



# The Bluesletter

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## Blues win CRU/MAC Semi-Final 39-27 vs Schuylkill River.

The Blues had one of their best ever comebacks in their proud and extensive history, defeating Schuylkill River 39-27 in a thriller Mid Atlantic Conference Semi-Final on Saturday.

Norfolk admittedly played some of their worst ever rugby, being down 27-8 55

minutes into the match. However, the Blues flicked the switch and sparked five tries in a very quick fashion. The Blues tied the match 27-27 with ten minutes to go. The momentum continued, with two more tries to seal the victory.

Some amazing rugby was seen in the last 25 minutes. The big names stood up, and the youngins were a class supporting act. Fred Wintermantel, Dutch Jones, Eric Hagen, Sam Johnson and Chris Bloks made huge runs in the last 25 minutes, to take over the match and win the game. While Bryce Baxter, Jake Humphrey, and Jeff Jefferson supported well to finish off some nice tries. But not to forget, Pat Mitchell's walk through try to tie the match 27-27. It was a quick play off a break from a lineout by Fred. A wide pass from Dutch to Pat at Inside center, and a hole was created as they all bit on Anthony Kowalski (see photo above) as the Schuylkill defensive line expected Cheese to get the ball. Pat got a beautiful try, and the crowd erupted, sending everyone into a frenzy. The rest is history. Jimmy Smith had some big runs in the first half, but continuous drop ball was hurting the Blues enormously. No momentum could get going.



When the Blues finally figured out that every play was extremely important, the drops stopped and some great rugby was witnessed.

Highlights from the Mid Atlantic Conference/Capital Rugby Union Semi Final.

<https://youtu.be/jevS7pNJPno>

The Blues will have to match that same style against Rocky Gorge in the Championship this weekend, and hope to bring home the victory.

3pm Kickoff (Saturday, May 14). 1914 W Park Drive, Wilmington, Delaware. This is the National Round of 16! The winner advances to the Elite 8 in Pittsburgh on May 21.

## **RUGBY ON TV THIS WEEK –**

You can stream live rugby online, or from a USA rugby website any weekend.

ESPN 3 shows all the Super rugby from NZ, OZ, SA, Japan, and Arg. They also have many top 14 matches from France. Replays are available for several weeks so to see the southern hemisphere games, you don't need to get up in the wee hours in the AM. The link is below

[http://espn.go.com/watchespn/index/\\_/channel/espn3](http://espn.go.com/watchespn/index/_/channel/espn3)

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See the website at [www.prorugby.org](http://www.prorugby.org)



If you ever want to watch any live rugby you can always google “live sports streaming”, and then look for rugby. You might battle with pop ups for a few minutes, but I do it all the time.

### **YOUTUBE RUGBY!!!!**

Rugby is all over youtube. They have full length replays for international 15s matches. Focus on rucking, and teaming up while running for example. Here is a link for the full replay of the USA vs Australia match on September 5th, 2015. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xWg7uv59wQg> Watch it! Focus on their fundamentals in open play, and then each position on set pieces and try to incorporate it into your game.

### **Vision for the Blues**

“As a premier Rugby Football Club in the United States of America, the Norfolk City Blues will promote a sustainable brand as a cornerstone of East Coast rugby based on a winning tradition for all ages”.

# GAME DAY GEAR!

Coach Porter would like us to wear the white game day shirt (when showing up to home games, and traveling to away games), warm up in the blue athletic shirt, and then wear the polo shirt after the match. **Warm up shirts are given to rookie/new players when they have paid their dues, or have paid a section of their dues. (if they don't own one yet)**

Socks are given to players if needed (for rookies when dues have been paid). Ask Johnny for some. If you're a veteran and you need a pair, they're now \$7.

We also require players to wear solid navy Canterbury brand (CCC) blue shorts. I ordered some so if you would like to purchase them, they're \$35 (they're about \$40 on [worldrugbyshop.com](http://worldrugbyshop.com) with shipping included). Or you can purchase the BLK shorts that we ordered.

