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**US RUGBY HALL OF FAME
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MAJOR LEAGUE RUGBY PROUDLY HONORS THE 2026 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



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James Rose

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THE NUMBERS SPEAK

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CONGRATULATIONS

TO THOSE SELECTED FOR INDUCTION INTO THE US RUGBY HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2026, ESPECIALLY ED AYUP!

Our Higgins family has continuing great pride in “Higgy” being inducted into the Hall of Fame with the Class of 2012.

We would also like to thank the many supporters of the United States Rugby Foundation’s Kevin Higgins Scholarship Fund that has awarded 172 college scholarships to future outstanding collegiate rugby student-athletes.

A special congratulations to the Class of 2025-26 Kevin Higgins Scholarship recipients:

- Jayden Williams, The Ohio State University
- RaeLeigh Sparzak, West Chester University
- Gideon Mandel, Indiana University
- Spencer Huntley, Hartpury University
- Finnegan Kenney, University College Dublin
- Timothy “Mateo” Bresenden, University of Utah
- Lolua Tauanu’u, Harvard
- Landon Lockhart-Keener, University of Kentucky
- Shawn Ray, Carnegie Mellon
- Charlotte Brandt, Queens University of Charlotte
- Marco Romeo, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

We all feel blessed to be a part of this great rugby community.

The Higgins Family



Fellow Fans of U.S. Rugby:

The United States Rugby Foundation welcomes you to our 2026 Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony.

Congratulations to the US Rugby Hall of Fame's newest inductees: Eddie Ayub, Kevin Battle, Irene Gardner, Alex Goff, Kerri Heffernan, Alex Magleby, and Bill Sexton! We will honor each of you tonight along with our Chairman's Award recipient, Kevin Kitto, our Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, Karen Fuery and the winners of the Prusmack Award, Hattie Greenwood and James Rose. Also, our partner, Youth Rugby Initiative has gone out on it's own and continued as a very successful program bringing non contact rugby to middle and elementary schools across the country. Tonight they will honor their inaugural "Coach of the Year" award winner, Elise Glidden.

Since we established the Hall of Fame in 2011, we have honored over 114 players, teams, coaches, administrators and media personalities as inductees and award winners. Their images and stories are displayed on the pages of the US Rugby Hall of Fame website www.usrugbyfoundation.org.

We are pleased to welcome all of you who will be on stage tonight, as well as your families, friends, former teammates, Hall of Famers, U.S. Eagles, Foundation Board members, and other rugby enthusiasts who are with us tonight to celebrate this occasion. This Hall of Fame event honors those who have made an extraordinary contribution to the game of rugby in the United States and recognizes and supports those who will make a future contribution to our game.

The US Rugby Foundation is an independent grant making organization dedicated to the development and growth of grassroots rugby throughout the United States. Thank you for coming and we appreciate your support. We depend on the support of people who love and live rugby to be able to accomplish all that we do.

We congratulate this year's honorees!

With you,



Anne M. Barry, Chair
US Rugby Foundation



Rugby Friends and Hall of Fame Inductees,

What an extraordinary milestone we share this evening, as we gather again to honor these remarkable individuals whose dedication has shaped the very fabric of our sport.

The Hall of Fame Class of 2026 spans athletes, coaches, physical therapy, media, and lifelong stewards of the game. From Rugby World Cups and Olympic campaigns to grassroots initiatives and community outreach, each honoree has advanced rugby's reach and enriched its spirit. Their leadership off the pitch – mentoring young players, championing inclusivity, and building lasting pathways – stands alongside their on field achievements, leaving an enduring legacy for future generations.

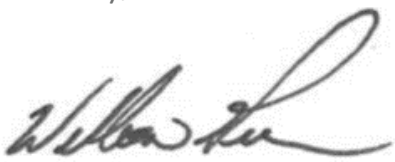
USA Rugby takes immense pride in celebrating these trailblazers tonight. Their stories remind us why our game endures: teamwork, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to something larger than ourselves.

We are equally grateful to the United States Rugby Foundation for its tireless work in preserving our history and propelling the next wave of rugby leaders. The Foundation's expansive network continues to unite communities, cultivate opportunity, and amplify the voice of American rugby. Your partnership is invaluable.

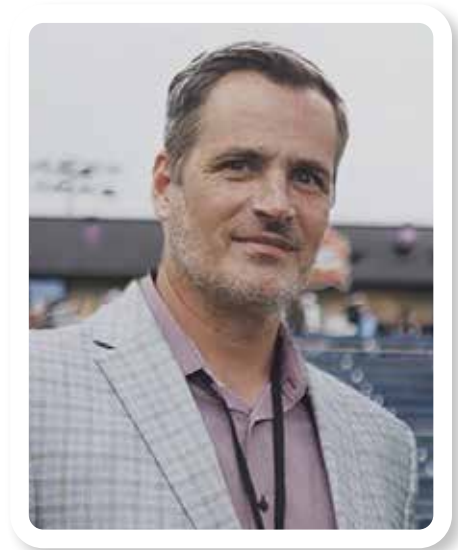
To this year's inductees: your accomplishments illuminate the path ahead. Thank you for the inspiration you provide and for the decades of service, and passion.

Congratulations, and enjoy an unforgettable evening of celebration.

Sincerely,



Bill Goren
Chief Executive Officer, USA Rugby



Congratulations to KJ Feury for her “Lifetime Achievement Award” Class of 2026 US Rugby Foundation

From all your friends at the Rugby Referees Society of NY, thank you again for all your years of great work and dedication to youth and High School Rugby.

