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## Buffalo Old Boys Tour Europe



The Buffalo Old Boys touring party poses with the Union Sportive Aubagne Marseilles in France.

This past spring, the Buffalo Old Boys toured England and France, bringing 33 players for four A side and three B side matches.

### Caddy RFC

The Buffalo touring side first faced the Caddy RFC, based across the Mersey from Liverpool. Unfortunately for the tourists, the speed and experience of Caddy's General Jeff

RFC. After the B side had lost, it appeared a similar fate would strike down the A's. Down 10-3 with time running out, Buffalo's Denis Pennington scored 100% which Caddy Smith converted for a 12-10 lead. Buffalo watched anxiously as their hosts squandered possession and lost the match on their final wing.

—Colin Spector

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### Waterloo Veterans

The Waterloo (Liverpool) Veterans were the next tour opponents, a team comprised of former Waterloo A side players and an ex-England international.

Buffalo went out to a 5-3 lead on Bill Nashwinter's try, but the rest of the match was all Waterloo, who won 19-5.

### Metropolitan Police

The Buffalo Old Boys then traveled down to London and encountered the Metropolitan Police. After hosting the police in Buffalo a few years back, the Old Boys knew what they were in for.

After another strong start by the tourists, the match went the way of the Metropolitan Police, 35-10.

### Bacavians RFC

After playing tourist in London, the Old Boys ventured on to Sarrewege to encounter the Bacavians

Buffalo then crossed the English Channel for an evening in Paris and a high speed train to Marseilles, where they faced the Union Sportive Aubagne Marseilles. The visitors noticed their opponents shuffling players in and out of the match like an American football match, and later found out that all the club members wanted to see action against the first American club to tour Marseilles. The Buffalo Old Boys had perhaps their best match of the tour, but lost 27-12.

After being the guests of honor at a reception attended by the Mayor of Marseilles, the sports council and the American consul, the club spent the rest of the tour sightseeing in Nice and Monaco.

Players moving to the Buffalo area, or sides touring there, are welcome to contact Len Macculin at 716-973-6453.