

1989 USA Rugby Men's Collegiate National Champions

United States Air Force Academy
"Zoomies"



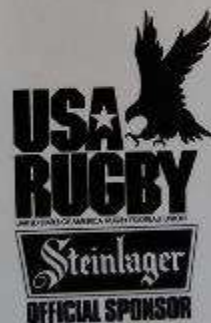


Rugby

1989 National Collegiate Champ

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NAME	YR	POSITION	HT	WT
Jim Snyder	Senior	Prop	6'2"	220
Kevin Oleen	Senior	Prop	6'3"	230
Harry Blue	Junior	Prop	6'2"	220
Mike Junk	Senior	Hooker	5'8"	170
Eric Kelm	Junior	Hooker	5'9"	170
Dan Drummond	Senior	Lock	6'3"	210
Jay Owen	Junior	Lock	6'4"	210
John Krause	Junior	Lock	6'4"	210
Tim Jozwiak	Senior	Wing Forward	6'1"	200
Ted Schiller	Senior	Wing Forward	6'3"	210
Art Wunder	Senior	Wing Forward	6'0"	205
Jeff Hill	Junior	#8	6'2"	190
Brent VanderPol	Senior	#8	5'11"	190
Jon Finley	Senior	Scrum Half	5'7"	165
Mark Thomas	Senior	Scrum Half	5'7"	160
Ron Buckley	Senior	Fly Half	5'11"	180
Travis Klopfenstein	Soph	Fly Half	5'11"	155
Tim Bohman	Junior	Center	5'11"	195
Bill Jacobus	Junior	Center	5'11"	180
Donnie Wood	Senior	Center	5'9"	180
Eric Fester	Senior	Wing	5'8"	160
Doug Nikolai	Senior	Wing	5'11"	165
Skip Rodgers	Senior	Wing	5'8"	185
Dave Mets	Senior	Full Back	6'0"	185
Brad Rodgers	Junior	Full Back	6'1"	200



Story of how our teams got started

Rugby was an intramural sport since the onset of the Academy. Our extramural history starts from 1961, as the Academy had occasion to pull from intramural rugby players to compete against visiting overseas teams. Officially founded as a club team in 1968 by Captain Alan Osur and C2C Angus MacDonald, our first matches were on 29 September 1968 where the A team ("All Blues") beat the Denver Highlanders, 29-0, and the B side ("Silver side") played the Denver University A team to a 16-16 tie. Fit and fast described play in those early years, prompting the Eastern Rockies Rugby Union President, Terry Fleener [\[1\]](#), to nickname us "Zoomies"... the nickname replaced "All Blues", which had lasted until the end of 1969, and continues on to this day.

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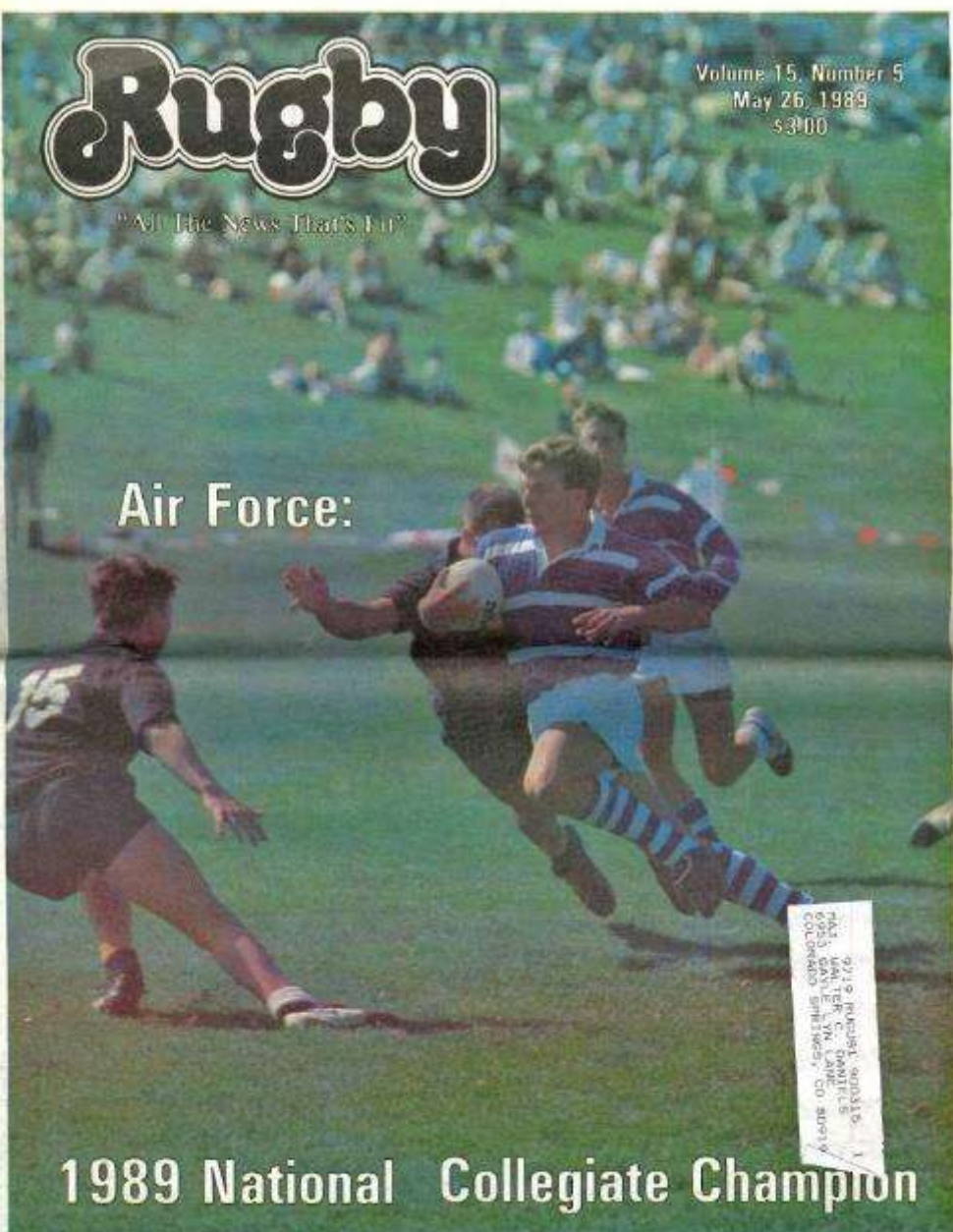
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Air Force center Tim Bohman slides one Army defender and is about to burst by fullback Mike Kilbane for one of his two tries in Air Force's 17-16 semifinal win over West Point. Bohman, the Championship's Most Valuable Back, scored a third try in Air Force's 25-7 victory over Cal State Long Beach in the Steinlager National Collegiate final. (Photo - Lieberman)

May 26, 1989
Lawrence, KS
April 15-16, 1989

It was *deja vu* in Lawrence, Kansas when the Air Force Academy defeated the University of Colorado, 22-9, to win the 1989 Steinlager/Western RFU Collegiate Championship.

Air Force began the decade in 1980 by winning the 1st WRFU collegiate tournament in Lawrence, and returned in 1989 to close it out with their 6th Western title.

The victory gave the Academy a return ticket to the national "Final Four"; their fourth straight appearance. They have finished second three times (1980, 1983, 1987) and third twice (1986, 1988), but have never won.

