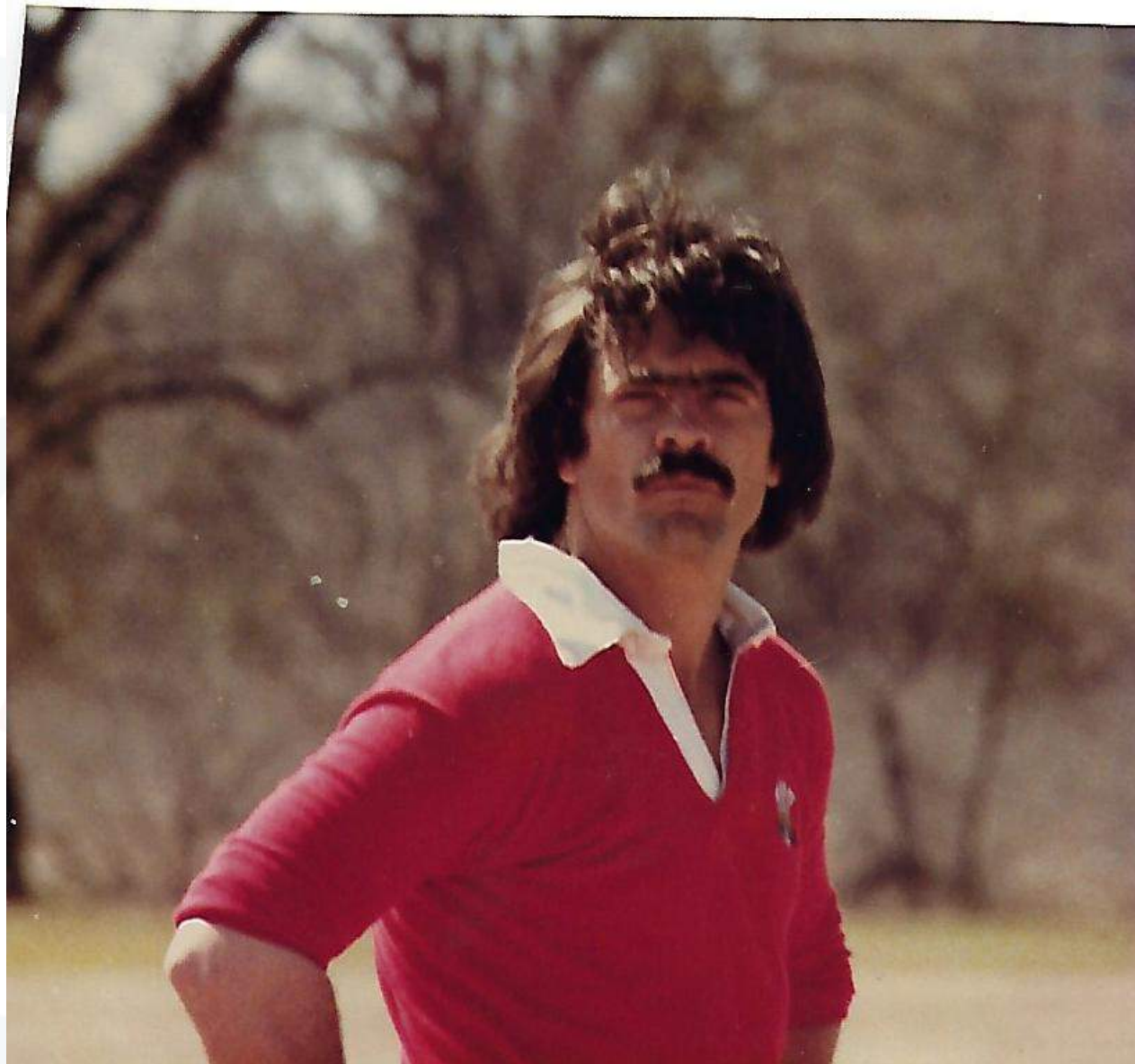




2016 TRU Summit Banquet and Hall of Fame Celebration



**Gandolf Burrus – 2016 TRU Hall of Fame**



Zilker Park - 1974





Northern Counties All Stars - 1976





Dallas RFC at A&M 7s - 1979





HARTs vs Irish Touring Side - 1979





Texas All Stars – 1981







Was a member of the Houston Old Boys RFC from the early 1970s through the end of the decade. While a decent scrumhalf and a fixture on the Second XVs his true contribution was as a club leader. He was the unanimous selection for Second XV Captain year in and year out. He was also elected to several club leadership positions. I am a bit hazy on whether he had any administrative positions on the LAU or TU level, but in 1979-1981 he was elected Treasurer for USA Rugby indicating that he must have had some successful prior experience at the local and territorial level. This was soon followed by his election to the Presidency of USA Rugby 1981-1983. After looking back over some of the club newsletters from that era Dave had a very successful run as USA Rugby President and became a good advocate and spokesman for Texas Rugby while in office.

