



WWU
MENS RUGBY

2023-2024

End of Season Report

Western Washington
University Men's Rugby

Kyle Peter
CLASS OF 2024

A Season to Remember



Paul Horne
DIRECTOR OF RUGBY

WWU Rugby's Triumph

The 2023-24 season marked a historic milestone for Western Washington University (WWU) rugby. Our team achieved unprecedented success, clinching the Northwest Collegiate Rugby Conference (NCRC) Championship in both 15's and 7's. To cap off an extraordinary year, we went undefeated in the National 7's tournament, culminating in a dominant 21-0 victory over Oregon to claim the National Championship.

This remarkable achievement was a testament to the unwavering dedication and hard work of our players and coaching staff. Rigorous training sessions, held three times a week, fostered a supportive and competitive environment that was instrumental in our success. The bonds forged during this season will undoubtedly be cherished by our players for years to come.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our volunteer coaching staff for their tireless efforts in developing these young men. Their dedication was evident in the players' improved attitude, responsibility, and maturity both on and off the field. The season was a long one, stretching from late September to late May.

Finally, I want to thank the Western Rugby Alumni (WRA) for their continued support of our men's program. Their contributions are vital to the ongoing success of WWU Rugby.

Go Vikings!

Our Competition: USA & Canada



WWU is a member of The Northwest Collegiate Rugby Conference (NCRC), which has eight member schools from three states (Washington, Oregon, and Idaho).



Western
Washington
University



University of
Washington



Boise State
University



Oregon State
University



Western Oregon
University



University of
Oregon



WWU also regularly plays matches against several Canadian universities and clubs just across the border in British Columbia.



University of
Victoria



University of
British Columbia



Trinity Western
University



OKANAGAN
University Of BC
Okanagan

2023–2024 15s Season



15s Rugby (14-2)

- NCRC Champions
- DIAA West Regional Runner Up

**#5 Team in
the Nation**
FINAL DIAA RANK
(FIFTEENS)

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2023–2024 Sunshine Tour



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The turnout for the Sunshine Tour was nothing short of incredible, with an impressive gathering of parents, alumni, and future stars showing up to support our beloved team. A fantastic attendance of alums, added to the cheering section for both of our tour wins.



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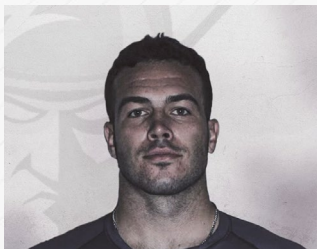
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Despite the California locals at the games, our WWU supporters outnumbered even the Santa Clara fans – a testament to the strength of our community! We look forward to many more gatherings and moments of celebration as we continue to grow.

2023-2024 All Americans First XV



Nate Mathis



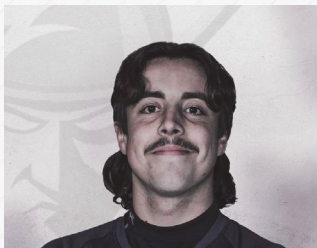
Kyle Peter



Eli Ashmann



Charlie Funk



Max Stone



Jack Martin

HONORABLE MENTION



2023–2024 7s Season: National Champions



7s Rugby (10-0)

- NCRC Champions
- **DIAA National Champions**

**#1 Team in
the Nation**
FINAL DIAA RANK
(SEVENS)

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2023-2024 D1AA 7s National Championship



