The Rogue Report

New Year, New Board!



Message from our President

Scott Murphy February 11, 2020

I am very excited for the upcoming 2020 season! The Rogues are kicking off the season with a combined tour with Detroit RFC and going down to Savannah, Georgia for some team bonding and some tournament rugby. The boys have been working very hard in the offseason with our partnership at the Windsor Squash and Fitness Club as well as indoor training throughout the winter months at David Maxwell Public School's gymnasium. Numbers have been promising and I am looking forward to a great but challenging season!

This year the league structure has changed and will see the Rogues combining with the Kent Havoc to compete in both the A and B division of the Niagara Rugby Union. This is very exciting as it will give the Rogues the opportunity to play at a high level as well as give our newer players experience in the B division.

We look forward to seeing all club supporters out at our home games at AKO Park with games kicking off at 3 PM (subject to change) this year!

Cheers,

Scott Murphy President Windsor Rogues Rugby Football Club



PICTURE CAPTION: 2019 Windsor Rogues Rugby Club

2019 Award Winners

Joshua DeSantis January 29, 2020

Windsor, On | After a successful year in 2019, the Rogues had their annual end of the year banquet handing out hardware yet again.

The 2018 Most Valuable Player defending champion, Ben Rae, continued his reign in being voted the MVP of 2019. This is Ben's second MVP award, as he has become a viable key to the Rogues' success. The fifth-year scrumhalf continues to improve and has taken on a leadership role both on and off the field. His presence keeps the Rogue's organization excited for the commencement of our 2020 season.

Ben beat out stiff competition for the award as both Jacob Benson and Scott Murphy were nominated. Jacob, the big lock, and Scott the grizzled veteran both look to dethrone the two-time champ, while keeping the forward pack a strength for years to come.

Josh DeSantis also defends his title from the 2018 season, winning the Centurion award for the second year in a row. Josh continues to work hard as a member of the board organizing the annual Rose City International Rugby Tournament as well as writing this beautiful publication (amongst other things).

Newcomer Alexandre Simard had a big year, starting out in the back line playing wing, and making his move to flanker where he exceled. He was nominated for the Brian Cartier Barbarian and Congeniality Award. His success continued as he took home the reestablished Coaches' Award. Alex also went on to win the Brian Knight Award, awarded to the rookie of the year.

Vernon Venter was the winner of the Brian Cartier Barbarian and Congeniality Award, which is awarded to the individual who works just as hard on the field as they do off the field.

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Award Winners

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Vernon, the inside center hits the line hard and leads with his great tackling skills. As much as the boys could count on him on the field, he was just as reliable off the field. Vern is the first to grab a beer for his mates followed by one for himself.

Other big winners include: Jacob Benson, winner of the Keep Your F'ing Mouth Shut Award, Jordan Thrasher, winner of Most Improved Player, and finally Haley Milkins. She won the Golden Cougar Award which is awarded to the significant other who becomes single throughout the year. Haley is the fiancée of Josh DeSantis.

The banquet took place at the Torino Club in Tecumseh, and the move was a large success. "It was a nice gathering of members, sponsors, and fans" said Spencer Bryant.

If you ask me, it was a great way to end our year. I would like to thank all of our board members, volunteers and sponsors. Without all of you this season would not have been a success.

Winners and Nominees

MVP: Ben Rae, Scott Murphy, Jacob Benson

Centurion Award: *Josh DeSantis*, Spencer Bryant, Dave Vrucina

Brian Cartier Barbarian and Congeniality: *Vernon Venter*, Alex Simard,
Simon Kazibwe

Keep Your F'ing Mouth Shut Award: *Jacob Benson*, Miguel Osorio, Shayne Stroud

Brian Knight Award: Alex Simard, Matt Rodzik, Miguel Osorio

Most Improved Award: *Jordan Thrasher*, Dayne Hunt, Ryan Storey

Golden Cougar Award: Haley Milkins, Katherine Murphy, Priscila Osorio

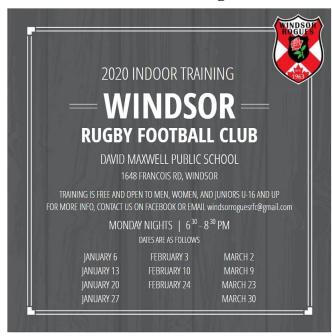
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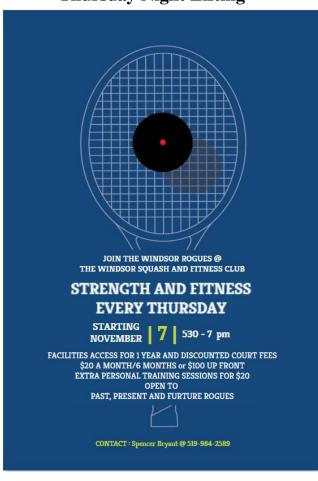
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Announcements

Indoor Training



Thursday Night Lifting



Rose City International Rugby Tournament



2020 Board Members

Board of Executives

President: Scott Murphy

Vice-President: Josh DeSantis

Treasurer: Spencer Bryant

Secretary: Dave Vrucina

Webmaster: Ben Magri

Fundraising: Joshua DeSantis

Equipment Manager: Combined Effort

Fixtures: Kory Bremner

Junior Programmer: Alex Ouellette

Old Boys Rep: Shaun Cushing

Social Coordinator: Vernon Venter

Clubhouse Manager: Jean Bouffard

Public Relations: Ben Rae

2020 Season Schedule

May 2 & 3: Rose City International Rugby Tournament

May 23: @ Stoney Creek RFC

May 30: vs Sarnia RFC

June 6: vs Fergus RFC

June 13: @ Niagara RFC
June 20: vs Norfolk RFC

June 27: @ Stratford RFC

July 11: vs Hamilton RFC

July 18: @ Sarnia RFC

July 25: vs Stratford RFC

August 8: @ Fergus RFC

August 15: NRU Wrap Up

August 22: @ Kent RFC

Friday Night Bites:

Dinner every other Friday at a new restaurant!

Players from past, present and their significant others come together for dinner twice a month.

Watch for updates on the website and Facebook!

https://www.facebook.com/WindsorRogues/