**Dave Chambers – 2016 TRU Hall of Fame**



**Chris Chefchis – 2016 TRU Hall of Fame**



TRU President 2001-2008

Highlighting a few of his accomplishments:

United all the various elements of Texas rugby under one umbrella organization and developed new operating procedures and basis for all TRU competitions.

Established regular development skills clinics, for youth, HS and collegiate players, which were run by ex- international and Super-12 players and USA U-19 coaches and this led to the high performance pathway.

Organized first International test in Texas, USA vs South Africa. 20,000 ppl attended match!

**Dave Jenkins – 2016 TRU Hall of Fame**











Tracy achieved numerous playing honors at both standoff and center (15s), and at hooker (7s). She played with the New Orleans Halfmoons RFC from 1980-2003. She was selected for the TRU Select Side 1986-1996, Western RFU Select Side 1987-1996, and Atlantis 7s 1992-1996. Additionally she played on the USA Eagles Women's 15s team 1987, and the USA Eagles 7s team 1997.

She was a coach for the Western RFC Select Side 7s 1997-1999, the Atlantis 7s team 1999(Madrid) and 2001 (Venezuela), and served as the USA Eagles 15s Strength and Conditioning Coach 2002-2006.

**Tracy Moens – 2016 TRU Hall of Fame**





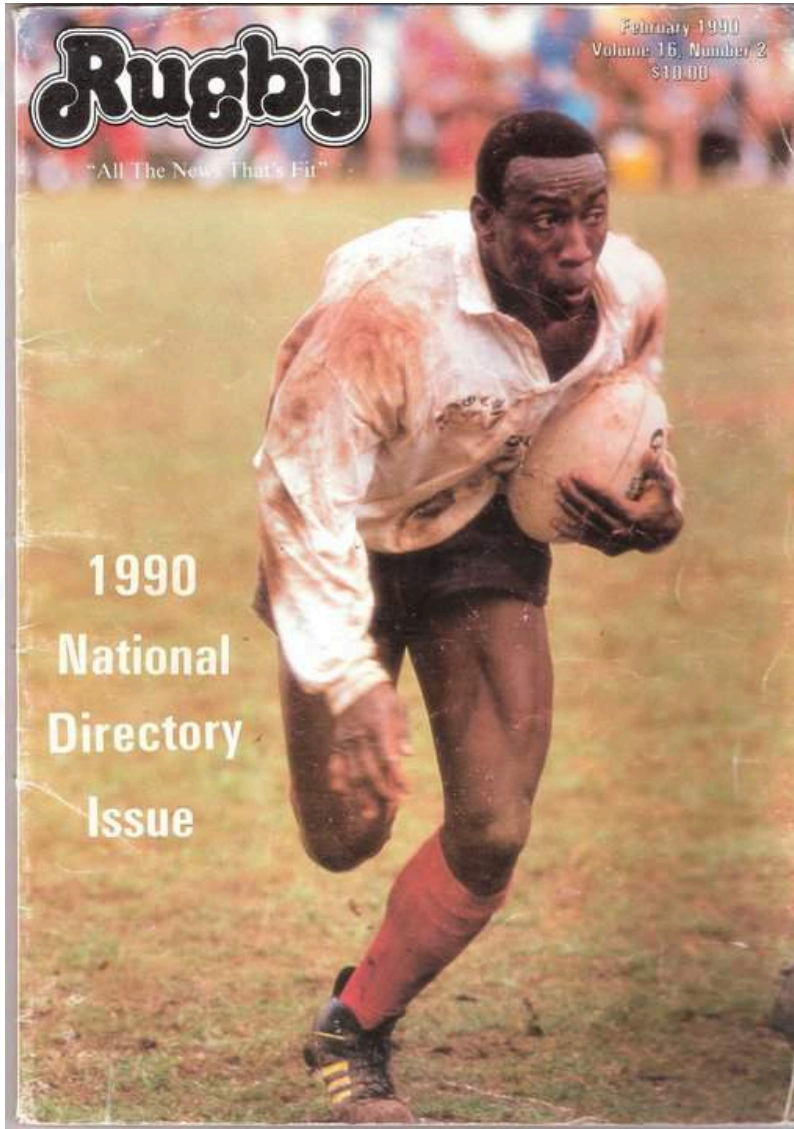
Atlantis 7s

the



7s by the Sea





### *Club Rugby*

TCU – 1974

Dallas Reds 1979-1982 (Inducted into Dallas Rugby HOF 2005)

South Area Rugby Side/Alamo City 1982 (Player Coach)

Houston Rugby Club 1983-1995 (Captain, Player Coach)

### *Representative Rugby*

Texas 1979-1991

Western Rugby Union 1980-1989

USA Eagles 7's 1983

### *Coach*

Texas 7's 1992-1995

Western Rugby Union 7's 1995-1997

The Woodlands Youth Rugby Club 2002-2008

### *Referee*

1991-present (achieved B2 Panel)

**Richard Prim – 2016 TRU Hall of Fame**





















Alan Sharpley has been involved with rugby since the earliest days! Firstly, with the Austin RFC he served as a player, then for many years a club administrator, and again for many years the Austin Tournament Director and host for numerous T.R.U. and Western RFU collegiate and club championship and All-Star events. He was one of the leaders in organizing and developing the effort to establish the Austin RFC clubhouse and grounds.

Later he worked as an administrator on the L.A.U., Western RFU territorial level. Most recently he has been serving on a national advisory panel with USA Rugby. During my tenure as TRU President I always found his counsel to very incisive and on target. His inclusion in the first class of inductees to the TRU Hall of Fame would be the best way to thank and honor him for his long tenure and work.

