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The Bluesletter

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Note from the Editor

If you have anything to pass on to our Bluesletter subscribers ensure I get the details by Tuesday 1200hrs and I will endeavor to get that information into Wednesdays' issue.

MAC Championship Final - Norfolk Blues 29 Rocky Gorge 21



With a steady rain falling all game long at Morvern Park, Leesburg, VA, the Norfolk Blues unseated Rocky Gorge's three year tenure as MAC Champions. The two sides traded blows all day, but the Blues scored twice in the last ten minutes to secure their victory and advance to USA's Elite 8 and East Regionals.

During the first half the Blues were reduced to 14 when skipper Eric Hagen was sent to time-out following an alleged tip tackle, his 10 minutes in the bin saw the Blues add 3 points and not concede any during that period. The first half ended with the Blues 8-7 up through an **Eric Hagen** try and **Jake Humphrey** penalty.

Gorge hit back 10 minutes after the oranges to go up 8-14, but **Eric Hagen** scored following a charge down kick to retake the lead. RG scored again following a failed clearance kick, 15-21. Blues Skipper **Eric** notched his hat-trick following hard work from the pack and **Justin Menke** added the "coupe de grace" just two minutes later. The final whistle went and with that the Norfolk Blues were crowned the MAC Champions 2018!

The Blues will now play Mystic River in Obetz, OH in the quarter finals of the National Championships on Saturday 19th May 2018.

Man of the Match went to **Eric Hagen** for his hat-trick and a sit on the naughty step!

Final Score: Norfolk Blues 29 Rocky Gorge 21

Tries: Hagen (3) and Menke Cons: Humphrey 3 (from 4) Pens: 1 (from 1)

Yellow Card: Hagen Red Card: None



2018 Norfolk Blues Awards Banquet

On Saturday 12th May 2018 the Norfolk Blues held their End of Season Awards and Hall of Fame Banquet at PBR in Norfolk's Waterside District. The banquet is the occasion for the players, Old Boys and their significant others the chance to come together, and for once after a shower, and celebrate this Seasons winners. The awards were (in no particular order) as follows:



MVP – Eric Hagen



D1B MVP – TJ Holloman



Players Player – Matt Holsopple



Best Forward – Matt Holsopple



Best Back – Ben McDougall



Coaches Player – Matt Ball



Most Improved – Dylan Powell



Best Rookie – Adam Brubaker

John Ellis Cup – Chas Muller

Norfolk Blues Hall of Fame:

The Norfolk City Blues Rugby Football Club Hall of Fame was established on February 20, 2015 to honour and recognize those who have played and/or contributed to the success of Norfolk Blues rugby club for the purpose of continuing the lasting legacy of the Norfolk City Blues RFC and to further the wellbeing and success of the club.

The recipients of this year's award were:



Darin Darden



Tom West



Jamie Newnam and Ed Stockunas



The Norfolk Blues Hall of Fame

From left to right: Jamie Newnam, Tom West, Darin Darden, Tim Trivette, John Ellis, Keith Wright, Danny Lonergan, David Chapman, Ed Stockunas and Chris Porter.

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Instagram and Twitter: [norfolkbluesrfc](#)

Worldwide Web: www.bluesrugby.org

You can also sign-up to join our “[Yahoo Email Group](#)” and receive regular email updates about all things Blues, including [The Bluesletter](#)!

Blues Fixtures/Results for 2017/18 Season:

Date	Home		Away		D1B
09-Sep-17	Norfolk Blues	43	Potomac Exiles	10	W FF
16-Sep-17	Schuylkill River	28	Norfolk Blues	29	W 15 - 41
23-Sep-17	Washington Irish	18	Norfolk Blues	31	No
30-Sep-17	Norfolk Blues	X	Raleigh	X	L 22 - 50
14-Oct-17	Baltimore-Chesapeake	5	Norfolk Blues	45	L 37 - 17
21-Oct-17	Norfolk Blues	48	Washington Irish	44	No
04-Nov-17	Rocky Gorge	21	Norfolk Blues	17	L 47 - 21
11-Nov-17	Potomac Exiles	17	Norfolk Blues	35	W 26 - 54
03-Mar-18	Naval Academy	41	Norfolk Blues	0	L 51 - 10
10-Mar-18	Norfolk Blues	38	Buffalo	25	W 33 - 17
17-Mar-18	Norfolk Blues	36	Pittsburgh	12	W 39 - 34
24-Mar-18	Norfolk Blues	76	Baltimore-Chesapeake	15	W 57 - 24
07-Apr-18	Norfolk Blues	69	Schuylkill River	19	L 13 - 20
14-Apr-18	Pittsburgh	16	Norfolk Blues	39	No
21-Apr-18	Norfolk Blues	39	Rocky Gorge	35	W 50 - 36
28-Apr-18	Norfolk Blues	48	Potomac Exiles	5	D1 Play-off
	Doylestown	134	Norfolk Blues	0	D2 Play-off
05-May-18	Norfolk Blues	29	Rocky Gorge	21	MAC D1 Final
19-May-18	Mystic River		Norfolk Blues		Elite 8

Start sorting your calendar now! If you are unavailable, let the selectors/coach know in plenty of time

The Blues Vision

“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”.