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US RUGBY HALL OF FAME

CLASS OF 2026



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PRUSMACK AWARD

HATTIE GREENWOOD



Hattie Greenwood is the only daughter of two loving parents, the only girl among five children, and, as she puts it, number four in the starting lineup. Growing up in the country, she did whatever it took to keep up with her brothers: tending a wide variety of livestock, working as a cowgirl on neighboring ranches, competing in rodeo events, and playing plenty of football on the field. Rugby was not a sport in her family; her mother was a college softball player and her father a college wrestler.

Her athletic path started in the gym as a competitive gymnast before she moved to the track as a hurdler and sprinter. Then she found rugby. Introduced to the game in the eighth grade by her cousin, Hattie instantly fell in love with the sport.

Now in her fourth year at Life University, where she is finishing her master's in Positive Psychology, Hattie has become the glue for the Running Eagles. When two crucial players went out with injury during the CRAA 7s, she took charge, leading as captain and proving an attacking and defensive threat while putting her teammates away. Through every setback, she was Life's best leader and most consistently excellent player, carrying the team to a championship.

Off the pitch, Hattie likes to live quietly and peacefully. Her Christian faith is the most essential aspect of her life, and throughout her rugby journey she hopes to use it as an opportunity to share the love of Jesus Christ with all those she is blessed to meet.



PRUSMACK AWARD

JAMES ROSE

For James Rose, rugby has always been a way of life. Raised in Green Bay, Wisconsin, he followed his father into the sport, beginning with flag rugby at Green Bay Youth Rugby before advancing to tackle rugby. At Green Bay Leprechauns, where his father coached, James served as a two-year captain and helped lead the team to four consecutive state tournament appearances. A dedicated multi-sport athlete, he also wrestled for more than eight years, won a team state championship, and earned his FFA Greenhand Award.

James excelled in representative rugby, captaining the Wisconsin Badger Selects and competing in both 7s and 15s. He won NAIs and Bloodfest with the Rebels, spent two years with Eagle Impact Rugby Academy (EIRA), toured Portugal and Spain, and represented the United States at the U18 Global Youth 7s in New Zealand. His versatility allowed him to excel at scrum half, fly half, center, wing, and fullback.

Now an exercise science major at Life University, James has become a key contributor to the Running Eagles, helping lead the team to a CRAA 7s national championship.

Off the field, James has coached youth flag rugby since eighth grade, volunteered with the Green Bay rugby community, and worked two jobs to help pay for rugby and college. Looking ahead, he hopes to earn Eagles honors, win more championships, play professionally, and eventually coach the next generation.



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

KAREN FEURY



Karen “KJ” Feury has been one of the most influential pioneers of youth rugby in New Jersey for more than 25 years. Introduced to tag rugby in 1998 by USA Rugby Youth Director Patrick Walsh, she launched the Denville Dawgs youth program the following year with just 20 children. Through her leadership within Morris Rugby, the program expanded to more than 1,000 participants across eight towns by 2010. The age-based American Flag Rugby model she developed became the foundation for Morris Rugby’s youth system, influenced USA Rugby’s Rookie Rugby program, and was later adopted by Union Rugby in seven additional communities.

As President of Rugby New Jersey from 2012 to 2025, Feury created and directed the annual Rugby NJ College Fair and Combine, connecting more than 100 high school players each year with over 40 college rugby programs. She also established the Captains Round Table and the Rugby NJ Webinar Series, strengthening communication, education, and leadership throughout the state’s rugby community.

A registered nurse and advanced practice nurse (RN, APN-c, CCRN), Feury has provided medical coverage for Morris Rugby, the NJ Blaze, Atlantis Rugby, and numerous regional events. She has also published pioneering injury surveillance research on youth and high school rugby. In recognition of her extraordinary contributions, she received the Morris Rugby Lifetime Achievement Award in 2022.



CHAIRMAN AWARD

KEVIN KITTO

Kevin Kitto dedicated more than 46 years to growing and strengthening rugby in the United States. Born in New Zealand in 1946, he began playing rugby at age seven in the Naenae community of Lower Hutt and continued through senior club rugby. After moving to the United States in 1973, he quickly immersed himself in the American rugby community, joining Queen City RFC in Denver, Colorado. He coached the Eastern Rockies Select Side and Western Rugby Union and served as a USA Rugby selector during the late 1970s.

In 1979, Kitto moved to Florida, where he spent the next four decades building rugby throughout the Southeast. He held numerous leadership roles with the Florida Rugby Union, including President, Treasurer, and Secretary. In 2002, he became Manager of the USA Rugby South Panthers Men's side and later served as President and Director of Rugby for USA Rugby South, leading the organization until his passing.

Under his leadership, USA Rugby South became a consistent international representative for the United States in Rugby Americas North competition, competing throughout the Caribbean and Latin America. In 2020, Kitto co-founded the Panther Rugby Academy, a verified National Development Program, and helped bring international youth rugby events to the United States.

Kevin Kitto passed away on February 27, 2025, leaving behind a legacy defined by service, leadership, and an unwavering commitment to growing the game.



2026 US RUGBY HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

ALEX GOFF



Alexander "Alex" Goff has been a pivotal voice in American rugby media for over two decades, helping to shape the sport's narrative and provide essential exposure to players across all levels. Since founding the Goff Rugby Report, he has dedicated himself to covering high school, collegiate, and senior club rugby, often bringing much needed attention to grassroots programs. His journalism has not only highlighted the achievements of countless athletes but also served as a crucial resource for college recruiters and national team selectors.