**Alan Sharpley – 2016 TRU Hall of Fame**



Alan Sharpley (bottom row, 3<sup>rd</sup> from right) – unknown date





1971 – Created Dallas Harlequins and served as 1<sup>st</sup> President

1972 – Elected 1<sup>st</sup> President of TRU

1974 – Helped created Western Rugby Union and USA Rugby

1982 – Became Chairman of USARFC

1983 – Recipient of USARFC President's Award

2009 – Elected to Dallas Reds HOF

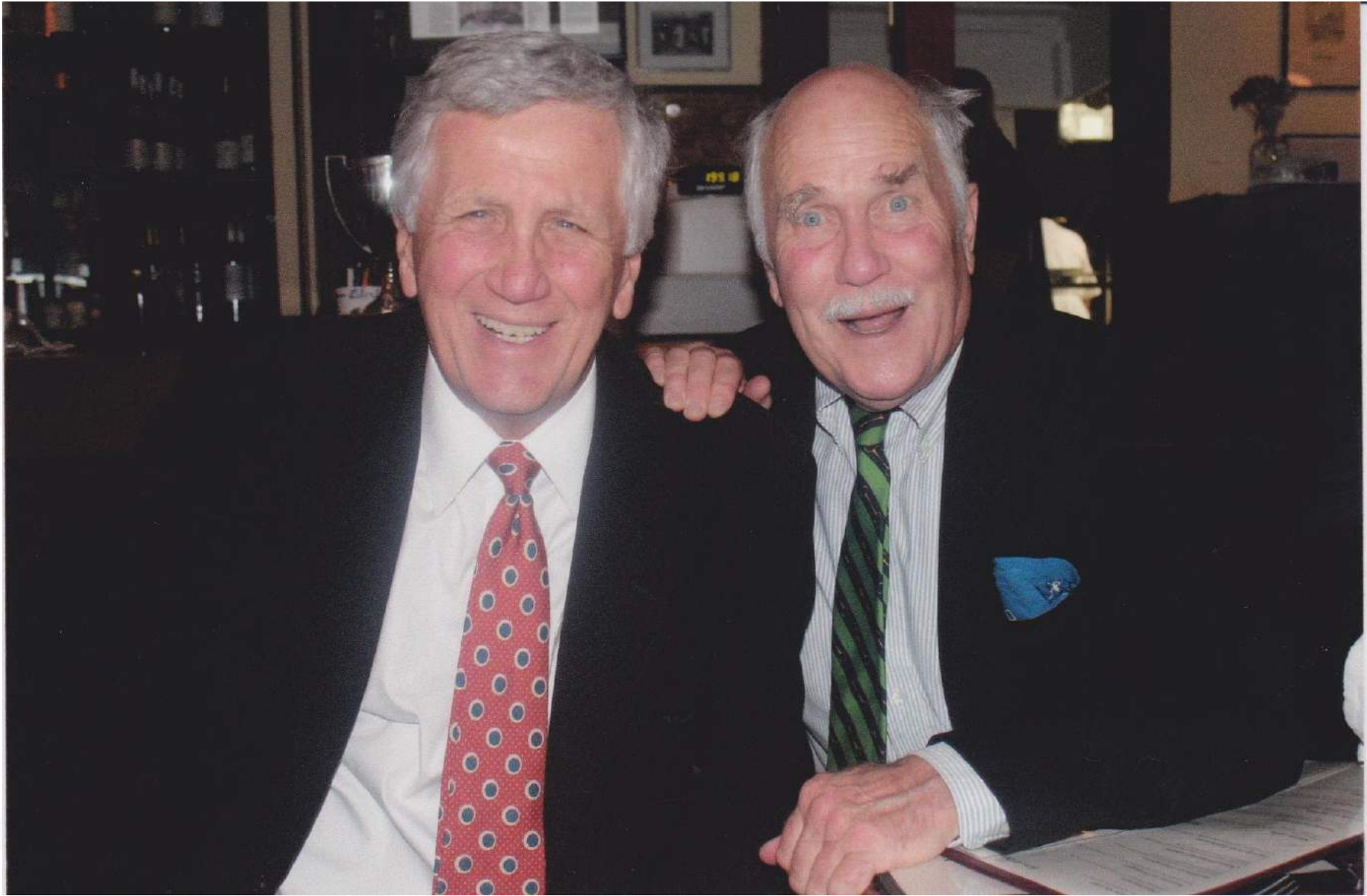
2015 – Received USA Rugby Lifetime Achievement Award

**Nelson Spencer – 2016 TRU Hall of Fame**















Founder and first President of the Texas RFU and a founding member of the Western RFU and the USARFU. He was also the first Treasurer of the latter.

He was also a founding member of the Houston RFU and a regular first XV player and member of the Texas RFU Select XV in the early 70s.

He was a member of the USA Over 40 team that toured New Zealand in 1979.

**Gail Tennant – 2016 TRU Hall of Fame**











THIS STONE  
COMMEMORATES THE EXPLOITS OF

WILLIAM WEBB ELLIS

Who with a fine disregard of the rules of Football  
As played in his time

First took up the ball in his hands and ran with it  
Thus Originating the distinctive  
Feature of

THE RUGBY GAME

A.D. 1823

Rugby School  
Warwick, England  
1976



