

Empire Men's Division II Playoffs: Buffalo Rugby vs. Montclair Norseman:

Buffalo Rugby has had one of the strongest years, as a club, in the country as evident by all three of their teams (two men's and one women's) making the 2019 playoffs. Buffalo's D2 squad will take on the Montclair Norsemen in the Empire Union's quarterfinals. Buffalo enjoyed tremendous success in the fall, finishing at the top of the Great Lakes table, with a 7-1 record. Their opponents this weekend, the Norsemen, also had an impressive fall, recovering from a slippery start, to go 5-3 in the New Jersey competition. Both teams demonstrate a tremendous propensity to attack; however, where this game will likely be won and loss is each team's ability to defend. Buffalo has a, relatively, stout defense, letting in 18 points in a game. The Norsemen, on the other hand, let in 31 points a game. While letting this many points in a game will win you games in the regular season, the playoffs is another beast and both teams will need to tighten their defensive screws to advance deep into the playoffs.