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President's Welcome

LSU Rugby Alumni, Family, and Fans,

I am very pleased to announce the start of the 2007-2008 season. My fellow officers and I have been working throughout the summer to develop several aspects of the club including our marketing and public relations. We have several exciting new developments with the club including the launch of our new website and a new design for our club logo. A new website was a necessary step for our club to better inform our fans of club activities.

In addition to these new advancements, LSU Rugby has also been developing relationships with some companies in the Baton Rouge area. Several companies have been willing to help us out with both our travel and apparel expenses. Among these sponsors is FAN THE FIRE!, an online based company that will be selling some LSU Rugby Apparel on their website. FAN THE FIRE! has also sponsored the new LSU Rugby Balls that are currently in production.

Most importantly, I would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support of our organization. The steps that we are taking as a club would not be possible if it was not for our strong fan backing. Again, I look forward to this season and I know that we will make you proud.



BULAWAYO,

Cody Cadella
LSU Rugby President
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Fall 2007 Highlights

LSU vs University of Florida

LSU Parade Grounds
October 6

Annual Fall Tour

Southern Miss., Atlanta Old White, Florida State
October 10-14

SEC Tournament

Birmingham, Alabama
October 27

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Coach's Corner Scott McLean



We are off to a fast start for this season. Although we have lost some excellent players due to graduation, we continue to reload with some excellent talent. We have started our fall campaign off fast and furious. This season we started practice a bit earlier than in previous seasons and we are happy with our progress. We had our first ever "Fall Orientation and Training Camp", which was pretty successful. In addition to a lot of practice time, we also utilized our "camp" to have special sessions dedicated to skills, fitness, assessments, and rules. I would like to personally thank Gary Giepert and Jerry Melina for coming down and helping run some excellent sessions. In addition, our thanks go out to Chris Liddy who also gave up some of his time to put on a rules session and referee our Purple/Gold scrimmage. We have some excellent players this year and we should have a very productive season.

For all of you alumni out there, rugby across the nation is continuing to grow fast. More and more youth rugby programs are starting, and getting young players involved with our sport. Each year it is easy to see that the quality of rugby, across the board is getting stronger. Thanks again for all those who have taken the initiative to get involved with youth rugby.

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Our goals are as follows:

- Be very physically fit and outperform our opponents for the entire 80 minutes.
- Play a wide-open, fun style of Rugby Football, throw the ball around, maintain possession, be solid on defense, and attack.
- Have the players enjoy all of the benefits of the sport, on and off the field.
- Our focus for the Fall 2007 Season is to win the SEC tournament, which again will be held in Birmingham, Alabama on October 27 and 28.
- Be respected across the country as one of the Top Rugby Programs.
- Continue to gain more respect as a quality organization from our University

Again, I challenge all alumni to get out and support the club, come to a match, or stop by practice. Monetary donations are very critical to the club; the club needs additional field equipment, video equipment, transportation costs for away matches, training supplies, website development costs etc. Many of you send contributions to LSU for alumni support, TAF etc, although these are worthy causes, please think about all of the good times, good friends and memories you had during your playing days at LSU. I can assure you, your teams needs money, and it will be spent wisely.

Scott McLean

2007 Fall Schedule

Date	Opponent	Result
9/15	@ Shreveport	58 - 5 W
9/22	@ Tulane	48 - 5 W
9/29	Baton Rouge	68 - 0 W
10/6	Florida	39 - 13 W
10/10	@ Southern Miss.	59 - 0 W
10/11	@ Old White	25 - 12 W
10/13	@ Florida St.	35 - 14 W
10/27	@ SEC Tournament	
11/3	@ New Orleans	
11/10	@ Battleship Tournament	
11/17	UL Lafayette (in New Orleans)	

Spring schedule to be posted on website:

www.lsurugby.com



LSU Rugby Players Excel on the Field

In late July 2007, five LSU Rugby players were invited to the USA National Under-20 tryouts in Indiana. Three of these players, Adam Ducoing (left), Bobby Johns (center), and Eric West (right) went on to play against the Boston Irish Wolfhounds in Boston on October 6, 2007. They are seen here against Shreveport heading in for a try, with their teammates in support, and the opponents left behind defeated. Additionally these three, along with teammate Eric Johns, qualified for the Texas Collegiate Select-Side.