An Englishman who played for Bedford RFC and moved to Houston in the early 1970s. He played for the Houston Old Boys RFC for several years before returning to England where injury forced his retirement from the game. He was an excellent player, leader, and team Captain. He was a regular Select-Side member on both the LAU and TU level for a number of years.

In 1976 he was the starting strong side wing forward for the first USA Eagles International match vs. Australia(01/31/1976).

**Barry Waite – 2016 TRU Hall of Fame**





Houston Old Boys - 1976



1975



## TRU “Founding” Clubs

Baylor Medical - 1968

Galveston Medical -1968

Austin RFC - 1968

Rice University - 1969

Dallas RFC - 1969

Houston Rugby Club & Houston Old Boys - 1969

Dallas Harlequins - 1971





Baylor Medical (Baylor University of College Medicine) - 1967





Austin RFC - 1968

# Constitution of the Dallas Rugby Football Club

## Article I name:

The name of this organization shall be the Dallas Rugby Football Club.

## Article II purpose:

This club is organized for the enjoyment of the amateur sport of rugby football by gentlemen of honor and high repute.

## Article III membership:

Membership in this club shall be granted to any gentleman who is in sympathy with its purpose and who is willing to abide by the rules of the game.

## Article IV officers:

The Officers of this club shall be President, Captain, Vice-Captain, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Officers shall have the powers and perform the duties described in the by-laws.

