



# The Bluesletter

09<sup>th</sup> February 2018

## Practice schedule:

Training commences at Cutter Park on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 1900-2100hrs; "It's time!"

## Capital Select Rugby:

The Norfolk Blues were represented in the Capital Select fixtures versus NOLA and Houston Sabercats on 20<sup>th</sup> January and 03<sup>rd</sup> February. Both NOLA and Houston are newly formed professional clubs that will take part in the upcoming Major League Rugby (MLR) competition commencing in April 2018. The Caps lost to NOLA 68 – 17 with Jake Humphrey picking up the sponsors nomination for Man of the Match and Matt Holsopple the NOLA players nomination. Pictured are Jake Humphrey, Doc Irey, Matt Holsopple and Jeremy Frayne who made the trip to Louisiana for the match.



The Caps then played Houston at Sugar-Land in Texas and went down 49 – 3 in a match where the scoreline did not reflect the game at all. Eric Hagen captained the side and Jake Humphrey picked up the Man of the Match award. Pictured are Chris Porter, Justin Menke, Eric Hagen, (Houston Sabercat's Man of the Match and Old Blue) Cecil Gerber IV, Doc Irey, Matt Holsopple and Jeremy Frayne (missing is Old Blue and Capital Rugby President, Matt Robinette).

The Caps Select A were due to play Stars in Leesburg, but cancelled at the eleventh hour. Mic Minichiello, Cecil "Kris" Wilson and Adam Brubaker were selected to play in this game.

## Pre-Season Conditioning Session:

This Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> February, the Blues have been given a slot at the CYCLEBAR Red Mill to blow the cobwebs out. All players, OB's and WaG's are invited. This session was set-up by Doc and Mrs Doc, it's a Sunday so get off the couch, fill the class, get a sweat on and chew the fat before Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February and the start of pre-season.

Class STARTS at 1300hrs and lasts for 60minutes, you may have to do some admin, so turn up in time to complete it and you register on the Facebook page.

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# Norfolk Blues Hall of Fame (HoF) Nomination:

The Norfolk City Blues Rugby Football Club Hall is now accepting nominations for its newly established Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame honors and recognizes those who have played and/or contributed to the success of the Norfolk Blues rugby club for the purpose of continuing the lasting legacy of the Norfolk City Blues RFC and to further its well-being and success. Nominations must be submitted no later than March 20, 2017. They may be submitted by submitting the information below to email address [kalasinsky@verizon.net](mailto:kalasinsky@verizon.net) Anyone may nominate an individual to be elected to the NBHOF. Player nominees shall have retired from continuous/serious "A-side" or representative competition. Members will be elected to the NBHOF by the Hall of Fame Council and all living members of the Norfolk Blues Hall of Fame Council and all living members of the NBHOF. Any questions can be directed to Alex Kalasinsky, HOF Council Chairman, via the above email address.

1. Name of Nominee:
2. Years (approximate) in which nominee was active/involved with Club:
3. Provide a summary of the nominees playing accomplishments or other activities which had a positive impact on the successes of the Norfolk City Blues Rugby Football Club:
4. Other comments:

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On Facebook:

Current players "[Norfolk Blues Rugby - current players](#)"

WAGs "[The Official Norfolk Blues WAGs](#)"

High School on "[Norfolk Blues High School Rugby](#)"

Instagram and Twitter:

[norfolkbluesrfc](#)

Worldwide Web:

[www.bluesrugby.org](http://www.bluesrugby.org) (Our website is currently under construction)

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

## 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".

# Fixtures for 2017/18 Season:

Date	Home		Away		D1B Match?
09-Sep-17	<b>Norfolk Blues</b>	<b>43</b>	Potomac Exiles	10	Potomac Forfeit
16-Sep-17	Schuykill River	28	<b>Norfolk Blues</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>W 15 - 41</b>
23-Sep-17	Washington Irish	18	<b>Norfolk Blues</b>	<b>31</b>	No
30-Sep-17	<b>Norfolk Blues</b>	<b>X</b>	Raleigh	<b>X</b>	<b>L 22 - 50</b>
07-Oct-17	<b>Norfolk Blues</b>	<b>P</b>	Rocky Gorge	<b>P</b>	To Be Rearranged
14-Oct-17	Baltimore-Chesapeake	5	<b>Norfolk Blues</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>L 37 - 17</b>
21-Oct-17	<b>Norfolk Blues</b>	<b>48</b>	Washington Irish	44	No
04-Nov-17	Rocky Gorge	21	<b>Norfolk Blues</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>L 47 - 21</b>
11-Nov-17	Potomac Exiles	17	<b>Norfolk Blues</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>W 26 - 54</b>
03-Mar-18	Naval Academy		<b>Norfolk Blues</b>		Friendly
10-Mar-18	<b>Norfolk Blues</b>		Buffalo		Friendly
17-Mar-18	<b>Norfolk Blues</b>		Pittsburgh		No
24-Mar-18	<b>Norfolk Blues</b>		Baltimore-Chesapeake		<b>Yes</b>
07-Apr-18	<b>Norfolk Blues</b>		Schuykill River		<b>Yes</b>
14-Apr-18	Pittsburgh		<b>Norfolk Blues</b>		No
21-Apr-18	<b>Norfolk Blues</b>		Rocky Gorge		<b>Yes</b>
28-Apr-18	<b>MAC Championship</b>				
18-May-18	<b>USA Eastern Regionals</b>				
02-Jun-18	<b>USA Rugby Championships</b>				

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