Colorado and host Kansas entertained realistic hopes of dethroning Air Force, since both had recorded solid victories over the Zoomies in the fall of 1988. During the weekend, however, the Academy front row man-handled the Buffalos and the Jayhawks, both good scrummaging sides, to cruise to the title.

Format

The eight-team tournament was comprised of champions from the seven WRFU sub-unions and Air Force's victory last year, provided an Eastern Rockies wild-card entry as well (Colorado).

Opening Round

The seedings held true to form as each of the favorites won by a shutout in the opening round. The closest contest was a 6-0 win for Oklahoma (Ozark) over



Kansas forwards look for running room in the Western RFU Collegiate Championship semifinal. Air Force won this match 16-3 and then topped Colorado in the final.

try late in the match.

In other action, Air Force (Eastern Rockies) eased by Rice (Texas), 19-0; Kansas (Heart of America) defeated New Mexico State (Rio Grande), 18-0; and Colorado (Eastern Rockies) downed Nebraska (Great Plains) 24-0.

Semifinals

In the semifinals, Air Force opened with a full scale assault on KU's goal line. They won a

left corner. The Jayhawks answered when Paul King notched a drop goal from 30 meters (4-3).

Air Force scored again when their player was tackled but still managed to cross the goal line as the score went to 10-3 at half. There was no let up in the second half and Air Force came away winners, 16-3.

In the second semifinal, OU jumped on top with an early

The Buffs demonstrated a snappy attack, excellent cover defense and powerful tackling.

Final

The final was a culture clash between the straightlaced cadets and the hipper, more flamboyant "Sons of Liberace" from Boulder. The Lincoln-esque presence of Denver referee Jim Russell made the championship an all-Colorado affair.

This was the third straight year

Academy's goal kicking was very weak. Seelans, on the other hand, had good range and accuracy. It was thought the Buffs might get back into the match with the wind behind them and with their excellent ball-winning and retention skills.

2nd Half

Instead, the second half was anticlimax. The Air Force backs were standing too far apart and their handling was poor. Meanwhile CU was also struggling due to the physical pounding they were taking up front, which derailed their second phase play.

CU intently defended several scrums and tap penalties in the shadow of their own posts, but in the 59th minute Academy flanker Arthur Wunder took a short ball off a tight five platform and dove in to score (18-3).

Colorado went back to work but knocked on a tap penalty five meters out and then were blown off the ball at the ensuing scrum, typical of the frustration they endured all day. Seventy-three minutes into the match, Bohm completed his hat trick with an interception, going down the left touchline for a 60-meter try (22-3).

Battling doggedly, Colorado squeezed over a try by scrumhalf John Muldoon in injury time, the only try conceded by Air Force in the tournament. Seelans' conversion ended the scoring at 22-9.

Coaches' Comments

Both coaches acknowledged that the weight and strength of the Academy's front row



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This was the third straight year Air Force and Colorado have met in the Western Collegiate final, and it also marked the 7th straight year that one of these two powerhouses would win the title.

Air Force Wins Nat'l Collegiate Crown

by Randall P. Lickerman

Colorado Springs, CO
May 6-7, 1980

Mission Accomplished! Shaking off 10 years of frustration, the United States Air Force Academy captured their first National Collegiate Championship trophy at Long Beach 15-7 in the final, before a raucous home crowd of 3,000.

To reach the final, Air Force had to survive a fierce struggle in the semifinals with Army, winning 17-6 on a last-minute try by co-captain Brent Vander Pol. Long Beach beat Penn State 18-9 in the other semifinal.

In the consolation match, Army crushed Penn State 38-0.

Long-Overdue Victory

This was Air Force's sixth appearance in the Collegiate Final Four (in the 10 years of the event), and the fourth consecutive year they represented the Western Rugby Union at the National Championship. However, unlike past years, 1980 ended with the Air Force "Zoozies" scoring above 371 other rugby-playing colleges at Scripps National Collegiate Champions.

"After being denied three years in a row, we were not going to be denied again," exclaimed an ebullient Jon Finley, the Air Force co-captain and scrumhalf, and the only Zoozie of the last three "Final Fours."

The happiest man on the grounds, however, was Lt. Col. Vern Francis, the Air Force head coach, who finally shed the burden of all the Zoozie's head-misogists lifted from his shoulders.

Francis best captured the emotions of the moment, and summed up the feelings of many long-time Air Force rugby supporters, when he said after the match, "Now I can die a happy man."

Matchups

The Final Four was composed of the Collegiate Champions from the United States' four Territorial Unions.

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Semifinal:

Long Beach 18, Penn State 9

Saturday, May 6
1:00 p.m.

Col State Long Beach's chances for fame at the National Collegiate Championship rested clearly on the shoulders (or actually the feet) of their Australian flyhalf, Brent Bowden.

The 49ers had struck gold all year by structuring their game around Bowden's exceptional kicking — both for points and territorial advantage. Not surprisingly, Long Beach's strategy in the first semifinal called for Bowden to control the game with his kicking.

"I don't care what they thought, our goal is to win," said Long Beach head coach Dr. Dale Tushnet in response to crowd chants of "Boring" and "If I wanted to see kicking I would



Long Beach kick Andrew Klinkenberg (6'3", 225 lbs.) scores in the semifinals of the National Collegiate Championship against Midwest Champ Penn State. Long Beach won 18-9. (Photo - Lickerman)

have watched soccer.

1st Half

Bowden had missed two drop goals and a penalty kick. Although the game was even, it was clear Long Beach was dictating the pace. Every time the 49ers gained possession, Bowden would attempt a drop goal, launch an up-and-over or send a long boot towards touch.

At 5 minutes, Long Beach grabbed their own bonus, as they scored all day, courtesy of their mountainous "Andy Andy's" locks — 6'7"-225 lb. Andy Klinkenberg and 6'4"-250 lb. Andy Nicholas. The Long Beach pack then drove the rest of the 25 yards before being stopped just short of the line.

On the ensuing 5-yard scrum, 49er RB Derrick Munk, a Pacific Coast Collegiate All-Star, was stopped cold by Penn State's back row. However, Long Beach kept pressing and hooker Jerry Fanning came out of the maul for a try. Bowden converted, 6-0, 49ers.

Six minutes later, Penn State scored on a 20-yard penalty kick by outside center Frank Chומר.

At this point, the 49ers' strategy was backfiring with Bowden's kicking taking his forwards out of the game. The Long Beach pace, strong in the set, was not effective in the loose and wasn't covering well on up-and-overs.

The Nitany Lion, meanwhile, were keeping the action in the 49ers' end. However, after Chומר and inside center Matt Norton each missed penalties, Bowden displayed how he scored over 300 points this year.

In the half's last 4 minutes, he hit a 42-yard penalty kick and a 20-yard drop goal and Long Beach had a 13-3 halftime lead.

2nd Half

In the second half, after an initial 45m scrum, Penn State went back on the attack. They park had a slight edge in the loose, but their backs had a big advantage as they were given much more ball to run with.

However, skilled tackling by

the 49er backs and Long Beach's set piece dominance was keeping Penn State away from the end zone.

Long Beach got a taste of their own medicine, when flyhalf Ian Wallace hit two drop goals, from 35 and 45 yards, at 20 and 25 minutes, to pull Penn State within three, 12-9.

Penn State had a very good chance to win this match, but a leg injury to Norton, who, like the Nitany Lion's captain, took a lot of strain out of their attack.

While not playing well, Long Beach head has never broke. After missing several kicks, Bowden added two 25-yard penalty kicks to give the 49ers the game (18-9).

