## The Buffalo Rugby Club

I was originally going to post something on what an overall nice evening it was to take a walk with some friends at Delaware Park. I was going to throw some photos up about speed walkers and basketball players and golfers. I was going to talk about a young kid flying a kite and rollerbladers zipping around the park. What I did not count on was walking into some of the nicest guys (off the field) that you would ever want to meet in the City of Buffalo.

Meet The Buffalo Rugby Club. The team was not all present when the photo was taken, but the crew that was present lived up to the Good 'Ol Boys' (former club) reputation that has permeated the city for countless years. Here are a bunch of guys who love Buffalo and live for their sport. They are passionate about their on-field battles and would give a friend the shirts off their backs, and ask for nothing in return. These are not things that they told me flat out... it's a sense that you get when you talk to people about their lives that transcend into the love of a sport. Rugby is a brutal game of honor and camaraderie.

This crew travels as far as Texas to show that Buffalo is not a city to be trifled with. They bring with them tradition, dedication and the instilled pride that they are playing for a hometown that never backs down or concedes to defeat. The team that I ran into tonight gathered after the game to partake in a drink and chum around for a spell before calling it a night. They brushed me up on their upcoming practice schedule and told me about many of the affiliate clubs and programs in the area.

I had no idea that almost every local college and university has a rugby team. I was also not aware that there is a healthy high school league that a few players on the Buffalo Rugby Team coach. Apparently rugby is thriving in the city and has been infiltrating a myriad of age brackets and communities in the area. The club has a website that informs players about practice schedules and game days. It also hi-lights the history of the team and provides contact information to anyone that would like to get involved with the sport. The team is always looking for new (and old) players who want to get involved with the sport.

As any one of the players could tell you, it doesn't matter where you go in the world, rugby is an international language and wherever the game is played there are new friends to be made and battles to be fought... and a couple of pints to be had. Get involved with The Buffalo Rugby Club this summer. Come cheer on the team, or partake in the sport if you feel up to it. Any way you look at it, these guys are good for Buffalo. Check 'em out online at The Buffalo Rugby Club.