## Article V meetings:

Meetings shall be called at the discretion of the Officers of the Club. A majority of the membership present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

## Article VI amendments:

This constitution may be amended at any meeting of the club by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

## Charter members:

W. Woodfin  
John A. McDonald  
Frank P. Van Duse  
William Mantam

18 January 1969

Alfred R. Quince  
Donell C. Rasmussen  
Brian J. Mitchell  
Greg Whelan  
Guthrie Dancy  
Darryl Whelan

Dallas RFC Constitution - 1969





Galveston Medical / UTMB - 1977



Dallas RFC vs. Houston Old Boys - late 1974, or early 1975





Rice University - 2000





Houston Athletic Rugby Club - 2014





Dallas RFC

More photos through the years...

Special thanks to Norma Salinas Photography







Chuck Earhart – 1969

December 10, 1970

Mr. Gail Tennant  
#2 Staples Lane  
Houston, Texas

Dear Gail:

I have been a playing member of the Dallas Rugby Football Club since the spring of 1968. I have recently given considerable thought toward establishing a second club in this area. My reasons for deciding to undertake this venture are many, but probably foremost is my belief that a city the size of Dallas should be able to support two teams and allow both teams to benefit from local competition. As it is, we must travel at least 180 miles for a game. I feel that at least part of the success of the teams in your area is attributable to such local competition.

With this in mind I am writing to ask your assistance in obtaining a second Union "franchise" for the Dallas area. I would like to have information regarding application and fees as well as any other information pertinent to establishing Union affiliation.

The tentative name for the new club will be The Harlequin Rugby Football Club of Dallas. I will inform you when a final decision has been reached as well as choice of colors and officers. We hope to be able to organize ourselves and play some games during the spring season of 1971 and prepare ourselves to be a contender for Union honors during the fall season.

Thanking you in advance for your attention to this request, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Nelson H. Spencer  
2800 Routh Street, Suite 200  
Dallas, Texas 75201

NHS:kf

Dallas RFC request to join TRU – 1970





Austin Golds vs Huns – unknown date

# AUSTIN INVITATIONAL



## TOURNAMENT

APRIL 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> 1971

sponsored by:

*The Austin Rugby Football Club*

Austin Invitational Tournament – 1971





Austin Blacks – 1971





Austin Blacks - 1972





Austin Golds – unknown date



Texas All Stars - 1975





Dallas RFC - 1975



Dallas RFC - 1975





Galveston RFC, - 1975

Front row, l-r: Dr. Loyd Woodward, Larry ???, Bert Blume (d), Dr. Ceri Griffiths (d), Paul Mabry  
2nd row: Dr. Paul Obert, Bruce ???, Tony Trott, Barry P.W. Cooper, Capt. Phil Kelly  
3rd row: John Otis (d), Dr. Paul McConnell, Dr. Steve ???, Dr. Don Hughes



Dallas RFC - 1975





Dallas RFC - 1975



Texas All Stars - 1978





Texas All Stars vs London Welsh - 1978



Texas All Stars at Westerns - 1978





John Howard and Gandolf Burrus - 1978



### WESTERN USA TERRITORIAL CHAMPIONS — 1978 TEXAS RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION XV

Back row (left to right): Raymond Cockroft, President Texas RFU; Pete Mahotka (Dallas RFC); Gandolf Burrus (Dallas RFC); Glen Cameron, Coach, Texas XV; Dick Rutledge (Houston Heathens RFC); Mark Anthony (Texas A&M RFC); Brian Rowlands (Houston RFC); George Alden (Dallas RFC); Kelly Hester (Dallas RFC); Paul Mabry, Manager, Texas XV;

