts before winning three straight over the Kelts, White River, and Lexington to finish the season 4-5 and 5th place in the league out of ten teams.

To say that we finished the season a different team from the one that started would be a massive understatement. We improved much throughout the season as Coach **Scott "Pokey" Morgan** kept us advancing in all facets of the game. The return of some veterans, as well as the addition of players new to the sport, aided in giving us a solid mix of experience and youthful athleticism.

After two 40-something differential losses to the Castaways and Louisville, we got thoroughly trounced by Dayton 7-85. Dayton is not 78 points better than us. We lost heart during that match, and we gave up. We resolved to get better after that, and we performed much better in our next two matches; although we still took losses.

After a forfeit from the Westside Outcasts, we arrived at Kelts week. In what was one of the hardest-hitting matches I've ever played, we walked away with the win. White River showed up the next week and we again won. The most telling match of the season for me came the last week against Lexington. A number of guys, including starters, were not available for selection for various reasons. I was unable to play due to injury and without an available experienced scrum-half, Coach **Pokey** started at number 9 and had a great game. Being on the sideline, and getting to solely watch the team play was an insightful experience. The club could have walked through the motions and accepted a loss. For the league, this match meant nothing. Instead, it became one of those matches where you refuse to lose. The same intensity that we saw on tour in our win over Ecchleshal was once again on full display.

I want us to always play with this intensity. I want to win every match. I want to show up to tournaments with other teams dreading a match against Queen City RFC. In order for this to happen, we need to keep improving in all aspects of the game. Passing and catching are much better than they have been in the past. That said, until we have 0 knock-ons a match, we can do better. Tackling is still where I judge us needing the most improvement. Even in our more lopsided wins, we still surrender too many points.

With the offseason setting in, I want to encourage everyone to show up in the spring in the best shape possible. Scoring tries and making tackles are largely based on getting around the pitch, and this is also an area where I want to see us improve. The goal for the spring is to recruit more players, retain our current ones, and keep getting better. The goal for next Fall is nothing other than a league championship. In one of my addresses to the club, I said that the night is darkest before the dawn. I firmly believe that dawn has broken and the day looks bright for Queen City RFC.

Cheers,
Jason S. Tinch

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SAVE THE DATE!!

45th Anniversary Celebration – June 8th

A committee of Old Boys have met and we have set a date to celebrate Queen City Rugby's 45th Anniversary. Due to Memorial Day plans already in place, we have set the weekend of Saturday, June 8th to be our 45th Anniversary Celebration.

We have plans for 9 holes of golf on Friday, June 7th in the afternoon followed by a get-together afterwards. Per usual, a 1:30pm kickoff at Woodlawn Elementary on Saturday, June 8th with the Anniversary Celebration in the evening. If there's enough interest, we can get together on Sunday for brunch before everyone sets off.

We are still working on the details for the events above and will send out a separate email in January as soon as plans are finalized. Feel free to come to all of these events, or pick and choose which event to join. Regardless, we hope to see as many Old Boys as possible this weekend!

Queen City Team Shop

Looking to wear some Queen City Rugby gear this Winter? Or gift some Queen City gear to friends and family? The QCRFC team store is now open! No minimum orders required and this is all high quality gear like Nike, Under Armor, etc.! Orders take about two weeks to make before shipping. Sizes range from Small to 3-4XL. Apparel for men and women available. Names and numbers can be placed on the gear for an additional cost. Shipping is currently restricted to the US only. If any of our friends across the pond would like to buy some Queen City gear, please contact one of us to arrange overseas shipping. Lastly, a proceed of all sales go directly to the club!

You can purchase your Queen City gear here:

<https://teamlocker.squadlocker.com/#/lockers/171607?k=hghxa2>

Or by going to our website:

<http://www.qcrugby.com/teamshop>

Kroger Community Rewards

Queen City has partnered with Kroger to bring donations to the club when Old Boys, current players, and anyone links their Kroger rewards card with Queen City Rugby Club. Please note, this does NOT take anything out of your Fuel reward points and a small percentage of qualified purchases go back to the club in the form of donations. It is important that we all register to help earn funds for the club. Here's how to register:

- Register online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with your organization after you sign up.
- Click on Sign In/Register. Most participants are new online customers, so they must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box and follow the steps to create an account.
- Once you have an account with Kroger, click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- At the bottom of My Account page, click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number. Update or confirm your information if it asks.
- Enter NPO number (**JX382**) or name of organization (**Queen City Rugby Football Club**), select organization from list and click on confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.
- REMEMBER, purchases will not count for our group until members register their card.
- Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 1-800-576-4377, select option 3 to get your Kroger Plus card number.
- Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.

