



# BUFFALO OLD BOYS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

September 3, 1991

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The Buffalo Old Boys Rugby season has begun. Are you ready? The Fall '91 schedule presents few challenges. The Club had a successful Spring season which should continue in the upcoming weeks. However, the team should not be complacent. Although the A-side only lost one match excluding the Dead Ant's Tournament, our record against the "serious" teams (Balmy Beach, Toronto Irish, and Albany) was only 1-1-1.

The Old Boys welcome all new players and look forward to both playing and socializing with them.

Although it goes without saying, the Old boys are the only true rugby club in the Niagara Frontier. This is our club and each member should be treated as a teammate; even though he may not be your friend. In addition, now is the time to put Summer rugby behind -- everyone must concentrate on winning every A, B, or C game as a team. We should no longer regard ourselves as TUBA, BATS, or Seven's players, but rather as the team to beat in the Upstate Union.

## FALL '91 SCHEDULE

<u>Sept.</u>	7	at Lockport Tournament	2 sides
	14	CLEVELAND CATS	A, B
	21	at Schenectady Reds	A, B *
	28	ROCHESTER AARDVARKS	A, B *
<u>Oct.</u>	5	at Syracuse Chargers	A, B *
	12	CLEVELAND ROVERS	A, B
	19	ALBANY KNICKS	A, B *
	26	BOBCATS	All
<u>Nov.</u>	ERU Playoffs Dates/Site TBA		

\* Upstate Union League Games

## **ELECTIONS**

The election of Captain and Selectors will be held September 5, Thursday, 8:00 PM, at "Fast Eddies" -- The Old Boys' Bar, Meeting Room, Post-game party location, and Spiritual Center. (1672 Elmwood Ave., at the corner of Amherst Street). New members are encouraged to attend, vote, and buy as many rounds as possible.

## **UNIFORMS**

Every team member must have their own Navy Blue (solid) rugby jersey. League rules mandate that a proper kit be worn for all league games. Because the Club does not want its players wearing jerseys from Kleinhans, Woolworths, or The Gap, please see Lex, our President, to order and for information on acquiring a team emblem. The Old Boys kit, by the way, consists of a Navy Blue jersey, white shorts, and blue socks.

## **SEASON'S DUES**

Each Club member is required to pay Fall '91 dues. If you don't pay, you will not be considered for selections. The dues are as follows: \$50 - player; \$35 - student player. Mike Dom is the Club Treasurer; pay him. Rumor has it that he is independently wealthy and, therefore, there is no cause to be concerned about his motives for accepting this position. Seek him out with your cash, check, or money orders. Rest Assured; the team no longer banks at Golddome or BCII.

## **T-SHIRTS**

Buffalo/Can-Am 7's T-shirts are on sale: \$6/one; \$10/two. Over-35's T-shirts also on sale: \$6/one; \$10/two. Please see Lex.

## **SUMMER RESULTS**

Saranac Lake: BATS (Buffalo State Alumni) 2-1; lost to Detroit. TUBAS (U.B. Alumni) 1-1; lost to Detroit. O-35's (anyone's Alumni) played two games and barbecued.

Buffalo/Can-Am 7's: A-side took the Championship. Hibernian 7's (ERU qualifier): Beat, among others, Washington and Philly Whitemarsh, but lost to Severn River in semi-finals (10-6). Congratulations for beating two of the top clubs in the ERU and for playing 6 games with 8 players.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Any member is welcome to submit an article to the newsletter. Also, and because summaries of all matches will be included in up-coming issues, please be ready to volunteer taking notes on a game which you are NOT playing in. Good Luck to all Old Boys for the Fall Season.



# BUFFALO OLD BOYS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

September 19, 1991

What's been happening and while you were away:

## LOCKPORT TOURNAMENT

### OLD BOYS "A" SIDE

BOB 22 Brockport 0 Tries scored by Gerry Wojcik, Jerry Hahn, and two tries by Billy Nashwinter (herein "Nash"); with 3 conversions by Tim Lucca.

BOB 41 Syracuse B's 0 Tries by Dean Penman, Jerry Hahn, Ed Lawrence, Chuck Mosey, Eric, Mike Gancey, and Steve Day; 3 conversions by Tim Lucca and a drop-goal by Alan Donatelli.

