



Chattanooga Rugby Football Club Bi-Weekly Newsletter

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CRFC ENDS SEASON WITH PLAYOFF LOSS



Behind a dominant forward pack, the Atlanta Old White RFC beat the CRFC 22-0 in the South D2 Round of 8 playoffs last weekend, ending the CRFC season. With a great Nooga crowd and a damp field, Old White put the pressure on from the start. They wheeled scrums, stole lineouts, & kicked very effectively which resulted into two tries in the first half and two more in the second half. Nooga had opportunities to score but were unable to retain enough possession to capitalize on them. With the victory, Atlanta Old White will head to Tampa, FL to play in the South Region Final 4 against defending National D2 Champion Tampa Bay Krewe.

As for Nooga, this loss ended a remarkable season, which is disappointing but on the other hand it provided a great launching platform for next year. Special thanks from the entire team to those CRFC Old Boys & supporters who helped us in various ways throughout the season and we look forward to seeing you all again at this year's Pitch A Tent 7's Tournament.

Pitch A Tent 7's: Scheduled For July 30th



With the summer fast approaching, it's time to gear up for your favorite Rugby 7's tournament! That's right, Pitch A Tent 7's will once again be held the last weekend of July in Lafayette, GA. As always, the weekend will included rafting the Ocoee River Friday morning, a welcome social Friday night (camp site), the tournament Saturday, & a killer social Saturday night!

For more information on this year's tourney, visit our new web site:

www.noogarugby.com

What: Pitch A Tent 7's Tournament

When: July 29th & 30th

Where: Lafayette, GA

Who: 24 Men's & 20 Women's Teams

Cost: \$20 per person

Nooga Theme: TBD

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2011 Riverbend: Volunteers Needed



As we mentioned several times, Nooga Rugby has secured a beer tent at this year's Riverbend Festival as part of the club's fundraising effort. To operate the tent, which is located by the UNUM Stage, we'll need a pool of 20+ volunteers to work various 4-man shifts throughout the 8-day festival. If you're available to help sell beer any night of the festival let us know. Here are the details:

- Attend the Vendor Orientation in May (Mandatory)
- Free entrance into Riverbend the night you work
- CRFC gets \$0.30 per beer sold
- Great exposure for Nooga Rugby
- Shift 1 is 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- Shift 2 is 8:00 PM - Midnight
- Email kxn135@hotmail.com if you're able to volunteer
- Shift slots are first come, first serve!

Player Profile



Name: Derek Hilley
Position: Hooker
Hometown: Chatsworth, GA
Age: 24
Yrs Playing Rugby: 1
Previous Club: None
Hobbies: Fishing, Hiking

Coaches Corner

Over the past season, we've accomplished more as a club on and off the field than I believe anyone truly expected. I want to make sure everyone understands that each player, old boy, family member, & supporter played a vital role in what we've become and what we are becoming. Without any one person this club would not be the same and I find it difficult to put into words the gratitude I feel for being part of something so special.

To the team, we learned a lot about ourselves this season, both what we're capable of and also where our deficiencies lie. Use our final match as motivation to improve throughout the off-season and come back in the fall ready to build on such a great year.

- Clayton Parr

Old Boys Update

The current team would like to extend a special thanks to CRFC Old Boy James Streeter, who donated 60 t-shirts & custom screen printing to the club in celebration of their Mid-South Championship. James, who operates a custom printing business, rewarded the team with a free t-shirt to each team member and then sold 35 additional shirts during the Atlanta Old White match as a fundraiser for the club. In total James raised over \$400 for us, which is huge! We have a few shirts remaining, so if any of the extended CRFC family would like one please contact James at James@SBTChattanooga.com.

Thanks again James! We appreciated it!

7's

With the end of our 15's season, the current team will take a month or two off before we start up our summer 7's season. This year we expect a very relaxed summer program with touch sessions Tuesdays & Thursday at the

East Ridge High School practice field and an occasional social side tournament. That said, we'd like to invite any and all CRFC Old Boys out to practice. Don't worry about the level of commitment or skill, just come out, when you can, for a good time!

I'll email the CRFC community when our official start date is announced.

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