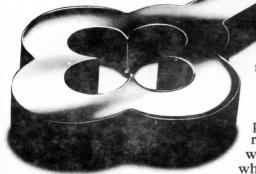


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A Letter From the Old Boys

September 4, 1986

Dear Readers, Advertisers and Supporters:

We are very excited about the upcoming 1986 Upstate Rugby Union League Season. For the first time in League history one club will enter a side in all three divisions. The Buffalo Old Boys are proud to be that Club! This means that the Old Boys will play more Rugby matches than ever before in the club's nineteen year history!

The decision to add a new side will also make it easier for new players to start playing Rugby, and as always we welcome new players!

Currently ranked second in the U.R.U., the Old Boys are proud to be recognized as one of the top Rugby club teams in New York State; not only in game performance, but also as innovators, entering three sides in league play and now the publishing of this season program!

As a nonprofit organization, the club has had to offset league costs, travel costs, etc. through team member dues and contributions. However, through the generosity of the advertisers in this program, we will now be able to offset some of these future costs so we can represent the city of Buffalo in league play and national tournaments.

With this in mind, the Old Boys ask that you please patronize our friends, the advertisers in this program who help to make this possible, as we enter this new and exciting season of Old Boys Rugby.

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Franz, Ross, President

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CLUB HISTORY

by Bradshaw Hovey

The year was 1967. America was in Vietnam and Lyndon Johnson was in the White House. In San Francisco it was the "Summer of Love" and the universities of the nation were on the brink of chaos.

The University of Buffalo was known then as "The Berkeley of the East." From that Campus in the Spring of 1967 came a brand of radicalism theretofore unknown to Western New York: Thirty men abusing an ovoid leather ball in an obscure sport known as Rugby.

The founders of this were students and faculty members at the University including Jim Crotty, Jack Krajewski, Gene Larue, and Jackson Schweigel.

Known as the "Queens," the U.B. side played its games first at Rotary Field. Organized Rugby clubs were scarce then and the team played a schedule featuring frequent matches against the University of Rochester and St. Catherines. It was sometimes difficult to field a full side, especially on the road.

In 1971, under the leadership of Chuck Koltoff, the club cast off its affiliation with the university and became the Buffalo Old Boys Rugby Football Club. The club found a home in Delaware Park, playing its games downwind from the always-aromatic bison exhibit.

The Old Boys slowly began to raise the level of their play, regularly fielding two sides and attracting new players, some of whom are still active today including: Ron Astridge, Pat Giles, David Clark, Tom Finn, and Gene Adams.

In 1973 an intense young man named Carl Hamm joined the club and began raving about his former club's recent visit to Wales. The seed was planted and the Old Boys began planning for their first tour of the British Isles in the Spring of 1974.

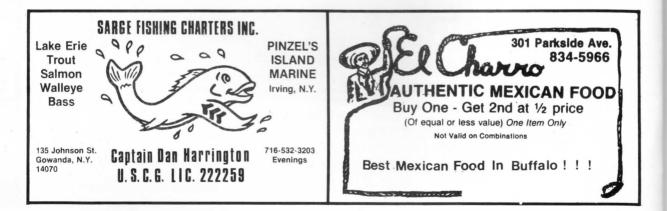
The Welsh, especially, were hospitable. The Old Boys quickly fell in love with Wales and particularly with the young student nurses of the "Heath Hilton."

The introduction to rugby in the heartland of the game, however, was not so friendly. A strong Abercarn side humbled the Buffalo "B" side 60-0, although a Llandaff "social" side bowed to the Old Boys "A" side 35-17.

In matches in Birmingham the Old Boys reverted to form, bowing to the Old Centrals and Old Saltleans.

In that same year, Buffalo joined the Niagara Rugby Union, quickly establishing dominance over the clubs of Southern Ontario.

The Old Boys won two successive NRU championships but were denied promotion to the higher division of the Ontario Rugby Union and returned to America the following season for the bulk of their schedule.



Over the years, an assortment of players from the major rugby-playing nations have graced the Old Boys rosters, starting in the early 70's with English flyhalf David Lamb, New Zealand center Geoff Bowker, and English prop John Rolfe.

Later came more Englishmen, Henry Boss and Frank Holden, along with wing forward Mark Charles. Sean Murphy from Ireland contributed much at flyhalf, as did Dominique Angles from France.

The Old Boys decided to hit the road once again in 1978, spending an eventful two weeks in Ireland.

The quality of play continued to improve, but we also learned how far we had to go, losing to St. Mary's of Dublin 36-6. At Carlow we held one of Ireland's oldest clubs to a 10-10 draw until two late tries blew the game wide open.

As we made more friends in Europe on our journeys, opportunities to play the host came our way. We enjoyed a return visit from the boys of County Offaly, and visits by Sale, Worthing, Tullamore, and the Metro Police of London.