5 CONFERENCES



10 TEAMS



1 D1AA CHAMPION



FINAL SCORE

WWU 21
OREGON 0

Hosted by WWU

Tournament played at Harrington Field on May 18th & 19th

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2023-2024 Player Awards

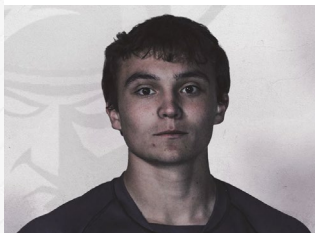


ROOKIE OF THE YEAR



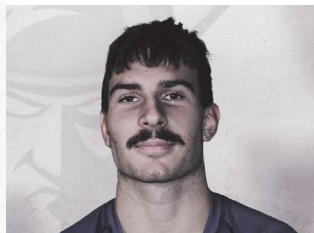
Liam Herring

2ND TEAM PLAYER OF THE YEAR



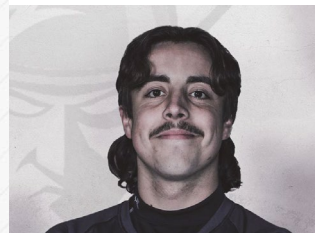
Peter Nourse

MOST INSPIRATIONAL



Harry Moore

CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR



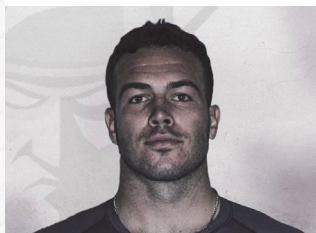
Max Stone

MOST IMPROVED



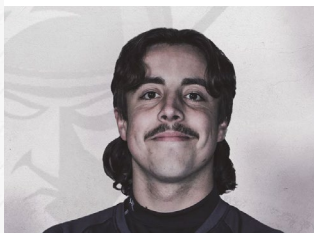
Oliver Kelleher

BEST FORWARD



Kyle Peter

BEST BACK



Max Stone

OUTSTANDING PLAYER OF THE YEAR



Jack Martin

2023-2024 Scholarship Recipients



**In Partnership with
US Rugby Foundation**

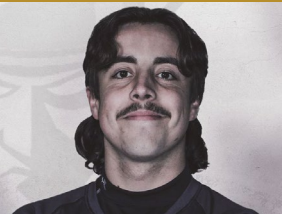
Thank you to the US Rugby Foundation for their help in increasing accessibility to our program and reducing the financial burden of our players through the WWU Rugby exclusive scholarships!

JEFF LOMBARD SCHOLARSHIP



Jack Martin

DON BURGESS SCHOLARSHIP



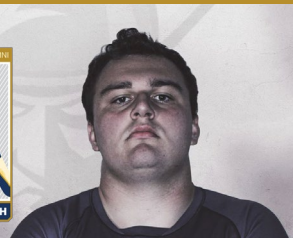
Max Stone

PAUL HORNE SCHOLARSHIP



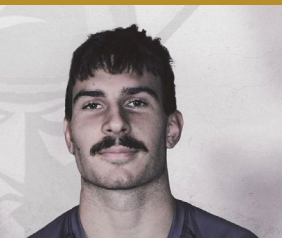
Olive Kelleher

PRESTON WORTH SCHOLARSHIP



Joe Merlino

PRESTON WORTH SCHOLARSHIP



Harry Moore

PRESTON WORTH SCHOLARSHIP

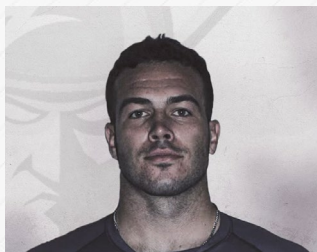


Ned O'Brien

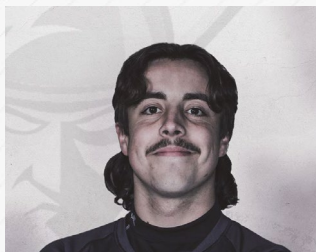
2024 Graduating Class



Nathan Mathis



Kyle Peter



Max Stone



Ethan Grassley



Hayden Hester

The Western Washington Rugby Men's Program is incredibly proud of their graduating class. These young men have not only excelled on the field, but they have also grown into outstanding individuals who embody the spirit of rugby. Through their dedication, teamwork, and resilience, they have left a lasting impact on the program. As they embark on the next chapter of their lives, we have no doubt that they will continue to make a positive difference in the world, inspired by the values they learned through rugby.

Success Stories



Connor Browne

Connor graduated in 2018 and also represented the Philippines National Team in 2023 in the Olympic Qualifier and Asian Championships.



Muhammad Aljanoubi

Graduated in 2019, received a Saudi Arabia Government Scholarship for school of business which he transferred to Kinesiology. Currently playing for Saudi Arabia National Rugby Team and is employed by the Saudi Arabian Federation.



Max Stone

In addition to Club president and team captain, Max received the 2024 Presidential Scholars: College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Humanities Division. Currently attending law school at Pepperdine.

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Raven Borse

Awarded by the Department of Anthropology The Outstanding Graduate Award for Excellence in Cultural Anthropology. This is awarded to students who show exemplary extracurricular leadership skills and who make positive impacts on their communities.