Goff's comprehensive coverage includes establishing rankings for high school and college teams, tracking American players overseas, and providing in-depth analysis of national team performances. His commitment to the sport extends beyond reporting; he has frequently served as a commentator and analyst for major rugby broadcasts, bringing his encyclopedic knowledge of the game to a wider audience. In recognition of his contributions, he has received numerous media awards and continues to be a trusted authority within the rugby community.

His unwavering dedication to promoting rugby in the United States has made a lasting impact on the sport's growth. Through his writing, Goff has connected fans, players, and coaches, ensuring that the stories of American rugby are told with passion and integrity.

2026 US RUGBY HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

ALEX MAGLEBY



Alexander "Mags" Magleby has built a remarkable legacy in American rugby through excellence as a player, coach, and administrator at the highest levels of the sport. A standout at Dartmouth College, Magleby earned international recognition as captain of the USA Eagles 7s team, where his leadership, tactical intelligence, and commitment set a standard for those around him.

After his playing career, Magleby returned to Dartmouth as Director of Rugby and head coach, transforming the program into one of the nation's premier rugby institutions. Under his leadership, Dartmouth captured multiple Ivy League championships and national 7s titles, establishing a model for collegiate rugby success.

His achievements led to roles with USA Rugby, where he served as head coach of the USA Men's Sevens team before becoming General Manager of National Teams. In that role, Magleby helped shape the high-performance pathway for both the men's and women's programs, contributing to the future growth and success of American rugby.

Magleby has continued to advance the sport through professional rugby as co-founder and CEO of the New England Free Jacks of Major League Rugby. Under his leadership, the club has become recognized for its competitive success, community engagement, and commitment to developing the game. He is currently the Co-President of Major League Rugby.

Through a career defined by leadership, innovation, and an unwavering dedication to rugby's growth, Alexander Magleby has made an indelible impact on the sport in the United States.

2026 US RUGBY HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

EDWARD AYUB



Edward “Ed” Ayub is one of the most influential medical professionals in the history of American rugby. From 1987 to 2001, he served as the USA Men’s 15s and 7s physical therapist, helping establish a standard of athlete care that supported generations of players. Introduced to rugby by OMBAC head coach Bing Dawson, Ayub joined the Old Mission Beach Athletic Club as team physio in 1987, beginning a 23-year relationship with one of the nation’s most successful clubs. During his tenure, OMBAC won a Rugby Super League championship, six National 15s championships, and five National 7s championships, with Ayub playing a vital role in keeping players healthy and prepared to compete.

His work at the club level earned him a place with the U.S. Men’s National Team, where he served as Eagles physio for the majority of 85 test matches. He was part of the Eagles squads at the 1991 and 1999 Rugby World Cups and supported the USA Men’s 7s teams at the 1993 and 1997 World Cups. Known for his dedication, Ayub was often the first awake and last to sleep on tour, turning his hotel room into a place of treatment, recovery, and support.

Beyond rugby, Ayub helped expand access to sports medicine by establishing physical therapy programs within San Diego-area high schools. In 2012, he was inducted into the USA Rugby Sports Medicine Hall of Fame, honoring a career defined by service, innovation, and commitment to athletes.

2026 US RUGBY HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

IRENE GARDNER



Irene Gardner's career in rugby is a testament to her athletic brilliance and her commitment to the well-being of her fellow athletes. A fiercely competitive player, Gardner was a standout for the Berkeley All Blues, leading her team to multiple national championships. Her exceptional talent on the field earned her a place on the USA Women's 7s team, where she represented the United States on the global stage with distinction.

Following her retirement from international competition, Gardner seamlessly transitioned into a role that combined her passion for rugby with her professional expertise. As a dedicated sports dietitian and medical professional, she has provided essential support to rugby players, focusing on nutrition, player welfare, and performance optimization. Her work has been instrumental in helping athletes reach their peak potential while maintaining their health and longevity in a physically demanding sport.

Gardner continues to be a trailblazer for women in rugby. Through her advocacy, coaching, and medical contributions, she has helped elevate the standards of the women's game in the United States, leaving an enduring impact on the sport and inspiring the next generation of female rugby players.

2026 US RUGBY HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

KERRISSA HEFFERNAN



Kerrissa “Kerri” Heffernan has devoted her life to advancing women’s rugby, making history as a player, coach, and administrator. Her international career began in 1987 when she was selected for the first official United States women’s team to play an international match. A formidable presence on the field, Heffernan also claimed multiple national club championships with Beantown RFC, establishing herself as a premier talent in the women’s game.

Transitioning to coaching, Heffernan became the head coach of the Brown University women’s rugby program, leading the initiative to elevate the team to varsity status. Under her guidance, Brown secured seven Ivy League Championships and produced numerous All-Americans and national team players. Her vision extended beyond the pitch, as she created the Sport and Society Fellowship to encourage athletes to engage with public health issues in their communities.

As an administrator, Heffernan has been a vital force in preserving the legacy of the sport. She played a pivotal role in establishing the US Women’s Rugby Foundation History Project, building archives and online museums to document the rich history of women’s rugby in America. Her lifelong dedication continues to inspire and empower female athletes across the nation.