"Our game plan all year was to set up second phase off the scrum," said Bowden, the 49er captain, "and it was disappointing we didn't score more points."

"It was our hardest game of the season, though, just what you'd expect from a national semifinal. I think we do all right tomorrow."

Semifinal: Air Force 17, Army 16

Saturday, May 6
1:00 p.m.

A few minutes before the second semifinal, the freshmen cadets at the Air Force Academy, coached by the pits in combat fatigue, had to get their feet on the West Coast rugger. The energy level rose ten-fold and continued to rise throughout the match, peaking in the game's waning moments.

The match was one only the two academies could have played. Two of the strongest and most fit college teams in the U.S., they had made a habit of losing to slightly more skilled teams since the beginning of championship play — Army, in the Eastern playoffs, Air Force at the National Final Fours.

But with each year increasing their number of skill players and improving their mental and emotional preparation, both looked like national champions.

1st Half

Ignoring the home field advantage of the Zoozies, the Black Knights stormed out of the box and controlled the early action.

Army was having the better of the looseball fight five games within a game. With the loose ball row even, the battle was between Army's bigger, stronger locks — 6'3"-230 lb. Spence Robinson and 6'2"-235 lb. Skip Phillips and Air Force's leaner, sprylier second rows — 6'4"-205 lb. Dan Drenth and 6'3"-215 lb. James Owen.

At 10 minutes, Army outside center Bill Marshall picked up an uncontested ball and the Zoozies were backpedaling. Army skillfully maneuvered during second phase play, creating an overload that forcing wing Lincoln Oso exploded for a try. Semifinal Dave Blain missed the conversion, 4-0 Army.

At 25 minutes, Zoozie fullback Dave Mott missed a penalty kick, but after an Army

clearing kick, outside center Tim Robinson capped an excellent Zoozie counterattack with a 41-yard try. Wing Skip Robinson missed the conversion, 4-4.

Both sides maintained a blistering pace that gained momentum. Three back rows, John Oliver (Army) and Brent Vander Pol (Air Force) and heads scrummers Dave Blain (Army) and Jon Finley (Air Force) led both teams.

After missing a penalty kick at 22 minutes, Rogers made no mistake with a 27-yard effort just as the half ended, to give Air Force a 7-4 lead.

2nd Half

Ten minutes after the break, Rogers missed a penalty kick but Army's Blain took limited try score with a 30-yarder (7-7).

Minutes later, Blain headed an up-and-over and Army led by hooker Brian Barrington, maulled expertly. Army captain Oliver got the ball out to flyhalf Kevin Doo, to Marshall, who set up for the left corner. Air Force's Mott made a saving tackle, but Marshall released the ball at the two. Oso was then tackled by an outstanding defender playing first and not the ball. Penalty try to Army, easily converted by Blain (12-7).

Thanks to Robinson, though, Air Force knotted the game midway through the second session. From a set piece Air Force went weak (left) then spun quick second phase ball back right. Robinson found a way in the defense, ran back, and 30 yards later had his second try. Rogers converted, 12-12.

Led by Oliver, who was always in the thick of things, Army drove back at Air Force and Zoozie prop Kevin Oso high tackled an Army ball carrier. From 20 yards in front of the posts, Blain's kick was true and the visitors led, 16-13, with 13 minutes left.

For the next six minutes, Army controlled the match, with Oliver and Marshall making strong tackles, the only times Air Force gained possession.

Two penalties against Army, however, and a break by Robinson, gave Air Force possession deep in Army territory. Army then gave up yet another penalty, for coming over the top, at their own six-yard line.

The Zoozies, whose goal kicking had been suspect of year, decided to run a penalty play Oso tapped through and smashed into Army's defense, with Vander Pol clearing the ball and setting a platform. As the crowd roared, the Zoozies walked Army back with Vander Pol, on Finley's coil, forcing down when he crossed the line. Rogers missed the conversion, but Air Force had regained the lead (17-16).

With less than a minute remaining, Air Force was called for a high tackle, but Army fullback Mike Kibben's kick sailed wide right and the Zoozies were through to the final.

"We have two kickers who could make that kick. I picked one, and he missed," said Oliver. "If we had to lose to somebody, though, I'm glad it was Air Force. I wish they back in the final. It would be a big plus for military rugby for them to win."

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Air Force	Army
Snyder	1. Albrecht
Junk	2. Burlingame
Olsen	3. Blood
Oacu	4. Robinson
Drummond	5. Phillips
Schiller	6. Morris
Wunder	7. Oliver (c)
VanderPol (c)	8. Galikoff
Foley (c)	9. Bluff
Becker	10. Zwick
Foster	11. Orr
Nichols	12. Laurson
Solomon	13. Markoff
Rogers	14. Wilson
Moss	15. Kilbano

Referee: Jim Russell
(USARFU); E. Rockus (RFU)
Touch Judges:
Joel Dimer, Scott Miller

Championship:

**Air Force 25,
Long Beach 7**

Sunday, May 7
12:00 p.m.

With all the first-year cadets having to stay on Academy grounds one more day, and Colorado Youth Rugby holding its championship at the Academy, the sidelines were teeming with over 3000 people for the final of the 1989 Soccer-lager National Collegiate Championship.

Each team made only one change in the lineup that had played the previous day.

Long Beach scrumhalf Steve Meert, who could hardly talk after the semifinal due to a pinched nerve, and flyhalf Brett Bowden, who was hobbling, both took the field and did not seem to show the pain performed.

Air Force got a talking to after the Army match as they were beaten to the breakdowns for the first time all year. They needed better games from flankers Art Wunder and Ted Schiller as well as from scrumhalf Jon Finley, whose handling had been a bit sloppy the day before.

1st Half

On the game's first scrumhalf (Long Beach put-in), Air Force walked their back 5 yards, costing Long Beach a penalty, under the new rules, for not getting it out. The Zoomies pack celebrated their good start, and the home crowd went wild.

Air Force's inside surge continued as outside center Tim Bohman, "Sardines" hero, lifted an up-and-under that Schiller and Wunder, spurred by their coaches' challenge, chased down. Hooker Michael Junk then set the ball 5 yards from the line and Air Force drove over, with Wunder scoring. Wing Skip Rogers converted, 6-0.

The game then settled down and Bowden went to work, lifting high up-and-under. The 49ers got much better coverage than in their semifinal, with flanker Dean Tooley and AE Derrick Musick, both Pacific College All-Stars, leading the charge. After the Zoomies were penalized for killing the ball, Bowden boomed a 40-yard kick and after 9 minutes Long Beach was within three, 6-3.

With Air Force now wary of Bowden's boot, Long Beach began spreading out their backs, worked forward plays, and combined with Bowden's foot, looked like a totally different team than the day before.

Particularly impressive was the inspired play of Meert, who



Air Force scrumhalf Jon Finley has the ball out against West Point in the National Collegiate Championship semifinals. Air Force beat Army 17-16 in this match and then topped Cal State Long Beach in the final. (Photo - Lichten)

showed no sign of injury and led his team around the field.

Midway through the half, though, Long Beach went over the top in a ruck, and Rogers nailed a 20-yard penalty, 9-7 Air Force.

Bohman made yet another significant open-field break and, when stopped near the goal line, pitched to Foley, who went backside for the try. Rogers' conversion was wide (13-13).

After Bowden missed a 25-yard penalty, the 49ers pushed over a try. Tooley to inside center Mark Robinson to hooker Jerry Fleming to wing Tim Brown, who got around the corner to score. Bowden missed the conversion but Long Beach had pulled in within a goal by halftime, 13-7.