World Rugby Shop is also a great online store for everything else related to rugby.

## Hoodies

Anyone can buy these! They're great for representing/advertising for the blues! Contact me if you'd like one. I have a few left in the grey, and I'll order more in the fall. Contact me if you'd like one and I'll hold one for you. But I'll only hold it, if you pay up front! The hoodies are \$35 and \$40 if you want your name on the sleeve. We still have the coozies as well. We have about 100 left!

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<http://www.bluesrugby.org/team-store.html>

<http://www.worldrugbyshop.com/>

We all look to improve the club. However everyone is encouraged to help out. Whether it be with new sponsors, advertising your blues gear, talking about the club etc. etc. We are a prestigious club that has won a lot over the years, but once again, we can always improve off the field (as well as on the field). Old Boys, get more involved!

[www.bluesrugby.org](http://www.bluesrugby.org)

[Instagram/twitter – norfolkbluesrfc](#)

Current players are encouraged to join the Blues "current player" facebook page. And anyone can go and LIKE our "Norfolk Blues Rugby" FACEBOOK PAGE. **ALSO JOIN OUR YAHOO EMAIL GROUP TO RECEIVE ALL OF OUR UPDATES.**



## **MVP POINTS SCORING SYSTEM.**

This year we'll do the same as last year. Where a MVP, a best back and a best forward will be selected by the coaches from each game. Then the player's player will be selected by each player after each game (for both divisions). Rookie of the year, and coaches award will also be chosen by the Coaches. The scores and points will only be shown in the Fall, so it's a surprise at the End of season Banquet in May.

An MVP will be selected for the Division III side (there will not be a best back and best forward award for DIII), where the same point scoring system will be used as well. 3 points are given to the Man of the match, 2 points for the second best on the day, and 1 point for the 3<sup>rd</sup> best player.

## **TOTALS FROM FALL SEASON (SPRING POINTS WILL BE A SECRET)**

**Totals:** MVP: Nick Sandoval 7, Fred Wintermantel 6, Sam Johnson 5, Eric Hagen 3, Anthony Kowalski 3.5, Beau Brodtmann 2, Kevin Mott 2.5. Dutch Jones 2, Jeff Jefferson 2, Jake Humphrey 2, Kevin Marley 2, DC 1, Butters 1 Jimmy Smith 1 Chris Bloks .5 and Johnny Cameron .5.

**Forward:** Sam Johnson 8, Fred 6, Kevin Mott 6, Eric Hagen 4, Kevin Marley 4, Butters 3, DC 2, Doc Irely 2, Chris Bloks 2, Jimmy Smith 1 and Matt Seaton 1.

**Back:** Nick Sandoval 10, Anthony Kowalski 8, Dutch Jones 7, Johnny Cameron 6, Jake Humphrey 4, Beau Brodtmann 4, and Jeff Jefferson 3.

## **POINT SCORERS (Capital Rugby Union play)**

DI – **Try scorers;** Eric Hagen 14, Nick Sandoval 9, Fred Wintermantel 8, Anthony Kowalski 8, Dutch Jones 6, Sam Johnson 6, Kevin Marley 5, Matt Jerson 5, Christopher Bloks 4, Jake Humphrey 3, Jeff Jefferson 3, Johnny Cameron 2, Drew Somplasky 2, Kevin Mott 1, Steven Terjesen 1, Ryan Carden 1, David Paradiso 1, Doc Irely 1, Dave Jerson 1, Mic Minichiello 1, Chas Muller 1, Pat Mitchell 1, Bryce Baxter 1, and one penalty try. 86 tries from 15 games.

**Goal kicking;** Johnny Cameron 37/59 conversions, 10/12 penalty goals (47/74). Jake Humphrey 17/26, 2/2 penalty goals (19/28) and Fred Wintermantel 1/1 conversions.