Semi-finals: BOB 36 Erie 0 Tries by Eric, Lucca, Jeremy, Wojcik, Malachai, Gancey, and Donatelli; 4 conversions by Lucca.

Finals: BOB 16 Syracuse 3 Tries by Nash, Scott Lefkowitz, and Mosey; 2 conversions by Lucca.

Although plagued by competing against unworthy competition, the team was "up" and played well every game -- particularly on defense. Blowing out a college side should be matter-of-fact, but holding your opponents to 3 points in 4 games is impressive. The only sour note was not being able to play the host club, Lockport. Because all Summer they have been telling their bar sluts that they beat us at the Dead Ants Tournament in the Spring when the score was actually 16-0 in our favor, we were very much looking forward to avenging this "loss."

### OLD BOYS "B" SIDE

BOB 12 Canisius 14 Tries by Paul Yemma and one of the Kulikowsky's; 2 conversions by Blaine.

BOB 0 Syracuse A's 20

The club was proud to have so many new players show up and compete honorably. Hopefully, the B's will regularly attend practice and play games together in order for the Club to win the Upstate B division. On the bright side, the Club expects to attract many of the Canisius players who played so well (in large part due to the coaching efforts of Messrs. Astridge and Giles) to our team upon graduation.

## CLEVELAND CATS

OLD BOYS "A" SIDE BOB 46 Cleveland 4 Tries by Lucca, Ray Miranda, Lawrence, Gancey, John "Jewel of Jurisprudence" Jablonski, and 4 tries by Nash; 5 conversions by Lucca.

Excellent game against a weak traveling side, particularly by the forwards -- and especially by the front row. This game was the first time in recent memory that an Old Boy pack walked-over a try on the other team's put in.

OLD BOYS "B" SIDE BOB 30 Cleveland 4 Tries by Harold Blount, Paul Phillips, and 3 by Nick Kulikowsky; 3 conversions by Blaine.

Strong effort by all both on defense and in support. An additional thank you to the CATS for traveling so far but leaving Fast Eddy's so early; which allowed us to do what normally is not done -- ordering a girl a beer.

OLD BOYS "C" SIDE BOB 4 Buff. State 14 Try by Jack Schweigel.

The whole Club should be heartened by the fact that, including the guys who played B's for Cleveland, the team fielded over 50 players. As such, the Club expects to have a C-side fixture for the Rochester weekend (28th).

## DUES

Pay Mike Dahm -- No dues, No playing, No kidding!

## SCHENECTEDY

The Old Boys Bus leaves the Grant St.-Buff. State parking lot at 7:00 am. -- depending on the games outcome, traffic, the availability of both Old Boys groupies and fungi, we expect to be back no later than Bill's kick-off Sunday afternoon. Please note that there will also be a C-side match this weekend.

## ELECTIONS

CAPTAIN -- Ed Lawrence

SELECTORS -- Dean Penman, Scott Lefkowitz, & Alan Donatelli

## MISCELLANEOUS

People moving: Matt & Leslie Szkotak to Philadelphia.

Fergie & Katy Neale to Austin, TX.

Congratulations to the Neales on their new addition; Zachery.

Also, congratulations, best wishes, and our condolences to Billy Speyer, whose wedding is this Saturday.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

"Remember the old days when you would sing Rugby songs, get naked and do other foolish things at Rugby parties?

Well, this tradition has found its way to running. It's called 'Hashing.'

The local club, 'The Buffalo Hash House Harriers,' gets together for a mystery run through the woods, streams, and sometimes, through shopping malls. Then, they party with songs, beer chugging, etc.

They have invited all Rugby players to join them. For the next Hash run call the Hash Hot Line for details: 835-9359.

The runs usually cost \$3.00 - 5.00 for Beer afterwards. They are fairly easy runs and are good alternatives to those boring 3 - 5 mile runs."

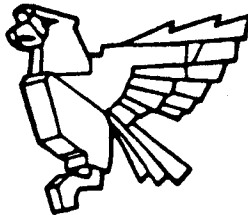
[Ed. Et Tu Lex? Most of us remember a different kind of Hashing and don't ever recall running 3 - 5 miles.]

## FROM SKIP WOJCIK

The letter which appears on the back of this page was sent to Gerry by the Bacavians RFC, an English touring team who came here in May. Although this club wasn't much of a challenge on the pitch, it is safe to say that all of us enjoyed hosting them. Moreover, acting as hosts for touring sides will make it that much easier for us to organize an over-seas tour of our own -- the last of which was in the Spring of 1983.