If you have any questions, please email

qcrfctreasurer@gmail.com to get more information on how to register your card with Queen City Rugby through Kroger Community Rewards



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NEW PLAYER PROFILES



PJ Meyer

Growing up on the west-side of Cincinnati, PJ wrestled all four years at Elder and only played football his freshman year. He then went onto Wilmington College and walked-on as a wide receiver for the Quaker football team. After graduating in 2018, he was looking for something competitive to do and our very own **Matt Fuhr** talked him into playing rugby for Queen City. After playing his first match this Fall against the Columbus Castaways and getting his first red card for a no-wrap shoulder tackle, he was hooked on rugby.

Outside of the rugby season, you'll find PJ working as the Assistant Strength coach at Elder High School. When he's not hanging out with Matt Fuhr, you can catch him in the gym working out or hiking.



Trent Owens

After seeing current winger, **Mike Menke**, at Urban Artifact brewery this Fall with K-tape on his legs, Trent asked Mike what he was doing. Mike mentioned he was playing rugby with Queen City and the first question Trent asked was, "How do I sign up?!"

Trent has been a force to be reckoned with this Fall in the forwards. His tackles in the pack and open field play have helped Queen City immensely. He has picked up the sport of rugby very well.

Trent has moved here from Colorado and lived in Cincinnati for the last 3 years. Outside of rugby, he works at SPCA Cincinnati and tries to get back to Colorado to see friends and the mountains whenever he gets a chance.



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Adopt A Family Christmas

The gifts and food pictured below were dropped off to our adopted family this Christmas. Thank you once again to the following individuals for donating gifts, money for gifts/food, their work space, and/or their time to make this happen: **Jason Tinch, Matt Ledbetter, Fred Lawrence, Max Buchanan, Alan Webb, Rob Overbeck, Bill Landrigan, Jim DeLapp, Lenny French, John Lengyel, Ron Creager, Justin Meineke, Jessica Volciak, Scott Eisenhower, Jody Bonar, Kyle Connolly, Robert Grogan, C.J. Pennington, and Kimberly Douglas Patton!**



Group Photo after win against Kelts:



Top Row: Klosinski, Ledbetter, Spencer Denison, PJ Meyers, Cousin Vinnie, James Canfeld, Dan Canfeld, Scott Pawlikowski, Joe Bosley, Ike, Kehl, Grogan, Austin StoneCash, Grogan, Girth, Steve Kurzhals, Pete O'Shaunnesy, Fred Lawrence, Big Kevin, Garth Turner, Dominic Ali, Ty Morris, Mike Menke, Josh Crowthers, Rob Overbeck, Javier, Lenny French, Mike Nicolai, Chris Schmoyer, Max Buchanan, Tony Drake, Brandon Edwards

Bottom Row: Derek Broughton, Ron Creager, Johnny "Seal" Hayes, Trent Owens, Kyle Connolly, Jason Tinch, Pokey, Chris Pennington, John Lengyel, Nick Baltimore, Joe DeMaris, Matt Fuhr, Ryan Krallman, Alan Webb, Scott Sherlock, Craig Skiba, Kim Patton.

Winter Fitness Schedule

Please see the list of below events remaining on this Winter's Fitness Schedule:

January 5th - AGM at Elevar starts at 3pm

January 12th - Perfect North

January 19th - Scavenger Hunt - Downtown Version

February 2nd - Winter Banquet

February 9th - Cupid's Undie Run with all Cincinnati Rugby teams

February 23rd - Overbeck's Poker Night

For more information, please reach out to social chairman Chris Pennington at:

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Updated Website!

Want to see the latest thing Queen City is up to? Check out www.qcrugby.com for all new events, updates, photos, videos and much more. Queen City Rugby has also added a donate button where you can donate to the club with a click of the button. Check back to the website for practice updates, social schedule, and matches. Thank you to **Robert Grogan** for all the updates on the website!