## **Division III MVP SCORING FOR FALL (ALSO KEPT SECRET FOR THE SPRING),**

**Totals:** Paul Travis 8, Mav 6, Chewy 4, Robb Parsons 4, Chip Naylor 3, Pat Mitchell 3, Jake Csenar 2, Andy Pero 2, JT Buckley 1 and Brett Keyes 1.

**DIII – Try Scorers;** Paul Travis 7, Robb Parsons 5, Chris Porter 5, Tyler Volpe 4, Noah Lalonde 4, Chip Naylor 3, Jake Csenar 3, Douglas "Chewy" Eby 3, Dave Paradiso 2, JT Buckley 2, Ben Connor



2, Janeks Taskans 2, Chris Bloks 1, Drew Somplasky 1, Kyel Hardrick 1, Colin Crookenden 1, Mic Minichiello 1, Tyler Powell 1, Ryan "Lurch" Carden 1, and Dylan Powell 1, (50 tries from 8 games)  
**Goal kicking:** Tyler Volpe 6/10, Janeks Taskans 5/10, Brett Keyes 5/9 conversions, John Richardson 2/10, Colin Crookenden 2/3, Chewy 2/3, Erik Miller 2/5.

**NEW OFFICIAL SPONSORS** - Diego Vazquez has stepped (big time) by convincing his company to sponsor us! Hatchett Design/Remodel are one of our proud new partners and we're excited to have them involved with the club! Old Boy Chilly, was also able to buy the D3 squad a new set of jerseys, where doTERRA (where his wife works), were also able to help out. Thanks so much!



Mojo Bones and Pabst Blue Ribbon have also teamed up to buy the D1 side two new sets of jerseys. So we're officially sponsored by them now! Show your support!



## **ALEX KALASINSKY AND THE CURRENT SIDES ARE REACHING OUT TO OLD BOYS**

"All Old Boys,

Head to [www.Bluesrugby.org](http://www.Bluesrugby.org) and review the Old Boys section. The Club needs our support to meet their goals for the year. They will also be planning some Old Boy specific events in the future. Many of us have talked about how to support Our Club. We have a way now by paying dues to the Blues. Please join me, Dave Hamberg, John Ellis, Mike Herron and Mike Ireland on the list of dues paying Old Boys for 2015-16. We can do this.

Best Regards, Alex Kalasinsky".

## **ANNUAL BLUES BANQUET AND HALL OF FAME GOLF TOURNAMENT MAY 20-21**

Just a reminder to everyone that the Norfolk Blues Annual Banquet is Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 6pm. Tickets are \$50 each for Old Boys (guests are also \$50 each), and \$40 for current players/coaches (guests are also \$40). Please RSVP AND PAY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!!! This will help get a correct head count for the fun night. THE PRICES ABOVE ARE ONLY IF YOU PAY BEFORE MAY 20TH!!!! IF YOU DO NOT PAY BEFORE THE BANQUET, THE PRICES WILL BE \$10 MORE AT THE DOOR (\$60 FOR OLD



BOYS/GUESTS, AND \$50 CURRENT PLAYERS/GUESTS). As everyone knows from last year, it's a really nice location. So the ticket is worth every penny. Last year we had an overflow of people that didn't RSVP, and we're going to try and avoid that this year.

The current team will have their end of season awards, and the four new Hall of Fame members (David Chapman, Dan Lonergan, Chris Porter and Tim Trivette) will be inducted.

PAYMENTS can be made via check (Norfolk Blues Rugby), cash, or by credit/debit card or on our website via our "Banquet" section. We have our home semi-final match this Saturday at Lafayette Park at 1pm. You can pay there also (David Paradiso and myself have the credit card readers). 1pm kickoff!!!

Location: Town Point Club Norfolk

Date: Friday 5/20/2016

Time - 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Keg: Smartmouth Murphy's Law Amber

Ale x 2 (trying to see if we can get 1 on these, and 1 budweiser instead).

Drink Ticket: 1 per person

Same menu as last year.

