

# News from the Scrum

St. Joseph's Prep Rugby Football Club  
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~ Sic itur ad astra ~

## Prep Rugby Mission Statement:

*The Mission of St. Joseph's Prep Rugby is to provide a consistently positive and winning program to the young men of St. Joseph's Prep which fosters teamwork, discipline and sportsmanship on and off the rugby pitch.*

## Final Weeks of Exciting Prep Rugby Action!

The 2010 Season has been an up and down ride, with players coming out hard to win games and establish Prep Rugby. The next couple weeks are going to be chock full of activities, so we want to get the word out now and make sure no one misses out on the excitement.

We have a friendly with younger players from Xavier of NYC on Saturday, and Xavier is a perennial national play-off contender.

We have PA State Quarterfinals v. St. Greg's also on Saturday.

We have a new "Rookie Bowl" with St. Augustine's of New Jersey next Thursday.

We have the 3rd Annual Breast Cancer Tournament May 16.

We have the Banquet on May 22—and leading up to that we have our Ad Booklet to fill!

We have a Welsh Team visiting us in May and June.

So make sure you mark your calendars and get ready for an amazing end to 2010!

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## PROUD SPONSORS 2010!

- *Tír na Nóg Irish Restaurant*
- *Beneluxx*

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## Google Groups

As many know by now, Prep Rugby has moved to Google Groups to try to facilitate communication. So far, we seem to have most parents, players and alumni on board. But we need your help! If you know of a player, parent, alumnus or supporter not yet engaged, please refer them to the team's website ([www.thepreprfc.com](http://www.thepreprfc.com)) in order to be able to access the Google Groups.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please share them with us.



## ◆ Prep Rugby Alumni News and Notes

Making great strides in the world, Prep Ruggers graduate the Prep and move on to share their talent. Here are a few notable examples (and please update us if you have more news!):

- ◆ Jim O'Brien '08 and the Temple Rugby Team advanced to the DII National Playoffs, finishing #2 in the USA! There was a great newspaper article about Jim, Temple and Josias Sterling '08: [http://www.philly.com/inquirer/sports/20100430\\_Missing\\_one\\_in\\_Final\\_Four.html?posted=n](http://www.philly.com/inquirer/sports/20100430_Missing_one_in_Final_Four.html?posted=n)
- ◆ Congratulations to Ryan Gregory '08 and Greg Lynch '09 of Scranton Rugby for making the 2010 All Star Select Side!

## Upcoming Dates

*(all details of games are on Google Group and website, forms are available on the website and at the end of this newsletter)*

### Thursday, May 6

- ◆ Senior Snapshots are Due to Mr. Farren via e-mail: [preprfc@comcast.net](mailto:preprfc@comcast.net)

### Saturday, May 8

- ◆ A Side plays in the PA State Quarterfinals v. St. Greg's at St. Greg's—1:00 p.m. kickoff
- ◆ Friendly for younger players v. Xavier young side at Bridgeport Field—12:00 p.m. kickoff

### Sunday, May 9

- ◆ Mother's Day!

### Wednesday, May 12

- ◆ **ADS for Ad Booklet are DUE!!!** Please help us make this booklet great and get these in a.s.a.p.!

### Thursday, May 13

- ◆ Rookie Bowl @ St. Augustine Prep of NJ—4:30 kickoff

### Friday, May 14

- ◆ Banquet Reservations are DUE to Mr. Farren

### Saturday-Sunday, 15-16 May

- ◆ PA Semi-Finals and Finals

\* There is a Coaches' Meeting to finalize details of actual times, days, fields. Info to be updated.

### Sunday, May 16

- ◆ Breast Cancer Charity Tournament—Contact Lou Farren for info or to help coordinate: 215-793-4051

### Saturday, May 22

- ◆ End of Season Banquet!

### Monday, May 31—Thursday, June 3

- ◆ Bridgend College Rugby from Wales Visit to Philadelphia

**PA State Quarterfinals @ St. Greg’s Academy**

**Saturday, May 8—1:00 p.m. kickoff**

The game kicks off at 1:00 p.m., so players need to arrive by 11:45 for warm-ups. There will be a carpooling meet-up at Plymouth Meeting Mall on Saturday at 9:15, departing at 9:30.

Any player who needs a ride should plan to be there.