# BACAVIANS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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Dear Gerry,

BACAVIANS RFC : RUGBY TOUR to U.S.A  
- ROCHESTER & BUFFALO MAY 91

**Hon. Treasurer:**

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On behalf of Bacavians Rugby club, I would like to thank you and your rugby club for making our tour to the U.S.A. memorable one - never to be forgotten in our club's history.

We would also like to thank all our hosts for the very kind hospitality and the friendship we received when we were in Buffalo. We appreciated all the time & effort put in by the people who organised the social events that helped make our trip a most enjoyable one.

**Hon. Fixture Secretary:**

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I would like to take this opportunity to compliment Buffalo's standard of rugby & fitness and to congratulate the club on winning the the 'Lilac' festival - although, I'd very much like to see how you would get on against our 1st XV or Letchworth 1st XV (one of our stronger local clubs) ?

**Hon. Team Secretary:**

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I would sincerely like wish you and your club every success for the future.

A great time was had by all !

Thanks again and, hopefully, we will see you all soon ?

Daryl Hayler



# BUFFALO OLD BOYS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

October 17, 1991

With apologies for the delay ...

## OLD BOYS A SIDE UNDEFEATED ENTERING UPSTATE FINAL AGAINST ALBANY

After alternating between impressive and lackadaisical victories against Schenectady, Rochester, Syracuse, and Cleveland, a deservingly confident Old Boys find themselves in an ideal position to win the Upstate Division by defeating a visiting Albany Knicks club.

### COMMENTS:

Every member of the A side should feel obligated to watch and support our B side. Conversely, every member of the B side should be ready and in kit by the kick-off of the A game. It is curious that for a team which often complains about selections, players on lower sides fail to show up "on time" when they should be ready and willing to play at the whistle.

No talking = better playing.

All Club members should be encouraged by the fact that we have fielded 3 sides since the first week of the season.

Post-game parties are part of the game; all should attend.

### UPCOMING DATES

Win against Albany:	November 2	TORONTO IRISH (H)
	November 9	OPEN
	November 16, 17	NORTHEAST PLAYOFF (New York City)
Lose against Albany:	November 2	WILD CARD PLAYOFF (Boston, Mass.)
	November 9	OPEN
(win on Nov. 2)	November 16, 17	PLAYOFF, NYC

November 21: FAST EDDY'S, 7:00 PM

Annual Meeting for election of officers, to amend by-laws, and watch World Cup Highlights.

March 14 & 15, 1992: St. Patrick's Day Tournament, Savannah, Ga.

## PRACTICE UPDATE

Practices will be held starting Tuesday, October 22nd, at LaSalle Park (off Porter Avenue) beginning @ 8:00 pm. This is a lighted field. Because the Club is definitely in the playoffs, one way or another, it is important that everyone stays in focus and makes an effort to be at practice on Tuesday and Thursday.

## COMMENTS FROM THE JEWEL

"Rugby is a game rich in tradition. Deep is the games regard for precedent and ancient valor. However, in move reminiscent of the great American Revolution, two of our members laid siege to the foundations of the game many of us "loyalists" hold so dear.

In a stunning display of cunning, ingenuity, and plain "cowardice," Dan Drury & Mike Lewis, fired the first shot in a war, which I am sure has not seen the last of these two infidels. In a "B" game fought on the battlefield of the Schenectady Reds, these two pioneers (albeit somewhat misguided) attempted to create the first two new positions ever seen since the games inception.

Mr. Drury while attempting to maintain a tie to his original position among the forwards, created the new position of "inside the inside center." (However, it is rumored that this close proximity to the forwards is not due to an admiration for his comrades, but rather a lack of athletic prowess, which prevents him from instituting his new position any farther from the pack).

In a duplicating effort, lending an air of credibility to this revolution, Mr. Drury's compatriot, Mr. Lewis, carved out the new position of "inside the outside center." Unlike Mr. Drury's attempt (although superficial), to maintain some ties to the pack. Mr. Lewis attempted to disassociate himself from the forwards altogether. When asked why, Mr. Lewis stated that the pack was "nothing but a bunch of hardheaded ruffians who have no respect for the finer skills of the game like ball handling and preservation of an outstanding looking face." Mr. Lewis' only remaining tie to the pack was to use them for a place to rest his shoulder during the slower portions of the game. Otherwise, no physical conduct was made in the pursuit his brethren forwards were conducting; i.e. bashing the other teams brains out.

