



BUFFALO OLD BOYS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

1983 TOUR NEWSLETTER

We are going to have a Rugby Tour in the Spring of 1983, around Easter, for two weeks.

We are considering two possibilities. One is to rent an airplane, flown by Dave Cidale, and play Iceland and Luxembourg with teams from Ireland (Tulamore?), England, and the South of France. The other is to fly scheduled airlines and visit Ireland, The Isle of Mann, and England.

There are going to be several fund raising efforts between now and Easter:

1. Sell hats and T-shirts
2. A bottle of booze donated by a player will be raffled after each game.
3. Rory O'Connor has been volunteered to organize a JUMBO garage sale to be held at Tom Surwill's house in September. Start bringing your valuables to Tom's house or practice.
4. A Tour Program will be put together by Captain Jerry (Skip) and Jim Dunnigan--Rochester raised 4,000 dollars from their program--everyone will be required to sell some space.
5. A proposed party on Miss Buffalo could raise some funds and be a good night out for wives, girlfriends and mistresses. Let us know what you think.

If you have any other ideas how to raise money and are prepared to do something about it, contact Jim Hess at 411 Starin Ave., Buffalo.

There are only about 40 weeks between now and proposed departure and we will be needing some financial commitment from those wanting to go. Frank Holden has opened an account for the Tour and is collecting, or trying to, \$10 per week to try and make life easier for everyone. \$10 a week for 40 weeks only makes \$400--so don't be late starting. If you want to give more, do. Cost could be in the region of \$1,000 per person for the two weeks. Start saving now. \$100 needed by September 4th per person.

For ideas and information, contact:

Gerry Wojcik 874-5971

Paul Clift 874-1344

Tom Finn 882-0869

Jim Hess 834-6633

Frank Holden 691-7924

The Buffalo Old Boys R.F.C. President's XV will play the Western Region Empire State Selects in Buffalo, Saturday, July 31. KEEP FIT.
More details to follow.

★ We'd like to have AN ANNUAL ALUMNI Game - perhaps Thanksgiving Weekend. We need Name - Addresses of oldies. PLEASE give ANY INFO. TO DAVE CLARK (in person or mail) - He'll build a "List."



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TOUR INFORMATION TO DATE JANUARY 19th 1983

Games We have had confirmation of both game and accommodation from Caldy, Sale said yes to the game and are working on the accommodation for us, Tullamore have said yes to the game and booked a bed and breakfast, and bus for us(cost below), and St. Mary's Dublin have agreed to field a non-international side and arrange a trip around Guinness Brewery. All we need now to complete the schedule, is for the hospital side in London to confirm the first game.

Travel Flights are booked from Buffalo thru' New York to London (the new airline in Niagara Falls does not start in time), and we will probably have to pay for these air tickets on or before February 1st, you have been warned!

While in England we will be renting 11 cars rather than a bus, so we will have more freedom to visit places without all having to go together,(and think how much more trouble we can get into, in cars, driving on the left side of the road).

The ferry from Liverpool to Dublin leaves Liverpool about Midnight, arriving in Dublin in the morning- please let me know if you want a cabin, or if you want to reserve a seat at the bar.

Money I suggest that rather than buying travellers checks in pounds, take Dollar checks and change money at the local banks at the official rates.

COSTS TO DATE.

Buffalo to New York	\$ 58.00	
New York to London	463.00	
Ground in New York	<u>30.00</u>	551.00
1 week car rental in England (3 people per car)	44.00	
Ferry to Ireland	74.00	
Bus in Ireland	13.13	
3 nights accommodation in Tullamore	<u>35.70</u>	166.83
Approx total per person		<u>\$717.83</u>

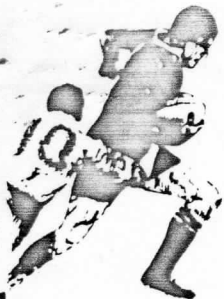
TRAINING AND PRACTICE

To date we have not finalised anywhere, to go but it looks like we can rent two gyms at reasonable cost, and El Presidente Tom, has some idea he would like to be a circus ring master and take us to the Buffalo Riding School. We will definiteley be starting by the end of this month so make the most of nights off, the party is about to begin.