2026 US RUGBY HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

KEVIN BATTLE



Kevin “KB” Battle has been a transformative force in American rugby, dedicating his career to growing the game and creating opportunities for athletes at every level. A Collegiate All-American in 7s, Battle transitioned from a successful playing career into coaching, administration, and leadership roles that have left a lasting impact on the sport.

He founded the Santa Barbara Rugby Academy, an innovative program that created a pathway for non-college track athletes to pursue rugby while earning opportunities at four-year universities. Through the academy, Battle helped dozens of players continue their education, develop as athletes, and pursue professional careers.

Battle’s influence extends nationally through his leadership with USA Rugby, where he served as Collegiate DI Commissioner, helping expand collegiate rugby and secure important broadcast partnerships. He also managed the USA Men’s National Team during multiple Rugby World Cup campaigns.

In professional rugby, Battle has served as General Manager of the LA Giltinis and CEO of Rugby LA, continuing his mission to grow the game. Through Rugby LA, he has introduced flag and tackle rugby to thousands of youth in underserved communities, opening doors for new players and families.

Through vision, leadership, and an unwavering commitment to expanding access to rugby, Kevin Battle has become one of the sport’s most influential builders in the United States.

2026 US RUGBY HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE WILLIAM SEXTON



William "Bill" Sexton has been a cornerstone of rugby coaching, leadership, and administration in the Midwest for more than 35 years. His most enduring impact has come through Truman State University, where he has served as head coach since 1989. Under his guidance, the program developed into one of the nation's premier collegiate rugby programs, earning 12 Heart of America titles, multiple Western Championships, and numerous appearances in the USA Rugby national playoffs.

Sexton's influence extends far beyond the collegiate field. A dedicated administrator and visionary leader, he served as President of the Heart of America union and led the Western Rugby Union for 22 years. His national contributions included a decade on the USA Rugby Board of Directors, where he helped shape the future direction of the sport in the United States.

Sexton played an important role in modernizing American rugby infrastructure, including helping develop the original CIPP membership system and contributing to the creation of the USA Rugby Coaching Certification program. These initiatives helped establish stronger systems for player registration, coach development, and organizational growth.

Throughout his career, Sexton has remained committed to mentoring coaches, developing players, and strengthening the rugby community. His ability to combine professional excellence with decades of selfless service has earned him the respect of generations of rugby leaders and secured his place among the most influential builders of the American game.



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*James Rose
&
Hattie Greenwood*

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Awarded Grants



Women's Rugby Coaches & Referee Association



NAI 7s Rugby



Collegiate Alumni Jumpstart Grant Program



The College Rugby Association of America



2025 Boys High School Rugby National Championships



2025 National Girls Club Rugby Championship



HSBC LA7s Youth Rugby Field Trip



Tropical Rugby 7s



2025 Urban Rugby Championships

Recent Achievements



Youth Rugby Initiative

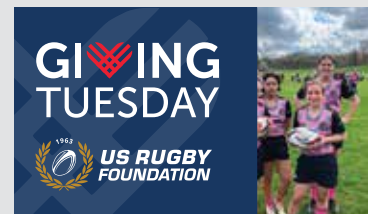
As a grant making organization, the USRF will provide free rugby balls, flags, and field markers to elementary and middle schools throughout the country as well as free instruction on how to play flag rugby.

In Partnership With



Medical Bag Grants

The Medical Bag Grant program is designed to enhance safety in youth and high school rugby across the United States. This initiative provides fully-equipped field-side first aid kits to eligible programs, supporting our commitment to player health and safety. The comprehensive medical bags contain essential supplies for immediate, on-field care, including bandages, gauze, cold packs, and more.



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Thank you for fueling the future of Rugby in America! On behalf of the Board, Governors, Ambassadors, and the entire rugby community, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support.

Together we exceeded our goal of \$87,000

Our Impact

Since 1963, the US Rugby Foundation has raised millions of dollars and awarded thousands of grants to support the growth of grassroots rugby.

\$509,486

2025 Total
Grant Funding Provided

\$3.6 Million

Lifetime Total
Grant Funding Provided

A Ball 4 All Rugby Balls

IN 2025

780

All Time

19,880

Match Day Tents

9

50

College Scholarships

20

199

Awarded Grants

9

44

Medical Kits

9

9

Pathways of Excellence

3

28

Referee

5

22

Get Involved

No matter how old you are, where you live, or whether or not you can give, you can help grow grassroots rugby - and you can start right now.



Make A Donation

There are a number of ways in which you can support the US Rugby Foundation. Starting with a donation, of any amount, is the easiest way to get involved.

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The US Rugby Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization, which has for six decades supported the growth and development of youth rugby in the United States. The Foundation accomplishes this by funding and promoting grassroots programs, college scholarships, coach & referee development, and health & safety.

