

# NEWSBRIEFS

## Suspended Clubs: New England RFU

The following teams are suspended by the New England RFU for non-payment of dues. Any New England club that plays them will be subject to a \$100 fine. The dues were originally due on December 31, 1997.

- Boston U Law School
- Connecticut College
- Dartmouth Olde Boys
- Johnson State College
- Lyndon State College
- Vermont Law School
- Nichols College Women

Clayton Gardner  
Treasurer, NERFU

## Women's U-23 Camps

The following six camps will serve as selection vehicles for USA Rugby's National Women's Under-23 Team. To be selected the players must be recommended by their coach, attend a camp and be 22 or under as of 1/1/98. Each camp will be run by either Pete Steinberg or Frank Graziano, with assistance from local coaches. Other coaches are encouraged to observe. A camp fee will cover the costs of coaches,

camp expenses and a manual.

### Camps:

- Berkeley, CA**  
5/9-10 or 5/16-17  
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5/16-17
- Midwest/National U23 Joint Camp**  
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5/30-31  
Glen Lawson  
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Lawrence, KS  
5/30-31, Kansas U  
Frank Graziano  
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Houston, TX  
6/6-7, Rice University  
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MARFU/National U23 Camp  
6/6-7  
Pete Steinberg pjs17@psu.edu  
Events  
July 11-12, Games vs Ontario RFU, Allentown, PA.  
December 4-6, ITTs, Tampa, FL.  
December 10-22, Tour of England.
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## Field Set For Women's Club Championship

The 1998 Women's National Club Championship is scheduled to take place in Minneapolis from May 23-25. The following 16 teams will compete.

### Cup

- Berkeley (Pacific #1)
- Maryland (Mid-Atlantic #1)
- BASH (Pacific #2)
- Beantown (Northeast #1)
- Minnesota (Midwest #1)
- Boston (Northeast #2)
- Amazons (Midwest #2)
- Washington (Mid-Atlantic #2)

### Plate

- Ozark (West #1)
- Colorado (West #2)
- UCLA (SoCal #1)
- Philadelphia (Mid-Atlantic #3)
- Emerald City (Pacific #3)
- Atlanta (South #1)
- Madison (Midwest #3)
- Belmont Shore (SoCal #2)

## East Women's League Successful

Five of the East's top women's collegiate programs formed an informal league to play competitive spring rugby. Defending National Collegiate Champion Penn State was joined by Navy (Mid Atlantic RFU Champion), Virginia Tech (Virginia RFU Champion), Vassar (Met NY RFU Champion) and Princeton (East Penn RFU Champion). Each team played the other once.

The league ended with Navy and Princeton tied for first with 3-1 records; however Princeton beat Navy 25-10 in their head to head match. Vassar and Penn State finished with 2-2 records, while Virginia Tech was 0-4.

"This was a great experience for all the teams involved" said Princeton coach Alex Curtis. "Everyone made a strong commitment to take part in these games and we all feel our clubs benefited from the league."

One interesting match-up was a preview of the National Collegiate semifinal match between Navy and Penn State. Navy won 39-10, but both teams had already played a game earlier that day.

### Final Standings

- Princeton 3-1
- Navy 3-1
- Vassar 2-2
- Penn State 2-2
- Virginia Tech 0-4

## High School Rugby Returns To Chicago

More than twenty years ago, schoolboy rugby in Chicago was abandoned following a catastrophic neck injury. Although no one was at fault, high school rugby was not well enough established to weather such a tragedy and the high school game disappeared.

On April 20th, Lockport and Durand High Schools played on the Chicago Blaze's lighted field and CARFU's high school program was revived.

"We are being extra careful this time around" said CARFU's George

Pawlus, "We only allow a school to start a team if they have qualified coaches, and all games are refereed by the highest quality referees. All C1 and above."

Lockport (Chicago) and Durand (Rockford) are joined by St. Charles (Illinois) and Mt. Carmel (Chicago) High Schools. All coaches had an affiliation with the school before the teams were established to allow for smooth assimilation. The coaches are Brett Gould (Chicago Blaze) for Lockport, Ron Musselman (Rockford Ravens) for Durand, Brian Johnson (Fox Valley) for St. Charles, and Jack Cushing (Coach of U. of Illinois, Southside Irish) for Mt. Carmel.

The clubs have received a very positive response from the parents and next year CARFU plans on introducing an additional 4-6 teams.

## New Rules for Golden Oldies

The Golden Oldies Rugby Festival has prepared a video explaining new rules initiated for their 35+ tournament. Produced in a number of foreign languages, the six minute video outlines the rules of the game which have been designed with safety and enjoyment in mind.

The additional rules are as follows:

- Each game consists of three 20 minute periods
- No pressure scrummaging permitted
- Scrumhalves must follow the ball around the scrum
- All eight forwards must remain bound until the ball is cleared
- A player may be substituted at any time and still return to the field
- Hookers must not strike against the head
- No shoulder charges are permitted

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## US Squad for Paris 7s

An infusion of collegiate talent complements the experienced core of the US squad competing at the Paris 7s this May. Scrumhalf and captain Vuka Tau and winger Thad Hill are both sevens specialists with more than 20 US sevens caps each. They're joined by props Kevin Barth and Jeremy Revell, who have been part of recent Eagle sevens campaigns.

But the headliners could be three of the nation's top collegiate players: Ben Trantwein of the Air Force Academy, Don Younger of Indiana University, and Dave Stroble of the University of California. In particular, Younger (who can play prop or wing) and Stroble (a flyhalf) both featured as playmakers at the collegiate final four earlier this month.

"We're committed to developing young players," said Sevens Director Keith Seaber when announcing the team. "There's no argument that these collegians are all remarkable athletes. Now we have to introduce them to a new level of competition."

Three others will be making their international debuts: hooker Kevin Torkelson, a key player for Southern Cal at the 7s ITTs; scrumhalf Mose Timoteo, a standout with the Combined Services at the 15s ITTs; and center Jason Hill.

The US team's pool consists of Morocco and highly regarded Western Samoa, who will present the Americans with a formidable challenge.

The US will have only three days' preparation. However, the sevens program has been standardizing its style of play and the pattern is already familiar to half the players.

**United States:** Kevin Barth, Jason Hill, Thad Hill, Jeremy Revell, Dave Stroble, Vuka Tau, Mose Timoteo, Kevin Torkelson, Ben Trantwein, Don Younger.

**Staff:** John Tyler, coach; Keith Seaber, manager.

## Eagles at Japan 7s



The Eagles traveled to Japan to play in the Japan 7s Tournament and went 0-3 on the weekend, losing to Australia (52-12), Japan (24-10) and Korea (21-7). Pictured here with Japan's Sumo Wrestling Champion, they are (starting at six o'clock and going clockwise): Whelan, Reis, Hiatt, Revell, Hinkin, Delai, Caravelli, Gray, Whitko, Puloka, Henderson and Lui.

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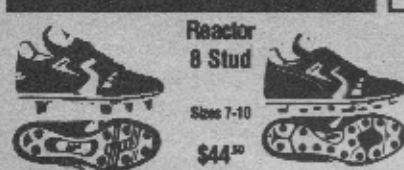


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