The history of the Buffalo Old Boys has always been one of cycles of growth.

One of those cycles began in 1979 following the arrival of Rory O'Connor, Randy Bailey, and others. The cycle of progress was powered in part by a rigorous and eye-opening training session led by the demanding coach of Sale RFC.

The players absorbed the lessons they were taught and dedicated themselves that year to reaching a higher level of rugby.

The reward, the following season, was an impressive second place showing in the 1980 Cherry Blossom Festival, where the Old Boys beat a tough Roanoke team and lost in the final to a deep and powerful Washington RFC. The following summer the Old Boys, disguised as The East Lake Erie Hawaiians, won the 1981 Can-AM Sevens Tournament.

In 1983 the Buffalo club made its third overseas tour, visiting both Ireland and England. The Old Boys lost again to our friends in Tullamore, and again to St. Mary's. In England, the team absorbed still another lesson from Sale, but prevailed against captain Holden's home club of Caldy.

The Upstate R.F.U. tournament has been Buffalo's most sought-after championship, and most elusive. For many years running the Old Boys finished second in the Upstate. But in 1985 Buffalo finally conquered the field and won one of its most satisfying victories ever.

The Buffalo Old Boys, soon to complete two decades of playing rugby, currently have another great opportunity for another cycle of growth. The club is blessed as much by youth and strength as it is by experience and guile If the two can be welded together, the Old Boys' next twenty years can be even better then the first.



What is a Rugby Player?

HEIGHT - somewhere between 5'2" - 6'10" WEIGHT - 130 pounds to 320 pounds SPEED - very slow to very fast ATHLETIC BACKGROUND - horseshoes to pro football

Due to diversity of Rugby's positions and skill requirements, almost anyone can play Rugby at some level.

A Rugby player generally is unwilling to be a "Former Athlete" at an early age! A Rugby player enjoys training, being fit, and competing against others who accept only the best for themselves. Rugby players know that the average man does not reach peak physical condition until approximately age 28.

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BUFFALO OLD BOYS A CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

DATE	HIGHLIGHTS
April 1978	Old Boys Tour Ireland
August 1978	Old Boys Host Tullamore R.F.C. of Ireland
August 1979	Old Boys Host Sale R.F.C. of Manchester, England
April 1980	2nd Place - Cherry Blossom Tournament, Washington D.C.
June 1980	1st Place - Dead Ants Tournament, Batavia, NY
June 1980	1st Place - Can-AM 7's Tournament, Saranac, NY
April 1982	2nd Place - Upstate Rugby Union Tournament, Syracuse, NY
October 1982	Upstate Rugby Union - National Club Championship Wildcard Representative
April 1983	2nd Place - Upstate Rugby Union Tournament, Schenectady, NY
October 1983	Upstate Rugby Union Tournament - National Club Championship Wildcard Representative
April 1984	2nd Place - Upstate Rugby Union Tournament, Schenectady, NY
June 1984	2nd Place- Dead Ants Tournament, Batavia, NY
August 1984	Old Boys Host London Metro Police R.F.C. of London, England
November 1984	2nd Place - Upstate Rugby Union League
November 1984	Upstate Rugby Union - National Club Championship Wildcard Representative
April 1985	lst Place - Upstate Rugby Union Tournament, Windhover, NY
June 1985	lst Place - Dead Ants Tournament, Batavia, NY
July 1985	lst Place - Cobb Hill 10's Tournament, Rochester, NY
November 1985	2nd Place - Upstate Rugby Union League
March 1986	3rd Place - Porter Cup Tournament, Richmond, VA
April 1986	2nd Place - Upstate Rugby Union Tournament, Windhover, NY
June 1986	2nd Place - Dead Ants Tournament, Batavia, NY
July 1986	1st Place - Rochester 7's Tournament, Rochester, NY
July 1986	lst Place - Cobb Hill 10's Tournament, Rochester, NY