2nd Half

The second half was played predominantly between the 25-yard lines with minimal scoring opportunities for either side.

The sole of the previous day had returned as Air Force kicked a lot to protect its small lead, with Long Beach playing 15-man rugby to try to catch up.

At the 24-minute mark, Dean Tooley made a long break and had daylight, but was caught from behind by Air Force flyhalf Ron Buckley.

"I was thinking, 'Oh my God, not now,'" said Zoomies head coach Lt. Col. Vern Francis.

Five minutes later, Air Force inside center Doug Nikolai was hurt and replaced by Don Wood, with Wood going to outside center and Bohman moving inside.

With both teams looking (and playing) weary, a Beth Wood provided the impetus for Air Force to score two tries in the last 3 minutes to pull away.

At 35 minutes, Finley booted a ball that squibbed out of a scrum. With Wunder and Schiller again in hot pursuit, the motivated Zoomies flankers forced a Long Beach penalty. Running the same penalty play as against Army, Schiller went backside off Vander Pol for the try this time, and Rogers' conversion made it 19-7.

With just a couple of minutes remaining in the match, Finley set up Bohman, who went the last 20 yards for his third try of the tournament. Bohman, in his first year playing rugby, was named

the tourney's Most Valuable Back, as without him Air Force wouldn't have got past Army.

Rogers' conversion then sealed a 25-7 Air Force victory.

"It's too bad they got those points at the end -- the score wasn't representative of how well the game was played," said Long Beach coach Dr. Dale Tooley. "We had planned before the

game to explode in the second half and I'm sure glad we did," sighed a relieved Francis.

And thanks to that second-half explosion, the list of U.S. National Collegiate Champions: Cal-Berkeley (1940-83, 1985, 1986, 1988), Harvard (1984); San Diego State (1987), now includes the Air Force Academy Zoomies (1989).

Long Beach	Air Force
Foley	1. Snyder
Guerra	2. Junk
Nichols	3. Olsen
Kinkenberg	4. Owen
Tooley	5. Drummond
Hager	6. Schiller
Musick	7. Wunder
Meert	8. VanderPol (c)
Bowden (c)	9. Foley (c)
Stratton	10. Buckley
Kitchen	11. Jacobus
Robinson	12. Nichols*
Brown	13. Bohman**
Coburn	14. Rogers
	15. Meit

*replaced by Wood (outside center)
**moved to inside center
Referee: Don Morrison
(USARFU); New England RFU
Touch Judges:
Jim Russell, Joel Dimer

Consolation:

**Army 38,
Penn State 10**

Sunday, May 7
12:00 p.m.

A determined Army side tallied 25 unanswered second-half points to break a 10-10 halftime deadlock and overwhelm Penn State in the consolation match, 38-10.

Army captain and flanker John Oliver led his team to victory, and his outstanding talent, hustle, and leadership earned him the tourney's Most Valuable Forward honors.

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Name	Position	Age	Ht.	Wt.	Year
Harry Blue	Prop	21	6-2	215	Jr.
Tom Schmar	Center	22	5-11	185	Jr.
Ronald Franklin	Linebacker	22	5-11	180	Sr.
Dan Thompson	Linebacker	21	6-4	225	Sr.
Eric Foster	Wing	21	5-8	160	Sr.
Jonathan Pinsky	Scrumhalf	24	5-7	165	Sr.
Jeffrey Hill	QB	22	6-2	180	Jr.
William Jacobs	Wing	21	5-11	180	Jr.
Timothy Jordan	Quarterback	22	6-0	195	Sr.
Michael Jank	Quarterback	25	5-8	160	Sr.
Eric Kelly	Quarterback	20	5-9	130	Jr.
Travis Klopman	Quarterback	19	5-11	180	So.
Tom Knappe	Linebacker	21	6-4	210	Jr.
Frank Moss	Linebacker	22	6-0	180	Sr.
Douglas Nicola	Center	25	5-11	165	Sr.
Kevin Olsen	Prop	22	6-3	230	Sr.
Justin Owen	Linebacker	21	6-2	215	Jr.
Frankie Rogers	Linebacker	22	6-2	200	Jr.
Glenn Rogers Jr.	Wing	21	5-8	185	Sr.
Ted Schiller	Quarterback	22	6-1	205	Sr.
James Snyder	Prop	22	6-2	220	Sr.
Mark Thomas	Scrumhalf	24	5-7	165	Sr.
Scott VanZelFeld	QB	22	6-11	185	Sr.
Don Woods	Center	22	5-9	185	Sr.
Arthur Woods	Quarterback	23	6-3	200	Sr.

Head Coach: Lt. Col. Von French



Air Force
 (FRONT, L-R) Thomas, Jordan, S. Rogers, Foster, Pinsky, Hill, Kelly, Nicola, (MIDDLE) Lt. Col. French (head coach), VanZelFeld, Robinson, Jacobs, S. Rogers, Foster, Pinsky, Moss, Woods, (BACK) Capt. Myers (asst. coach), Knappe, Owen, Eric, Thompson, Kelly, Pinsky, B. Rogers, Maj. Wacker (asst. coach), Knappe, Wood, Capt. Gunderson (asst. coach), Dapt. Klopman (asst. coach), Capt. Pinsky (asst. coach).

Cal State Long Beach



(FRONT, L-R) Kaplan (asst. coach), Aiken, Agee, Kribben, Cohen, Gustafson, Stanton, Wojewoda, Strohman (asst. coach), (MIDDLE) DeMunn, Kramon, Brown, Napp, Mangel, Tiedge, Rodriguez, Anderson (asst. coach), (BACK) Morgan (asst. coach), Goetz, Perry, Hamper, Kirschenberg, Nichols, Fanning (Asst. Coach) (asst. coach), (NOT PICTURED) McKernan.

Name	Position	Age	Ht.	Wt.	Year
Steve Agee	Wing	21	5-11	175	Sr.
Timothy Aulick	Quarterback	23	5-8	145	Jr.
Brent Bowler	Linebacker	22	5-10	178	Jr.
Jim Dixon	Wing	22	6-0	170	Sr.
Garrett Cohen Jr.	Quarterback	25	5-10	165	Sr.
Justin Cooper	Linebacker	25	5-10	200	Jr.
David Gustafson	Scrumhalf	29	5-7	150	Sr.
Dave Gurney	Prop	24	5-10	230	Jr.
Raj Hamper	QB	24	6-1	205	Sr.
Mark Kirschen	Center	21	5-10	190	So.
Andrew Kirschenberg	Linebacker	23	6-2	225	Sr.
Charles McKernan	Linebacker	24	6-0	210	Jr.
Steve Myers	Scrumhalf	22	5-7	170	Sr.
Douglas Nichols	Linebacker	21	6-0	198	Jr.
Andrew Schell	Linebacker	22	6-4	250	Fr.
Jack Stryker	Prop	22	5-11	200	Jr.
Kevin Thompson	Center	21	5-11	192	So.
Eric Tiedge	Linebacker	22	5-10	190	So.
Chris Stanton	Wing	23	5-10	180	Jr.
David Wacker	Quarterback	23	5-11	180	Jr.
Jon Westerman	Quarterback	23	5-10	185	Jr.

