



PWRFC News



Philadelphia Women's Rugby Football Club, Inc.

Spring/Summer 2004

PWRFC Travels to the Round of 16

By Joan Norton

This spring the Philadelphia Women's Rugby Club advanced to the USA Rugby Round of Sixteen for the first time since 2002. After an early loss in the spring to MARFU #2 seed Maryland the Philly Women reevaluated their game plan and increased their intensity both on and off the field. The hours of hard work and countless number of "clappers" paid off when Philly upset Maryland in the first round at the MARFU Championships. Philly kept the Stingers on their heels for 80 minutes, taking the game 22-13. Captain Angie Marfisi was quoted in Goff on Rugby, "It was truly an amazing game. We came out looking to avenge our earlier loss to them this season and were quite successful." Achieving the goal they set for themselves at the start of the spring, this win secured a spot in the National Round of 16, seeded 8th. The team then began preparing for their trip to Blaine, MN. Plagued by travel delays and flight cancellations the entire team was finally assembled in Minnesota on Saturday morning. In a hard fought game, Philly fell to the home-town Twin City Amazons, who went on to win the Plate Championship. Though the season did not end on a win, the improvement throughout the spring shows that this young team has the ability to overcome obstacles and the talent and motivation to continue improving.



Myer tackles an Amazon as Blasi poaches the ball

Social Event of the Season:

PWRFC Crazy 8's Party/Fundraiser

By Artrice Sanders

"Fall down seven times, get up eight" -Chinese proverb

Dirty Ruggers, Cheap Booze, a Small bar, and Hysteria is the only way to describe the PWRFC's first Crazy 8's Fundraiser. On Saturday May 8, 2004 we found ourselves at Drinkers Tavern in Olde City (Our New Sponsors.... Thanks to Patti, round of applause ladies!) hosting one of the most outrageous events of the season. Teams from all over the EPRU were invited to attend. There were reps from Schuylkill Men, Gryphon Men, Drexel Women, UPENN Women, Lehigh Women, and Temple Women rugby respectively.

Yet, the fun began for PWRFC during our social with those maulers from the north: Beantown Women's Rugby. After sharing songs, games, 50 pitchers, and comparing bruises our Crazy 8's event was off to an excellent start. Ruggers and strangers alike began to arrive slowly. Yet, once the party really got jumping they were just walking in off of the streets for our great drink specials. A big thank you goes to our illustrious President, Sue Thompson, who manned the cash box for most of the night due to the Social Chair, Artrice Sanders, being blitzed out of her mind. Thanks to our straight girl alliance for their hard efforts in selling numerous raffle tickets to all of the hotties in the bar. We managed to rid ourselves of even more pumpkin fest t-shirts while raising money for the team. As well as a big thank you to our own bundle of energy, Cuz, for managing to sell even more chances at the bar. You do your thing girl!

All in all it was an amazing party. Our teams social status is steadily increasing with events like Crazy 8's, happy hours, or just hanging out. Once again a big thank you to everyone who participated and we will definitely do this again next year.



*not actual photo of Lesha Meyer

PWRFC PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

Full name: Leah S. Meyer (Lesha)

Nickname: New Girl

Birth date: July 31, 1977

Birthplace: Arlington, TX

Current Residence: Center City Philadelphia

Occupation: Graphic Designer/Production Artist

College: Moore College of Art + Design

Years Playing Rugby: .5

Years Playing for PWRFC: .5

Rugby Positions Played: wing

Favorite Rugby Tournament: my only one, Pumpkinfest

Most Difficult Opposing Team: Atlanta, GA

Most Difficult Opponent: the girl with the Mohawk

Favorite Rugby Memory: Endla at Pumpkinfest party

Favorite Rugby Drill: I don't know what it's called but it's the one when we ram into each other's asses.

Favorite Book: Ruby Fruit Jungle (the staple book for any lesbian experience that involves coming out)

Favorite Drink: Dirty Martinis (3 olives)

Favorite thing about Philly: The way certain parts smell like pee and how most people say "youz guyz" and "wooder"

Personal Goals in Rugby: A full understanding of the game and a healthy career that will allow me to play that long. To gain more speed and not to be afraid to lay big ass girls out.

Goals for PWRFC: I would like to see us take first in the Mid-Atlantic and one day dominate the country and eventually take over the world with a huge following of hotties who know someone in the beer industry and have mad cash flow. That way we get the hook up all the way around!



Beast's Bistro

beast's kickass superbowl alligator chili

~1-2 lbs gator meat, cut in cubes

[i got mine from sonny d'angelo's in the italian market]

1 really big or 2 small to medium onions, chopped

4-5 cloves of garlic, chopped or pressed

1 small jalapeno, seeded and chopped fine

1 green pepper, chopped

2 16-oz cans pinto beans [or whatever chili beans you like], rinsed and drained

1 large can [28-32 oz?] chopped tomatoes with juice

½-1 cup red wine

several cold beers to drink while cooking

spices to your taste: in varying amounts, i used kosher salt, fresh-cracked black pepper, chili powder, cayenne, cumin, ground chipotle pepper and hot sauce such as tabasco or crystal

sauté the onion and garlic in a little hot vegetable oil, then add the cubed gator meat. [it cubes just like chicken and turns from pink to white as it cooks.] then add the green pepper and jalapeno and sauté for a few minutes. be careful not to overcook them. then add the tomatoes and wine and spices. [leave the beans out until last b/c they get mushy and make the chili too starchy if you stir them up too much.]

if it's too runny, you can add tomato paste to thicken it, or just cook it down. if it's too thick, you can add more wine and/or tomato sauce. when it's all good and mixed together, you can add the beans and give them a stir.

simmer it on low heat for about another hour.

