

OLD BOY QUARTERLY



The Old Boy Quarterly

is targeted to the alumni rugby players of the Kansas Jayhawks Rugby Football Club.

These issues chronicle both interesting parts of the club's 50 year history and inform the readers about the club's current status & future plans.

It is meant to supplement and not replace the information on the club's website <http://www.kurugby.org/>

The club also has actively managed information on Facebook. (Kansas Jayhawks Rugby Football Club)

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It you come to the anniversary; we want your photos and more stories.

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Kansas Jayhawks Rugby Football Club

The “Next 50 Years” Financial Campaign

The KJRFC has now played continuously for 100 seasons. Since the game was introduced to the Midwest, KU has been at the forefront of the rugby culture as it has evolved over the last 5 decades. Just as the game has evolved, so have the financial aspects. No longer do we get by with an old set jerseys and a \$25 keg of beer. As you can imagine, expenses with all organized sports have greatly increased. **We now have an average operating budget of \$50,000 per year** which includes USARFU dues, personnel costs (including trainers, EMTs, referees), Westwick rent and maintenance, travel and day-to-day club expenses (tournament entry fees, kit and jerseys, equipment, coach, school fees, etc.). In addition to these annual expenses, we also incur in-

ternational touring expenses of \$80,000 every other year – a tradition that has kept KU in rugby conversations from Scotland to South Africa and Argentina to New Zealand.

The Club does not cover this entire expense. **The players are expected to cover 50% of the overall costs** – both out of pocket and through various fund raising efforts. **Having said that, we are left with an average \$25,000 per year shortfall.** These funds need to come from somewhere, and **most recently that burden has been shouldered by only a few supporters.** Therefore, our first goal is twofold: 1) **develop a group of "sustaining members" that would commit to contribut-**

ing each year for annual expenses; and 2) we would hope that this same group would step up to the plate when help is needed for **international touring expenses.**

Our second goal is to **raise \$50,000 for capital expenditures.** Some years ago, a few forward-thinking rugby alumni pooled their finances and purchased a parcel of ground, Westwick, which is located west of campus. Two pitches were constructed and maintained, giving the Club control over its practice and playing schedules, and ultimately its destiny. Having our own fields has made us one of the elite rugby programs in the U.S. Nevertheless, Westwick requires upgrades and improvements if we

* Current Annual Operating Expenses			
USARFA and Administrative Expenses			6,600
Personnel Costs (EMT, Trainer, Referees)			5,100
Travel Costs			14,000
Westwick Operating Expenses			7,750
Day-to-Day Expenses			16,550
			50,000

are to continue this status. Priorities include seating on the berms, restroom facilities (critical to expanding our fan-base), scoreboard, and signage (for visibility to help recruiting and encourage visitors) which would further improve exposure. These improvements are estimated @ \$50,000.

We would like to highlight that all contributions are tax deductible. Both the Kansas Rugby Foundation and the KU Endowment Association (for the benefit of KJRFC) have 501(c)(3) status.

One of the benefits of donating to the KU Endowment is that matching gifts from employers can compound the contribution. Finally, your consideration in including Kansas Rugby in your estate planning would also be greatly appreciated. Naming opportunities are available for signification contributions to the capital campaign.

To take action you can mail a check to the Kansas Rugby Foundation at P.O. Box 1074, Lawrence KS, 66045. For questions or other payment options,

contact Rick Renfro (rrenfro@sunflower.com) or Randy Renfro (rrenfro@hotmail.com). We are in the process of setting up electronic transfer options, including a PayPal Account, so donations will be processed via established financial institutions. We hope that these will be available by the time of our 50th Year Celebration on October 4th.

As we all know, there is strength in numbers and the following is a short summary of how we are determined to achieve our collective goal of sustaining and improving the KJRFC so it maintains its status as one of the preeminent rugby programs in the US.