Fortunately, hindsight is twenty-twenty, and I hope that these two stray individuals will realize the error of their way. Yet, just in case this notion is unable to penetrate their thick skulls, I am urging the learned members of this team, to remind these two gentlemen (much like you would a barnyard beast) of the error of their way, and with a friendly word or boot to point the way back to the pack."

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# BUFFALO OLD BOYS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

December 30, 1991

What's up and while you were away.....

## TRADITIONAL NEW YEAR'S DAY PARTY

Pete Johnson will again be hosting the Old Boys New Year's Day Party at his house; 294 Pennsylvania Street. He advises that all members are welcome to attend with their wives, girlfriends, children, or New Years escorts. Please bring a bottle of your choice and a food dish -- not an empty plate mind you but an example of a cuisine inspired by your breeding or heritage. Party starts in the afternoon...

## OLD BOYS BANQUET

The annual Buffalo Old Boys Rugby Club banquet will be held on Saturday, February 1, 1992, at the same location as last year -- the Troop I Lounge on Franklin Street between Virginia and Allen.

The banquet begins at 6:00 pm with an open bar and dinner and presentations to follow. The cost is \$45/couple and \$25/single.

A copy of the ballot for this year's awards is attached. If you can't remember a player's name when marking your ballot, just use a description or other reference so Lex knows who you are talking about (i.e. "the guy who Frenches his pit bull at Fast Eddy's").

Please send in your ballot along with your money by January 15 to: Mike Dahm, 174 Kings Highway, Snyder, NY 14226.

The banquet should be quite the soiree -- a number of dignitaries are expected to attend and entertainment is to be provided by Skip Wojcik. Bring a guest and remember that although there's no dress code, GQ should not be left feeling out of place.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Unfortunately, the Spring trip to Savannah has been canceled due to lack of interest. Although Lex, Malachai, Dean, and myself were willing to play "4's," the tournament wouldn't allow us. Hopefully, the Spring schedule will be out by the banquet.

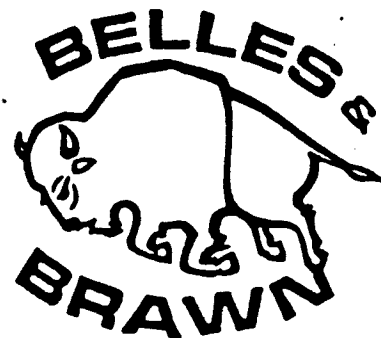
Also attached is an invitation to join a work-out club which meets in the Winter at Buff. State. The "Hash Run" organizer should soon be sending out invites to their meets as well.

If these two activities don't excite you, Fast Eddy's still attracts a crowd on Thursdays. Until next time...



**The  
Buffalo Belles and Brawn  
Track & Field Club**

**invites  
YOU  
to join  
This Winter**



• **Train Indoors at the *Buffalo State College Bubble* from 10 am to noon:**

Sunday, November 17, 1991

Sunday, January 12, 1992

Sunday, November 24, 1991

Sunday, January 19, 1992

Sunday, December 1, 1991

Sunday, January 26, 1992

Sunday, December 8, 1991

Sunday, February 16, 1992

Sunday, December 29, 1991

Sunday, February 23, 1992

• **Compete in BBB-hosted All-Comers Meets at the Bubble:**

Sunday, December 15, 1991

Sunday, February 2, 1992

Sunday, March 1, 1992

• **Improve your skills with expert, up-to-date coaching**

• **Keep informed through five annual newsletters**

• **A full service club for boys and girls, men and women,  
novice to elite, from ages 6 to 60+**

• **Winter Membership: Students: \$7 Adults: \$10**  
Members pay \$1 per practice.  
Guests may train at the Bubble for \$2 per practice.