2025 INDUCTEES



Barb Fugate



Danita Knox



Bill "Chief" Leversee



Jone Naqica



Jillion Potter



Tony Ridness



Kort Schubert

PAST INDUCTEES



1920 USA Men's Olympic Team
Inducted 2011



1924 USA Men's Olympic Team
Inducted 2011



1991 USA Women's Team
Inducted 2017



Brad Andrews
Inducted 2016



Vaea Naufahu
Anitoni
Inducted 2019



Rick Bailey
Inducted 2020



Anne Barry
Inducted 2014



Jay Berwanger
Inducted 2016



George Betzler
Inducted 2016



Tom Billups
Inducted 2015



Rob Bordley
Inducted 2012



Tam
Breckenridge
Inducted 2020



Jamie Burke
Inducted 2020



Ed Burlingham
Inducted 2015



William V.
Campbell
Inducted 2020

PAST INDUCTEES



Bob Causey
Inducted 2019



Dr. John Chase
Inducted 2018



Jack Clark
Inducted 2014



Todd Clever
Inducted 2021



Steve Cohen
Inducted 2023



Ray Cornbill
Inducted 2013



Jen Crawford
Inducted 2019



Reldon "Bing"
Dawson
Inducted 2018



John Decker
Inducted 2019



Dick Donelli
Inducted 2014



Phillip Eloff
Inducted 2023



Steve Finkel
Inducted 2017



Nancy Fitz
Inducted 2024



Mike Flanagan
Inducted 2024



Terry Fleener
Inducted 2014



Kathy Flores
Inducted 2016



Victoria
Folayan
Inducted 2024



Bill Fraumann
Inducted 2015



Larry Gelwix
Inducted 2024



Steve Gray
Inducted 2016



Luke Gross
Inducted 2019

PAST INDUCTEES



Ed Hagerty
Inducted 2013



Don Haider
Inducted 2018



Jay Hanson
Inducted 2014



Gary Hein
Inducted 2023



Roy Helu
Inducted 2024



Kevin Higgins
Inducted 2012



Vic Hilarov
Inducted 2013



Dave Hodges
Inducted 2017



Miles "Doc"
Hudson
Inducted 2011



Patty Jervey
Inducted 2015



Jami Jordan
Inducted 2024



Phaidra Knight
Inducted 2021



Gary Lambert
Inducted 2018



Harry
Langenberg
Inducted 2012



Bob Latham
Inducted 2024



Ed Lee
Inducted 2012



Tristan Lewis
Inducted 2021



Shawn Lipman
Inducted 2019



Chris Lippert
Inducted 2020



Jeff Lombard
Inducted 2015



Dan Lyle
Inducted 2016

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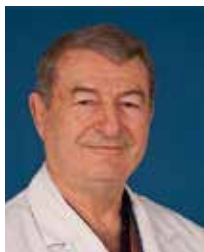
Mike
MacDonald
Inducted 2021



