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2025-2026 End of Season Report

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION





**University of Washington
Men's Rugby Club**

From Our Coach



The 2025-2026 season challenged players and coaches in a number of ways. We set our schedule to have 15 first XV games, and 10 for the 2nd XV, a record number of fixtures. Four of those were D1 opponents, and a fantastic tour to California in the winter included two games where we came within a converted try of D1 teams, and we were treated to a master class from St. Mary's College, on the field and then in the classroom. We welcomed these challenges, but a number of others were not anticipated:

Many of our scholarshiped players, captains, and key starters had significant time injured, despite a more rigorous pre-season, elevated S&C program, and our highly skilled and responsive medical staff. Key moments where effects of this were felt on the field: In the fall, up 21-0 to CWU, Kiwi lock Thomas Williams came down in a lineout and broke his ankle. CWU went on to win that match 31-28. Two weeks later, Captain Owen Prentice re-aggravated a long-term back injury on the drive to Eugene, then Captain Pepi Dostal came out after 10 minutes with a sprained AC joint, and top Freshman recruit Rylan Reinebach pulled his hamstring. Oregon beat us by a whopping 59-5. CWU later beat us 69-19.

HERE'S WHY I SHARE THIS: Individuals make a significant difference on a team of such varied experience. We are in a tough conference. WWU won Nationals this year, now with around 12+ years of steady recruiting behind them. Oregon is ranked #14, and won sevens nationals. CWU is ranked #15. In the Winter/Spring we lost to Oregon again, this time by only 5 points, and our final game against CWU we lost by a narrow 42-36, nearly went over for a final try, in what many alumni said was the best rugby they'd ever seen UW play.

Despite our record, we're incredibly close to conference contention and beyond. As we tie a bow on our Head Coach application process, I'm grateful for the commitment of our players, coaches, and alumni that we have come together to take this next big step in the evolution of UW rugby. Expanding our leadership roles to allow for more dedicated time for recruiting and securing school resources, I look forward to seeing our players' skills and rugby IQ grow under new coaching leadership next year. Onward and upward!

Will Wheaton

Director of Rugby & Head Coach | University of Washington Men's Rugby Club

HUSKY RUGBY



2025-2026 DAWGS





Husky Rugby 2022-Present

2022-2023

2023-2024

2024-2025

2025-2026

Season Stats

2W - 8L
Record

#105
Ranking

- Husky Rugby Alumni Association restructures to support current club



Season Stats

3W - 7L
Record

#54
[Ranking](#)

- Established the Husky Rugby Scholarship
- 4 players scholarshiped for Fall 2025
- Rugby tour to Arizona
- MTI Physical therapy / UW Sports Medicine

Season Stats

5W - 6L
Record

#21
Ranking

- Three Nationally recognized players: 2 AGR / All 3 selected as CRAA All-Americans.



Vaea Tangitau



Brian Cain Jr.



Jaedan Johnson

Season Stats

1W - 14L
Record

>20
Ranking

- 2nd XV Record 8W - 2L
- 25% More matches
- Tour to California.
- 4 D1 matchups
- 9 Players on Scholarship