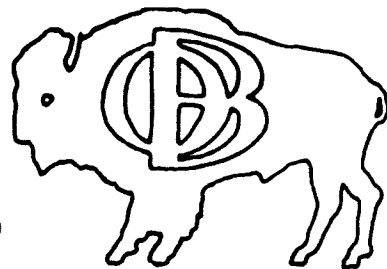
• **The status of high school students for indoor or outdoor track is NOT affected by competing on Sundays. (See N.Y. State Public H.S. Athletic Assoc. Handbook, Rule 13.[1] a. "... Sundays shall be reserved for outside organizations.")**

**Join the Fun!**

**Phone BBB President Gene Cacciatore at 877-8026  
or come to a practice.**

# BUFFALO OLD BOYS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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February 26, 1992

## OLD BOYS BANQUET

From what I remember, the banquet was quite a success. The winners of this year's awards were:

A-side forward; Ed Lawrence      A-side back; Alan Donatelli  
B-side forward; Isaac Sobel      B-side back; Blaine Witt

Rookie of the year forward; Charlie Scibetta  
Rookie of the year back; Bill Nashwinter

Most improved forward; Paul Shuster -- back; Tim Lucca

Man of the year; Lex Maccubbin

Congratulations to Pat Giles for his induction to the Old Boys Wall of Fame; a most suitable selection. Pat had many words of wisdom to offer but expects pay-backs now at Fast Eddys. Also, "Mr. Penman" received a special award for his contributions all season and promises both chilled and room temperature Evian spring water if we win. Finally, thanks to Gerry Wojcik for both his kind and incriminating remarks and to Dan "Frontenac" who both considered the banquet an away event and aroused the anti-fur protesters among us.

## SPRING 1992 SCHEDULE

Enclosed is the Old Boys' Spring schedule. Thanks to Jack Schweigel for his assistance with these fixtures. The schedule speaks for itself -- many tough opponents and road games.

A couple of points should be made. We are scheduled to play three of the top-10 Mid-West teams; the best three Toronto teams; and the Brockport Doggies. Plan now for away games -- the furthest games will probably start at 1:30 so we won't have to leave that early on Saturdays.

Also, and although everyone should try to make all matches, it bears emphasizing that the game against Pittsburgh RFC (March 28), the first match of the season, will be our toughest, A or B, in years. So, if you can only make one of the Pittsburgh games, this is the one.

By playing four decent games prior to the Upstates, both our A's and B's have a very strong chance of winning the tournament-- even though our record may not be that good going into it.

## **PRACTICES**

Now, for my least favorite topic.... Practices outside, location to be announced but probably behind Medaille College, will begin March 7. Bring your boots and mouthpiece because Captain Ed ensures we will not just be playing speed-ball. Ed also mentions that the two Saturday sessions before our first game (March 14 & 21) are mandatory. We will definitely have a full inter-squad scrimmage on one of these dates; referee, full contact, uniforms, and beer.

Although personally I abhor working out, everyone should attempt to get in to game shape some how because we will not be coasting against easy teams when the season starts. Everyone should also be aware that we are not allowed on our Delaware Park field before April -- so stay off! Updates on the time and location of future practices will be announced.

## **DUES**

I take back what I stated earlier, THIS is definitely my least favorite topic. However, dues for the Spring season, \$50.00, must be paid or you will not play. Mike Dahm will hound you, the selectors will hound you, and late night calls to your mothers will be made. A player will not be considered available for our first home game, April 18, if all dues aren't paid by then.

You may send your money to BOBRFC at the following address: Mike Dahm, 174 Kings Highway, Snyder, NY 14226.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

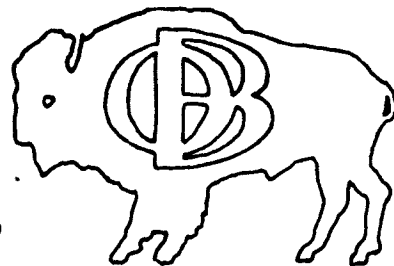
Congratulations to John Jablonski (and Leslie) and Dean Penman (and Libby) who announced their engagements at the banquet. Who's zooming who -- Dean's getting married a week after this season; DJ Jazzy Jewel in the middle of the Fall '92 season.

John also has information and order forms for Buffalo Old Boys two-piece embroidered warm up suits which he will bring to practices. They go for \$70 and are really classy. You'll be sure to make a hit at Squeeze Club or the other hip-hop scenes.