These figures are only a template for how we may attain our goals. If you want to give \$50 a year or \$5,000 a year, no donations are too small or too large and all are greatly appreciated. ****

Donations Plan for KJRFC						
Annual Operating Expenses *			Capital Campaign			
Donors	Amount	Subtotal	Donors	Amount	Subtotal	
30	100	3,000	15	1,000	15,000	
25	200	5,000	10	2,000	20,000	
20	300	6,000	5	3,000	15,000	
15	400	6,000	0	4,000	0	
10	500	5,000	0	5,000	0	
100		25,000	30		50,000	
* 50% Covered by Players Dues						

The undersigned endorse the fundraising effort, which will allow the Kansas University Rugby Football Club to play for another 100 Seasons:

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| Brown, John | Edmunds, Fritz | Lange, Steve | Renfro, Randy |
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Making Points

Interviews with Cody Weber & Sean Rothwell

If you have been reading the Newsletter articles for the past 3 years, when we covered a current game, two names kept coming up. **Cody Weber** usually broke a game open against just about anyone with a breakaway run for a try. Weber has a nose for moving to the ball from his outside center position, finding a seam through the opposition, and has the speed to leave the other team behind. **Sean Rothwell** was called upon to kick for points and has been "Mr. Dependable". Since they both have been central to the offensive output of the club on field, they deserve to be highlighted in this last edition before the 50th Anniversary.

These two players have made a positive impact on the Jayhawk rugby program, but now they are moving on. In most situations, this would be a cause for depression, but it's really not. The over-all narrative of the Jayhawks club is that, at its core, this is mostly a COLLEGE TEAM. The players come and go...and that's the way it is in college sports.

When the club started in 1964; **George Bunting's** mission was "expose rugby to college students". As the team grew and developed; a bi-product was the club side. The touring aspect as well as the emphasis of the "world of rugby" was added in the late 70's. The high school side was developed in 1990 to feed the collegiate side. All of these things had to happen to get our club and sport where it is today.

We all share the central themes that you try to get players started in the sport in high school, so that they have developed skills and understanding by the time they get to college. After college, the ability to sustain the club side depends a great deal on employment situations in proximity to Lawrence. The club side players bring experienced ballast to the practices and games and move the college side along. The club side games give the college players the opportunity to "play up".

The current rules in rugby are that a registered "college side player" loses their

college eligibility if they play on a "competitive" adult-club side. That would be a club side that is registered in one of the divisions of USA Rugby and playing towards a title in their union. Because of this rule, the Jayhawks elected to register their adult-club side officially as a "recreational" side, thus not playing for a title. However, that does not make it a non-competitive club. The Club side schedules competitive games and competes in major tournaments to benefit the development of all their players. They had a 2011 semi-final appearance in Aspen, 2012 first place and 2013 second place St. Louis Rugger Fest. This offers college side players the opportunity to "play up" in a game against tougher, adult-club side opponents and alongside more experienced adult teammates.

Today, the Kansas Jayhawks Rugby Football Club is an umbrella organization that promotes the sport of rugby, whether its high school, college, or adult-club side. We provide the facilities and coaching to promote advancement of the sport to youth, college, and adult-club side.

There have been a number of discussions between the **KC Blues, KC Rugby Club, the Jayhawks, and various high school coaches.** We would collectively love to see high school players continue the sport in KU's rugby club program. This would include the **Junior Blues** who go on to KU. All parties get something out of this; ESPECIALLY the players. The high school coaches know their players will move on with the sport and develop. The Jayhawks would get seasoned players out of high school. The Blues

and KC Rugby Club could eventually get college graduates with up to 8 years' experience at only 22 years old.

As former Jayhawk and current KC Blues president **Derek Mannell** pointed out in this Newsletter, the Jayhawks stress all the things that are good about rugby; from playing the game the right way, to the traditional social aspects. Jayhawk players are "purists" about the game. Anybody that passes through the KU rugby program will play the game for all the right reasons. The graduates of our club are exactly the kind of player any other club would love to have.