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	Old Boys 12 - George Washington RFC 3	2 - 1 (A)
	3rd Place Finish	
April 5	Old Boys 15 - Syracuse Rogues 13	3 - 1 (A)
	Old Boys 21 - Syracuse Rogues 6	1 - 0 (B)
April 12	Old Boys 10 - Brockport State 6	4 - 1 (A)
	Old Boys 12 - Buffalo State 6	2 - 0 (B)
April 19	Toronto Irish 30 - Old Boys 15	4 - 2 (A)
	Toronto Irish 18 - Old Boys 0	2 - 1 (B)
	URU TOURNEY	
April 26	Old Boys 34 - Syracuse Harlequins 4	5 - 2 (A)
	Old Boys 10 - Syracuse Rogues 6	6 - 2 (A)
	Albany 24 - Old Boys 3	6 - 3 (A)
	Cornell 20 - Old Boys 3	2 - 2 (B)
	Old Boys 18 - Binghamton 6	3 - 2 (B)
	Old Boys 24 - Schenectady 6	4 - 2 (B)
May 3	Old Boys 24 - Cleveland 18	7 - 3 (A)
San	Old Boys 25 - Cleveland 13	5 -2 (B)
May 10	Mississauga, Ont. 39 - Old Boys 15	7 - 4 (A)
	Old Boys 14 - Mississauga 14	5 - 2 - 1 (B)
May 17	Stony Creek, Ont. 38 - Old Boys 10	7 - 5 (A)
	Old Boys 12 - Stony Creek, Ont. 12	5 - 2 - 2 (B)
May 31	Old Boys 16 - Rochester Colonials 14	8 - 5 (A)
	Old Boys 12 - Rochester Colonials 3	6 - 2 - 2 (B)
June 7	Old Boys 12 - Rochester Aardvarks 6	0 - 5 (A)
	Old Boys 7 - Rochester Aardvarks 4	7 - 2 - 2 (B)

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UPSTATE UNION RUGBY Fall - 1986 Schedule A - B Teams

<u>DATE</u> 9-20-86	LOCATION Syracuse Harlequins at Buffalo	1:00 PM
9-27-86	Schenectady/Reds at Buffalo	1:00 PM
10-4-86	Buffalo at Rochester Colonials	1:00 PM
10-11-86	Buffalo at Rochester Aardvarks	1:00 PM
10-18-86	Binghamton Barbarians at Buffalo	1:00 PM
10-25-86	Buffalo at Syracuse Rogues	1:00 PM
11-1-86	Buffalo at Albany Knickerbockers	1:00 PM

OPEN DIVISION SCHEDULE

9-20-86	Genesee Creamers At Buffalo	1:00 PM
9-27-86	Lockport RFC At Buffalo	1:00 PM
10-4-86	Buffalo At Finger Lakes Vikings RFC	1:00 PM
10-11-86	Buffalo State College At Buffalo	1:00 PM
10-18-86	University of Buffalo At Buffalo	1:00 PM

ALL OLD BOYS HOME GAMES HELD AT DELAWARE PARK

OLD BOY'S OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Franz Ross

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Rules

To clarify this chaos, the whole idea is to carry the ball over the opposition goal line and touch it to the ground. Not called a "Touchdown" - It's a "try".

THE TEAM

15 hardy players - 8 burly forwards and 7 fleetfooted backs.

the forwards have the task of gaining possession of the ball through skill and brute force. The backs, hopefully nimble and fast, then take over and run, pass and kick their way to the goal line to score points.

SUBSTITUTES?

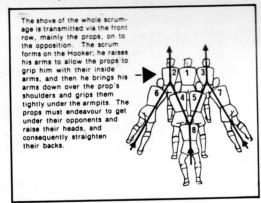
None!! Once on the field, a player is there to stay. Unless of course he is injured.

CLOCKWATCHERS

The game lasts 80 minutes (phew!) with 5 minutes to recover at half time.

POINT SYSTEM

A try is worth 4 points and 2 points extra for a successful kick over the goal post. That's called "converting the try". A penalty kick is worth 3 points.



OFFICIALS

One referee controls the game. A touch judge on each side, tells where the ball goes out of bounds.

PENALTIES

A penalty is called if -

•A player charges, blocks or obstructs the opposition in any way.

 The man carrying the ball is tackled dangerously or tripped.

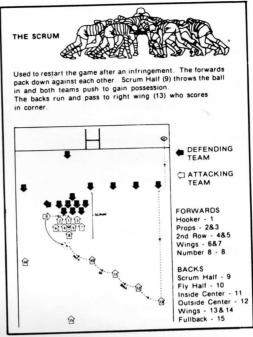
•The ball is not released when a man is tackled.

 A player touches the ball when he is off-side (that means he is in front of the ball).

 If a penalty is awarded near the goal post, a kick at the goal for 3 points is attempted.

ANY QUESTIONS?

Then ask the nearest rugby player. He's the one sipping beer and wearing the sweatshirt - "It takes Leather Balls to Play Rugby."



ARE THERE ANY RULES?

Contrary to first impression - there are.
The ball cannot be passed or knocked forward, but may be kicked forward to gain ground.
Only the man with the ball may be tackled. If he is, play does not stop. The nearest man picks up the ball and continues.

DOES PLAY EVER STOP?

Yes

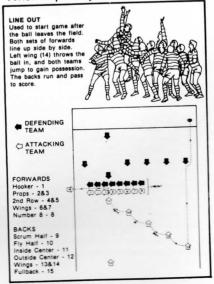
•When the ball leaves the field.

After an infringement (such as a forward pass).

•If a player touches the ball down behind his own goal line. This is not a score to the opposition.

·After a try.

•When a penalty is called.





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