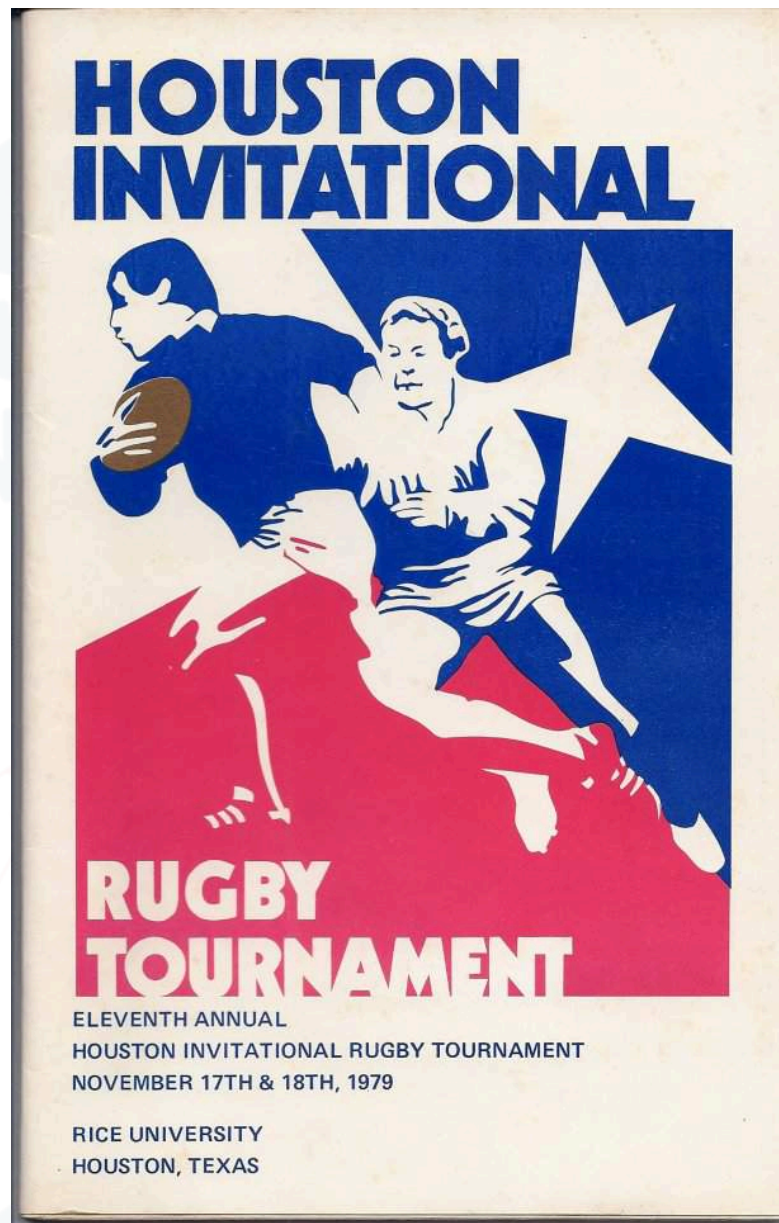
Middle row (left to right): Tom McCormack (Houston RFC); Dan Persha (Sam Houston State RFC); Robert Moorman (Texas A&M RFC); Steve Mann (Houston RFC); Bill Roberts (Houston Heathens RFC); Virgil Hargis (Galveston RFC); Phil Cusimano (Strikers RFC); Jeff Bailin (Dallas RFC);

Front row (left to right): Morris Lassiter (Odessa RFC); Barry Waite, captain, Texas XV (Old Boys RFC); Steve Meadows (Houston RFC); Doug Adams (Houston Heathens RFC); Ryche Parker (Houston Heathens RFC); Manus O'Donnell (Houston RFC).





Galveston Women - 1979



Houston Invitational Tournament - 1979



# GALVESTON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

## 1980-81 SCHEDULE

September	6	Bay Area	Away
	13	Brazosport -----	Away
	20	Strikers I, II	Home
	27	Old Boys I, III -----	Home
October	4	TBA	
	11-12	Eastern Counties Tournament -----	Huntsville
	18	Corpus Christi ***	Home
	25-26	San Antonio Sevens Tournament	
November	1	Huntsville *** -----	Away
	8-9	Louisiana Tour	New Orleans Hammond
	15	OPEN	
	22-23	Houston Tournament	
December	29	Thanksgiving (Open)	
	6	Houston I, III -----	Away
	13	TBA	

### Holiday Break

January	6	Practice resumes	
	17	TBA	
	24	Dallas Harlequins -----	Away
	31	Bay Area	Home
February	7	Stephen F. Austin University *** -----	Home
	14	Rice University ***	Home
	21	Heathans I, II -----	Home
	28	Bay Area ***	Away
March	7	Baylor Strikers *** -----	Away
	14	Harlequins III	TBA
	21	Brazosport *** -----	Home
	28	San Antonio	Home
April	4	Texas Rugby Union Championships ----- OR Corpus Christi	Houston Away
	11	OPEN	
	18	Easter	
	25-26	Austin Tournament	

\*\*\* Denotes Texas Rugby Union, Open Division,  
South Zone Cup Matches.