L-R: Sean Rothwell & Cody Weber

Cody Weber – Eagle Candidate?

Most of us cannot imagine someone ever seriously asking us if we would like to become an Eagle. Yet we did towards the end of our interview with Cody. He said that he would really like a try out, but that it would need to happen soon. Weber is the ripe old age of 24 and age can be an element in who gets invited to a try out. We responded that perhaps this Newsletter article might help elevate his visibility in the rugby community, since a number of alumni and readers are in higher positions in USA Rugby.

In the fast man's game of 7's, Weber has already played well on rep side teams. He played on an all-star team in Las Vegas against nation-wide talent, another in Houston representing the City of Dallas against all-star teams from 12 cities nation-wide, and has recently played representing the Frontier Union, which is the territorial union that encompasses the upper states in the Great Plains. He said it was a great experience to play with the players at that level. Weber thanks KC Blues coach **Scott Kram**, former Jayhawk player **Greg Jarvis**, and KC Rugby Club's **Wayne Nicholson** for these opportunities. It's a tremendous compli-

ment that his opponents have recommended him for all-star play.

Weber spent the later part of this summer playing 7's on the KC Blue side and went all the way to national semi-final round in Washington, placing 3rd in the nation. Cody decided that he is going to see how far this will go and will continue to play for the Blues this fall to hopefully play in more play-off matches. That could lead him to be invited to all-star team tryouts on the 15's level, which is something he is very interested in pursuing. The pool for all-star candidates considered for the Eagles usually comes from teams that are in playoffs.

Weber was this past spring's Jayhawk club side's captain and the most recent holder of the Jayhawks' **Kernow Cup**. The cup is annually awarded by the teammates to the player who best contributed to the club; both on and off the field. It's a **very** high honor.

The most memorable game for Weber was playing in the huge, 60,000 seat Ellis Park stadium in South Africa (home of the Springboks) in a "curtain raiser" game before a big match in 2013. He said "the grass was so green and soft. It might be the only time I ever gets to play in a stadium that size". He also went on the Jayhawks 2009 New Zealand tour. **What struck him most about both tours was**

the level of skill their opponents had developed from playing the game since age 5. They always knew where their teammates were and knew when to offload the ball to each other.

Because of the Jayhawks' connections overseas, a South African flanker named **Dane Kieser** came to Lawrence to play. He stayed in Weber's house as a roommate for a year. Weber credits Dane with giving him a "rugby work ethic". "With Dane around, there was never a day when it was even considered taking a day off from training. Dane would enthusiastically rally the whole houseful of guys to go to practice."

How Weber got into playing rugby

The 5'10" 185 lbs Weber was attending Lawrence High School. Throughout high school, he was running cross country and qualified for state on the wrestling team in the tough, middle-weight classifications. When he was a sophomore, he saw rugby and thought it would be fun. He bought a ball, recruited 15 of his buddies to play, and they all headed out to Westwick. They took part in practice and convinced some of the Jayhawk players **Jordan Brown, Mo Carmichael, and Will Lenz** to become their high school team coach. The next year it was **Rick Renfro**. That re-started a high school team in Lawrence. Weber played for 3 years at

Cody Weber (black helmet in red & blue jersey) smoking the KC Blues Division 1 club for the game's winning try. September 9, 2012. See details in Issue # 4 of the Newsletter.



the high school level. He continued to play for the Jayhawks' club side while he attended Johnson County Community College. He now works for the city of Lawrence. Weber played a total of 10 years with the Jayhawks in the various age-group inner-clubs.

We asked what he would tell a high school player to convince them to come to KU and play. **"At KU, a student will get a better rugby experience. You can tour the world and play. You get to travel with your teammates & friends to see a new country and play rugby all at the same time. No other club in this area will offer you that."**

We asked who are some current Jayhawk college players to watch. He quickly named the twins, **Danny and David Buteyn**. They are respectively the college side captain & president. Both played high school rugby in Minnesota and are very good. One is a scrum half and the other is a hooker.