Frank Holden

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IF YOU DO NOT PAY UP NOW IT WILL BE
LOSS OF DEPOSIT AND CANCELLATION
OF BOOKING. GERBIL BEWARE !!



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RUGBY NEWS FEBRUARY 1983.

WE DO HAVE A GAME AGAINST BEACON HILL RUGBY TEAM ON MARCH 19th
THIS YEAR, IN THE EASTERN RUGBY UNION CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS.

CONTRARY TO POPULAR BELIEF, IN ORDER TO WIN AT THIS GAME IT IS
A GOOD IDEA TO MEET YOUR TEAM MATES OCCASSIONALLY. THE CLUBS
OFFICERS WENT TO SOME TROUBLE TO ARRANGE A WARM, DRY PLACE FOR YOU
NOT THEM.

PRACTICES ARE ON THURSDAY'S AND ANOTHER DAY TO BE ARRANGED THIS
WEEK. CONTACT TOM SURWILL, FRANK HOLDEN OR COME TO THURSDAY'S 7.00pm
PRACTICE, OR AT LEAST THE BAR FOR THE SOCIAL MEMBERS(RAY'S).

SPEAKING OF SOCIAL MEMBERS, IF ANYONE SEES A "MOST IMPROVED PLAYER"
IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, PLEASE TELL HIM ABOUT PRACTICE AS WE DON'T
THINK HE CAN READ.

FOR THOSE GOING ON TOUR, IT IS A RUGBY TOUR AND WE WERE HOPING
TO BE ABLE TO COMPETE BOTH IN PHYSICAL FITNESS AND RUGBY SKILLS,
BUT IF WE DON'T PRACTICE THEN THERE WILL BE NO CHANCE, DRAG YOUR
ASS OUT OF THE BARS AND DO SOME WORK, IT MAKES RUGBY MORE FUN.

IF ANYONE WANTS A CABIN ON THE FERRY FROM LIVERPOOL TO IRELAND
THIS IS THE LAST CALL, CONTACT FRANK AT 882 0869, ASAP. NO CALL
WILL BE TAKEN AS A NO ON FRIDAY 25th FEBRUARY. ^{MY}THE SAME GOES FOR
THE SOCCER GAME IN LIVERPOOL, HWOEVER WANTS A TICKET LET FRANK
KNOW- LIVERPOOL WIN^s OCCASSIONALLY AND TICKETS ARE NOT AS EASY TO
GET AS ARE THE "BILLS" TICKETS.

SPARKY SAYS HE KNOWS HOW TO DO EVERYTHING, SO DOES NOT NEED TO PRACTICE!!

WHAT IS YOUR EXCUSE??

Practice - Saddle + Bridle Club - 950 Amherst St
(NEAR DELAWARE)

OLD BOYS NEWS and REVIEWRUGGERS ON TOUR

As we prepare to embark on our third overseas tour, mention and kudos to Tom "Scoop" Henrich, the sole member of the tour party to have participated in all three adventures. The Old Boys have become a trifle ambitious it seems on this third tour combining both England and Ireland along with fixtures against two first division sides, Sale in Northern England and St. Mary's, the premier club in Ireland. In addition, we visit our tour captains home club of Caldý and our old friends in Tullamore. Our odyssey begins Sat. the 26 th of March, with a projected return date of April 10th. (for all members able to post bail by departure). On a more serious side, yes, John Phinney, we have arranged a rental car with automatic transmission for you, however, Sparkey has been assigned as your chauffeur.

DELANEY RETIRES

John Delaney has hung up his cleats. "A" side hooker extraordinary and 110 percenter on the field, gentleman and friend to all, off announced his retirement, for awhile anyway. Nagging injuries such as a dislocated thumb, seperated shoulders, aching neck and not to forget, the most beautiful black eye ever received have added up to a well deserved vacation from the pitch. Hopefully John could come around once in a while and help out our new #2's with some advice and tips. They couldn't do any better. Good Luck and remember, "Never say you've played your last rugby game."

