October 30, 2013

PLNU RUGBY NEWSLETTER

HOMECOMING 2013 RUGBY SCHEDULE

- **Saturday, Nov. 23 @ 11am**
  Annual Rugby Gathering
  Honoring J.P. Harris-Webster
  PLNU Smee 100

- **Sunday, Nov. 24 @ 1pm**
  Rugby Club vs. Alumni Annual Tournament
  Dusty Rhodes Park Ocean Beach

Getting Started

Dear Friends of PLNU Rugby,

On behalf of the PLNU Rugby Club, I would like to thank everyone who has supported the Club over the years.

With hard work, determination, and the continued support of our friends, families, and alumni, this tradition will stay alive far into the future.

I hope to see you at a match this fall.

Yours in Rugby,

Brandon Napoli
Captain 2007

PLNU RUGBY Schedule 2013-2014

11/09/13 – Westmont (Away)

11/16/13 – Pepperdine (Away)

11/24/13 - Alumni Game (Home)

01/18/14 – Loyola (Home)

02/08/14 – BIOLA (Home)

02/15/14 - Cal Lutheran (Away)

02/22/14 – CSUN (Home)

03/01/14 - Whittier - (Away)

- **(Schedule Subject to modifications)**

Season Outlook

By Professor John Dally
Club President 2001-2004

Led by Head Coaches Carlos Gurrerro and Jason Lee, PLNU Rugby is competing in the Inaugural season of the Gold Coast Intercollegiate Conference. PLNU will be competing against 11 Southern California teams to earn a spot in the regional tournament with hope to advance to the National Small College Championship. After a strong building year last season, the team has laid a new foundation for success!

The Rugby Club has been hard at work since late September. The 30-man squad has been training hard between rugby practices, beach workouts, and starting individualized fitness plans. The squad works hard and doesn't complain about being pushed to their limits; a sign of their character and commitment.

After completing two pre-season matches, against San Diego State and University San Diego, the club has one more test against Westmont before turning their sights to their season opener against Pepperdine November 19, 2013.

I hope you will come support the club at a match near you!

Sandbags and Sprints on a beautiful Saturday morning on campus compliments of Retribution Fitness

Homecoming

By Aaron McCoy
Rugby Club Alum 2005

It's that time of year when all alumni of able body and sound mind come out and try their hand at Rugby once again.   Bring friends and family to enjoy the games. We are asking all Alumni to give a donation to help cover the cost of the event. Once again the tournament will be held at Dusty Rhodes Park, Sunday Nov. 24 ~ 1pm.

The New Look

PLNU vs. SDSU 10-12-13

The Old Look
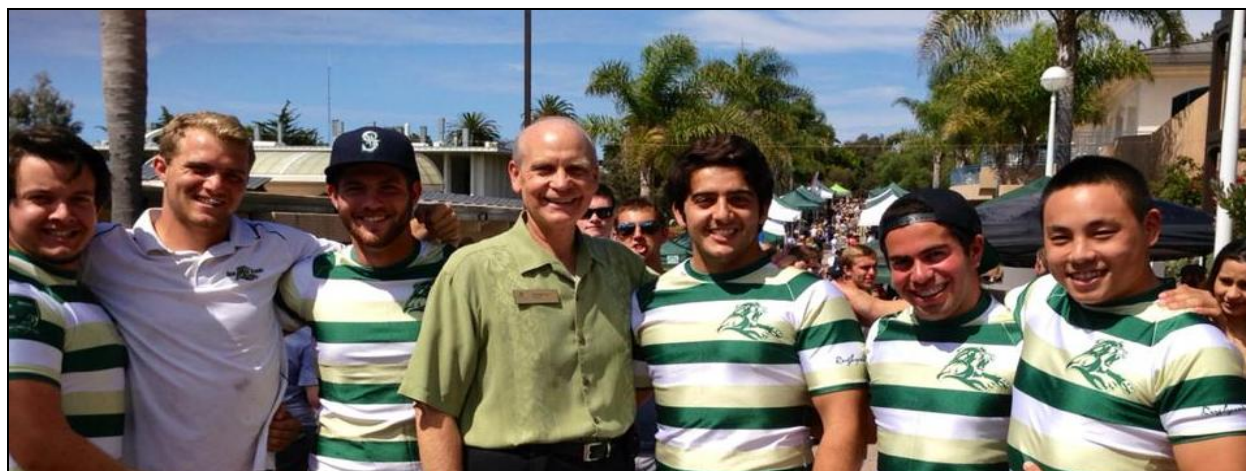
A Brief History

By Bob Hoffmann
Captain 2005

In 2000, the Point Loma Rugby Club started as a non-sanctioned team at PLNU. Independently established as the Knights, the club was founded on loyalty and honor, and challenged itself to bring "The Light" to the world of rugby. Through the years, the club gained university recognition and later received financial support from the ASB as a PLNU club. After

12 years as the Knights, the club decided to realign its mascot with the university logo, the Sea Lions.

The new logo, established in 2012, brings together the new and the old members under Fidelitas & Contego. Players past and present are called to be loyal (Fidelitas) to each other and to their faith and to protect (Contego) the weak and shield/defend that which is fragile. As a new tradition, senior members of the club graduate and join the Rugby Associates as a Knight.

President Bob Brower with club members at 2013 New Student Resource Fair

Team Leaders

Carlos Guerrero
Head Coach

Sam Bravo
Club President

"It is great to see the club flourishing once again. We all know that it takes more than a guy or two. Everyone has to do their part."

~ Matt "Porch" Porcelli

Jason Lee
Head Coach

Matthew Porcelli
Assistant Coach
PLNU Alum

Kendall Johnson
Assistant Coach
PLNU Alum

Prayer before Rugby Match PLNU vs SDSU 10-12-2013

Giving Back

By Jeff Purganan
Captain 2003 & 2004

"Money doesn't begin to give back what rugby has given me"
~ Rugby Alum

Our vision is to establish rugby as an integral part of the PLNU experience and develop a national reputation as a high-level Christian rugby program. As we are starting our season, we would like to start a giving campaign this November. Our goal is to raise $15,000 which is a conservative estimate for operating the Club for a Season. We still have quite a way to go but it is achievable with your help. Support the club whether you are Alumni, Team Parent or a PLNU Rugby fan. Your donation makes you a PLNU Rugby Associate.

Donate by Clicking Here, web address:
https://connections.pointloma.edu/sslpage.aspx?pid=430

Or Mail Checks to: Point Loma Nazarene University
3900 Lomaland Dr.
San Diego, CA 92106
Designate to Rugby Associates

Annual Rugby Gathering Honoring J.P. Harris-Webster

By Brent Kietzke
Rugby Club Alum 2004

Family Pastor of Community Covenant Church in Kansas City and inspiring speaker, John Paul, will be joining us November 23, 2013 at the Alumni Gathering on campus in Smee 100.

He is a native South African having attended Anglican boarding school and served in the South African military. John Paul came to America to study religion. He attended Point Loma Nazarene University and earned Masters degree in Ministry.

As the Resident Director of Young Hall he shared his love of Rugby with the students under his charge. There are many fond memories of playing

J.P Harris-Webster

barefoot rugby with John Paul on the athletic field on Saturday mornings.   These students, inspired by John Paul's excitement for Rugby, were the beginning of the PLNU Rugby Club in 2000. The Rugby club has continued to grow since and a great deal of gratitude is owed to him on behalf of everyone who is or has been part of this great club.

*Please join us on Homecoming weekend! Coffee and donuts will be available.