TBA = To Be Announced

Galveston/UTMB Schedule - 1980

# WESTERN RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

## — WESTERN ZONE —

### EASTERN ROCKIES RFU

Founded: 1967

Team Name: Rams

Colors: Royal Blue & White

President: Kit Bowes

Coach: Jim Nelson, Larry Kobilca

Manager: Larry Kobilca

NAME	POSITION	CLUB
John Arzonico	Standoff	Barbarians
Bill Baldwin	Prop	Highlanders
Milt Bennett	Standoff	Barbarians
Bill Bergmann	Second Row	Boulder
Kit Blakemore	No. 8	Boulder
David Doessel	No. 8	Highlanders
Julian Fotre	Hooker	Breckenridge
Rick Goggins	Wing	Queen City
Bill Gregg	Wing Forward	Breckenridge
Robert Gulley	Wing	Boulder
Ron Hallam	Wing Forward	Highlanders
Hal Hames	Center	Highlanders
Garland Jennings	Second Row	Highlanders
Mark Kaltenbach	Second Row	Barbarians
Mike Lindner	Center	Ft. Collins
Lenny Martling	Center	Barbarians
Glyn Ottoffy	Prop	Barbarians
Thad Oviatt	Prop	Boulder
Mike Pober	Fullback	Highlanders
Bobby Porter	Wing	Ft. Collins
Doug Sampson	Hooker	Highlanders
Doug Straehley	Scrum Half	Barbarians
Greg Welfare	Second Row	Ft. Collins
David White	Prop	Queen City
Mark Wiley	Scrum Half	Barbarians
Dennis Wineland	Wing Forward	Barbarians

### RIO GRANDE RFU

Founded: 1974

Colors: Green & Black

President: Larry Smith



### TOUCH JUDGES:

Joel Pesapane  
Ron Carter  
Andy Wolff  
Kevin Magee  
Al Moushey  
Bill Bethel  
Rudy Vogler  
Joe Devine

### TEXAS RFU

Founded: 1968

Colors: Red, White, Blue

President: Gandolf Burrus

Coach: Kelly Hester

Manager: Gandolf Burrus

NAME	POSITION	CLUB
Mark Anthony	Second Row	Texas A & M
Bob Bally	Wing Forward	Heathens
Mark Bernhard	Fly Half	Old Boys, Houston
Bobby Billingsley	Wing	Heathens
Russ Bolling	Scrum Half	Dallas
Don Borden	Fullback	Old Boys, Houston
John Brown	Wing	Old Boys, Houston
Gandolf Burrus	Hooker	Austin
Pat Callihan	Hooker	Heathens
Chuck Carpino	Center	Old Boys, Houston
Dee Claybrook	Center	Dallas
Jed Day	Fly Half	Stephen F. Austin State U.
Mark De Leon	Wing	Heathens
Tony Evangelista	Prop	Old Boys, Houston
Brian Gleason	Center	Huntsville
Jake Ihrig	Prop	Heathens
Brad Lamb	Number Eight	Dallas
Morris Lasater	Wing Forward	Austin
Chuck Lueckemeyer	Wing	Dallas
Mike McClellan	Center	Houston
John McClendon	Fly Half	Old Boys, Houston
Steve Mann	Prop	Old Boys, Houston
Tom Marshall	Second Row	Old Boys, Houston
Richard Miglicco	Center	Old Boys, Houston
Dan Persha	Scrum Half	Old Boys, Houston
Richard Prim	Wing Forward	Dallas
Larry Stroope	Second Row	Our Gang
Bill Taute	Prop	Texas A & M
Albro Traynor	Second Row	Harlequins





Texas Rugby Union Eastern Counties Championship - 1981





Galveston Medical/UTMB - 1982





Sunday  
morning

# Austin American

January 24, 1982

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## Rugby weather

With temperatures in the 60s, Saturday's crystal clear skies provided a crisp canopy for the beginning of the Austin Rugby Club's spring