Awards



Sebastian Sosa

MVP Award



Jack Efrusy

The Dawg Award



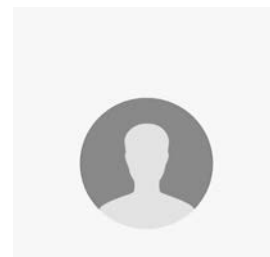
Josef "Pepi" Dostal

Ryan C. Job Award



Maxime Cauchi

Club Man Award



Rowan Landin

Rookie of the Year



Dillon Tran

Standards Award



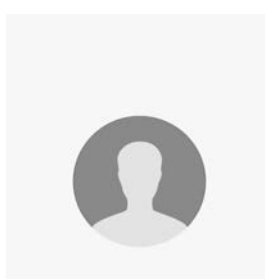
Dan McCourt

The Glue Award



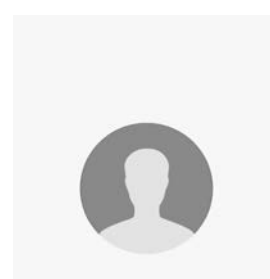
Thomas Williams

Forward of the Year



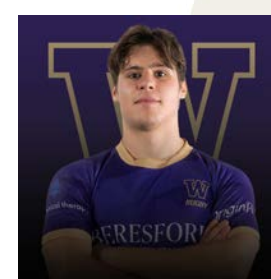
Shun Nakatani

Back of the Year



Gabriel Palomo

Most Improved



Lucas Huntziker

7's MVP

Class of 2026



Amit Klier



Ben Schilpp



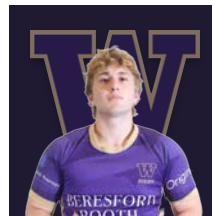
Josef "Pepi" Dostal



Anson Sidle



Noah Braun



Andrew Stanfel



Vaea Tangitau



Peter Golden



Sebastian Sosa



Ethan Jordan



Dillon Tran



Noah Griffaton



Styles Siva-Tu'u



Owen Prentice



Ethan Cullens

Husky Rugby Alumni Association Scholarships



Our annual Purple & Gold Fundraiser Dinner raises scholarship funds through live and silent auctions, selling sponsorships and other fundraising activities, creating opportunities for talented student-athletes facing financial challenges.

These scholarships ensure students can excel in both rugby and academics.

In the second year of the HRAA Scholarship Fund, we provide a total of \$39,000 across 5 players.



Gabriel Palomo
Camas, WA



Halen Moeck
Puyallup, WA



Shunsuke Nakatani
Tokyo, JPN



Maxime Cauchi
Issaquah, WA



Rylan Reinebach
Vancouver, WA

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Coaching Staff



Director of Rugby
& Head Coach

Will Wheaton



Forwards Coach

Nick Wallace



Forwards/ Defense Coach

Louie Henson



Assistant Coach

Galen Cheney



Assistant Coach, Sevens

Petaia Usakilakeba

Support Staff



UW Sports Medicine

Lyndsey Booker, MD



MTI Physical Therapy

Matt Plantinga

Additional Coaching

Riley Haub-McElreath (WSU) - 2nd XV, Backs

Ian Douglas (Blackrock) - 9's

Michael Hand (Seawolves/Hounds) - 7's / Backs

Jim Nagusa - (Fiji/Montpellier/Ulster) - 7's / Backs

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Platinum



1 AVAILABLE
2026-2027 AVAILABLE

\$15,000 /year

- Front Jersey & Shorts Logo
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- 6 Dedicated Emails Annually
- 8 Dedicated Social Media Posts Annually
- Match Day Recognition: Field Signage & Social Media

Gold



1 AVAILABLE
2026-2027 AVAILABLE

\$10,000 /year

- Back Jersey Logo
- Website Logo & Description
- Email Logo & Sponsorship Recognition
- 4 Dedicated Emails Annually
- 6 Dedicated Social Media Posts Annually
- Match Day Recognition: Field Signage & Social Media

Silver



2 AVAILABLE
2026-2027 AVAILABLE

\$7,500 /year

- Arm Jersey Logo
- Website Logo & Description
- Email Logo & Sponsorship Recognition
- 2 Dedicated Emails Annually
- 4 Dedicated Social Media Posts Annually

Bronze



UNLIMITED AVAILABLE

\$2,500 /year

- Website Logo & Description
- Email Logo & Sponsorship Recognition
- 1 Dedicated Email Annually
- 2 Dedicated Social Media Posts Annually

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HUSKY RUGBY



Husky Rugby Alumni Association

From Our President



As the 2025-26 season comes to a close, I want to thank our alumni, supporters, families, and volunteers for their commitment to Husky Rugby. Your generosity and engagement continue to make a meaningful impact on our student-athletes and the future of our program.

This was a challenging year in many respects, but growth is rarely linear. As we continue building toward our long-term vision, we recognize that setbacks and growing pains are part of the journey. What remains unchanged is our commitment to developing young leaders and strengthening the Husky Rugby community.