We asked what the club needs the most right now and Weber said **"More players... If the club can get its numbers up and attract players with prior experience from high school; the club could be very good."**

Sean Rothwell – All-around great athlete

It's been hard to ignore Rothwell if you spent any time around the club during the past few years. During games, he is kick-



ing the field goals. During his tenure with the Jayhawks, the 5' 10", 185 lbs. Rothwell has played all the backfield positions, ending up his last year at the critical skill position of fly half, but his activity off the field stands out, too.

First you notice that his parents, **Marty & Susan Rothwell** and his aunt & uncle, **Doug & Linda Beneke** came up for years to work concessions at home games. They were huge social member contributors. Incredibly, they supported the team from a good 100 mile away while living in Wichita and Salina.

Then there is the Club House remodel project. The club decided to convert the under-used club house above Johnny's into a museum for the gathered alumni during the 50th Anniversary this October. Rothwell was there with some other current players; helping to clean up and organize the collected memorabilia.

Rothwell is another **Kernow Cup** award winner and he has been a club officer.

We asked him how he got recruited to play rugby and the story winds around playing numerous sports for scholarships. He grew up in Wichita and was on the swimming and soccer teams, kicked for the high school football team, and was a state qualifier in tennis. He got a tennis scholarship to go to Barton Community College in Great Bend, KS. After a year, he wanted to go to different school. He ended up landing a football scholarship to kick field goals for Tabor College in Hillsboro, KS. The next year he transferred to Wichita State University, back in his home town. A man who worked for his father, named **Brent Zluticky** was a former Jayhawk rugby player who now plays for the Wichita Barbarians. He introduced Sean to rugby and said that **"if you are going to play rugby in college; you need to go to KU"**. The following year, Rothwell transferred to KU and started playing rugby for the Jayhawks, where he has played for the past 3 years for the college side.

Rothwell's well-rounded high school athletics made him EXACTLY the kind of player the Jayhawks want to recruit, so we asked him what he liked about playing rugby with the Jayhawks. - "I went to South Africa and it was awesome. At KU I fell in love with the rugby culture. It was the social aspect. It's competitive, but it's fun,

too. It's a bond with guys; like being in a fraternity."

His best game at KU was his first year in 2011 when they played MU in a Merit Table Match on a field in Kansas City. **(See Newsletter Issue # 2 for game story & photos)** "We had a really good college team that spring and that was really the last competitive college team we have had. I think we had a better team that day, but MU was in better shape. If we had won; we would have moved on to the playoffs that year. We really wanted to win. I made a lot of tackles playing full-back. It was a close game."

We asked why the Jayhawk's college side has not returned to being a regional play-off contender. **"We have had trouble keeping our numbers. You would think a school our size would not have a problem. The executive committee of the club has thought about this a lot. We had coaches the entire time and dedicated players. We have everything at KU."** We discussed that the alumni funded a surge in advertising this coming fall to recruit a large number of players and he thought that was a great idea.

Rothwell graduated this past spring from KU with a degree in Behavioral Science. After applying for intern positions with most of the major aquariums in the country to work with marine animals, **Rothwell was the very first KU student to join the "Kansas Jayhawks Rugby Club Alumni Group" on the social network site LinkedIn and post a desire for alumni help in landing employment** with one of these prestigious aquariums. **(The club is making push to broaden the membership of this LinkedIn group to make membership in the Jayhawk rugby fraternity something that benefits us all for a lifetime. You readers should join that LinkedIn group.)** Since that LinkedIn posting, Rothwell has landed a position in Boston and has posted an update on LinkedIn that asks for guidance from the alumni on ideas on where to live and where to play rugby in Boston this fall.