Salad/Warm rolls and butter

Chicken Picatta/Lemon Caper Butter

Sauce/Marinated Sliced Flank

Steak/Vegetable Medley

Roasted Potato Medley

Bread Pudding



## GOLF DAY FOR MAY 21

Finally, there will also be a Blues Golf day at Sewell's Point golf course. Old boy Dave Hamberg is setting up the golf day and it'll be another good time for the Blues family. It's at Sewells point golf course (right near cutter park). \$35 each for a cart and 18 holes of golf. Then another \$15 for a few beers and barbecue after the golf (that's a very cheap golf price).

So the total would be a "\$50 golf ticket". He said that he has 6 foursomes booked so far, with tee times from 10:30-11:30am. If you'd want to buy beer while playing golf, you'd have to buy it from the pro shop or beer golf cart.

More info on the social after golf; \$15.00/guest. Set-up at adjacent covered picnic pavilion with tables -- includes limited beer, iced tea, and food menu with 2 entrees and 2sides. Estimated timeframe start at 3:30 til about 6pm.

## PRACTICE AND DUES

Practices are currently being held at Cutter Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays (from 7-9pm). If Cutter Park is closed due to rain (too muddy), we'll either be at Norfolk Collegiate or the VB field house. Practice starts at 7, so show up at 15-30 minutes early to get ready/practice passing and kicking etc.

**PAY YOUR DUES** – If it's your first season for the blues or if you're a full time student; you pay a total of **\$80**. You can pay in full or you can split it up if needed. If you played in the Fall of 2015 or before, the total is **\$160**, once again, you can split up payments if needed. There's three dates where you can split it up. Dues will be due, once the fall season starts. (at least \$50 for Veterans, and at least \$25 for rookies). **If anyone is in need for help to pay dues, don't be shy or scared off. We are here to help. Either talk to me, or Coach Porter and we'll work out a way for dues to be paid/taken care of.**

**Come to Mojos! Thursdays after training, and our socials after home games**

## FALL 2015 SEASON

September 12<sup>th</sup>. DI vs Charlotte (50-26). DIII at Rocktown (26-10).  
September 19<sup>th</sup>. DI vs Pittsburgh (34-29). DIII vs Newport News (19-23)  
October 10<sup>th</sup>. DI at NOVA (20-5) . DIII side played Nova B side  
October 17<sup>th</sup>. DI at Potomac (29-26) . DIII at Virginia (Charlottesville) (17-34).  
October 24<sup>th</sup>. DI vs Baltimore Chesapeake (48-18). DIII vs Virginia Beach (29-41).  
October 31<sup>st</sup>. DI vs Schuylkill River (57-34). DIII vs Blackwater (56-27).  
November 7<sup>th</sup>. DI at Pittsburgh (41-44). DIII at James River (Richmond) (0-42).  
November 14<sup>th</sup>. DI vs Rocky Gorge (7-31). DIII bye

## **Spring 2016 schedule**

2/20 – DI (29-29\_ & DIII (15-15) at Naval Academy  
3-12, DI vs Rocky Gorge (15-46). D3 vs Rocky Gorge (31-36)  
3-19 DI vs Raleigh (62-15). D3 VS Roanoake (62-10)  
3-26 Easter  
4-2 DI at Raleigh (41-32). D3 Tidewater Invitational Tournament @ VA Beach (19-0 vs Hampton, 58-0 vs Rappahanock, 18-5 vs Virginia Beach, 21-28 vs Ekwhan).  
4-9 DI vs NOVA (42-15).  
4-16 DI vs Potomac (72-5). D3 vs Rappahanock (89-15)  
4-23 DI at Baltimore Chesapeake (40-22)  
4-30 DI at Schuylkill River. (29-34)

5-7. MAC SEMI FINAL PLAYOFF. NORFOLK 39 SCHUYLKILL RIVER 27

(third and final section of dues!)

5-14. MAC CHAMPIONSHIP. NORFOLK VS ROCKY GORGE. Wilmington, Delaware.