This season also marks an important transition for our program. After seven years as Head Coach, Will Wheaton will be stepping into the role of Director of Rugby. We are incredibly grateful for Will's leadership and the foundation he has helped build. As we conduct our search for the next Head Coach, we have been encouraged by the quality of candidates and are excited about the opportunities ahead.

Off the field, we remain focused on strengthening our relationship with the University and securing additional support, resources, and opportunities that will help Husky Rugby thrive for years to come.

While this season tested us, it also reinforced the strength of our community and the potential of our program. With talented returning players, strong alumni support, and exciting leadership opportunities ahead, we are optimistic about the future of Husky Rugby.

Thank you for your continued belief in our mission and your commitment to the program. We look forward to building on this momentum together.

Go Dawgs!

Kevin Fuller - President | Husky Rugby Alumni Association

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Husky Rugby Alumni Association



Creating Opportunities for Huskies

We pursue the vision of a top tier Rugby program in the Pacific Northwest that provides high caliber players a competitive and educational advantage in life during and post college.

Our Impact

The Huskies Rugby Alumni Association plays a vital role in supporting the vision of UW's rugby club, providing resources, mentorship, and opportunities that give current players a competitive edge both on the pitch and in their future careers.

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HRAA Board Members



President
Class of 2002

**Kevin
Fuller**



Vice President
Class of 2000

**Bill
Kessler**



Treasurer
Class of 1986

**Tom
Guilfooy**



Sponsorship & Community
Engagement
Class of 2005

**Nik
Palladino**



Fundraising Chair
Class of 1980

**Doug
Luetjen**



Member at Large
Class of 1973

**Chris
Majer**



Director of Rugby

**Will
Wheaton**



Alumni Weekend



The weekend kicked off at Starfire Sports with the Curtain Raiser Doubleheader. The Huskies took on Central Washington in a competitive and hard-fought match, ultimately falling just short with a final score of **UW 36 – CWU 42**. The energy carried into the evening as the Seattle Seawolves faced the Chicago Hounds, with the Hounds coming away with a **59–22** win.



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Alumni Weekend: Purple & Gold Fundraising Dinner



2026 HUSKY RUGBY ALUMNI WEEKEND

Thank You For Your Support!

RAISED
\$ 83 K

GOAL
\$80 K

The Purple & Gold Fundraiser Dinner was the highlight of the weekend and a major success for the program. With a fundraising goal of **\$80,000**, the Husky Rugby community showed up in a big way by surpassing expectations and raising **\$83,000**.

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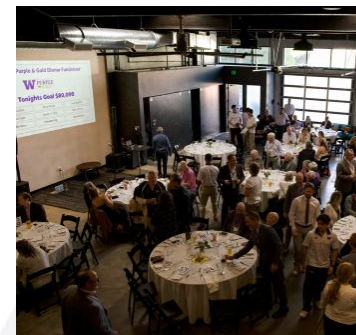
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Stronger University Relationship



We continue to build a stronger relationship with the University of Washington (UW) and are focused on consistently engaging with leaders at the UW to further our agenda to grow Husky Rugby. Here are a few areas that we are currently focusing on:

Recruitment: We have ongoing communication with the UW Admissions Office to better understand the challenges that we face from an admissions standpoint. We have learned valuable information that allows us to put potential recruits in the best position to be accepted to the UW and will continue to build out a strong recruitment program based on this.

Fundraising: We are exploring new fundraising avenues that will allow us to reach out to the great UW community, with the help of the UW, to continue to grow our fundraising base.

Facilities & Funding: We are working closely with current players to strengthen our relationship with UW Rec Club Program leaders to receive better facility priority as well as increased club funding.

Announcements will be made as we accomplish our goals with the University and we appreciate their support as we grow the exposure of the Men's Rugby Club.





How You Can Get Involved & Support

Sign Up for The Husky Hype - Direct to your Email



Your dedicated bi-weekly newsletter keeping you fully immersed in the world of Husky Rugby! Consider it your direct line to everything happening within the program, packed with engaging updates and exclusive insights delivered straight to your inbox.

Team Updates: Get the latest on player achievements, tactical insights, and current student-athlete progress.

Alumni News: Reconnect with past players, celebrate our history, and see how alumni are making an impact.

