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**WSURFC Endowment** – Matt Hudson; WSURFC Head Coach and Director of Rugby

This June WSU Rugby took the step to establish an endowment with the WSU Foundation. An endowment is a fund held by the WSU Foundation that is invested as a way of creating income for a specific purpose. The principle is required to stay intact in perpetuity in order to fund it's stated purpose. The WSU Men's Rugby Club Endowment (Account #7246-5219) has been established with the WSU Foundation with the goal of creating income for the WSU Men's Rugby program. The initial deposit was funded by previous alumni donations/dues, so many of you have helped make this monumental step possible without even knowing it.

Ultimately, WSU Rugby has taken this important step in order to change the trajectory of the program. From a program that is sometimes good, to a program that is consistently dominant. With a healthy endowment WSU Rugby can expect to be able to grow the size of it's budget over time in order to adapt to the ever changing landscape of college rugby in the U.S. For the past several seasons WSU Rugby has operated on an average budget of \$10,000 a year. Once the endowment becomes mature, the interest will be deposited automatically into the current WSU Rugby budget, which will result in a 10% increase in the budget in the first year of the endowment. That amount will grow over time as more

money is donated into the endowment, and the endowment will continue to give back to the WSU Rugby program until WSU as an institution ceases to exist.

This going to allow WSU Rugby to create some space between itself and other local college programs. The University of California's \$5,000,000 endowment is what allows the Bears to run a dominant, self sufficient rugby program with access to top flight resources and the ability to pay full time staff. Stanford Rugby's large endowment allows it to have a full time paid coach. WSU Rugby is not so ambitious to think that this is the end goal of our endowment, however the program hopes that the endowment will help WSU Rugby where it has struggled in the past to meet basic necessities such as jerseys, equipment, travel to playoffs, etc.

The beauty of the endowment is that is a gift that will continue to give long after it has been donated to the Foundation. For years, decades, even centuries money given to the endowment will continue to pay into the budget for WSU Rugby. But the first step in the process is to make sure the endowment reaches the \$25,000 mark so that it can begin to give back to the program. Will you please do your part and give to the WSU Men's Rugby Club Endowment today?

every little bit helps.

**How do I donate?**

1. Go to <http://foundation.wsu.edu/>
2. Click on "Give to WSU" on the upper right hand side.
3. Click "Search by Keyword"
4. Enter "Rugby"
5. Click on "WSU Men's Rugby Club Endowment Fund"
6. Select how you would like to give on the right hand side

**Where are we now?**



After an initial startup deposit from the Alumni fund of \$1,000.00 a few months back, we have already raised an additional \$395.00. So in what has really only been a month or two, we are 5% towards our goal

*A big thanks to Jeff Sprouse, Steve Snyder and Dan Carpenter for being among the first Alum to Contribute! Also thanks to Derek Riffe for paying his Alumni dues that also were also allocated towards the endowment.*

**Fall at a Glance**– Matt Hudson; WSURFC Head Coach and Director of Rugby

This fall marks the first time in a long time, that WSU Rugby will be running two separate sides at the same time. Twenty four players will be on the Fall competitive 7s squad with the rest of the team playing friendlies in 15s as a developmental side. The hope is that both sides will get ample time to prepare for their respective seasons without getting in the way of each other during practice times. With four practice days a week (one for 15s, two for 7s and one shared day) the level of coordination and planning is being pushed to a new level. Somewhere between

2012 - 7s and 15s Schedule	
<b>Pre NRC Season 15s</b>	<b>7s</b>
WSU @ North Idaho College.....	<b>Sep 8:</b>
WSU @ Gonzaga.....	<b>Sep 15</b> .....University of Idaho @ WSU
Moscow RFC ( <b>WSU Homecoming</b> ).....	<b>Sep 22</b>
Kootenai Cup.....	<b>Sep 29</b> .....Corvallis 7s Tournament
<b>Alumni Weekend</b> .....	<b>Oct 6</b> ..... Pullman 7s Tournament
East Oregon Silverbacks.....	<b>Oct 20</b> ..... NCRC 7s
WSU @ at Hindson Cup (Kelowna).....	<b>Oct 27</b>
Eastern Washington.....	<b>Nov 3</b> .....Pac-12: 7s Tournament
Idaho/Montana State (Dads Weekend).....	<b>Nov 10</b>

**COME OUT AND SUPPORT THE COUGS!**

the range of 50-60 players are expected to participate on the two sides playing five 7s tournaments, two 15s tournaments and eight friendly 15s games in the fall alone. The hope is that come spring competition for limited spots will allow the best and most committed to rise to the top, with the rest trying to prove their merit in B-side games.