Head Coach: Dr. Dale P. Tackley

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Tom Albrecht	Prop	21	6-4	215	Sr.
Dave Mann	Scrumhalf	22	5-8	155	Sr.
Howard Reed	Prop	23	6-4	230	Sr.
Brian Hartogogay	Quarterback	23	6-4	175	Jr.
John DeBlase	Scrumhalf	21	5-4	125	Sr.
Sean DeMartino	Quarterback	19	5-10	190	So.
Nancy Dixie	Quarterback	23	5-11	155	Sr.
Pete Dixon	Quarterback	21	6-4	175	Jr.
Kevin Gallahar	QB	23	6-2	200	Jr.
Mike Halpin	Center	22	6-1	195	Sr.
Mike Kibara	Quarterback	16	6-2	190	Jr.
Carl Laitone	Center	23	6-1	255	Sr.
Bill Marshall	Center	22	6-1	190	Sr.
Dennis McKernan	QB	22	6-2	198	So.
Chris Moore	Quarterback	22	6-4	205	So.
Low Nance	Center	21	5-8	190	Sr.
John Olson	Quarterback	22	5-11	210	Sr.
Charles Orr	Wing	21	5-8	175	Sr.
Steven Phillips	Linebacker	21	6-7	225	Sr.
Spencer Robinson	Linebacker	22	6-3	230	Sr.
Tim Sawcove	Quarterback	19	5-7	170	Jr.
Eric Sibley	Quarterback	21	6-4	200	So.
Scott Sutherland	Prop	20	6-0	195	Jr.
Vincent Torma	Center	19	6-0	185	Sr.
John Wilson	Wing	23	5-11	185	Sr.

Head Coach: Lt. Col. Michael Minton

Army



(FRONT, L-R) Morris, Kibara, Dixie, Laitone, Marshall, Orr, Stein, Robinson, Maj. Walker (asst. coach), (MIDDLE) DeMunn, Sutherland, Sawcove, Sibley, Nance, McKernan, Olson, Robinson, Lt. Col. Minton (asst. coach), (BACK) Maj. D'Arcangelo (asst. coach), Capt. Vaughn (asst. coach), Major, DeMartino, Gallahar, Albrecht, DeBlase, Reed, Phillips, Torma, Wilson.

Penn State



(FRONT, L-R) DeMunn (asst. coach), Nance, Wood, Evans, Rao, Cassidy, Dreyfus, Goffine, Shook, De, Hale (asst. coach), (MIDDLE) Dr. Smith (head coach), Chavers, Dixon, Walker, Wacker, Zapp, Pitzer, Kramon, Livingston (asst. coach), (BACK) DeMunn (asst. coach), Walker, Norton, Kelly, Arthur, Ratts, Kramon, Moore, Blundell, Blundell, Goffine, Goffine (asst. coach), (NOT PICTURED) Ryland (asst. coach).

Name	Position	Age	Ht.	Wt.	Year
Steve Anlian	Linebacker	22	6-1	200	Sr.
Kevin Barry	Linebacker	23	6-4	280	Sr.
Rick Cassidy	Quarterback	22	5-10	160	Sr.
Eric Chavers	Center	21	5-10	160	Sr.
Scott Davis	Wing	20	5-9	170	So.
Greg Dreyfus	Wing	22	5-8	160	Sr.
Brian Evans	Scrumhalf	22	5-8	160	Sr.
James Galloway	Linebacker	20	6-3	200	Jr.
Howard Goffine	Quarterback	21	5-8	170	Jr.
Arthur Kramon	Linebacker	23	6-2	250	Jr.
Brent Livingston	Center	25	6-0	170	Jr.
Stephen Ryan	Center	20	5-10	170	Jr.
Peter Rasmussen	Wing	24	6-0	170	Jr.
Daniel Kelly	Quarterback	23	6-1	200	Sr.
George Nace	Quarterback	22	5-9	170	Jr.
Matthew Norton	Center	22	6-11	180	Jr.
Lowell Pitzer	Prop	23	6-0	250	Sr.
Stephen Rao	Scrumhalf	21	6-0	170	Sr.
Vincent Ratts	QB	22	6-0	200	So.
Patricia Shook	Prop	22	5-10	170	Jr.
Tim Sutherland	Quarterback	22	5-10	190	Sr.
John Walker	Quarterback	21	5-10	190	Sr.
Jay Wagner	QB	22	6-0	200	Jr.
Dennis Wacker	Prop	24	6-0	220	Jr.
John Wilson	Quarterback	22	5-10	180	Sr.

Head Coach: Dr. Bruce Hale

Air Force Wins Nat'l Collegiate Crown

by Randall P. Lieberman

Colorado Springs, CO
May 6-7, 1989

Mission Accomplished!

Shaking off 10 years of frustration, the United States Air Force Academy captured their first National Collegiate Championship, beating Cal State Long Beach 25-7 in the final, before a raucous home crowd of 3,000.

To reach the final, Air Force had to survive a titanic struggle in the semifinals with Army, winning 17-16 on a last-minute try by co-captain, Brent Vander Pol. Long Beach beat Penn State 18-9 in the other semifinal.

In the consolation match, Army routed Penn State 38-10.

Long-Overdue Victory

This was Air Force's sixth appearance in the Collegiate Final Four (in the 10 years of the event), and the fourth consecutive year they've represented the Western Rugby Union at the National Championship. However, unlike past years, 1989 ended with the Air Force "Zoomies" soaring above 377 other rugby-playing colleges as Steinlager National Collegiate



Long Beach lock Andrew Klinkenberg (6'3", 225 lbs.) secures lineout ball in the semifinals of the National Collegiate Championship against Midwest Champ Penn State. Long Beach won 18-9. (Photo - Lieberman)

have watched soccer.

1st Half

the 49er backs and Long Beach's

Semifinal:

clearing kick, outside center Tim Bohman capped an excellent Zoomie counterattack with a 40-yard try. Wing Skip Rogers missed the conversion, 4-4.

Both sides maintained a blistering pace that ignited the crowd. Tireless back rowers John Oliver (Army) and Brent Vander Pol (Air Force) and heady scrumhalves Dave Blain (Army) and Jon Finley (Air Force) led their teams.

After missing a penalty kick at 32 minutes, Rogers made no mistake with a 27-yard effort just as the half ended, to give Air Force a 7-4 lead.

2nd Half

Ten minutes after the break, Rogers missed a penalty kick but Army's Blain then knotted the score with a 33-yarder (7-7).

Minutes later, Blain fielded an up-and-under and Army, led by hooker Brian Burlingame, mauled expertly. Army captain Oliver got the ball out to flyhalf Kevin Dice, to Marshall, who set sail for the left corner. Air Force's Mets made a saving tackle, but Marshall released the ball at the two. Oro was then tackled by an onrushing defender

Short bursts

Dash nominates new SECDEF

WASHINGTON (APNS) — The president announced Monday his intention to nominate Dr. Donald B. Rice, president and chief executive of The RAND Corp. since 1979, as the new secretary of the Air Force, replacing retiring Secretary John J. Wick, Jr.

Dr. Rice, 48, who served as a captain in the Army from 1961 to 1967, is not new to the Pentagon. From 1967 to 1969, he served as director of state analysis for the secretary of defense. He was then named deputy assistant secretary of defense for resource analysis, followed by two years as assistant director of the Office of Management and Budget from 1970 to 1972, just prior to joining The RAND Corp. in San Mateo, Calif.

While at RAND, Dr. Rice served from 1967 to 1970 as the director of a center for resource management for the secretary of defense and the president.