Fundraising Initiatives: Discover how your support directly fuels Husky Rugby's future through transparent updates on campaigns and impact.

Upcoming Events: Never miss a moment with updates on match schedules, alumni gatherings, and other ways to connect with Husky Rugby.

The Husky Hype is designed to keep our entire community – players, coaches, alumni, parents, and fans – engaged, informed, and connected to the heart of Husky Rugby.

SIGN UP TODAY →



THE HUSKY HYPE

Wednesday May 6, 2026

Your bi-weekly newsletter for all things Husky Rugby – team updates, alumni news, fundraising initiatives and upcoming events.

FEATURED

Alumni Weekend Recap: A Strong Showing for Husky Rugby

Husky Rugby Alumni Weekend brought together the rugby community for a weekend of competition, connection, and strong support for the program. Friday's Curtain Raiser Doubleheader and Saturday's Purple & Gold Fundraiser Dinner, which exceeded their goals, are just some of the highlighted strengths of the Husky Rugby community and the impact of showing up together.



Join the Husky Rugby Clubhouse - It's Free :)



Sign up for access to Clubhouse to remain connected your alumni and the latest news. We will continue to add features and opportunities to support UW Men's Rugby.

Features Include:

- Exclusive News
- Member Directory
- Fundraising Initiatives
- Merchandise Shop
- Alumni Photo Gallery
- Phone Wallpapers

BECOME A MEMBER →

A screenshot of the Husky Rugby Clubhouse website. The top navigation bar is dark purple with a 'Cart' icon, 'Dashboard', and 'Logout' link. Below the navigation bar is a dark purple header with the 'W RUGBY' logo and menu items: 'About', 'Team', 'Alumni', and 'News'. A 'Join the Pack' button is on the right. The main content area features a large article titled 'UW Rugby Ranked 22nd in the Nation' dated June 9, 2025, with a 'Read More' link and a 'COTR' RUGBY REPORT logo. Below the article are three smaller featured items: 'Washington Rugby Players Dig In to Give Back After' (June 9, 2025), '2025 Purple & Gold Dinner Auction Recap' (May 7, 2025), and 'Curtain Raiser Match Recap: Oregon State' (May 6, 2025). A left sidebar contains a user profile 'Your Name' and a menu with options: Home, News, Fundraising Initiatives, Member Directory, Shop, Alumni Gallery, Phone Wallpapers, and Support.

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Introducing the Husky Rugby Legacy Club



Our cornerstone giving program that celebrates individuals and families dedicated to the long-term success of Husky Rugby. Through cumulative lifetime contributions—given over time— supporters are welcomed into exclusive tiers that recognize their lasting commitment to the program. Legacy Club members become an integral part of Husky Rugby's ongoing story and success.

Fund essential areas like scholarships, travel, and player development

Be recognized as foundational contributors, celebrated for your commitment

Ensure the UW Rugby Program thrives for generations to come

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Welcome To Our Founding Legacy Club Members

 Legacy Legend \$250,000+

Eric Fisk

Class of 1977

 Purple Vanguard \$75,000 - \$150,000

Mike Marohn

 Husky Pride \$25,000 - \$75,000

Peter Giese

Class of 1974

 Husky Pride \$25,000 - \$75,000

Steven Greiling

Class of 2002

 Husky Pride \$25,000 - \$75,000

Siegfried 'Sig' Kohl

 Husky Pride \$25,000 - \$75,000

Jack Huddleston

Ways to Donate to Husky Rugby



Husky Rugby Legacy Club

Our lifetime cornerstone giving program.

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Jack Huddleston Endowment Fund

This fund is managed by the University of Washington and provides a small % back to the rugby club.

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Current Team

Support the team directly: Donate here to fund their training, equipment, and travel.

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Current Fundraising Initiatives

Scholarship Fund

This initiative allows Husky Rugby to attract and recruit talented players by providing financial assistance.

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We Want To Hear From You



We're committed to delivering the best possible experience for our players, alumni, parents, and sponsors.

Your feedback, new ideas, and suggestions for improvement are invaluable to us.

Please connect with us to discuss how we can make it even better!



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