Finally, two weeks ago the inaugural Old Boys traveling Winter 7's team entered the 14th annual Cleveland "7's in the snow" tournament. We played five games on pitches that were both under two inches of water and totally frozen. Nevertheless, we made it to the finals losing in overtime to host club Cleveland RFC. They totally home-jobbed us with the refereeing and scheduling of games. However, the party was outrageous and we brought home the 2nd place trophy -- well, we don't actually have the trophy, "VB" does, but that's another story altogether....

# BUFFALO OLD BOYS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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May 12, 1992

Whats been happening and while you were away...

## **NIAGARA WASPS (May 9th)**

The Old Boys A's & B's both cruised past a small and young Niagara side. For the B's, Tom Finn again played a refined game in this, his come-back season and scored the only tries. A shortage of backs saw our backline with new faces, including Rob Sterling, normally a 2nd row but for this game a wing, who makes thumping tackles in sensurround.

Scott Lefkowitz scored 3 times and Eric Anderson added a bunch for the A's. The pitch was like playing on a putting green and it didn't rain for the first time in 2 months. Chuck Mosey, continuing with his troubles leaving or entering the country, was advised to renew his passport which should allow him to be on time for future Canadian matches. New-comer Paul Hankinson (with the big legs) also scored in his virgin A game.

Thanks to Dan Drury for playing with US and for hosting the team at his cottage. The GTR also seemed like a good idea. The team learned that Joe Coyne moonlights as a waiter -- free drinks included although we did fail to notify the management of this fact. Lesson learned; strength in numbers...

## **DETROIT RFC (May 2nd)**

Tough loss for the A's on a drop-goal with a minute left to go. Missing a lot of players to Alumni games and select-side try outs shouldn't have made a difference. Although up by 12 in the first half, poor tackling and decision making cost us. B's pulled out a tough win with Lex scoring both tries.

Unfortunately, the Old Boys on and off the field left our visitors with a bad impression -- too few attendees at the party and hardly anyone left to watch the B's. We owe these guys one; probably next year in the motor city.

## **1992 UPSTATE TOURNAMENT (April 25/26)**

On probably the worst weekend of weather in memory, the Club, and in particular, Lex, pulled off what could have been a disaster into one of the best tournaments ever played in Upstate NY. Results were as follows:  
Club A - Brockport Doggies over Balmy Beach / Club B's Oakville over Lockport;  
Consolation A's - Michigan / Consolation B's Old Boys over Doggies B's;  
College A's & B's - Canisius.

First off, congratulations on a great job by Ron Astridge, Pat Giles, & Jack Schweigel for guiding Canisius, who didn't even have a team 5 years ago, to this big win. The Old Boys as a club will only benefit from this new, local college powerhouse.

The B's brought Buffalo its only hardware for the weekend. Great play most of the weekend and especially in the consolation final by, among others, Wojcik, Drury, Surwell (no this wasn't over-35's), and Man of the Match, Jerry Hahn.

The A's beat a scrappy Michigan RFC squad, who, by the way, were spotted on Allen Street at 4:30am attempting to scrummage over the BPD. No excuse

against the Doggies; should have scored twice in the first half, didn't, and should have tackled their backs, didn't. It was disgraceful to arrive at the pitch a minute before kick-off and play a 1/4 of the game without two of our starters. Final score -- Brockport 10 Buffalo 3. For what its worth, the whole club still lacks confidence and a strong desire to win. Once a game is over, no one likes to see a sore loser or someone who pouts. However, DURING the game we must believe we can win even when we are down. The Doggies have talent but continually win because of their attitude on the field.

The tournament ran very smoothly considering the elements and money was made on both the T-shirts and program -- thanks to Razor, Malachai, and Surwell. A great and surreal party was held at the Buffalo Brew Pub. First time in memory that a rugby party was simultaneously held with a magician's convention. The Bar was great and so appreciated our business and company, that they would love to have us back. ECC South, on the other hand, was a bit miffed that in place of final exams, students were forced to mud-wrestle for grades this semester.

### **TORONTO IRISH (April 18)**

Strong win for the A's & B's; tough loss for the C's against Canisius on Yemma's try for them late in the game. A's came to play and dominated the Irish who, like most of our Northern friends, refuse to concede we're better no matter how much their pounded. Great game by the tight five and by Nash and Augustine at the wings. A's have beaten 2 of the top 3 clubs in Toronto, though it's unfortunate we couldn't have had a crack at the Beach. The B's turned in another fine performance, especially the backs led by Razor and Joe Perez. B's showed again how to properly play a game (strong rucking producing quick second-phase ball out to the wings) and how a team should not change their style when its working -- sounds obvious but usually doesn't happen.