A native of Frederick, Md., Dr. Rice received his bachelor's in chemical engineering from the University of Notre Dame in 1961, a master's in nuclear design in industrial administration from Purdue University in 1962, and his doctorate in aerospace in 1965, also from Purdue.

Dr. Rice and his wife, the former Susan Fitzgerald, have three sons, Donald B. III, Joseph F., and Matthew P., who reside in California.

His nomination is subject to Senate approval.

VA education benefits end

WASHINGTON (APNS) — The Veterans Administration closed Monday its system that gave eligibility period for some education benefits is about to end.

Subjective benefits for some 200,000 veterans will expire Dec. 31.

Under the law, the VA will stop issuing GI Bill payments to veterans attending school or in training positions resulting from their being active-duty service between Aug. 31, 1953, and Jan. 1, 1971.

A veteran enrolled in what is called VA education programs, including the Veterans Educational Assistance Program and the Montgomery GI Bill for active duty, Reserve and National Guard people who served after June 30, 1950, are not affected by the restriction.

Veterans are urged about their eligibility for education benefits should end as the current VA regional office.

AAPES continues record sales for 1988

DALLAS — The Army and Air Force Exchange Service announced record sales for 1988 of \$4.2 billion.

The total proceeds from all AAPES operations in Army and Air Force Major, Wholesale and Recreation programs were \$337.7 million for 1988.

In comparison, 10 years ago AAPES had total sales of \$1 billion to distribute and other funds to the two services' MWR programs.

The total AAPES payments, which support quality of life MWR activities ranging from youth centers to libraries, will be \$29.26 per serviceable Army and Air Force member in 1988.

Last two E-3As already come home

WASHINGTON (APNS) — The last two American E-3A airborne warning and control aircraft departed Saudi Arabia after seven and eight years of providing aerial surveillance in the Persian Gulf.

Of the two, one, for the deployment of the 48th Air Wing, is the oldest of the aircraft of the Saudi government in October 1987.

During the more than eight years of flight in the Persian Gulf, the E-3As' primary mission was that of a deterrent. In a non-threatening way, it showed the United States (and Saudi) air force were watching and able to detect.

The cost of the two E-3As was \$1.1 billion and \$1.2 billion more. They were supported by KC-135A from the Strategic Air Command, which has about 5,000 refueling sorties.

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Nation's best

Photo by AIC Steve Goss

Beer Vander Pol, CS-34, holds up the NCAA Rugby Championship trophy while Dan Drummond, CS-36, and Ron Buckley, CS-16, look on. Air Force defeated Long Beach State, 26-7, Sunday to win the championship. For more on the rugby championships see pages 15 and 17.

Doolie Day Out, sponsor program give cadets chance to relax

By Brig. Gen. Stan W. Woodcock, III
Commandant of Cadets

Planning for two very special cadet programs is well underway at the academy — the Doolie Day Out and the Fourth Class Sponsor Program. The Doolie Day Out, July 10, is an excellent opportunity for you to get acquainted with cadets from the Class of 1993 and at the same time provide them an opportunity to relax for a few hours during Class Cadet Training.

The Fourth Class Sponsor Program allows you to get directly involved in the Air Force Academy mission — helping develop the best possible second lieutenant for the U.S. Air Force. The program encourages local residents to "adopt" a cadet and welcome the cadet into their home. This gives the cadet a home away from home, additional role models and a family to enjoy and become involved with. Your participation will greatly ease the transition for these fine young men

and women as they adjust to Colorado Springs and the United States Air Force Academy.

We are soliciting support for both programs simultaneously. This will help ensure that every cadet has a host identified for the Doolie Day Out and a sponsor assigned by Parents Weekend, Sept. 1 through 4. By participating in both programs, you can sponsor the same cadet you host for the Doolie Day Out, if you so desire. These programs give you the chance to meet a cadet in a relaxed environment and follow their progress during four years at the academy. The relationship that develops from this personal interaction is vital to the cadet's professional and social development and normally grows into a long-lasting friendship between families and our future Air Force leaders.

I encourage you to get actively involved in either or both programs. The host/family involved if you are interested and have not yet received an application, call the Cadet Wing Liaison Office at 472-5477 for an article.





Brigadier General Ronald Buckley '89



Zoomie Rugby

The Air Force Academy Rugby Football Club was established in 1968 and has never had a losing season. The AFA RFC, "the Zoomies," fields four sides and is one of the most popular cadet activities at the Academy.

The Air Force Academy has produced many select side players including nine All Americans and Zoomie Alumni now stack the US Air Force Rugby Team and contribute to the US Combined Services Junior and Senior Teams. Because of recent successes, the Zoomies have been invited to tournaments throughout the US and Canada and the Academy is a favorite stop for touring sides. In the last year, the Zoomies hosted teams from Canada, England and Australia; the AFA RFC has played twenty-four international teams and clubs from twenty-three states. An accomplishment of note is that ex-Zoomies have founded at least twenty rugby clubs around the US and the world. And, of course, the Zoomies compete fiercely each year for the

coveted Commandant's Cup against the US Naval Academy and the US Military Academy, having captured the trophy for the first time this year.

Another source of pride is the Ross A. LaTorra Memorial Fund, established in 1988 to promote the USAFA RFC. The fund was established in memory of Captain Ross LaTorra, AFA Class of 1980, fighter pilot and former rugby player who died in an aircraft accident in 1987.

This Tenth National Collegiate Championship marks the sixth appearance of the Zoomies as the Western RFC Champions: 1980, 83, 86, 87, 88, 89. Only Cal Berkeley has more Final Four appearances (8). While Berkeley has captured the National Championship seven times, the Zoomies have never finished first. The AFA RFC is more prepared than ever in 1989, and would like nothing more than to cap a successful year with a National Championship won on their home field.



Zoomie RFC Roster

TEAM: US Air Force Academy (Zoomie RFC)
 COLORS: Blue and Silver

COACH: Lt Col Vern Francis

ASSISTANTS: Major Walter "LD" Daniels
 Captain Pat Gerdermann
 Captain Dave Myers
 Captain Dave Easter
 Captain Jim Jasine

NAME	YR	POSITION	HT	WT
Jim Snyder	Senior	Prop	6'7"	220
Kevin Olsen	Senior	Prop	6'3"	230
Harry Blue	Junior	Prop	6'2"	220
Mike Junk	Senior	Hooker	5'8"	170
Eric Kelm	Junior	Hooker	5'9"	170
Dan Drummond	Senior	Lock	6'3"	210
Jay Owen	Junior	Lock	6'4"	210
John Krause	Junior	Lock	6'4"	210
Tim Koszwick	Senior	Wing Forward	6'1"	200
Tod Schiller	Senior	Wing Forward	6'3"	210
Art Wunder	Senior	Wing Forward	6'0"	205
Jeff Hill	Junior	88	6'2"	190
Brent VanderPol	Senior	88	5'11"	190
Jon Finley	Senior	Scrum Half	5'7"	165
Mark Thomas	Senior	Scrum Half	5'7"	160
Ron Buckley	Senior	Fly Half	5'10"	180
Travis Kligfstein	Soph	Fly Half	5'11"	155
Tim Bohman	Junior	Center	5'11"	195
Bill Jacobus	Junior	Center	5'11"	190
Donnie Wood	Senior	Center	5'9"	180
Eric Fester	Senior	Wing	5'8"	160
Doug Nikoli	Senior	Wing	5'11"	165
Skip Rodgers	Senior	Wing	5'8"	185
Dave Metz	Senior	Full Back	6'0"	185
Brad Rodgers	Junior	Full Back	6'1"	200