DAI BYGEE TALKIN' SPORTS

Yes it's true sportsfans. Another in the never ending series of Rugby tableaux. The 1983 spring season has begun.... even if some of the 1982 awards winners haven't found out. Thanks to our always hardworking Pres. we get to pay three dollars to run around in horse shit, instead of swimming in the industrial pollution of Houghton Park. Barroom talk of winter Nautilus work outs, hockey, soccer and basketball make for optimistic outlooks this year. And this year Buffalo needs all the pre-season conditioning it has and then some. Beacon Hill, U.K. tour, Youngstown, Upstate tourney, Mississauga, U. of Mich., Stoney Creek, Akron and Sad excuse. Bake at 350°, with disgruntled wives, girlfriends, employers and wha la... Flambé Buffalo Old Boy. In other words, just like all the other seasons.

more Talkin' Sports follows.....

MITRE NEWS

You can bet that Randy and Nancy Bailey won't be naming their expected baby Thomas or even Howard, after their recent visit to Albany only to find no one else there and no rugby game. "Singing in the rain", anyone???

MORE TALKIN' SPORTS

How are we going to make it you might ask? Try a pair of front rows a la Ponty pool, with Mighty Joe Young, Captain Nagel propping with Gerbel II being pressed mightily by Newcomer Joe I forgot his name. Famous M.C., Bear Kuznik, Jim Dunnigan, "Light Bulb" Harbor, and "Club foot" Montani press onward and upward. Second rows are traditionally Ron Astrid plus someone else who can catch. Ayatollah Surwill, McQuade the disappearing act, that lovely lass Rory O'Conner plus Bob Sharlock seemed to have placed bids. Third row is bad news for the opposition with the "bad weather trio" of Wojcik, Hess and Lawrence. Questions arise though did Eddy Lawrence get those arms with Steroids or does he use Mirrors? Will Jim Hess ever want to run at practice again? Can Jerry survive his disastrous debut at wing? We know that Dave Clark will show up 5 minutes before the game and still score a winning try. Gordon Pleuthner will sweat over everyone allowing Tim McFarland, and Bob Faborgast to squeeze in somewhere. So much for the donkeys.

Now in the backs this year we have the usual assortment of virtuossos, TV anchor men look alikes, neurotic drinkers and high strung stallions. Larry the K is once again a front runner for Mr. Personality at scrum half. Tom Finn, Franz Ross are futively waiting the dice roll of this years select committee wondering if they'll end up at hooker or second row. Fly halves are in abundance even with Randy Bailey departure. Pat Giles gave up smoking, Sean Murphy has vowed to drink only "two or three" beers after practice, Tom Little would like to make incisions on opposing back lines. Gene Adams still lives in his fantasy world, thinking Delaware Park is really Cardiff Arms and he can kick the ball. The Center positions begs for attention. Steve Murphy will try to learn how to pass as well as stop getting injured. Al Donatelli is ready to become a Colonial. Mark Martin, Dave Cidale, Dan Collins, Terry Lee, Phil Wingenbach have relied on phone in performances and press releases so far. John Phinney is getting it regularly (Nautilus Work outs that is) and is running like the Tokyo-Osaka express. On the wing ever elusive Wood Head Dale is raring to go. Auggie Dogie Augustyn doesn't know what hurts more his knee, or getting married, and we're hurting at wing spot. In the fullback slot, Brain Kridler has agreed to play three games a week.

So we embark on another campaign, ignorant of the dangers at the outset, resolved to overcome adversity in the midst and delirious with joy at the conclusion. Tis not the destination, but the journey.

NEXT ISSUE APRIL 30th.

