

## **Fort Hunt Rugby Consolidated History, Summer 2009**

### **U-11 Touch**

Saturday, 20 June: home, 4-team festival

Kickoff: 10:00 a.m.

Result: Fort Hunt went down to defeat in all of the periods they played, but managed a few scores once we got our rugby mojo working. Conor T. had 3 tries; man of the match was Conor T.

Saturday, 27 June: away, v. Braddock Road Youth Club (BRYC, Burke)

kickoff: 10:30 a.m.

results: 2 wins over BRYC, 2 losses to SYC. Man of the match was the entire U-11 squad.

Thursday, 9 July: away, v. Fairfax Police Youth Club (FPYC, Fairfax)

result: five quarters of round-robin play, with most of those quarters losses. Man of the match was James W and Andrei G.

Saturday, 11 July: away, v. Vienna

Result: Fort Hunt 35, Vienna 35. Man of the match was Tom B.

Thursday, 16 July: home, v. SYC (Springfield Youth Club) Blue

Result: Fort Hunt 10, SYC Blue 55. Man of the match was Claire O'R and Fiona O'R.

Saturday, 18 July: home, v. Winchester

Result: Fort Hunt 30, Winchester 25. Man of the match was Cooper McN.

Thursday, 23 July: away, v. PAC (Potomac Athletic Club, Alexandria)

Saturday, 25 July: away, v. Winchester

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### **U-13 Tackle**

Saturday, 20 June: home, v. Vienna and MD Exiles

Kickoff: 12:30 p.m.

Result: rained out

Saturday, 27 June: away, v. Warrenton #1

kickoff: 12:00

results: Warrenton 40, Fort Hunt 12. One try each from Matt D and Austin L, and Max D had one conversion. Man of match was Will C.

Thursday, 9 July: home, v. Warrenton #2

Result: did not play--stood up by our opponent

Saturday, 11 July: home, v. SYC

Result: Fort Hunt 0, SYC 55. Man of the match was Jack K.

Thursday, 16 July: away, v. SYC

Result: Fort Hunt 0, SYC 74. Man of the match was Connor C.

Saturday, 18 July: away, v. BRYC

Result: Fort Hunt 5, BRYC 25. Man of the match was Ruslan P.

Thursday, 23 July: away, v. Vienna

Kickoff: 6:00 pm, Marshall High School.

Saturday, 25 July: home, v. BRYC and Vienna

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### **U-15 Tackle**

Saturday, 20 June: home, v. Vienna and MD Exiles

Kickoff: 1:30 p.m.

Result: rained out

Saturday, 27 June: away, v. Warrenton

Kickoff: 1:15

Result: Warrenton 30, Fort Hunt 19, with one try from Peter F and two from Chris B, and two conversions by Chris B. Man of the match was Chris B, with an honorable mention for Kyle L.

Thursday, 9 July: home, v. Chantilly

Result: Fort Hunt 50, Chantilly 15. Man of the match was Peter F.

Saturday, 11 July: home, v. FPYC

Result: Fort Hunt 45, FPYC 35. Man of the match was Chris B.

Thursday, 16 July: away, v. SYC

Result: Fort Hunt 26, SYC 27. Man of the match was David F.

Saturday, 18 July: away, v. BRYC

Results:

Fort Hunt 19, SYC 19 and Fort Hunt 24, BRYC 10 (approximate). Man of the match was the Fort Hunt scrum in, for their play in the SYC match.

Thursday, 23 July: away, v. Vienna

Kickoff 6:45, Marshall High School

Saturday, 25 July: home, v. Vienna

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### **U-17 Tackle**

Saturday, 20 June: away, v. Howard County Hurricanes (Columbia, MD)

Kickoff: 12:00 p.m.

Result: Howard County Hurricanes 47, Fort Hunt 19, with tries from Pace W and Nick A, and conversions from Ryan K.; man of the match was Chris T.

Saturday, 27 June: away, v. Warrenton

Kickoff: 2:30 p.m.

Result: Final score was approximately 35-5, with a Fort Hunt try from Ryan K. Man of the match was Austin W.

Thursday, 9 July: home, v. SYC

Result: Fort Hunt 15, SYC 60. Man of the match was Michael P.

Saturday, 11 July: home, v. FPYC

Result: Fort Hunt 0, FPYC 45. Man of the match was Joseph T.

Thursday, 16 July: away, v. Chantilly

Result: Fort Hunt 14, Chantilly 48. Man of the match was Mike P.

Saturday, 18 July: away, v. BRYC

Result: did not play, but played down with the U-15s.

Thursday, 23 July: away, v. Vienna

Kickoff: 7:30, Marshal High School

Saturday, 25 July: home, v. Howard County Hurricanes

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So, our playing season is at an end, with only the picnic this Sunday left to do.

### **Tournament**

Fort Hunt fielded two full teams this year--with no extra players from any other team. This is an important improvement over last year, in which we fielded only a touch side, and no tackle sides at all.

Our program continues to make steady progress, and I expect that next year we should be able to continue with fielding a U-11 touch side, and two or three tackle sides, ideally all four of our teams playing--and being competitive--in the tournament.

## **U-11s:**

Saturday was hot, but our youngsters did great, with fantastic attitudes all day long.

Coach Dave Hughes reports: 1st match, vs. Chantilly. The match swayed back and forth with both teams playing pretty evenly. We played well as a team, and worked the ball down the line nicely. Scoring was spread out between Alex, James W, Andrei, and Connor, each scoring once with Simon converting one of our scores. Alex L even took some shots at a drop goal in open play, none of which went through, though. We won 27-24. 2nd match, vs. Vienna: We played this match on the large pitch and really made great use of the size of the field. We ran around the ends and extended our lines to use our speed. Smart passes and some good kickoffs that we ran down added to offense. The kids were the best team they could be. They did not play a better game all season. Andrei led the scoring with three tries, followed by Connor with two tries and a conversion, Jimmy with one try and Simon with one conversion, to finish at 34-15. 3rd match, vs. Fairfax Police Youth Club: We waited nearly three hours to play our semi final match, and it showed in the first two quarters of the match. Poor passing and sluggish play on our part gave our opponent a lead of 24-0 at the half. Our guys woke up in the second half and played well, outscoring FPYC 15-10, but it was not enough. Scoring for Ft. Hunt came from Connor with two tries and Simon with one.

All in all, the kids played great and showed that they had learned a lot this season. I know if we had not had the long wait before the semi game, they would have won. Everyone who made it out deserves a standing ovation...

Our tournament players: Jimmy F, Andrei G, Alex L, Cooper MacN, Simon M, Clare O'R, Fiona O'R, Connor T, Ciaran T, James W, James H. They were a pleasure to coach.

## **U-15s:**

Sunday was wet and cloudy all day long, with rain off and on. This made the ground soft--and muddy. The U-15s opened the day with a victory over Vienna, 14-0, on scores from Chris B and Colin G, and conversions from Chris B. Colin had another try that didn't count as the referee couldn't keep track of where the try line was. The next match was against our rival, SYC. They chose to pressure us with a kicking attack, and our lack of experience in positioning for and fielding kicks--and some unlucky bounces--led to a number of SYC scores, with the final score something like 29-5 (our try from Colin G as time expired). That loss finished our tournament play, but we managed to put together a friendly with our buddies from Braddock Road, and we played a few more periods of friendly ball in the mud pit so everyone could go home filthy.