5-20. Annual Norfolk Blues Banquet (Friday), Town Point Club (same as last year). Doors open at 6, and food will be served at 7pm. Then the awards to follow

### **NOTE FROM COACH PORTER**

Our Old Boys crew is growing with the following people/active members:

Alex Kalasinsky, David Hamberg, John Ellis, Mike Herron, Mike Ireland, John Leo, Kenny McCombs, Greg Robinette, Tim Trivette, Lex MacCubbin, Daniel Roach, Todd Evans and David Spivey, David Chapman, Alan Larivee, Bob Harvey, and Darin Darden.

**Many have asked what the \$100 is being used for by the club. We are using the money for 3 main things:**

1- sponsoring a new player's kit, when a new player joins our club we ask them to wear Blues kit for warm-ups, games and socials. The money covers the players game shorts, socks, white travel t-shirt, blue warm-up shirt, and polo.

2- help with a player's dues. There are times when some of our young players struggle to pay their dues. An old boy would become his sponsor and that \$100 would help them cover their dues.

3- any money not used for sponsoring a new player or helping with kit will be put away for future Blues players.

When your dues are used to sponsor a player we will let you know who he is and make sure he knows who is sponsoring him. If you are interested in becoming an active old boy you can click on the Old Boys tab on our website, [www.bluesrugby.org](http://www.bluesrugby.org), and pay your dues.

We look forward to seeing y'all this spring either out at the pitch or the Spring banquet. Take care.  
Once a Blue, Always a Blue – Porter

## **THE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES FOR 2016 HAVE BEEN DECIDED!**

See below for the four new Hall of Fame inductees. Old Boy Mike Herron has written up a short biography on each player.

The 2016 Norfolk City Blues Rugby Football Club are proud to present the newest members to the Hall of Fame!!!



**David Chapman** – Player in the first ever team in 1978. Long time club man/member of the Executive Committee (referee, previous website designer) 1981-1982 John Ellis Cup Winner.



David Chapman has been one the Norfolk Blues most calm and comfortable leaders for well over three decades. An original Norfolk Blues member, David has been a consistent presence for the Blues, as a player, administrator, and elder of our club. David played on the first side in the first Blues game in 1978 and alternated between the As and Bs for a number of years before settling in as an A-side prop for his final 7 years of playing. While active, David was – at varying times – Blues President, Treasurer, Secretary, and a Selector (including Chairman). He began getting involved in the Virginia Rugby Union (VRU), the Eastern Rugby Union (ERU), and refereeing, distinguishing himself in all of his involvements. After retiring from active play, David became a full time referee for the Referees Society of Virginia (RSV) (and eventually President), ran practice for the Blues for one year, and coached the Old Dominion University Women, served as President of the VRU and later as Treasurer and ERU rep. He was a founding officer for both the Mid-Atlantic Rugby Football Union and later the Capital Rugby Union (CRU), and served on the USA Rugby Board of Directors. Always worthy of our trust and generosity, David remains a referee, functions as Treasurer for the Capital Rugby Union, works as the Men's Club Division I Coordinator for the Mid-Atlantic Conference (MAC), and maintains the CRU, MAC, and RSV websites. He credits Blues Hall of Famers John Ellis and George Boothby for having profound impacts on his playing, motivation, and general rugby philosophy. It is teammates like David Chapman whose untiring energies allow us to remain winners.

**Dan Lonergan** - Member of the first ever side in 1978. The first ever John Ellis Cup Winner in 1979-1980.



Danny Lonergan is the embodiment of a top hand in rugby. He started his playing career in 1972, and became a great unifier within the club, helping lead his Norfolk Irish teammates into a merger with the Norfolk Rugby Club. His enthusiasms knew no bounds on or off the field. Danny quickly became the indomitable spirit of the Norfolk City Blues Rugby Football Club, inspiring his teammates, from the A to the C side, to play with complete and total confidence. Danny set the tone of the club's fierce devotion to each other. A redresser of injuries and foul play, he remains one of our most consistent battlers. Not one once to quit, his considerable abilities within the pack were always impactful, particularly as a loose forward. Danny stayed a driving force on the A-side when we went to Nationals and up until 1992. He was always a leader within the club, as a selector, chairmen of selectors, long-time Captain. He even served as coach. In 1979, he was the first recipient of the John Ellis Cup. Among his prodigious and well-known virtues, using his Irish skill of relating, he was also our first unofficial protector of maidens, and for this, our admiration is unbounded. In '92 Danny began playing Old Boys, when he played with the