We wrapped up the interview; saying that as much as we will miss Sean Rothwell, **we would love to have his extended family stay hooked up to the club.** Having the whole Rothwell Clan involved in the club has been great. ****

KJRFC Fall Schedule 2014

Date	Day	Club	College	Venue
5-Aug	Tues	Practice at 6:30 at 23rd and Iowa		
7-Aug	Thurs	""		
12-Aug	Tues	""		
14-Aug	Thurs	""		
19-Aug	Tues	""		
21-Aug	Thurs	Practice at 6:30 at 23rd and Iowa		
23-Aug	Sat	Intersquad Scrim- mage		Westwick
30-Aug	Sat	at CMSU	at CMSU	Warrensburg
6-Sep	Sat	at Iowa	at Iowa MT	Ames
13-Sep	Sat	at Topeka		Topeka
20-Sep	Sat	Wichita	Wichita	Westwick
27-Sep	Sat	Islanders	Islanders	Westwick
4-Oct	Sat	KCRFC	Rouges	Westwick
11-Oct	Sat	at KC Blues		KC
18-Oct	Sat	at Truman	at Truman MT	Kirksville
25-Oct	Sat	K-State	K-State	Westwick
1-Nov	Sat			
8-Nov	Sat	at Arkansas	at Arkansas MT	

Alumni Donations - Student Player Recruitment

You alumni readers were asked to contribute to a recruitment - publicity fund last year, during the summer of 2013. The alumni ponied up thousands of dollars made up of fairly small donations averaging \$250 a person. Many thanks to some founding players and particularly the **Golf Cowboy** group, who is probably the largest and most devoted cohort group in the alumni.

As you have read in the interview with Weber & Rothwell in this edition of the Newsletter and in many prior editions, **the club has needed to improve its recruitment of KU student players to re-gain its position as a regionally powerful college rugby club.**

The club has entered a media contract with the school newspaper, The University Daily Kansan. It not only includes a series of print ads, but also gives a whole semester of help on other media.

The UDK will professionally run a Twitter campaign. They will assist us on the management of the club's Facebook page. There is a KU search engine on the web which will have rugby club banners. So if a student asks "What is there to do in town this weekend?" or searches for "sports activities", the rugby club info should run along side the page. Johnny's Tavern put some money into the program, too. So the ad dollars are increased. Johnny's is lining up a series of rugby radio ads next.

In addition to this media blitz, the college side will practice and play home games at 23rd & Iowa during the first

month of the season, to attract the interest of passing students.

The Westwick facility is still needed for the same reasons that induced the club to buy Westwick: because of lights, wet weather days when the school blocks access to college fields, and because the club also encompasses games that are high school or adult-club side (i.e. NOT just KU students).

The student execs are also running recruiting tables at the Student Union. At the end of the semester, the rugby club can not be accused of being invisible to the KU students. ****

BELOW L-R: Ads in the UDK that appeared in the back-to-school edition and will be repeated in subsequent editions during the first month of school.



Kansas Jayhawks Rugby Football Club 50th Anniversary Gala



If for some unknown reason, you failed to get the formal announcement and registration material about the upcoming anniversary celebration, please contact this Newsletter's email address and we will send you the complete packet which includes more details and most importantly, the **REGISTRATION FORM** and **WHERE TO SEND YOUR MONEY**.

There is still time to get you in.

Below are the activities planned for the Anniversary Celebration

Thursday, October 2

Meet & Greet at the **Turn 2 Sports Bar in the Hollywood Casino** at the Legends Entertainment District, Kansas City, KS located NW of the intersection of I-70 and I-435. **6:00 pm until late. (cash bar)** The area has a number of hotel options.

Friday, October 3

Golf outing at **Alvamar Country Club** (public side) located at 1800 Crossgate Drive, Lawrence, KS. **Luncheon begins 11:30 am. Golf scramble begins at 1:30 pm.** There are plenty of spots available for individuals and groups. Cost for golf is \$60 per person (luncheon included). Cost for luncheon only (no golf) is \$15 per person. Alvamar's Sports Bar will be open to those not golfing during the afternoon.