Ron Mayes
Inducted 2014



Dr. Julia McCoy
Inducted 2024



Dr. Lyle Micheli
Inducted 2017



Don Morrison
Inducted 2015



Ian Nixon
Inducted 2013



J. "Tyke"
Nollman
Inducted 2019



Chris O'Brien
Inducted 2024



Kevin O'Brien
Inducted 2021



Tim O'Brien
Inducted 2017



Mickey Ording
Inducted 2015



Candi Orsini
Inducted 2017



Alec Parker
Inducted 2024



Mike Petri
Inducted 2024



Dick Poulson
Inducted 2015



A. Jon
Prusmack
Inducted 2013



Mike Purcell
Inducted 2015



Don Reordan
Inducted 2019



Jim Russell
Inducted 2017



Alatini Saulala
Inducted 2021



Mike Saunders
Inducted 2018

PAST INDUCTEES



Rudy Scholz
Inducted 2015



Ed Schram, Sr.
Inducted 2017



Keith Seaber
Inducted 2011



Tom Selfridge
Inducted 2014



Gerard BA
Seymour
Inducted 2020



Denis
Shanagher
Inducted 2024



Denis
Shanagher, Sr.
Inducted 2018



Emil Signes
Inducted 2015



Dave Sitton
Inducted 2016



Colby "Babe"
Slater
Inducted 2012



Dick Smith
Inducted 2013



Tommy Smith
Inducted 2017



Maryanne
Sorensen
Inducted 2023



Lou Stanfill
Inducted 2024



Dennis Storer
Inducted 2011



Craig Sweeney
Inducted 2012



Kevin Swords
Inducted 2014



Zack Test
Inducted 2023



Salty
Thompson
Inducted 2021



Mose Timoteo
Inducted 2023



Ed Todd
Inducted 2021

PAST INDUCTEES



Mike Tolkin
Inducted 2024



Pat Vincent
Inducted 2011



Brian Vizard
Inducted 2016



Jay Waldron
Inducted 2017



Blane Warhurst
Inducted 2022



Bob Watkins
Inducted 2015



Peter Watson
Inducted 2024



Alexandra
"Alex" Williams
Inducted 2018





**Congratulations to Karen Jean Feury
on your well-deserved Lifetime
Achievement Award.**



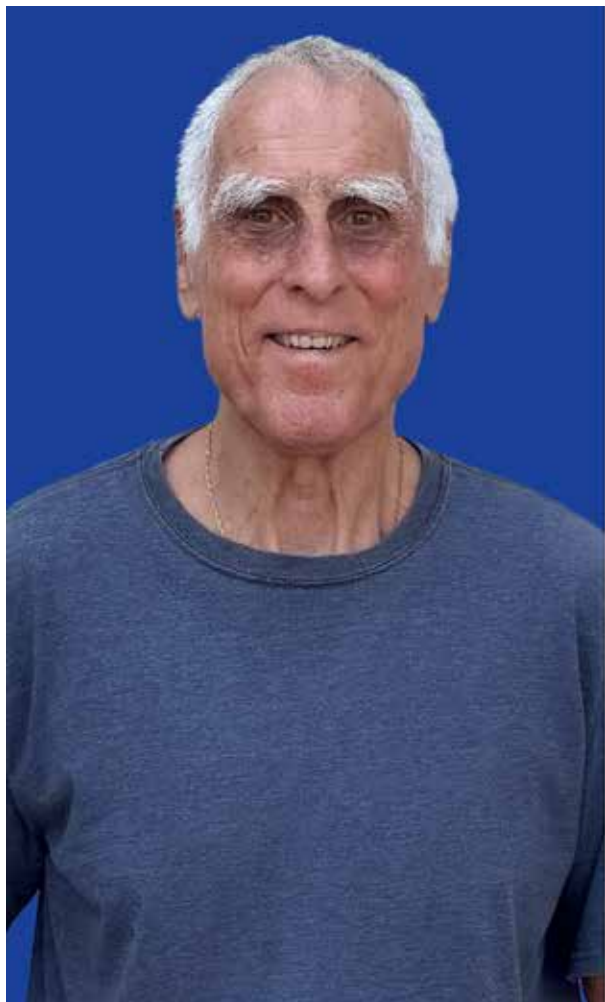
Everyone at Morris Rugby is incredibly proud of you and grateful for your dedication, leadership, and lasting contributions to the rugby community. this honor is a fitting recognition of all thta you have accomplished.

Congratulations, KJ !



Congratulations
**TO EVERYONE IN
THE CLASS OF 2026**

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Congratulations **EDWARD AYUB**

from OMBAC Rugby



CONGRATULATIONS KB

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, PLAYING SQUAD AND ENTIRE GRUNION FAMILY, WE SEND OUR HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND THE ENTIRE HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2026.

YOU HAD A PROFOUND IMPACT ON RUGBY IN SANTA BARBARA AS A PLAYER, COACH AND FRIEND.



YRI Coach of the Year 2026

ELISE GLIDDEN



Elise Glidden, a member of the Pensacola Aviators/Aviatrix Rugby Club, successfully introduced and integrated Flag Rugby into the Escambia County Public Schools Physical Education program by recruiting fellow club members to join her in delivering professional development training to more than 120 physical educators. This team of physical educators covers 51 schools, teaching over 35,000 students. Together, they provided YRI Programming instructional resources, shared best practices, and helped teachers implement rugby as a non-traditional sport within their PE curriculum. Their efforts included supplying rugby kits and 5 Day Flag Rugby Curriculum that empowered teachers to bring flag rugby into their schools. This work was recognized by district leadership as a valuable contribution to physical education, teacher development, and student engagement across the school system.



Congratulations Coach Glidden!

The Youth Rugby Initiative, since its creation by USRF volunteers in 2024, has implemented flag rugby in 1,500+ schools, reaching 300,000+ students.

To achieve our goal of introducing flag rugby to 1 million kids by the Rugby World Cup in 2031, we need many **more volunteer coaches** like Elise to help us. Anyone who has played rugby is eligible to become a YRI Coach. We provide a Zoom certification process.



To help, please reach out to our Executive Director, Mike Te'o.
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WITH GREAT
APPRECIATION FOR
HIS BIG GREEN DAYS
AS A PLAYER,
CAPTAIN, COACH,
MENTOR, ADVISOR
AND FRIEND,
SHARING HOW TO
CONTROL THE
CONTROLLABLES.
CHEERS, MAGS!



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A national fellowship recruiting, training, and deploying leaders to build sustainable and impactful youth rugby nonprofits.

American rugby's growth is **bottlenecked** by a single missing ingredient: full-time, professional leadership at the local level.

2027: PHASE ONE

Three Pilot Cities. One National Pipeline.

A future where excellent youth rugby is accessible in every American city, led by professionals.

