



Mid Season Rugby Update

Hello Rugby Families and Sponsors!

First, a big Thank You to all our Corporate Sponsors and local restaurants for helping us continue to support the Boys and Girls rugby teams and continue great rugby traditions including the post game team meals. A quick note to our 108 rugby families to be sure to patronize our generous sponsors and be sure to thank them for all their support (see list below).

We are officially halfway through the season and the Simsbury Rugby Booster Club wants to share some highlights about the season thus far and some notes on what to look for in the 2nd half of the season.

The girls and boys teams came off huge 2017 seasons with both teams participating in the State Championships. The girls ended the 2017 season undefeated and State Champions under first year head coach Alycia Washington, a current member of the USA National Rugby Team squad. The boys finished 2017 with one of the most exciting games in their 12 year history being edged out in the final few minutes of the State Finals by nationally ranked Greenwich High School.

Boys Head Coach Ed Matteo has done an excellent job finding playing time for his biggest squad to date (74 players) with 9 A-side (varsity) games, 10 B-side games (JV) and 7 Sophomore/Freshman games. This extensive playing time will certainly help the Boys team develop long term.

It's the 2nd year the Boys Team is in the competitive Division 1 bracket of the Rugby Connecticut Conference. Simsbury follows the CIAC restrictions on pre-season playing even though rugby is not a CIAC sport. Many of its' competitors play through the winter, so early season games are a challenge. This year it led to a slow start with conference losses against Aspetuck and Staples, although they looked much stronger against Staples. They had 2 non-conference wins against Bishop Hendricken and The Harvey School. Most recently they battled two-time Mass State Champions Boston College High School to a draw on 4/19. The Trojans return to conference play with upcoming matches against Fairfield, Greenwich and Fairfield Prep and their Senior Night game against Ridgefield on 5/2.

The Girls squad continued their undefeated streak from last year with 2 decisive wins against Cheshire and North Haven. Southington was bent on revenge after losing in last years State Championship game, but despite outplaying The Trojans in many facets of the game, they fell short and the Trojans remained undefeated at 3-0 with 3 games left to play. The Senior Night rematch with Southington on Senior Night looks to be a great match on 5/10th.

Thanks again for everyone's support!

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