AND

Visit the KJRFC Clubhouse at **Rugby Night at Johnny's Tavern**, 401 N. 2nd Street, Lawrence, KS. **6:00 until late** for social fellowship. (pizzas and kegs provided by club)

Saturday, October 4

Rugby matches at **Westwick Rugby Complex** located on County Road 458, two miles west of Iowa Street. Kansas Jayhawks RFC v. Kansas City RFC (in honor of first match played in HoA Union). **First match kickoff at noon.**

Reception & Dinner at KU's Adams Alumni Center (jacket and tie optional) located at 1266 Oread Avenue, Lawrence, Kansas. **6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m: Social hour at 6:00 pm. Dinner Buffet beginning at 7:00 pm** (see menu below). Cost for dinner (beer & wine included) is \$100 per person or \$160 per couple. Please note: Seating is limited and reservations are required. Based on bookings to date, we are already at 50% of capacity.

Rugby Night at the Royals

On August 28, the Jayhawks went to see the 1st-place KC Royals.

21 Old Boys gathered at Johnny's Tavern at 95th & Antioch in Overland Park, KS. **Lou Blanco** and his son as well as **Larry Krisman** came in from Miami.

A party bus took the group to see an excellent game.

The Royals came from behind to tie the game 5-5 and went to the bottom of the 9th inning with their 4 best power-hitters up to bat. The game was lost in the next inning

when the Royals reliever got shelled, but our group didn't care. It was a TERRIFIC night and should become an annual event.

Many thanks to **Don Harris** for the event coordination.

