



Chattanooga Rugby Football Club Bi-Weekly Newsletter

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CRFC BLOWS OUT KNOXVILLE 43 - 17



Paced by solid forward play & an opportunistic backline Nooga Rugby was able to score 7 tries (4 converted) and defeat the Knoxville RFC 43-17, staying unbeaten in the 2011 Spring Matrix. This victory marks the first time in over a decade that Nooga was able to beat Knoxville two times in a single season, which as some of you know is difficult to do even once. Highlights include several multi-phase attacks by our forward pack, which sucked in enough defenders to open gaps out wide allowing the backline score, as well as, several great individual attacks which led to long range tries. Try scorers on the day were lock Matt Killebrew (2), inside center Tom Snow (2), outside center Troy Wood, scrum-half Clay Hicks, and wing Tim Mayberry. Conversions made by flyhalf Kirk Neubauer (3) and scrumhalf Clay Hicks (1).

Team	Win	Loss	Tie
Chattanooga	4	0	1
Huntsville	1	5	0
Knoxville	1	5	0
Little Rock	3	2	0
Memphis	3	2	1
Nashville	4	2	0

With a great defensive effort and an amazing, tackle breaking run on the second half kick-off, 8-Man Pat Flynn was again awarded the **Isle of Skye Man of the Match**, though it should be noted that several people within the forward pack were deserving.

Nooga Rugby Beats Huntsville 29 - 5



On a very wet Chattanooga day, Nooga Rugby beat the Huntsville RFC 29-5 to remain unbeaten in the 2011 spring matrix season. Highlights of the match were great forward support, quick lineouts, and solid running through the centers. Trys were scored by inside center Tom Snow (2), loosehead prop Eric Johnson, fullback Thomas Lawson, & reserve center Kirk Neubauer. Flyhalf Jeff Bollig went 2 for 5 on conversions. With good throws & a solid work rate around the pitch, hooker Derrick Hilley was name our **Isle of Skye Man of the Match**. Honorable mention went to scrumhalf Manny Hinkle who also had a very good day!

With this victory, the CRFC stands a top the division leader board with only 2 matches remaining.

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Tales From the Old Boys - The Legend Begins

The first tournament Chattanooga entered was primarily for new clubs and college sides. Vanderbilt University hosted the event and 8 clubs attended it. As usual Chattanooga scrambled to get a side together and traveled with only 16 players. The club had a lot of talent back then but very little Rugby skills, however we were known for a fast hard hitting style and had never lost a party.

Our play on Saturday was spirited and earned us two wins and a trip to the championship on Sunday. Now for the rest of the story. After attending the party, which was held on the Vanderbilt campus (first big mistake), we left them in the dust after some discussion on just how half the team got naked and somehow took a wrong turn with our elephant walk into the girls dorm. Upon further discussion with said ladies we were convinced that no respectable girl would be seen with a muddy, bloody, naked Rugby player, so we explained that respectable girls were not quite what we were after and left the respectable girls behind, gathering the ones who understood the finer points of hard partying and proceeded to migrate to downtown Nashville to finish the evening in true Nooga style. I won't go into details (not sure if the statute of limitations is up on some events) but lets just say a large time was had by all. The next morning as we were getting the team up and moving we decided that we shouldn't play in a Championship game with day old sweaty, muddy rugby jerseys (we only had one set), so on the way to the pitch we stopped at a Laundromat, pooled all our money, and stuffed all our jerseys, shorts, and socks into two washers and split a box of Tide between them. Wanting to do our best we checked on the machines and discovered that we had made a soupy mixture of jerseys and mud similar to melted chocolate ice cream. The manager was not amused by this but we proceeded to move the concoction from the washers to a dryer (we could only afford one). As the jerseys were tumbled they smeared a muddy streak across the dryer door and this sent the owner over the edge, I tried to stall him, by trying to communicate with him in his native tongue (drunken chinaman). As we were removing the uniforms from the dryer, he called the local fuzz (70's term for police officer). We got everyone in the van and would have made a clean getaway except for Pat Halstead losing his mouthpiece. Pat exited the van and we looked everywhere for it. Then we noticed it had melted to the door of the dryer. The owner grabbed a broom and chased us into the street; we dove into the waiting van to make it to the pitch on time for our match. We ran on the pitch pulling on our jerseys. This was the first and last time Nooga Rugby has ever been kicked out of a Laundromat, at least as far as I know. We entered our first tournament, we played hard, we partied hard, and WON the Championship game. Our winning tradition had begun, and we never, ever.....ever, lost a party.

A few years later we WON our Union Tournament, beating a Nashville team who never took us seriously in the semis and a Memphis Old #7 team who didn't think we belonged on the same pitch with them in the Championship game. We sent them back home shaking their heads--- losers. And, oh yea we won the party!

Submitted By Keith Johnson

Player Profile



Name: Pat Flynn
Position: 8-Man
Hometown: Chattanooga, TN
Age: 21
Yrs Playing Rugby: 2
Previous Club: None
Hobbies: Shirts from the Hangover!!

Upcoming Matches

Nooga Rugby has two matrix matches remaining for the 2011 season and would like to invite the entire CRFC family out to support us. Here is the information on each match:

Saturday, April 2nd
CRFC vs. Nashville RFC
Rossville Middle (home)
1:00 PM EST Kick-Off

Saturday, April 9th
CRFC vs. Little Rock RFC
Rossville Middle (home)
12:00 PM EST Kick-Off

Sponsorship Update



Matt Killebrew, a lock on our current squad, has started his own web design company, Red Branch Development, and has decided to sponsor Nooga Rugby for the 2011 season. We appreciate Matt's generosity and wish his new business well. Thanks Matt!



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8-Man Pat Flynn was able to secure a sponsorship from Wilkins, Crews, & Associates, a local accounting practice which will go towards team kits bags for the current club. We'd like to thank Pat for his help and welcome Wilkins, Crews, & Associates to the Nooga Rugby family!

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