\$3M

TARGET CAPITAL RAISE

3-6

FELLOWS

\$500K

INVESTMENT PER MARKET

10,000+

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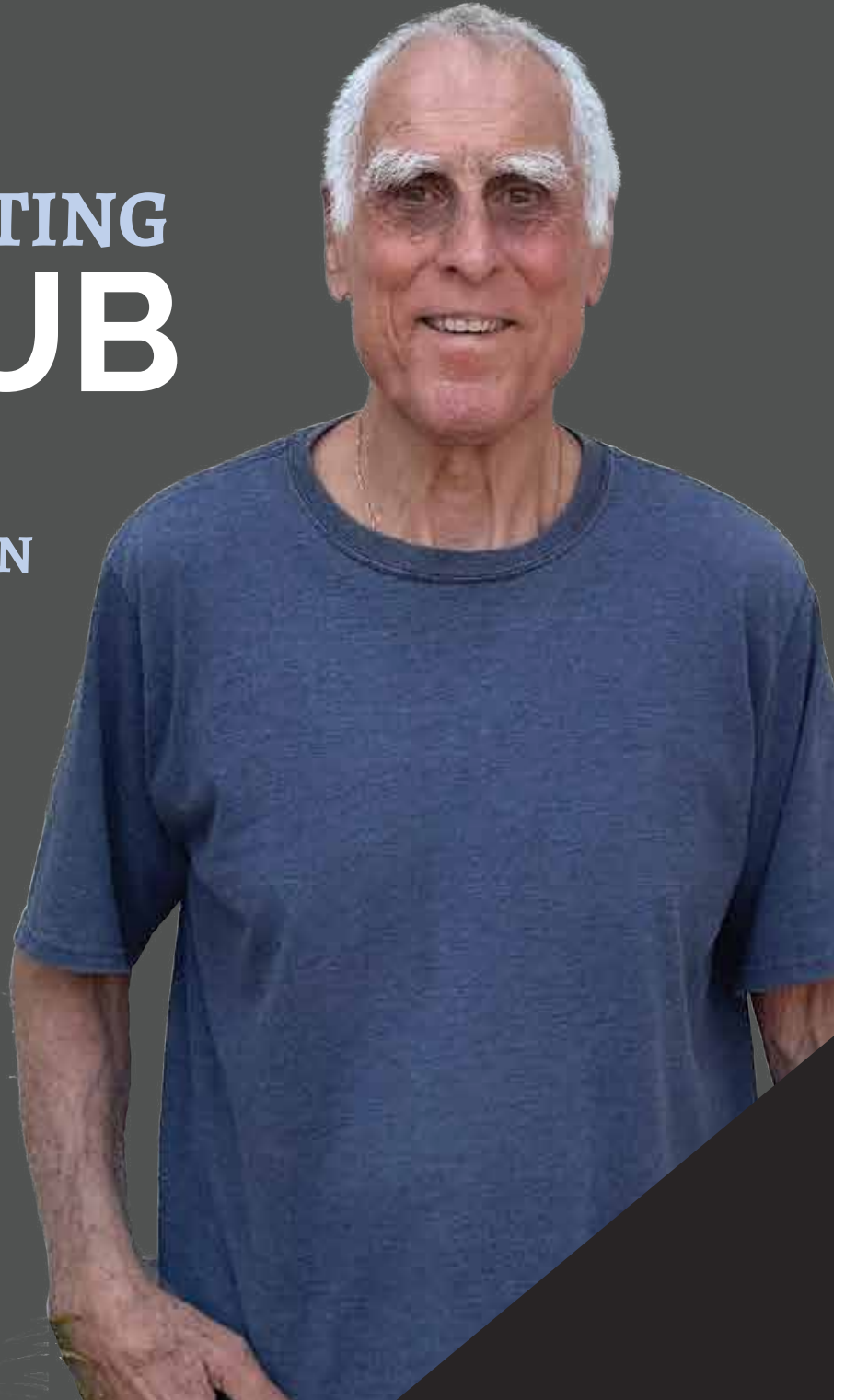




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**A HALL OF FAME CAREER
AN EVEN GREATER LEGACY**

CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU TO

Eddie Ayub

USA RUGBY HALL OF FAME · CLASS OF 2026

For decades, **Eddie Ayub** has been the heart behind countless rugby players, teams, and championships. As a trainer, physical therapist, mentor, and trusted friend, Eddie has dedicated his life to caring for the athletes who have worn the USA Eagle and OMBAC Rugby jerseys with pride.

His expertise has kept players on the field. His encouragement has lifted them through adversity. His compassion has reminded every player fortunate enough to know him that rugby is about far more than the final score.

Across generations of American rugby, Eddie has quietly shaped careers, restored bodies, inspired confidence, and built lifelong friendships. His impact extends well beyond the treatment table; it lives on in every player who was fortunate enough to benefit from his knowledge, kindness, humor, and unwavering belief in others.

Your induction into the **USA Rugby Hall of Fame** is a fitting tribute to a lifetime devoted to serving the game and the people who make it great.

Congratulations, Eddie, and thank you for everything you have given to USA Rugby, OMBAC Rugby, and the entire rugby community. Your legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.

CLASS OF 2026



Lindahl Reed is honored to celebrate one of USA Rugby's true legends. We are especially proud to have former **USA Eagles** and **OMBAC Rugby** players **Ben Hough, Brian Vizard, Chris Lippert, Simon Matthews, Aurelio Perez, and Jason McVeigh** on our team, individuals whose careers, and lives, were made better through Eddie's extraordinary care, motivational spirit, generosity, and friendship.

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Your dedication and passion
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The US Rugby Foundation is proud to partner with Southern World, an Official Travel Agent for the Men's Rugby World Cup 2027 in Australia. Through this partnership, American fans can book exclusive travel packages built around the tournament schedule: pool matches in cities across Australia, the quarterfinals, the semifinals, and the final in Sydney. Best of all, a portion of every package reserved through the Foundation's links goes directly to USRF, supporting youth rugby, scholarships, and coach and referee development here at home. Follow the game Down Under and help grow it back home.

More Ways to Tour Are on the Way

Match packages are live and ready to reserve now. Extended touring options, with longer itineraries and more time to explore Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji, are being finalized and will be announced soon. Register your interest today so you are first to hear when the full lineup is released.

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For 28 years, founder Alex Goff has helped shape the history, heart, and future of our club while leaving an enduring mark on rugby in the Pacific Northwest and beyond.

THANK YOU, ALEX

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United States Women's Rugby Foundation

Congratulations...

Kerri Heffernan and all the
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This prestigious honor wonderfully
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Your support in our corner makes our mission of
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On Your Induction into the US Rugby Hall of Fame – Class of 2026



With pride and gratitude, the generations of Truman State University Rugby alumni celebrate this well-earned honor.

For decades, you have devoted yourself to Truman Rugby, the Heart of America, and Western Territory Rugby Unions, and the sport of rugby as a whole. Through your passion, leadership, and unwavering commitment, you have shaped not only successful teams but also outstanding people.

As a player, coach, mentor, and organizer, you have inspired generations of athletes to become leaders, coaches, and lifelong ambassadors for the game. Your influence extends far beyond the field, leaving a lasting impact on every player you've coached and every program you've helped build.