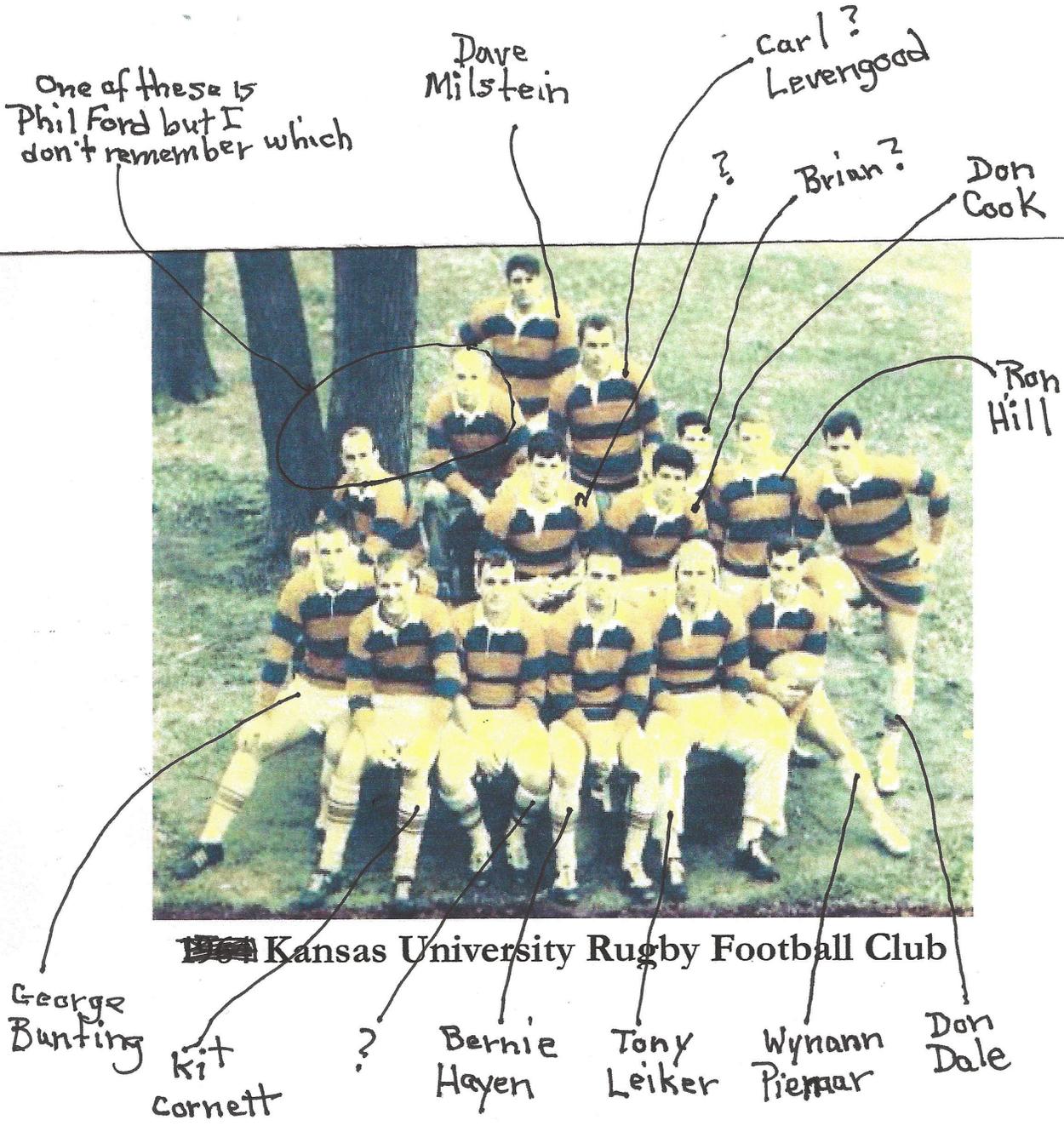


Founding Club Members Identified in Photo

The club reconnected with its first scrum half, **Ron Hill**. The Virginia native saw the Newsletter's Issue # 2 and offered to identify the players that were pictured.

Hill noted that the club played the fall of 1964 in used, numbered football jerseys that KU donated. Club founder **George Bunting** personally purchased rugby jerseys

after that inaugural season, so this photo is technically not the very first club side photo (but its close enough).



1970's with the Jayhawks

By Ian Henry

Rugby is a sport has always been about camaraderie as much as performance. It is about rising to the shared challenge with your mates as well as individual challenges posed by opponents. Bruises, beer, banter, and bonding with your own team and opponents are among the core joys of the game, whether it is at elite or third team level, men's or women's rugby, home or abroad.

When I arrived in Lawrence in the autumn of 1973, I didn't really know anyone but a chance reading of the Daily Kansan indicated the existence of, and training times for, the Jayhawks, and I was welcomed into the fold immediately and felt very much part of the club. The stalwarts of the club in organising the playing side **Bill Mills** and **Joe Kieltyka Jr** (after 40 years Joe did I learn to spell your name correctly?) made me feel really welcome, and after a brief foray into the forwards (hooker being my normal/preferred position) I played fly half. In truth I think the forward pack decided that since I knew some words with more than two syllables I might be better off playing in the backs. So I took up a place outside **Bill Byers** at scrum-half (or **Roberto Friedmann** from Uruguay) and inside **Roger Walter** at inside centre ('Mr Elegance' in high stepping running style), I think **George Dalke** (and occasionally **John Miller**) occupied the other centre position. My memory plays tricks, but I think George was a cultured runner/decision maker, whereas John Miller whether playing centre or wing did not seem to have got the idea of running into space. My main memory of John when faced with a completely open field was him turning back into traffic to trying to run over, instead of round opponents. I also remember a smallish guy called **Tim Ashner** who was a refugee from KU track and field team, a 400 meter runner, and much of our time in a game was spent in trying to set him free.

