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May 2011

Coach's Corner - by Coach Andy McPeak



OHIO CLASSIC 2011

Wow! We are already into the month of May! It's amazing how quickly the season has moved along. As we finish up our tier one and tier two regular season matches and prepare for the tier one playoffs I would like to comment on the season so far and what we need to do as one united team to see our way into the state finals on May 30th.

This spring found the Predators Rugby program with many new, fresh, and inexperienced players from across the fox valley area who were eager to learn rugby and more coaches than we have ever had. That is a great combination that shows great promise for the future of our program. Inexperience is expected when playing a new sport such as rugby but as we mature and build a solid understanding of the sport we must strive to make ourselves better at it everyday. This takes commitment, sacrifice, and persever-

ance. As a coaching staff we expect our players to be constantly working to make themselves better: physically and mentally, during our season and out of season.

Upon returning from our successful trip to the Ohio Classic I realized how hard it has been for us to find the right chemistry for our tier one side! We have been plagued by injuries, have seen members come and go, and have experienced changes to our line-ups. These experiences have made us stronger and have provided opportunities for individual players to shine. We are stronger now than we were in the beginning. The team we have now is the team that we are going to win with. Our players truly believe this, have "bought in," and need to live-up to the expectations that have been set for them by staying healthy, making team-oriented decisions, and continuously work hard towards achieving our goal of being the 2011 Illinois State Champions. Thank you for your continued support of our organization. What we have accomplished and what we have planned to accomplish would not be possible without you!

Spring 2011 Schedule

<u>May 10 (Tier 1)</u>	<u>Waubonsie - 5:30 p.m. - Home (A&B-2 Games)</u>
May 11	New Trier - 5:30 p.m. tier 2 - Away (1 Game)
May 12-28	Playoffs Begin
May 14	HOST - Middle School Rugby - 1-6 p.m. (5 Games)
May 14	Trivia Night - 7:00 p.m. - V.F.W., St. Charles
May 15*	HOST - 7th Annual Fresh/Soph Challenge - 9 a.m.
May 30	Memorial Day - State Championship - Lemont, IL
June 11	HOST - Riverfest 7's Tournament

*Change from original published schedule

Parent Reminders:

- Playoffs begin May 12-28
- Parents needed to manage the doors and sell raffle tickets at Trivia Night on May 14th.
- Parents of Freshman/Sophomores need to sign up for either concessions or spirit wear shifts for the Freshman/Sophomore tournament on May 15th. Please email Linda Williams at scrugby.info@sbcglobal.net with your preference.

Upcoming Events:

- **May 14th**
Trivia Night
- **May 15th**
7th Annual Fresh/Soph Challenge - 9 a.m.
- **June 11**
Riverfest 7's Tournament



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