Sons of Beaches, Tobacco Road and The Cardinals. In 2012, having somewhat laced up his rugby boots for one last time, Daniel Lonergan officially became a Norfolk Blues legend.

**Chris Porter** - Made debut in the early nineties, retired in the Spring of 2013. Still plays D3 matches and Coaches D1. Classic Eagle and John Ellis Cup Winner 2002-2003. Our club would be hard-



pressed to recognize a more wildly lauded teammate than our current coach, Chris Porter. Chris' span of playing years encompassed, in 15's, 1993-1997 and 2001-2013; in 7s, 1994-2005 and 2007-2008. Chris was always sure to grab a selector's attention, so his regional selections highlight his reputation as one of a very special breed. He was on the VRU and MARFU select sides, the Classic Eagles from 2001-2005 and 2007; the 7s East, MARFU, and Atlantis squads, and he was

invited to the U.S. Eagles Camp in 1995 and 1999. Always a take charge leader, Chris Porter has been Club President, 15's Captain from 2001-2004, and 2007-2013 as player/coach. In 2013 he became our current Head Coach. As a 7's Captain, he led that squad from 1997-2005, and was a member of 7's team which reached Nationals in 2002. He has playoff appearances in D2 and D1, was Captain of MARFU 15's team in 2003, and became an Assistant Coach for the DC Elite 7's in 2014. He is also currently the Capital Selects Head Coach. On the pitch, Chris had been known to single-handedly turn matches around, even while making his teammate's part of the process. Dancing through opponents with ball in hand, Chris was also a defender determined to stop his opposite number dead in his tracks. His ability to tap into and grow our immense reservoir of talent, have made him the quintessential spearhead of our ongoing success. Chris continues to be the link that binds our past to our present.

**Tim Trivette** - John Ellis Cup Winner in 1991-1992.

Truly a giant among men, it was always with an inexpressible feeling of pride that Tim Trivette's



teammates took to the field with this dread of other giants. Over his playing career, which began in 1984 and ended in 2005, Tim mesmerized our pack into a cohesive unit. Well-equipped in whichever position called for his power (usually Second Row or Tight-Head Prop), once the whistle sounded, Tim would begin to take apart the opposition. Tim's fierce devotion to the team was always on display. He was personally committed to make a difference in the outcome of every game he played. He was named Most Improved in 1985, which was notably followed up the following year with MVP in 1986. That distinction was trumped with another MVP in 1988. He was selected to the First 15 of the Decade, and then received

the same distinction in the Second Decade, capped-off with Player of the Decade. Tim was Captain during the 1992 and 1993 seasons. He was a Virginia Rugby Union Select player, and an Eastern Rugby Union Select under 25. He was on the 1<sup>st</sup> Mid-Atlantic Rugby Union team with Chris Porter and Mike Crabbs. He was also the cat's ass internationally, playing for the City of Armagh (Northern Ireland) Firsts between 1989 and 1990. Like other Blues greats, Tim Trivette was always extravagant with his time and friendship, while seeming apathetic to his own importance. Sure to grab your affections, Tim's indisputable good nature (unless you played opposite him) and prominent drinking education has always steered him back to his club, where he has been one of our most consistent sideline companions. For players past and present, he is one who always calls it like it is.

Congratulations to each of the Blues representatives. The Hall of Fame now consists of Eight strong men that have done so much for the Norfolk Blues Rugby Club.

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