'Pace' is one of two gifts from God rather than from the coach (who only

thinks s/he is God), **the other one being 'dog'**. You cannot breed dog into a players playing style, s/he either has it or s/he hasn't. Well Tim and our backline had pace and our forwards had dog. (No disrespect meant but most of our forwards did not have pace, and for some you could only tell whether they were jogging or sprinting by the expression on their face) but when they got to the breakdown you knew the cavalry had arrived (and I don't mean they made horse noises). **Rick Renfro** (a real gent – he used to hit you and say sorry) and **Steve Lange** (a gentleman psychopath – he used to hit you and tell you he was not sorry and was going to do it again) stick in my mind, but forgive me if I am mistaking the dramatis personae and there were some prominent members of the pack whose names escape me, but I can say we were never lacking in support.

Games/matches blur into one another. I can definitely remember two away trips to Kansas City (during one or other of which we played the University of Illinois – can that be right?, the Kansas City Blues, and one or even two more teams from KC). I certainly also remember the Aspen Ruggedfest where we played three or four games over the weekend (Denver Barbarians was one) and like most of us I returned to Lawrence with a battered body, but great memories of rugby taking over the town of Aspen for the weekend. I also remember playing both home and away at Rockhurst, and I am sure we played Wichita at home. **I had the great pleasure of joining the team when it came to Scotland on tour in 1979**. We played on a pitch covered in snow compacted by a tractor at Haddington (there had been a blizzard), and then played Edinburgh Wanderers at Murrayfield, the home of Scottish rugby. I think the squad also played Howe of Fife in the mid week between these two games. My abiding off-field memories are of what for a Brit were quirky moments or customs: beer being delivered in barrels to the side of the pitch so that we and the opposition could drink



Prof. Ian Henry of Stirling, Scotland was mentioned several times in Issue # 4 of this Newsletter. His exemplary style of play taught a whole generation of KU players the way the game **SHOULD** be played.

and watch the next match (even if it was snowing) - and post-match trips to the Tavern while still dressed in rugby kit and smelling delightful, but with the rest of the bar's clientele not turning a hair (maybe customers also smelled as bad on days other than Saturday?). Most unusual memory? **Jaques Fluker** with a hole through the septum of his nose through which he could pass a straw and would get members of the squad (all forwards who knew no better) to suck beer through it, a rare sight – I was going to say it almost put me off beer, but let's not exaggerate.

I am really looking to move mountains to get to the 50th celebrations – but if I cannot make it I will raise a glass to you and to the next 50 years for the club, and will try to make it over for a game next season. ****

Jayhawk Rugby Movie Time !!!

These next links will take you to movies we have loaded up on YouTube. That will take you away from this Newsletter, if you are still on the internet. To see the other movies; you will have to come back to this Newsletter and click the link to the next film.—Enjoy your collective past!

Film # 1 - The Great Game - Jayhawks club side vs Falcons in Western RFU Semi-Final

In 1982, the Kansas Jayhawks Rugby Football Club's club side had to defeat champions from two other unions in the SAME DAY to advance to the Western RFU finals the next weekend. Here is the 2nd match of that day, where the undersized Jayhawks played the huge St. Louis Falcons in the territorial semi-final. The Jayhawks were exhausted from beating the University of Oklahoma earlier, whereas the Falcons were fresh. The Jayhawks ranks were also decimated with injured players, forcing the club to go to several reserve players as starters. Given all that, this may be the Jayhawks' greatest game. See Issue # 6 of the Old Boy Quarterly for stories from players and coach.

Jayhawks vs Falcons 1982 First Half (game starts after 2 minutes of watching an unrelated match)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=78aHq6yypCg>

Second Half

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6RBZJ_MaPoU

Film # 2 - Player Testimonials from 2012 Alumni Game

A very moving piece if you played in the early years and see the impact the club has had on players who came after you. You may have thought your experience at KU was personal to you. These players were born after you played, yet share your feelings about the club.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HqoCmGIGGTg&feature=youtube_gdata