Contributing Writers

Tom Finn
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There we were, Sale, England. After ten months in planning, we were finally going to play our first match. Sale was putting out a B side against us, to make the game more even. We were fit and we were ready. Unfortunately, they were too. Final Score: Sale 56 Buffalo 3. Believe it or not, we played a good game and were complimented afterwards on how well we came back in the second half and never quit. Dave Hill and Gerry Wojcik scored tries. Next, it was our first meeting against Caldy RFC, Capt. Frank Holden's former club. It was a beautiful friday evening and we came out fast and furious as the sun was setting over Wales, but couldn't put any points on the board and the numerous penalties cost us 12 pts. Halftime score was Caldy 12 Buffalo 0. Once again we proved to be a second half team and won the game 20-15 with an outstanding effort. Wojcik scored three times and Paul Clift added another. Leaving England 1-1, we didn't know what to expect from the Irish lads but we were confident. Tullamore put out it's first side against us and thru 70 min. the score was 12-6 in their favor. Not only did we battle them but also the elements mud, rain, wind and even hail. In the last 10 min., we simply gave up as they scored twice. Final Score 22-6. This game should never have been lost. Jim Dale converted Jim Hess' try. Also two backs went down with knee injuries, Tom Finn and Al Donatelli.

St. Mary's of Dublin was our last stop and I think the tour finally caught up with us. We arrived at Dublin at 11:30 and game time was at 4:00. We should have been used to the mud and rain by now but even a miracle could't help us in our most lackluster performance of the tour. Bear Kuznik and Tom Harbison scored tries and Dalr added 7 pts. on kicks. Final Score: St. Mary's 26 Buffalo 13.

All in all everyone had fun and we learned alot. A little more balanced scoring would have helped (forwards made all the tries) but we did come home with a new term for the backs. They are now called the "Matadors"

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HALF TEN

Upon entry to those foreign shores we know as England and Ireland our weary little tour party had to deal with a dual time change. Not only did we lose six hours of sleep due to the longitudinal change, although Air Vista Airlines couldn't be faulted for their luxurious accomadations. It was to be the second more sinister time change that seemed to take its toll. It seems that the inhabitants of these islands put up the pretense of being a sober, level-headed and disciplined lot by closing their pubs at 10:30 pm. We soon however were to learn the ruse.

Our first contact with strange custom was to be in London at Piccadilly Circus, sure enough 10:30 rolls around and one by one people, being removed from the local watering holes, return to the majestic Regent Palace Hotel. The bar at the Regent is still going strong and at last the riddle is solved. People in London take hotel rooms so they can drink all night!!!

We were afforded a second and more vivid example of how in this case the devious lads from our captain's home town side step half ten. There are murmurs, some in the tour party, of a lletcherous club in the town of Birkenhead, where after the closing hour they lock the doors and force all present to sing, dance, stand on their head and drink till dawn. There are even rumours of beauty queens milling about in the crowd. Unfortunately, all that can be confirmed is that all our money was spent. American Express cards prove that.

I'll have one!!!!

note: Due to the 5 mile rule, nothing further can be divulged.

DAI BYGEE TALKIN SPORTS

Tears of joy danced down the cheeks of ol Dai when he heard the stories of the old lads just back from tour. The Prodical sons are returned. Enfused with glory from hard gams with Sale and St. Mary's and a fine effort to come back from a halftime deficit in Caldý, the family of the Buffalo side is swelled with pride. So why the excitement you ask?? Because ol Dai thinks that this seasons meaty schedule is just the diet for a side firing on all cylinders as are the Old Boys. Suffice it to say that, hard men thrive on hard practices and hard gams. A call to arms this is, with many worthy opponents ahead and a club eager to dispose them all, this could prove to be a season when future writers say "...and this was their finest moment"

THE STAY AT HOMES games

The day after April Fools, was prophetically appropriate as a lethargic Old Boys side woke up from the previous days festivities to explode in the second half and down a make shift Brockport St. side 27-6. Sean Murphy, Chris McNamara, Gene Adams and Ed Lawrence scored tries.

A stunning four try effort by Sean Murphy is the bi line for this match as he orchestrated a 31-4 victory over a determined but overwhelmed GeneseeXV

Mitre News

Nigel F. Holden shocked everyone by announcing his engagement to Ms. Mary Raab. He'll be going back to Caldý to get the RFC's approval.

Sean Murphy's parents will be visiting him from Limmerick, Ireland for tree weeks in the end of May

Randy and Nancy Bailey say that if the newborn is a boy, he'll be named Elgin and if its a girl, she'll be named Pearl.

Dave Clark is now a prominent attorney.

Tom Finn will be giving sailing lessons to any and all girls between the ages of 15 and 19 on his new 22 ft. sail boat.