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Back row (L to R): Owen, Kelm, Wood, Bohman, Buckley, B. Rogers, Vanderpol, Blue, Jacobus, Snyder, Schiller, Fester, Krause, Jozwiak, Klopenstein, Thomas, Nikolai, Souza, Stone, Hill. **Front Row:** G (SKip) Rogers, Oleen, Drummond, Wunder, Finley, Junk, Metz, (Coach) Francis

Air Force Wins Nat'l Collegiate Crown

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Steinlager

Collegiate Final Four

Steinlager

Name	Position	Age	Ht.	Wt.	Year
Harry Blue	Prop	21	6-2	215	Jr.
Tom Bohman	Center	22	5-11	195	Jr.
Ronald Buckley	Flyhalf	22	5-11	180	Sr.
Dan Drummond	Lock	21	6-4	205	Sr.
Eric Fester	Wing	21	5-8	163	Sr.
Jonathan Fenley	Scrumhalf	24	5-7	165	Sr.
Jeffrey Hill	QB	22	6-2	190	Jr.
William Jacobus	Wing	21	5-11	180	Jr.
Timothy Jozwiak	Flanker	22	6-0	195	Sr.
Michael Junk	Hooker	23	5-8	165	Sr.
Eric Keim	Hooker	20	5-9	170	Jr.
Travis Klopfenstein	Flyhalf	19	5-11	160	So.
Jon Krause	Lock	21	6-4	210	Jr.
David Mets	Fullback	22	6-0	180	Sr.
Douglas Nikolai	Center	23	5-11	165	Sr.
Kevin Oleen	Prop	22	6-3	230	Sr.
James Owen	Lock	21	6-3	215	Jr.
Bradley Rogers	Fullback	22	6-2	200	Jr.
Glenn Rogers Jr.	Wing	21	5-8	185	Sr.
Ted Schiller	Flanker	22	6-3	205	Sr.
James Snyder	Prop	22	6-2	220	Sr.
Mark Thomas	Scrumhalf	24	5-7	165	Sr.
Brent VanderPol	QB	22	5-11	185	Sr.
Don Wood	Center	22	5-9	185	Sr.
Arthur Wunder	Flanker	23	6-0	200	Sr.
Head Coach: Lt. Col. Vern Francis					

Air Force



(FRONT, L-R): Thomas, Buckley, Jozwiak, Junk, Hill, Keim, Nikolai. (MIDDLE): Lt. Col. Francis (head coach), VanderPol, Bohman, Jacobus, S. Rogers, Fester, Fenley, Mets, Wunder. (BACK): Capt. Myers (asst. coach), Krause, Oleen, Blue, Drummond, Snyder, Owen, Schiller, B. Rogers, Maj. Daniels (asst. coach). (NOT PICTURED): Klopfenstein, Wood, Capt. Gerdemann (asst. coach), Capt. Easter (asst. coach), Capt. Jasina (asst. coach).

Army Rugby 1988-89

As the Army Rugby team entered the 1988-89 season, it still felt the bitter taste of a 16-15 loss in the 87-88 Eastern Region I Finals to the eventual National collegiate Runner-up, Dartmouth College. The seniors on the team vowed that history would not repeat itself. Through their leadership and dedication to team rugby, Army is the present Eastern Collegiate Champion.

The Army Rugby Team is comprised of cadets who are undergraduate students attending the US Military Academy at West Point, New York. West Point is charged with educating, training and inspiring young Americans to provide the nation with leaders of character who serve the nation. Rugby is particularly suited to the development of young Army officers with its emphasis on teamwork, aggressiveness, and cardiovascular and strength conditioning. But the exercise of strategic and tactical decision making that is required of rugby players in the midst of continuous, violent and exhausting play is an invaluable experience

offered in few other sports.

Rugby is run as a club sport at West Point with a volunteer coaching staff. Army fields four sides during the fall season and routinely has 150-250 cadets try out to make a 68-man roster. Army registers two independent teams in the Metropolitan New York Union. These teams finished undefeated in union play this year, finishing as the Metropolitan New York Champion and runner-up. Army's combined record in the fall against collegiate and club opponents was 37-1.

In the spring season Army fields two sides with a 34-man roster. Army's combined spring record against collegiate and club opponents was 11-2. Enroute to the USA Rugby Collegiate Championship tournament Army beat UCouts 27-9 and Southern Connecticut 37-0 to win the Eastern Region I Championship; then beat Buffalo 33-0 and Navy 43-18 to win the Eastern Championship.



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US Military Academy, West Point Roster

TEAM: US Military Academy (West Point)

COLORS: Black and Gold

COACH: Lt Col Mike Mahan

ASSISTANTS: John Wallace
Brian O'Gorman
Mark Vaughn

NAME	YR	AGE	POSITION	HT	WT
Rou Albrecht	S	21	Prop	6'0"	220
Cary Blood	S	25	Prop	6'0"	230
James Ford	J	23	Prop	5'11"	210
Brian Burlingame	J	23	Hooker	5'9"	165
Pete Dunn	S	22	Hooker	5'10"	175
Steven Phillips	S	21	Lock	6'2"	230
Spencer Robinson	S	22	Lock	6'4"	235
Charlie Atkins	S	20	Lock	6'4"	215
Dennis McKernan	So	20	#8	6'1"	185
Kimo Galahue	J	23	#8	6'2"	205
Chris Morris	S	22	WF	6'4"	205
John Oliver	S	21	WF	5'11"	210
Shawn Demartino	J	21	WF	5'11"	185
Dave Blain	S	22	SH	5'8"	155
John Debasio	S	21	SH	5'5"	155
Kevin Dice	S	23	FLI	5'11"	180
Julio Saccone	J	20	FB	5'7"	170
Ciff Larson	S	23	C	6'3"	230
Bill Marshall	So	22	C	6'1"	185
Lou Nantz	S	21	C	5'9"	185
Lincoln Oto	S	21	W	5'9"	175
John Wilson	S	23	W	5'11"	185
Vincent Torza	So	20	W	6'0"	185
Mike Kilbent	J	20	FB	6'1"	190
Richard Stage	So	19	FB	5'11"	180



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California State University- Long Beach RFC

During its brief history, California State University has established an enviable record. Founded in 1973 by Dr. Dale P. Tooley, an Australian who is a professor in the Department of Physical Education, CSULB RFC has won over 85% of games played under his direction.

The Club plays in the tough University Division of the Southern California Rugby Football Union, and has won the title on five occasions. CSULB has won the Pacific Coast Universities Championship on two occasions and in 1984 finished in third place at the National Collegiate Championships in Monterey. The Club has a strong record in Tournament play, having won both the Santa Barbara and San Diego Tournaments on three occasions each, and the Arizona Tournament during the Fall of 1988.

CSULB has produced a number of players who have gone on to achieve international honours both on and off the playing field. Ex-40er Carl Moler was a member of the USA Eagles squad, and Dai Morgan was named

to the first "All American" team in U.S. Rugby. John Billingsley, the former Canadian Representative player and current Executive Secretary of the Canadian RFU, is a Long Beach State Alum. The Club has supplied a substantial number of players to both the SCRFU and the PCRFU Representative sides. Ten members of the current team have represented Orange County; six have represented SCRFU and Dean Tooley recently toured British Columbia with the PCRFU Jrs. In addition to preparing players for top class competition, many former CSULB players have moved on to hold administrative, playing and coaching positions throughout the USA.