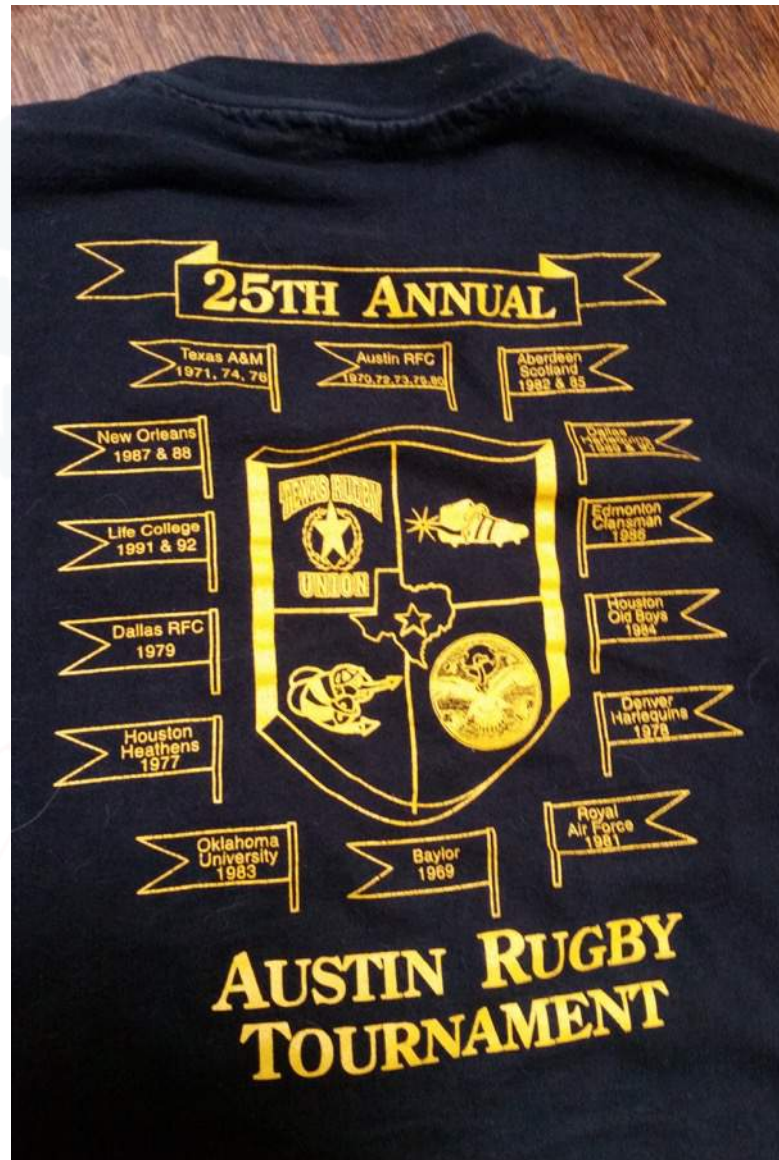
season at Zilker Park. Today's weather promises to be just as bright, with fair skies and temperatures near 70. Details, A2.

Austin American Statesman - 1982



Galveston - 1985





25<sup>th</sup> Annual Austin Tournament - 1993



Austin Valkyries vs Colorado Olde Girls – 2006





Women's Texas All Stars vs Eastern Rockies All Stars – 2006





Women's Texas All Stars vs Air Force – 2006





Austin Valkyries @ Sweet 16s – 2009





Huns vs Corpus Christi - 2014





Huns vs NOLA - 2014





Blacks vs Reds - 2014





Texas All Star Tryouts - 2014





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Texas All Star Tryouts - 2014





Women's Texas All Star Tryouts - 2014





Tex Mex 7s - 2015





Tulsa vs Austin Valkyries - 2016



Huns vs Austin Blacks - 2016





Austin Valkyries vs Little Rock - 2016



Little Rock vs Austin Blacks - 2016





Austin Valkyries vs Griffins - 2016





Huns Youth Rugby - 2016





Griffins | Red River Rugby 7s - 2016





Prickly Pears vs Ft Worth | Red River Rugby 7s - 2016





Oklahoma vs Harlequins | Red River Rugby 7s - 2016





Little Rock vs ARPTC | Red River Rugby 7s - 2016





Oklahoma vs Little Rock | Red River Rugby 7s - 2016