PWRFC Alumni Spotlight

Full Name: Kerri O'Malley

Nickname: O'Malley (not really a nickname just a last name) or Scary (my players call me that behind my back and think I don't know)

Birthdate: 01/04/76

Birthplace: Philadelphia

Current Residence: Gainesville, FL

Occupation: Perpetual Student-PhD Candidate
STILL

College: Graduated from Albright undergrad,
Attend UPenn but do my research at UF

Years Playing Rugby: about 6 off and on

Years Played for PWRFC: 2 years with the team
but probably only played a year due to
school/injury

Current Team: Assistant Coach-UF Women
Trying to start a club side team in G'ville to play
with-

Select-side play: Played EPRU U-23s Where I
blew out my knee! Now started and manage
Florida U-23

Rugby Positions Played: Hooker, Flanker, #8,
Scrumhalf

Favorite Rugby Tournament: The Knockout
Sportswear Gator Invitational, of course.

Most Valuable Teammate: Allison Moore

Most Difficult Opposing Team: Coaching? UNC-
CH Playing-MD Stingers

Most Difficult Opponent: should anyone get that
credit? I can't find her name but she now plays
hooker for Charlotte women and I think it is Kerry
or Summer?

Favorite Rugby Memory: My first game AND
when UF beat UVA at Boone Ruggerfest 2001.

Most Embarrassing Rugby Memory: My first play
ever was a block, so yes, I began my career with a
penalty.

Favorite Movie/TV Show: ADDICTED to CSI
and the WIRE

Favorite Literature/Film Character Why? Silvia
Plath because we're both crazy and because of the
line "turkey neck and turkey gizzards" in Bell Jar

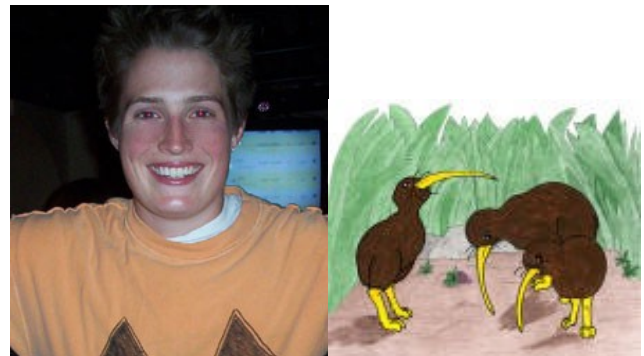
Favorite thing about Philadelphia: my friends
there.....and the food especially Luca Pizza

What you miss most about PWRFC: I miss my
old teammates the most. I miss playing for a team
that is competitive.

Pope and Meyer Selected for US U23 New Zealand Tour

by Kate Pope

This August, I will be traveling to New Zealand with 27 other ruggers as part of the U23 Women's National Rugby program. I was invited on the tour (along with Elise Myer, who declined to attend) following my prior appearance with the team last December at ITT's in Florida. We will travel around New Zealand for just over two weeks and play upwards of four international matches. The U23 team is a great opportunity to gain experience in international play as well as to represent both the USA and Philly Women in a foreign country. I'm looking forward to playing with the team again and bringing back some new skills to kick off a great fall season with Philly! I will be fundraising all summer to pay for the trip by selling USA rugby gear as well as holding a fundraiser social. These efforts will be helped by generous support from Philly Women, EPRU, and MARFU, but any donations or support would be greatly appreciated as well.



US U23 Lock, Kate Pope, represents PWRFC overseas

Seven's Scoreboard

Tournament	Record
North Penn 7s:	1-3
Las Vegas Midnight 7s:	2-1
Lehigh Valley 7s:	1-2
Bryn Mawr Cup:	1-2
Harrisburg 7s:	A: 3-1 B: 1-3

Upcoming Tourney's

Cheesesteak 7s	7/10 Philadelphia, PA
Slug 7s	7/17 Laurel, MD

Pumpkinfest Turns 20!



This year is the 20th Annual Pumpkinfest Women's Rugby Tournament. The games will again be held at Belmont Plateau in Philadelphia on October 9th and 10th 2004. Quite possibly the best run women's tournament in the history of rugby, Pumpkinfest will draw teams from all over the country for its Competitive and Social brackets. Please join us for two days of terrific rugby. ****If anyone has ideas to make Pumpkinfest's 20th birthday special please contact tournament director Janine Hawely (jhawely@nbme.org)****

Wanted: Corporate Sponsors



If anyone has contacts at businesses that may be interested in sponsoring the Philadelphia Women's Rugby Football Club please send the information to Treasurer Janine Hawely (jhawely@nbme.org)

Rugby Jokes

A man went to the doctor one day and said: "I've just been playing rugby and when I got home I found that when I touched my legs, my arms, my head and everywhere else it really hurts, what's wrong with me!?"

The doctor replies:
"You've broken your finger."

Q: Why do rugby players like smart women?

A: *Opposites attract.*

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By ?????

This June a group of 22 ladies from Philly traveled to Las Vegas NV for the Vegas Blackjack's Midnight 7s Tournament. It was an amazing four days full of.... Well, I can't tell you now can I? What goes on tour stays on tour and what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas! If you feel like you missed out on what could have been the greatest weekend of your life...you did. Start saving that money and those vacation days for next year!