



Chattanooga Rugby Football Club Bi-Weekly Newsletter

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FALL 2010 SEASON WRAP-UP

The CRFC wrapped up our Fall 2010 season a couple weeks ago and by all accounts accomplished many of the goals we had established, such as increasing our active player roster, improving upon our veteran performance, and developing our new players so they can compete for starting spots in the 2011 Matrix season. These successes are a direct result of the team's willingness to work hard, communicate with each other, and to be accountable throughout the season.

We feel that our Fall season has provided the stepping stone required for the CRFC to be extremely successful in the 2011 Matrix season. We hope everyone is as excited as we are and we hope to see you out in January!

Highlights to the 2010 Fall Season:

- 40+ Players at the first 3-weeks of practice
- 4 Full B-Side Matches
- New CRFC Officer & Captains Elected



City of Chattanooga Offers CRFC a Home at Montague Park



For years those of us within the CRFC family have talked about having our own field, well now thanks to the selfless efforts of Steve Lofty and a few others, it looks like we might have finally found a home! Lofty, the City of Chattanooga, Chattanooga Parks & Recreation, & local design and engineering firms have been in negotiations over the past couple months to re-develop Montague Park. Within this re-development would be two soccer fields and a designated rugby field. The park will have concessions, bathrooms, sprinkler systems, lights, & a security system. All of which should set the platform for the future growth of our club and our sport. While nothing is confirmed to date, Lofty has put our best foot forward and should have everything wrapped up shortly.

As I'm sure all of you are aware, if CRFC is awarded this opportunity it will be essential that we make the most of it. That means we'll need the current & old boy CRFC membership to rally behind with their time, energy, & most of all money! Stay tuned for what could be a key milestone in the Chattanooga Rugby history.

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CRFC 2011 Matrix Season

The CRFC 2011 season will start practice on January 11th and officially kick-off the matrix season against Little Rock RFC on February 12th. With noticeable improvements among our veterans and an influx of talented new players, the CRFC look to improve on last years 4-3 matrix record even though this year's Mid-South division looks to be even harder. A strong Nashville side has now dropped from D1 to D2 and we've undergone a re-alignment which now includes D2 powerhouses Memphis & Little Rock. Our expectations are high again, but it will no doubt be a battle. As in the past, all home matches will be played at Rossville Middle School with the kick-off tentatively scheduled for 1:00 pm.

Another item of note in the upcoming 2011 matrix season is the CRFC Tour, which is tentatively planned for the weekend of February 5th. Our expectation is to leave Chattanooga on Friday afternoon, play a match or two (depending on numbers) on Saturday, enjoy the social aspect of rugby after the match and travel back home on Sunday. As always, this tour is open to all current CRFC players, as well as, in-active or Old Boy players. Costs for active players will be partially covered by fundraising throughout the holiday and a small per person payment. Costs for in-active or old boys will start at \$100 per person and rise depending on the level of comfort requested.

CRFC 2011 MATRIX SCHEDULE

Date	Match	Location
Jan. 11	Practice Starts	
Feb. 5	CRFC Tour	TBD
Feb. 12	Little Rock RFC	Nashville
Feb. 19	Huntsville RFC	Huntsville
Feb. 26	Knoxville RFC	Chattanooga
Mar. 5	Memphis RFC	Memphis
Mar. 12	Huntsville RFC	Chattanooga
Mar. 19	Knoxville RFC	Knoxville
Mar. 26	Open	Open
Apr. 4	Nashville RFC	Chattanooga
Apr. 9	CRFC Black & Red Ball	Chattanooga
Apr. 16	USARS Quarter Finals	TBD

Player Profile



Name: Clayton Parr
Position: 8-Man, Lock, Flanker
Hometown: Cincinnati, OH
Age: 30
Yrs Playing Rugby: 4
Previous Club: UMass— Lowell RFC, Middlesex RFC, Lake County RFC, Metropolis RFC
Hobbies: Rock Climbing, Whitewater, Hang Gliding, Mountain Biking, Snowboarding

Captain's Corner

"The fall has proven to be a great developmental season as we've increased our numbers and our capabilities. As a team, we've improved throughout the season and, as seen over the past couple games, have tremendous potential going into the 2011 Matrix Season.

I hope everyone enjoys the upcoming holidays and comes back to rugby in January, in shape, with one thing on their mind.....Victory!"

Clayton Parr
 CRFC Captain

Old Boys Update

The CRFC has been moving in the right direction the past couple months, but its widely understood that without Old Boy support (both physical & financial) the club can only go so far. Given that, the CRFC leadership is looking to build on our already existing database to establish a more effective Old Boy Network. This network will enable us to connect with each of you easier, through all forms of print and digital media. If you haven't received a request for your information from us, please be proactive and call or email our club President James Howard with your information. His contact information is: (423) 255-3113 or james-p-howard@utc.edu

As you know, the CRFC lives off of our dues, sponsorships, Pitch A Tent 7's proceeds, and our fundraising efforts. Because of that we've been able to meet all of our financial needs over the past couple years, but with the prospects of a new permanent field & all the requirements associated, we're looking to our Old Boys to help grow our reserves. Our hope is that the CRFC Old Boys will generate \$3,000 for our Spring season, with \$1,000 slated for equipment (balls, rucking pads, scrum sled improvements, etc.) and \$2,000 set aside (separate fund) for future home field necessities. The current team is striving to pay for everything else with our financial goals for the 2011 CRFC Season, shown below:

CRFC Spring Dues Goal: \$2,000
CRFC Spring Fundraising: Goal \$1,000

CRFC Spring Sponsorships Goal: \$2,500
CRFC Spring Old Boy Support Goal: \$3,000