2024 High School Clinic



Save the Date
High School Clinic
Feb 22, 2025

Nearly 100 high school rugby players from BC, Washington, and Oregon attended the WWU High School Rugby Clinic on February 17, 2024. The clinic, held on Harrington Field, focused on skill development and game understanding. WWU coaches and players led sessions on basic skills, contact, positional play, set pieces, back play, and attack/defense. The day concluded with a speed race and prize giveaways.

2024-2025 Coaching Staff



Paul Horne

Director of Rugby

Class of 1978

- Former Canadian National Coach
- 2015 Inductee: BC Rugby Hall of Fame



Allan Law

Coach

- Former Collegiate All American Coach
- Former Player: Glasgow Academicals, Scotland



Tripp Morroto

Coach

Class of 2018

A special thank you goes to Tripp Marotto

Who stepped up and did a wonderful job coaching the team while Allan Law was on leave.



Colin Campbell

Forwards Coach

- Former Player: Seattle Rugby & Bayside RFC

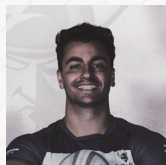


Carter Daniel

Coach

Class of 2019

- Former Club President



Nate Mathis

Strength & Conditioning

Class of 2024



Jeff Lombard

Advisor

Class of 1976

- Former USA Eagle 1977-1979
- 2015 Inductee: USA Rugby Hall of Fame

Western Rugby Alumni



Jeff Lombard
ALUMNI PRESIDENT

Alumni, Members, Parents and Supporters,

What an impressive 2023–24 year. We expanded our Board by including alumni Matt North, Murray Bracket, and Nate Davis. Our alumni events including Dinner Auction, Golf tournament, and Alumni game were tremendous successes, bringing alumni from past years together to share in our unique rugby culture. Thanks to everyone's efforts, we provided over \$43,000 in scholarships to incoming and current students last season.

WWU rugby players excelled on and off the field. Our XV and 7's teams reached their league championships and won the National 7's Championships. Off the field, players provided invaluable support at all Alumni events, with unparalleled team leadership from Max Stone.

Director of Rugby, Paul Horne, and his volunteer coaching staff provided top-tier training, mentoring, and coaching. Engaged parents, led by Nicole Mathis, rallied support for games and post-game activities through social media efforts.

Through the efforts of our Website and Marketing Partner, Madak, and the financial support of dedicated alumni, WRA can provide a professional face to our program.

Looking forward to 2024–2025, the future is bright. We aim to increase our membership, provide entertaining events, bring on additional coaching staff and find a way to compensate them for their valuable time, and most of all provide support to our team so upon graduation they will be proud to be members of the Western Washington Rugby Alumni Association. This is all achievable with hard work from our board members, alumni, members, volunteer coaches, and professionals. A heartfelt thank you to all for your time, resources, and support.

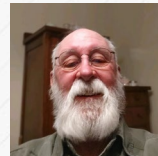
2024-2025 WRA Board Members



Jeff Lombard
President
Class of 1976



Gerry Henson
At Large Position
Class of 1973



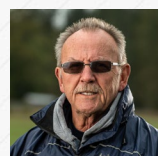
Mark 'Kansas' Summerall
At Large Position
Class of 1988



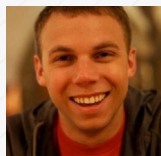
Nicole Mathis
Secretary
Rugby Mom 2018-2024



Matt North
At Large Position
Class of 1998



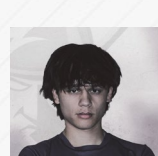
Paul Horne
Director of Rugby
Class of 1978



Brian Jensen
Treasurer
Class of 2010



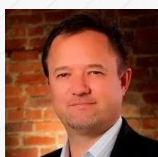
Murray Brackett
At Large Position
Class of 1983



Gabe Galvez
2024-2025 Club President
WWU Class of 2026



Nathaniel Davis
At Large Position
Class of 2018



Matt Henderson
At Large Position
Class of 1997

Become a Board Member!

We're seeking dedicated individuals to shape our future, with a special need for a Treasurer. Make a difference by lending your expertise to our team!