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**Incoming Rugby Team Tour from Wales—We Need Families to Help!**

This coming May/June, a high school age rugby club - Bridgend College Rugby - is coming with 30 players on tour from Wales to the East Coast. Part of their tour is in Philadelphia, and Prep Rugby is a host.

**WE NEED SOME FAMILIES TO HELP!**

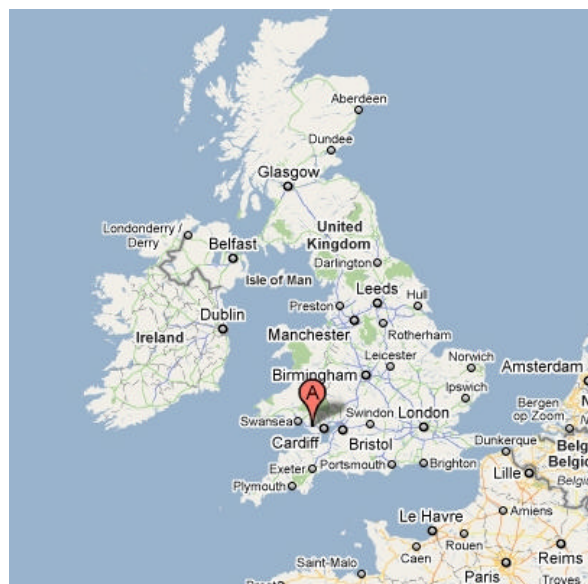
Basically, on the whole we need:

- 1. Parents/families willing to host a player or two for 3 nights in their home
  - a. Possibly drive them to pick-up locations, rugby game, etc.
- 2. Baseball gear and equipment for a fun game Monday, May 31 at Mem. Hall Field
  - a. A barbecue for May 31 at the field
- 3. Ideas for gifts for the team.

We already have some families who have volunteered, we just need someone to keep a master list and ensure that we have enough beds for the players, as well as coordinate the BBQ.

Rugby wise, we will coordinate a roster, field, etc., as well as the post game social at the Prep.

For those of you who have been on tour - and especially those who were fortunate enough to see how great Balma and L'Union were to us, hosting a tour can make a great impact on the visiting team and the players, as well as spread the good word about the host team.



***Please help us do the same for another traveling rugby team!***

Inaugural Rookie Bowl  
 St. Joseph's Prep Rugby and St. Augustine's Prep Rugby  
 13 May 2010



On Thursday, May 13, St. Joe's Prep of Philadelphia (a Jesuit School) will be playing St. Augustine's Prep of NJ (an Augustinian School) in the Inaugural Rookie Bowl for Freshmen and Sophomore players.

St. Joe's Prep was established in 2005 and is a member of the EPRU.

St. Augustine's was established in 2009 and is a member of the EPRU.

Both teams will be looking to cement their young players for the future and duke it out for religious order supremacy: Jesuits or Augustinians – who does God esteem more?

Come find out!

Date: Thursday, 13 May 2010

Time: 4:30 kickoff

Location: Saint Augustine College Preparatory School

611 Cedar Ave., Richland, NJ 08350

856.697.2600

Directions: <http://www.epru.org/news/directions.php?d=142>

We will work on transportation to the game, but players will have to arrange for their own rides home.

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**Summer Camps—Start Thinking about them!**

**More detailed info is available on the Google Group—Players**

1. Life University (Atlanta, Georgia): [http://www.liferugby.com/index.php?file=/nyk/templates20/shared/genericTemplate.html&documentName=1summer\\_camp](http://www.liferugby.com/index.php?file=/nyk/templates20/shared/genericTemplate.html&documentName=1summer_camp)
  2. Cal (Berkeley, California): <http://www.calbears.com/camps/rugby.html>
  3. East Stroudsburg (Pa): [http://www.esurugby.com/rugby\\_camp.htm](http://www.esurugby.com/rugby_camp.htm)
  4. Elite Rugby Camp (San Diego, California): <http://sites.google.com/site/eliterugbycampusa/>
  5. Penn State (Pa): <http://www.outreach.psu.edu/psu-sport-camps/Rugby/>
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**Ad Book 2010—Prep Rugby Football Club**  
**In Support of Player: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Contribution for Commemorative Program Advertisement**

Full Page Ad (approx. 8 ½” * 11”) .....	\$110.00
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Patron .....	\$20.00

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\*\* Please be careful NOT to staple through logo or design, etc.

