



The Bluesletter

Wednesday 04th October 2017

Note from the Editor

If you have anything to pass on to our Bluesletter subscribers ensure I get the details by Tuesday 1200hrs and I will endeavor to get that information into Wednesdays' issue.

D2 - Norfolk Blues 22 Raleigh Vipers 50

This weekend D2 hosted the Raleigh Vipers at Lafayette Park; the Blues fielding a complete D2 side and bench,



adding some match experience through **Beau Brodtmann**, **Jimmy Smith** and **Chas Muller**, but also fielding three graduates of our High School program in **Geno CG** who started in the back row, **Demonta Williams** as front row replacement and **Shayne Allen** as a backs replacement. The Vipers on the other hand fielded a full strength side including two players capped by the Capitals Select program.



After some early pressure the Blues won possession and a lovely chip and chase from **Aaron Leeth** saw him recollect his kick and run home from 40 metres. The Vipers responded with two tries in 3 minutes, one converted, to take a 5-12 lead. On 22 minutes **Chris Edlington** saw yellow for a high tackle and with the extra man the Vipers



used the space well and added two more scores, one converted, but the tackling was quite frenzied with **Geno** leading the line with some great hits, and the whole team smashing into the Raleigh pick and go game. On 33 minutes



Dave Paradiso pulled a score back from close with **Beau** converting, unfortunately Raleigh scored with the last move of the half and went into the oranges 12-31 to the good.

The Blues opened the scoring in the second half with **Brian Nichols** dotting down, but the pick and go game and hard running of the Viper forwards were making inroads into the static Blues defence and ended up scoring two converted tries in 10 minutes. Again the Blues hit back with some concerted pressure through a number of penalties and driving lineouts, the Vipers held out from four or five drives at the line, but coughing up penalties meant that the Blues stayed in their 22. From a driving lineout and being held up on the line after several pops at the whitewash **Chas** ploughed over for a try, much to the enjoyment of his semi-naked fan club. Raleigh finished the days scoring with a converted try in the 75th minute.



Norfolk Blues Man of the Match award went to **Chris Edlington** with **TJ Holloman** and **Mike "Triple Word Score" Maciejczyk** getting honourable mentions. Also a big hand to **Jimmy** for putting in a shift along with **Beau** and **Chas** a full 80 each.

Final Score: Norfolk Blues 22 Raleigh Vipers 50

Tries: Leeth, Paradiso, Nichols and Muller Cons: Brodtmann 1 (from 4) Pens: None

Norfolk Blues Youth Rugby:

Last weekend, prior to the Blues/Vipers game, the Blues held their 2nd Youth Rugby session at Lafayette Park, 30 players, including 3 girls, participated in the session hosted by Steve Link and Chris Cowan. The workout consisted of handling and kicking skills with some small games. A few Blues players and coaches went to support the event from the sideline and met the parents; it was a great day for the kids involved, tons of smiles and effort and double the numbers from week 1, so the event is definitely going in the right direction, great job Blues!

Next session is this Saturday, 7th October at 1100 at Lafayette, keep spreading the word!



**NORFOLK CITY BLUES
YOUTH RUGBY**

- We will be hosting youth clinics on Saturdays coinciding with Men's home games this fall.
- These are non-contact/co-ed events that will cover basic rugby skills and have touch rugby scrimmages.
- Current ages range from 7-14 years old and growing.
- High School players are encouraged to attend as well.

Dates (11:00 am)
September 9th
September 30th
October 7th
October 21st

If you have any questions please email us at bluesyouthrugby@gmail.com

**LAFAYETTE PARK
NORFOLK, VA
FREE ADMISSION**



Practice schedule:

Practices are normally on Tuesday and Thursday evening (1900-2100hrs) at Cutter Park, but if Cutter Park is closed we could move to Norfolk Collegiate or the Virginia Beach Field House, so if inclement weather is forecast check our social media for updates.

Social media:

Please sign-up to our social media:

Current players "[Norfolk Blues Rugby - current players](#)" and WAGs "[The Official Norfolk Blues WAGs](#)" on Facebook.

[norfolkbluesrfc](#) on Instagram and Twitter.

Our website is at www.bluesrugby.org

You can sign-up to join our "[Yahoo Email Group](#)" and receive email updates including The Bluesletter.

Fixtures for 2017/18 Season:

Date	Home		Away		D1B Match?
09-Sep-17	Norfolk Blues	43	Potomac Exiles	10	Potomac Forfeit
16-Sep-17	Schuykill River	28	Norfolk Blues	29	W 15 - 41
23-Sep-17	Washington Irish	18	Norfolk Blues	31	No
30-Sep-17	Norfolk Blues		Raleigh		L 22 - 50
07-Oct-17	Norfolk Blues		Rocky Gorge		Yes
14-Oct-17	Baltimore-Chesapeake		Norfolk Blues		Yes
21-Oct-17	Norfolk Blues		Washington Irish		No
04-Nov-17	Rocky Gorge		Norfolk Blues		Yes
11-Nov-17	Potomac Exiles		Norfolk Blues		Yes
17-Mar-18	Norfolk Blues		Pittsburgh		No
24-Mar-18	Norfolk Blues		Baltimore-Chesapeake		Yes
07-Apr-18	Norfolk Blues		Schuykill River		Yes
14-Apr-18	Pittsburgh		Norfolk Blues		No

****Start sorting your calendar now! If you are unavailable, let the selectors/coach know in plenty of time****

The Blues Vision

"As a premier Rugby Football Club in the United States of America, the Norfolk City Blues will promote a sustainable brand as a cornerstone of East Coast rugby based on a winning tradition for all ages".