JOIN TODAY

2024 Blue and White Dinner Auction



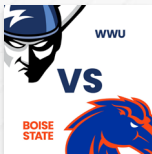
P.R. Worth
**Worth Davis
Family Fund**

The Annual Blue & White Auction

This year was underwritten by the Worth Davis Family Fund, in memory of Preston Worth, supports the WRA in its continued mission, to foster, support and develop charity, community welfare, sportsmanship and camaraderie through the game of rugby football.



**Bellingham
Cruise Terminal**
355 Harris Ave,
Bellingham, WA



**Pre-game
Festivities**
WWU 28
BOISE 00

Fundraising Goal

\$70,000

Total Amount Raised
From Dinner Auction

\$91,354

Thank You! To everyone that
attended and donated to help the
stability and strength of the program.



2023 Golf Day Out



Event Sponsored by

**SCAN GLOBAL
LOGISTICS**

A day of friendly competition, great prizes, and reconnecting with fellow alumni! The Golf Day Out event included contests with prizes for putting, pitching, longest drive, straightest drive, and closest to the pin. Participants also enjoy a meal, 50/50 raffles, silent auction items, and a poker run! Thank you to those of you who participated!

Amount Raised
From Tournament

\$10,680



2024 Alumni Match



June 1, 2024 | 1:00 PM

deWilde Rugby & Polo Fields



Current Vikings 71



Alumni Vikings 44

The WWU Alumni game was a thrilling match on the deWilde Rugby Fields, with the current Vikings emerging victorious 71-44. Despite a valiant effort from the alumni, the reigning champions' speed and fitness proved too much. The game featured some incredible rugby and tries from former and current stars, with Nate Regan earning Man of the Match for his three tries.

Save the Date
Alumni Match May 31, 2025



Ways to Get Involved

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MAKE A DONATION

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

Follow us on



WRA Membership



Bronze Package

\$15/month

- ✓ Exclusive Content & Sticker
- ✓ 1 Inch Zinc Cast Coin

Silver

\$30/month

- ✓ Exclusive Content & Sticker
- ✓ 1 Inch Zinc Cast Coin
- ✓ 20 oz Insulated Tumbler

Gold Package

\$65/month

- ✓ Exclusive Content & Sticker
- ✓ 1 Inch Zinc Cast Coin
- ✓ 20 oz Insulated Tumbler
- ✓ 9.5 x 12 Zipped Padfolio

Lifetime Package

\$5,000/month

- ✓ Exclusive Content & Sticker
- ✓ 1 Inch Zinc Cast Coin
- ✓ 20 oz Insulated Tumbler
- ✓ 9.5 x 12 Zipped Padfolio
- ✓ Bamboo Engraved Trophy
- ✓ 7 oz Stainless Steel Flask

Becoming a Member of the Western Rugby Clubhouse Program gives you access to exclusive Interviews, news, team updates and alumni Connections. Each level directly supports the WWU Men's Rugby Club and comes with swag.

[**BECOME A MEMBER**](#)

Current Members



Bronze Members

Adam Roberts	Kim Andre
Anne Anderson	Kyle Peter
Austin Colvill	Marc Staiger
Bob Ford	Mark "Kansas"
Brian Basanise	Sumearll
Brian Vizard	Matt Swanson
Chris Majer	Max Stone
Colin Campbell	Micah Bartlett
Corry Morris	Nate Davis
Dan Joyner	Nathan Mathis
David Bruck	Ned Kelly
David DeYoung	Ned Kennedy
Don Falkenury	Nicole Mathis
Ed Peterson	Prestin Mo
Eric Fisk	Rob Simpson
Ethan Grassley	Robert J Watkins
Gloria Willman	Rod Fiddick
Hayden Hester	Rowan Ringer
Joseph Spring	Tony Ridnell
Kevin Flynn	Zak Hower

Silver Members

Bill Roberts
Bob Erwin
Brian Jensen
Colin M
Daniel Bronner
Darlene Vyzis
Larry Otos
Tristan Mohn

Gold Members

Brian Treger
Gerry Henson
James Morrell
Mark Henson
Tim Koeneman

Lifetime Members

Jackie Davis Worth
Jeff Greer
Jeff Lombard
Jon Sitkin
Kevin Kinloch
Luke Murphy
Matt Henderson
Matt McCarthy
Matt North
Michael Girton
Murray Brackett
Ron Lee