**Make checks payable to:**      Prep Rugby

**Checks due:**                      5/12/10

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**OFFICIAL COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENT CONTRIBUTION RECEIPT**

(Please detach and save for your records.)

Contribution From: \_\_\_\_\_                      In the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For a placement of a \_\_\_\_\_ page advertisement in the Prep Rugby Ad Book.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_                                      Rec'd by: \_\_\_\_\_

## Banquet Reservation Form

The end of the year is fast approaching and we are happy to announce the Sixth Annual Prep Rugby Banquet honoring the players. Awards and presentations will be made to the players at the Banquet to celebrate the season and all their accomplishments.

The Banquet will be held on **Saturday, 22 May 2010** at Tír Na Nóg Restaurant:

1600 Arch Street, The Phoenix Building

Philadelphia, PA 19103

267-514-1700; www.tirnanogphilly.com

**Please be aware that this banquet is buffet style and soft drinks, only.**

The evening will begin at **5:00** pm, presentations will begin around **6:00** p.m. and the evening will end at about **7:30** pm. All of the players, managers and trainers are expected to be attired according to the usual Prep dress code – that is: coat, dress pants and tie (please no slip on shoes, sandals or cargo pants). This is also the expectation of all the Prep administrators.

Please indicate on the lower portion of this letter how many reservations you would like us to hold for you. The cost of this banquet is \$35 per person (for players, family members and fans, each).

We are expecting a full house, so please send your reservations today to the Prep c/o Mr. Farren. All checks are to be received *only* by Mr. Farren at the Prep.

Thank you for all your support this season and we look forward to seeing you at the Banquet!

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Farren, Sr. and the Prep Rugby Coaching Staff

- ◆ If there is a financial issue with this, please inform Coach Farren. Our goal is to have every player attend who wishes to attend.

(please tear along this line)

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**Please make check payable to: Prep Rugby**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PLAYER(s): \_\_\_\_\_

No. of RESERVATIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

**All reservations are due no later than Friday, 14 May 2010.** *These reservations may be returned in person to Mr. Thomas Farren at the Prep. Otherwise, please mail to:*

Mr. Thomas Farren, Sr., Rugby Banquet, St. Joseph's Prep, 1733 Girard Avenue, Phila., PA 19130

# Senior Snapshots 2010

These are to be e-mailed to Mr. Farren  
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## Prep Rugby Senior snapshots 2010

<p>INSERT PICTURE</p> <p><b>NAME</b></p> <p>Joined in 20____?</p>	<b>Position(s):</b>	
	<b>Favorite Game:</b>	
	<b>Best Memory of Prep Rugby:</b>	
	<b>Quote from the Season I'll Always Remember:</b>	
	<b>Favorite Player to Watch:</b>	
	<b>Final Thoughts:</b>	
	<b>Plans for Next Year:</b>	
	<b>My nickname was...</b>	

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*Prep Rugby Slogan*

*Sic itur ad astra  
This is the path to immortality*

*We're on the web  
(currently working to update):*

*[www.thepreprfc.com](http://www.thepreprfc.com)*

*Also, check us out on Facebook and LinkedIn*

**Prep Rugby Philosophy Statement:**

*The Philosophy of Prep RFC is that rugby is a sport intended to be enjoyed by its players, their families and their supporters. The basics of the sport, including the rules, the traditions, the history and the culture, will be taught to any player who shows a genuine interest in learning the game and becoming part of the team.*

*The coaches will conduct practice in the positive, disciplined manner of a Jesuit high school athletic program. The team concept is encouraged and fostered through practice, team attitude and activities. At the same time, in the off-season, other sports are encouraged for the players as a means of diversifying their talents, their agility and athleticism, and to prevent "burn-out".*

*The rugby philosophy encourages each player to achieve a level of success that equals his individual and team potential.*



## Interested in Sponsoring Prep Rugby 2010?

In you are interested in helping Prep Rugby have a successful and memorable season for 2010, the team is happy to discuss sponsorship opportunities. From t-shirts to rugby balls,

practice jerseys and kit bags, Prep Rugby works to bring the best experience possible to the players; any help is greatly appreciated.

Contact Tom Farren, Sr. for more information on Sponsors:

[tfarren@sjprep.org](mailto:tfarren@sjprep.org)