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ON GOLF](#)

## ALUMNI WEEKEND– By Eli Wasserman; WSURFC Treasurer

This year a 16 team 7s tournament will be held in conjunction with Alumni weekend, giving all those who make the trek to the Palouse the opportunity to play against the fall 15s team as well as watch the 7s team in their pursuit to the 7s NRC Championship.

Alumni Weekend is fast approaching. It is time to mark your calendars, dig up your old rugby kit from the garage, and start reciting your favorite verse of *I used to work in Chicago*.

With a lot of great momentum in the currents program as well as the growth in Alumni support this year, it promises to be a successful event. There will be Alumni activities October 5th-7th, and the Alumni Match vs. the currents will be on the **Saturday, October 6th**. By running alumni weekend in conjunction with the 7s tournament, those who make the trip will have the opportunity to both play and watch the Cougs as they prepare for the NRC 7s, and 15s seasons.

Other teams participating in the 7s tournament are as follows:

*Central Washington University  
Eastern Washington University  
Gonzaga University  
North Idaho College  
Pacific University  
Simon Fraser University  
University of Idaho  
University of Oregon  
University of Washington  
Western Washington University*

This will definitely create a different dynamic for this year's alumni weekend, where there will be something for everyone. We encourage folks to bring their families, kids, fellow ruggers, etc. But rest assured there will still be portions of

the weekend allowing for standard shenanigans.

### Below is the Tentative Schedule:

#### Friday

6:00pm—Alumni Practice

8:30pm—Dinner at Rancho Viejo (followed by pub crawl →My Office→Coug→Mikes, etc)

#### Saturday

10:00am—Breakfast and Alumni meeting @ Alumni Center

12:00am— Alumni Match Vs Currents

1:30pm-5:30pm—Watch 7s tournament

7:30pm-9:00pm: Dinner Banquet (location TBD)

### Golf Outing

In the previous newsletter I threw out the idea of organizing some sort of golf event for those interested. Click on the link below so I can get input on if folks would prefer to play early on Friday before the Alumni practice, or on Sunday before returning home. Be sure to vote so I can get a headcount. Whether you are a scratch golfer, or just another hack, it should be a good time for all.

[CLICK HERE TO VOTE ON GOLF](#)

### Accommodation

We have worked out a deal with Nendels, for \$50/night during Alumni Weekend if you mention WSU Rugby.

### Transportation

I encourage you to use the [Facebook group](#) or mailing list ([wsurugby@googlegroups.com](mailto:wsurugby@googlegroups.com)) to organize a carpool. I personally will be flying into Spokane and will be looking to find others to either carpool with, or split a rental car.

### SPREAD THE WORD

The key to making this year's event a success, is getting the word out. Reach out to your old teammates that haven't come out to an event in years, and rally the regulars to do the same. We are shooting to make this a well rounded event that has something for everyone, so do your part and spread the word!



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Mailing List to  
receive the club  
newsletter and  
other updates

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Or Visit  
[wsurfc.org](http://wsurfc.org)

## WSURFC Seattle Football Game Tailgate

This September 29th The WSU Football Team takes on Oregon at Century Link Field in Seattle. WSURFC will have a booth and tailgate where there will be foo, drinks and an area to hang out. You are welcome to swing by and have few cold ones. We are hoping it will be a meeting place for ruggers to catch up before the game as well as an attempt re-connect with long lost Alumni that

may not be on the mailing list or Facebook page. There will be more details to come about the specifics,



but if you are planning to attend the game, be sure to arrive early and swing by. At the moment you can reach out to Jon Skelton for any additional information or if you would like to help organize this event ([jon-skelton@hotmail.com](mailto:jon-skelton@hotmail.com)).

To Purchase tickets to the game  
[CLICK HERE](#)

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**On to Victory!**

## **Mission Statement**

*To promote lifelong companionship among WSU Ruggers and support the core values and goals of the WSU Rugby Football Club (WSURFC). The WSURFC Alumni Association strives to provide the opportunity for student athletes to achieve their maximum athletic potential and test their abilities against the best in their sport.*

**[** [wsurfc.org](http://wsurfc.org) **]**

## **About the Newsletter**

It is our goal to send out a quarterly newsletter to the WSU RUGBY mailing list. There is a lot that we can do with this newsletter to make it a worthwhile read for our members. We will continue to provide updates on upcoming events and activities, as well as inform of new resources for the current and the alumni. The newsletters will also be posted on the website in the media section. **Please invite all others who are interested to join the WSU mailing list!**

If you are interested in seeing (or writing) a particular topic in an upcoming newsletter speak up! You can make any suggestions via email to the WSU RUGBY mailing list or directly to me:

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