Because of your vision and dedication, countless young men and women have grown into stronger teammates, better leaders, and lifelong supporters of rugby. Your legacy is measured not only by victories, but by the character, friendships, and love for the game you have instilled in others.

The game of rugby is stronger because of your contributions. And everyone fortunate enough to know you has been inspired by your example.

Congratulations on your induction into the U.S. Rugby Hall of Fame.

Congratulations
Irene Gardner

**On your induction
into the Class of 2026
US Rugby Hall of Fame.**

**THIS LEGENDARY PNW
COMMENTATOR JUST GOT
THE VALIDATION HE'S
BEEN WAITING FOR.**

**CONGRATULATIONS
ALEX GOFF!**

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Congratulations Alex Goff!

2026 U.S. Rugby Hall of Fame Inductee

Your lifelong dedication to the game—as a player, coach, reporter, and tireless advocate—has made a lasting impact on rugby in America, and across the world.

This honor is a fitting recognition of your passion and contributions that have informed, connected, and championed the rugby community.

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In tribute to Alex's dedication, Pro Bono Website Design offers complimentary website development services to amateur and school rugby teams.

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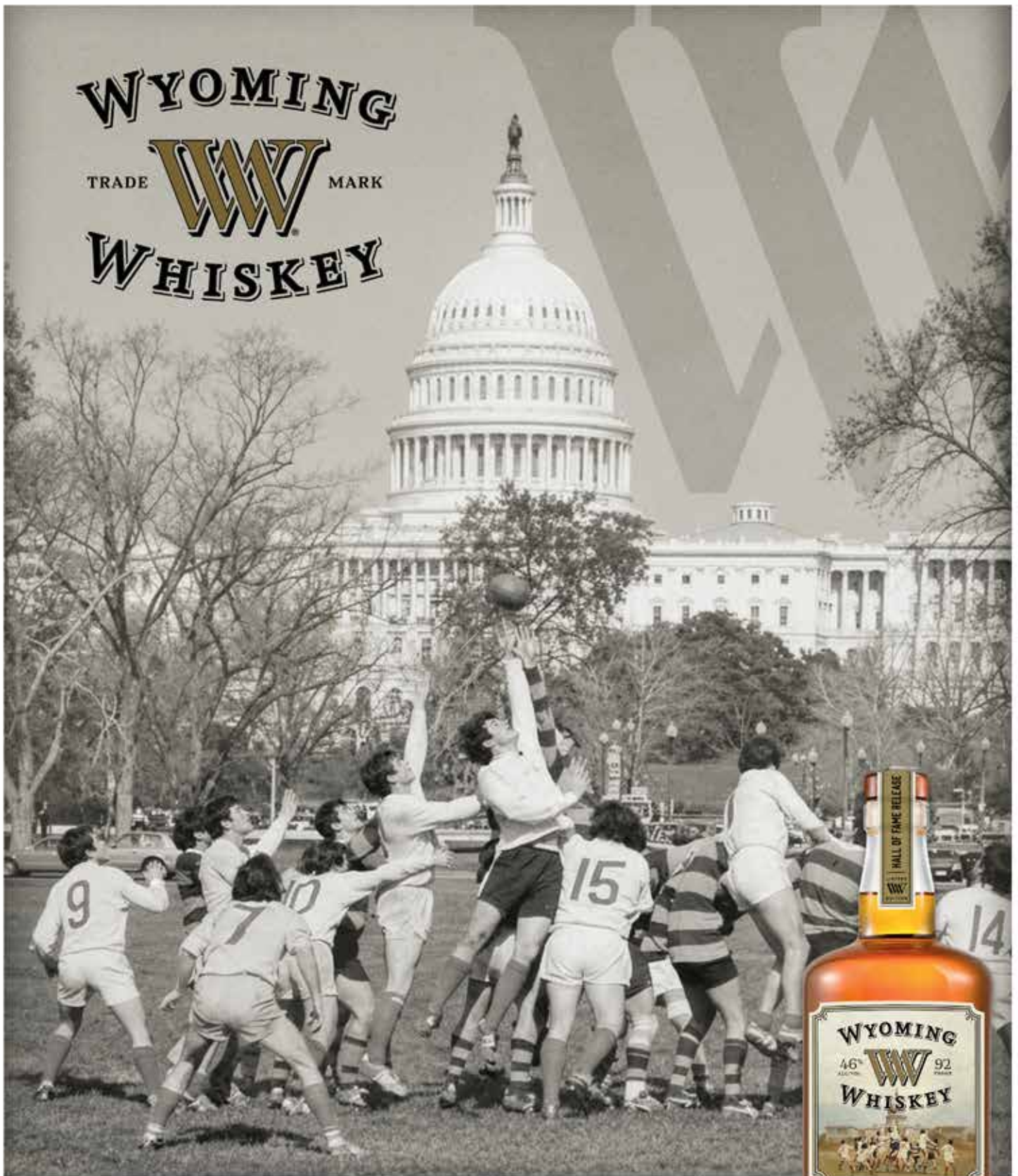
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US RUGBY FOUNDATION
FOR YOUR TIRELESS DEDICATION
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Great traditions deserve to be celebrated. This limited 10-Year Wyoming Whiskey bourbon honors the 2026 U.S. Rugby Hall of Fame Class while commemorating America's 250th anniversary. The label features rugby icon Matt Godek's iconic 1970s photograph of rugby played on the grounds of the U.S. Capitol. Congratulations to the 2026 Hall of Fame inductees.

