



# The Bluesletter

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## The Bluesletter is back!

The Bluesletter is back from a big break, as I have stepped back a bit from rugby and focused on work (Johnny Cameron). Each Bluesletter takes about 3-4 hours to complete, so I'm going to start trimming them down again. For all the info you need, go to [www.bluesrugby.org](http://www.bluesrugby.org)

Our **Division 1** side had a great start to the season, starting out at 2-0, but after seeing a slim travelling squad drive up to Pittsburgh, the Blues dropped a game up there 32-10. The Blues opened up the season with a 50-29 win over Potomac (at home), and then they travelled up to Schuylkill River (Philly), to win 36-34. The D1 side had a bye last weekend, and they'll go up against Baltimore Chesapeake at Lafayette this Saturday (weather permitting).



The **D3** Boys are now at 2-2, where the two losses came to a combined total of three points. The Blues started their season with a 36-34 loss to James River at Home. After leading 28-7 at one point, the Blues fell apart and lost a nail biter. The following week, the D3 Boys travelled to Richmond to take on the new Richmond Lions D3 squad to win 40-17. With their confidence high, and the D3 boys fielded a strong side to take on Newport News, but a late decision to not kick for a penalty was a big factor in the loss, as they went down 27-26.

However the D3 team bounced back over the weekend, stomping Virginia Beach 52-12. The D3 guys will also play this Saturday at Lafayette, taking on Rappahannock (Weather permitting)

### 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). If you're a veteran and you need a pair, they're now \$7. We also require players to wear solid navy blue shorts (get up with Doc, or Paradiso, there should be some in the trailer). If not, go online.

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

[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: Eric Hagen 4, Bryce Baxter 3, Jake Humphrey 3, Anthony Kowalski 3, Sam Johnson 2, Mic Minichiello 1, Dutch Jones 1, David Paradiso 1, and Tavaris Tucker 1.

**Forward:** Mic 4, Eric 5, Sam 3, Jeff Jefferson 1, Doc 2, Kevin Mott 1, Chewy Eby 1

**Back:** Anthony K 3, Bryce 3, Jake 3, Nick Sandoval 3, Tavaris 2, Dave 2, Dutch 2.

**Players Player:** Jeff 9, Nick 5, Jake 2, Mic, James, Eric, Bryce

## POINT SCORERS (Capital Rugby Union play)

DI – **Try scorers;** Tucker 3, N. Sandoval 2, Paradiso 2, Baxter 2, Minichiello, Humphrey, Jefferson, Hagen, Wright (14 tries from three games).

**Goal kicking;** Jake Humphrey 10/12 conversions. 2/2 Penalty Goals. Nick Sandoval 0/2 conversions.



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

**Totals:** Anthony Wright 6, Chewy 3, Zach Duff 3, Nasty 3, Chas Muller 3, Chip Naylon 2, Jake C 2, Diego 1

**Players Player:** Diego 6, Aaron Jackson, Anthony Wright 4, Johnny 3, Kevin 3, Chewy 2, Jake C, Jon R, and Paul

**DIII – Try Scorers;** Beau Brodtmann 3, Naylon 2, Wright 2, Cameron 2, Duff 2, Holsopple 2, Travis, T. Powell, Robinson, Thornton, Bell, A. Sandoval, Csenar, Parsons, Vazquez and Fraser. (23 tries from four games).

**Goal kicking:** Cameron 9/13, 1/1 Penalty goal 10/14 total. Chewy Eby 5/6 conversions, Beau Brodtmann 3 from 4 conversions



## 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. The list is continuing to grow! We can do this.

Best Regards, Alex Kalasinsky”.

## 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. **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 10. Norfolk 50 – Potomac 29. **D3 Blues** 34 – James River 36

September 17. Norfolk 36 – Schuylkill River 34. **D3 Blues** 40 – Richmond D3 17

September 24. Norfolk 10 – Pittsburgh 32. **D3 Blues** 26 – Newport News 27

October 1. D1 Bye. **D3 Blues** 52 – Virginia Beach 12

October 8. Norfolk vs Baltimore Chesapeake. **D3 Blues** vs Tappahannock.

October 15. Norfolk at Wilmington, DE. **D3 Blues** at James River.

October 22. Norfolk vs Rocky Gorge. **D3 Blues** vs Newport News. **BLUES GO PINK DAY**

October 29. Norfolk at Potomac. **D3 Blues** at Virginia Beach

November 5. Bye for both teams. New Zealand vs Ireland in Chicago at Soldier Field.

November 12. Norfolk vs Schuylkill River. **D3 Blues** bye

November 19. D1 bye. **D3 Blues** vs Richmond

### NOTE FROM COACH PORTER

Our Old Boys crew is growing! See website for the list of members!

**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