

Fort Wayne Rugby Black & Blue Society Mission: To Promote the Sport of Rugby through Talent Development, Financial Investment, and Personal Commitment to all Northeast Indiana Clubs.



FWRFC 50th Anniversary Planning Update (1969 to 2019)

The build up to the celebration on 50 years of rugby in Fort Wayne is underway and being lead by Keith Hedrick. The ideas are flowing from some of the finest minds in FWRFC history so watch for exciting fundraisers and events. ONWEGO

From the Pitch

Happenings

FORT WAYNE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

2018 FALL SCHEDULE

DIVISION 3

DIVISION 4

08/18/2018 DETROIT
 08/25/2018 @ PURDUE
 09/01/2018 BYE
 09/08/2018 @ MICHIANA
 09/15/2018 GRAND RAPIDS
 09/22/2018 KALAMAZOO
 09/29/2018 MICHIANA
 10/06/2018 @ GRAND RAPIDS
 10/13/2018 @ KALAMAZOO
 10/20/2018 LEAGUE PLAYOFF
 10/27/2018 LEAGUE FINALS

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Black & Blue Society meeting 9/22

- 9:30 - B&B Breakfast meeting
- 11:00 - FT Wayne Women
- 1:00 - D4 Men (Jim Burns getting married at halftime)
- 2:30 - D3 Men

Clothing drive

A clothing drive for the homeless was held at the September 15th home match with amazing results. Around 25 bags of clothing, sleeping bags, tents and winter gear. Donations can be brought to any home match this fall season.

Sunshades

Ron Harding has cardboard sunshades available for \$5. All proceeds go to the 50th Anniversary fund.

[The rich FWRFC tradition of marriage on the pitch](#)

Learn more about how it began in this excerpt from Origin through the '70s (as told by Todd Davis, founder).

[The full text of Todd's recollection of the clubs beginnings can be found on the B&B website](#)

“Someone at a meeting suggested that Linda and I should get married at halftime on the field. Maybe it was not the knelt-down proposal she expected, but we said...uhhh, OK. Opponent Northern Illinois Univ. cancelled Thursday night. Scrambling frantically, we located Lincoln Park RFC in Chicago in need of a game. They came with 12, picked up a hitch-hiker (who played!), borrowed two from us and both game and wedding were a success for all who participated that May 17, 1969, in Shoaf Park. A silent VHS tape of the festivities exists, but the WANE-TV live film (at 5:00 & 11:00) is long lost.”

President's Remarks	Get Involved
<p>Fort Wayne Rugby Black & Blue Society Mission</p> <p><i>To Promote the Sport of Rugby through Talent Development, Financial Investment, and Personal Commitment to all Northeast Indiana Clubs.</i></p> <p>Hello mates, Achieving our Mission is directly related to the amount of dues/donations collected. We have an opportunity to do some great things for our local teams and your officers have some strong ideas of how we can use those funds to satisfy our Mission. Keep in mind that any disbursement of funds will be decided at our Old Boy meetings.</p> <p>To date, twenty of us have contributed (three of those are new members). Please go to our website, fwrblackbluesociety.com, click on the link, and securely pay. If that is a bit too technical for some, simply send a \$50 check to Connie DiFilippo, 2008 Clarmarnic Dr., Fort Wayne, In 46815.</p> <p>There are upwards of eighty people between email addresses and members of our Old Boys Facebook page (Fort Wayne Black & Blue Society if you want to join). We are hopeful more will choose to financially participate so those who created our legacy can be an active part of the future.</p> <p>Jeff Newport President Fort Wayne Rugby Black & Blue Society</p>	<p><u>Pay your dues or donate. It's the simplest and most effective way to support the organization.</u></p> <p>Come to the Black & Blue Society meeting September 22nd 9:30am St Joe Athletic Club</p> <p>Come out and support the teams on game day</p> <p>If you have contact information for any Black & Blue Society members or old boys please send to fwrblackbluesociety@gmail.com for the membership committee.</p> <p>Know someone who would like to join? Use this link to apply. <u>https://fwrblackbluesociety.com/New-Member-Application.php</u></p> <p>Fort Rugby Black & Blue <u>https://fwrblackbluesociety.com/</u></p> <p>Fort Wayne Rugby Club <u>http://www.fwrfc.com/</u></p> <p>Fort Wayne Women's Rugby Club <u>https://www.fortwaynewomensrugby.com/</u></p> <p>Angola High School Rugby Football Club <u>https://www.facebook.com/angolarugby</u></p> <p>Bishop Dwenger Rugby Football Club <u>https://www.facebook.com/bdrugby</u></p> <p>Leo Rugby Club <u>https://www.facebook.com/Leo-Rugby-Club-694834643902273/</u></p>

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