It was good to see some of the veterans out for the Thirds: Bear, Wojcik, O'Connor, and the return of the once hip, Jim Hess. For the newer guys, Jim is not Tom Campbell's brother although he did once have a temper worse than McNerny. Great inspirational, albeit un-photogenic try by Bear was the only score. Dean's Stag that evening, should I elaborate? Let me just say that former B-side fullback Blaine has earned the dubious distinction of out-wrestling BOTH the Penmans in one calendar year. A truly great party with most of the team there along with the Irish and the normally reclusive Timmy Lucca, who although denounces demon alcohol, seems to enjoy the finer more natural things in life. All in all the night finished with quite a bang although I for one do not look forward to Father's Day!

### **PITTSBURGH HARLEQUINS (April 11)**

B's again proved that Pitt is their kind of town. The Seconds demolished their B's with Joe Perez scoring 6 tries and 5 conversions. A thoroughly well played game by all. A's played sluggish throughout but held on to convincingly beat the Harlequins. We mostly played disruptive Rugby, particularly in the lineouts and loose. Mike Augustine, our former Life college member, ran wild with 2 tries.

Former Old Boys Tim White and Chris MacNamara were on the sidelines cheering us on. Many of us stayed the evening enjoying the varied cultural activities Pittsburgh's South End had to offer. Special thanks to Dominic for using his credit card at the bar although he did seem precariously close to eloping that night. Also, Charlie DeRose was most entertaining in providing vivid descriptions of his message techniques while wooing Pitt's finest coeds. Finally, special thanks to Jerry Hahn for waking me up with the proper directions -- we almost became members of the West Virginia Mountaineers RFC.

## MISCELLANEOUS & UPCOMING DATES

Cleveland CATS (May 16). Its pretty elementary, CATS rhythms with FLATS, where we all hope to end up on Saturday night. Scioto Valley (May 30) at Home -- A's and B's. A great way to end the season big would be to defeat this Club which is now ranked 2nd in the Midwest. A strong effort should be made by all to play in this one. Last 2 games of the season; Rochester Colonials (June 6) & Dead Ants (June 13). No game is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend.

Also, we're hosting the annual Can-Am Friendship Festival 7's tournament at Delaware Park on June 27; the club will be entering more than one, and probably three teams. Also, we still tentatively are scheduled to host a Cambridge University touring side -- probably during the week of July 27th.

Newly arrived in town for two moths is a coach, from New Zealand, who has formerly been associated with among other top teams, the Dallas Harlequins. He will be running practices for the rest of the season. For everyones' sake, try to make it on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Although its been a long season, the techniques and insights we are bound to pick-up will help all of us in the future. You'd be surprised at how little we actually KNOW the game of Rugby.

Congratulations to wingers Bill Nashwinter and Mike Augustine who have both made the ERU under-25 select side. The Club wishes them good luck in Minneapolis on Memeorial Day weekend for the USARFU'S Inter-territorials.

Notice: that was not Lex Maccubbin on the cover of "Newsweek" last month.

A Steve Day sighting occurred at the Brew Pub after the Tournament; this cannot be confirmed. When contacted as to his whereabouts the last few months, Steve had nothing to say other than he wants the Club to know he is not using "SlimFast."

It was nice to see many former Old Boys at the Buff. State Alumni weekend -- Nolan, Contampasis, J. Mosey, Franz, and McNerny. Conspicuously missing, however, was Gerbil. Rumour has it that the Gerbil, now hooking for Old Blue, has both a new hairstyle and chisled physique. Gerbil, aka Mark, called from NYC to tell me that he extends an open invitation for all the Old Boys to visit him behind the bar at "KCOU" on Amsterdam Avenue. This is quite the establishment and Mark will give you his very own tour of the Upper-West Side. Gerb also wanted everyone to know that it was Sunny Bono, not him, who made a cameo appearance in the new movie, "The Player."

Finally and in all seriousness, Lex has heard from Roswell Park that the Old Boys have made a larger donation this year to Roswell's Child Cancer Fund than the Buffalo Bills, Sabres, and Bisons. Way to go team and surely a very, very nice feather in our cap.

Until the end of the season...