Louisiana Under-19 All-Stars Retain Title

At the Under-19 National Select-Side Tournament the Louisiana U-19 All-Stars successfully defended their National Championship Title. After an epic semi-final against Utah, they easily defeated Wisconsin for their second title in a row. The competition was held June 15-17 in Boulder, Colorado. Louisiana also brought an Under-17 side that finished 1-2. Congratulations to our young rugby players for representing Louisiana well, and to the select-side coaches for their hard work.





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Forward Profile - Eric West

Height: 6'-0" **Weight:** 205 lbs
Birthplace: New Orleans **Date:** 1/14/88

Years Playing Rugby: 4 (started in 2004)
Position(s): flanker
Clubs: Jesuit, LA U-19, LSU, TRU Select, USA U-19, USA U-20, USA Developmental
USA Caps: 2
Tours: Canada; Boston; Aspen Rufferfest; Belfast, Ireland (U-19 World Championships)

Most Difficult Opposing Team: Italy (U-19 W.C.)
Most Difficult Opponent: Scott Lawrence (Life)
Most Respected Player: Garrett Lambert (Life)
Favorite Players: Richie McCaw, George Smith
Biggest Influence on Rugby Career: Rob Markel, Gary Giepert, Jerry Melina, Carlos Pedalino
Best Rugby Memory: beating Utah by one point to set up repeating US U-19 Select-Side Championship
Biggest Rugby Disappointment: LSU losing to Texas A&M in the Spring of 2007
Goals in Rugby: 2011 World Cup; LSU winning TRU

Why do you play rugby: Once I started I got addicted to the fun it brought on and off the field, and it has developed a passion within me to strive to achieve more in the sport.

Why should others play rugby: Simply to learn the greatest TEAM sport in the world and to build lifelong friendships across the world.

Vision of LA Youth Rugby: Youth rugby in Louisiana has already proven its superior status by winning two U-19 National Championships back-to-back, but there is only room to improve and become a landmark for youth rugby in the United States.

Other Sports: "Are there other sports?"
Leisure Activities: talking about rugby
Favorite Book: Gates of Fire
Favorite Film: Good Will Hunting and Braveheart
Favorite Actor: Russell Crowe
Favorite TV show: X-games
Favorite Music: Red Hot Chili Peppers, Michael Duble



Back Profile - Adam Ducoing

Height: 5'-8" **Weight:** 180 lbs
Birthplace: New Orleans **Date:** 5/21/88

Years Playing Rugby: 5 (started in 2003)
Position(s): wing, fullback
Clubs: Brother Martin, LA U-19, LSU, TRU Select, USA U-19, USA U-20, USA Developmental
USA Caps: 7
Tours: Boston; Washington D.C.; Belfast, Ireland (U-19 World Championships)

Most Difficult Opposing Team: Utah (US U-19 N.C.)
Most Difficult Opponent: Bobby Johns (Jesuit/LSU)
Most Respected Player: Gary Giepert (New Orleans)
Favorite Players: Matt Giteau, Shane Williams
Biggest Influence on Rugby Career: Jerry Melina
Best Rugby Memory: beating Utah by one point to set up repeating US U-19 Select-Side Championship
Biggest Rugby Disappointment: not being able to play senior year of high school (torn ACL)
Goals in Rugby: go as far as I can, and play the best that I can be

Why do you play rugby: It is a game that I love to play. It always challenges me to better myself because there is always something else that I need to work on.

Why should others play rugby: It is a great sport with a huge team aspect. Also, rugby teams generally have multiple sides giving everyone a chance to play at a level that is right for them.

Vision of LA Youth Rugby: Rugby in Louisiana is heading straight up. High school rugby has only been in Louisiana for 5 years, but we have already had a team in the HS National Tournament, 2 Regional Champions, a Regional Runner-up, 2 first place finishes in the National All-Star Tournament, and 2 players and 3 reserves on the U-19 National Team. Louisiana has some of the best athletes in the country and it is starting to show in the rugby world.

Other Sports: football, soccer, track
Leisure Activities: Halo 3
Favorite Film: Gladiator
Favorite TV show: South Park, Family Guy
Favorite Music: Red Hot Chili Peppers, Led Zeppelin