The Club feels that overseas tours are very important in the development of young players, and to this end, CSULB has toured extensively during its short history. Countries visited include; Australia, Canada, Mexico, England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales and New Zealand.



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California State University, Long Beach RFC Roster

TEAM:	California State University, Long Beach RFC.
ESTABLISHED:	1973
COLORS:	Brown and Gold
COACH:	Dr. Dale P. Tooley
ASSISTANTS:	Mark Stockhouse David Anderson Dai Morgan Bob Kaplan
CAPTAIN:	Brett Bowden
SEASON RECORD:	W33 D1 L4
CONFERENCE RECORD:	W6 L1

Steve Agor	Full Back/Wing
Tim Aitken	Scrum Half/Wing
Brett Bowden, Captain	Stand Off
Jim Brown	Wing/Center
Gabe Cobos	Full-back/Stand-Off
Jerry Fanning, v/Capt	Hooker
Jim Goadagno	Wing/Scrum-Half
Dario Guerra	Prop
Ray Harper	Flanker/8
Mark Kinchen	Center/Flanker
Kevin Robinson	Center
Steve Meert	Scrum-Half
Derick Meek	8/Flanker
Andrew Nichols	Lock
Jack Purdy	Prop
Audy Kimkenberg	Lock
Eric Skaur	Flanker
Chris Straton	Wing/Full-Back
Charley McKerris	Lock/8
Dean Tooley	Flanker
Jon Westerman	Hooker/Prop



The CSULB would like to take this opportunity to thank the many loyal wives, girl/friends, family members, and Administration at the University, without whose help the successes on the field would not be possible.

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ZOOMIES WIN!

Semifinal:

***Air Force 17,
Army 16***

**Saturday, May 6
3:00 p.m.**

Championship:

***Air Force 25,
Long Beach 7***

**Sunday, May 7
3:30 p.m.**



Tim Sumner of Air Force, the tournament's most valuable back, is carried off the field by teammates and fans after the Zambis' win over Long Beach State at Sunday in the title game of the national college rugby championships.

AFA whips Long Beach, zooms to title

Second-half surge sparks easy victory

By Steve Papp/Seattle Times

Tim Finley said a matchful "It seems as I go, the team goes," said Air Force's senior scrum half.

Finley went downfield on one big, balling point of the game play in the second half of Sunday's national college rugby championship game on the AFA pitch, and with him went his Zambis teammates.

When they stopped running, the Zom-

bies had the national title firmly in hand: Air Force 20, Long Beach State (Calif.) 7.

Air Force's first championship in four four-match appearances brought much of the opposing crowd of 3,000 down onto the pitch and into the celebration. It was also the first time the final four had been held at Air Force.

But things were pretty tense until Finley's big move.

The Zambis had been a 15-7 halftime lead on their own rugby's four-point version of a touchdown — by Finley and Art Winder and a field goal and a conversion kick by Skip Rodgers. They were steadily cringing to that lead midway

through the second 40-minute half.

"I felt they were starting to play too defensively," said Lt. Col. Vern Finocchio, the Air Force coach. "That was a big play by Finley, but he's that kind of a player."

Indeed. About 15 minutes earlier, Finley had been flattened by a Long Beach hit, but he remained in the game.

"I got knocked a little goodly," Finley said. "I guess that's what it took — getting my bones scrambled a bit."

Finley's position — scrum half — is similar to that of a quarterback. He's the one who gets the ball when it is kicked

then of the player assignment known as

See AFA/2

Player looks back on season

by Eric Fester
Cadet Squadron 28

Champions of USA rugby.

That phrase makes it all worth it — the long runs around the overlook, to the B-52 and back (that was the fun one), and the extra 20 minutes of running at the end of practice. The coaches made it tough. We all hated it at the time, but we knew deep down it was going to be worth it — and believe me, it was. We are the champions, and speaking for the team, it is a great feeling that I will never lose.

Rugby is the best sport I have ever played — baseball, football, wrestling — none can compare to rugby.

This championship started back in

August with conditioning. In September we started out the season losing to Kansas, then we lost to Colorado, then the worst loss was Frank Souza to a knee injury. The fall season ended with a close victory against Army.

It all started again in February. We started off the spring season a little shaky, but then it all came together in a tournament in Canada. We gave up our spring break and toured Arizona and New Mexico. We came together as a team then, but lost one of the best players on the team. Dan Stone broke his jaw during the last game of the trip.

We avenged last season's losses to Kansas and Colorado in the Western Regional Championship Tournament. We

came back to the academy and took it all.

Looking back now, I realize that rugby has shown me, and the rest of the team, more than I thought it could. The camaraderie is incredible. We won and lost as a team. We also celebrated together.

Rugby was more than just a sport for the team — it was a way of life. We stayed together as a team and we learned from each other and the coaches. I'll never forget the feeling I have right now, and I know the whole team feels the same.

We won the national championship!
CIC Eric Fester, a member of the Zoomie team, wrote rugby articles for The Falcon Flyer during the rugby season.



I got it!

U.S. Air Force photo by A1C Lori Miller

Air Force (in striped shirts) and Army players attempt to catch the ball during the semifinal game Saturday. Air Force

by **Eric Fester**

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one can compare to rugby.

This championship started back in August with conditioning. In September we started out the season losing to Kansas, then we lost to Colorado, then the worst loss was Frank Souza to a knee injury. The fall season ended with a close victory against Army.

It all started again in February. We started off the spring season a little shaky, but then it all came together in a tournament in Canada. We gave up our spring break and toured Arizona and New Mexico. We came together as a team then, but lost one of the best players on the team. Dan Stone broke his jaw during the last game of the trip.

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Rugby was more than just a sport for the team — it was a way of life. We stayed together as a team and we learned from each other and the coaches. I'll never forget the feeling I have right now, and I know the whole team feels the same.

We won the national championship!
*C1C Eric Fester, a member of the Zoomie team, wrote rugby articles for **The Falcon Flyer** during the rugby season.*





L-R Coach Francis (white T-shirt) Walt Daniels (blue T-shirt) Terry Fleener, USA Rugby President, presenting the award



Air Force captures national rugby crown

WASHINGTON — The host Air Force Academy team took the national collegiate rugby title from Long Beach State 25-7 at Colorado Springs, Colo., May 7.

The Air Force Zoomies, who defeated Army 17-16 in semifinal play the day before, won its first national crown after finishing second in 1980, 1983 and 1987, and third in 1986 and 1988.

The Zoomies' Tim Bohman, a junior who scored a try in the championship game and two in the semifinal contest, was selected as the most valuable back in the championships.

Tries are worth four points; conversions, two.

The squad reached the final four by winning the western regional tournament. The Zoomies gained the championship courtesy of a last-minute try by senior Brent VanderPol that gave them the match over the Black Knights.

Air Force jumped out to a 6-0 lead against Pacific region champion Long Beach State four minutes into the title game and took a 13-7 lead into halftime.

For almost 35 minutes of the second half, neither team scored. With just five minutes left, Air Force senior Ted Schiller scored a try, followed by Bohman's try three minutes later. Senior Skip Rodgers was successful on both conversions.

"We conditioned extremely hard all year,



and that enabled us to explode at the end of the game," said Lt. Col. Vern Francis, Air Force head coach. "This is a great time for all of us associated with rugby at the Air Force Academy."

The championships were sponsored by New Zealand Breweries/Steinlager and the United States of America Rugby Football Union.

Blue team beats Silver

WASHINGTON — Sophomore halfback Ron Gray returned a kickoff 103 yards for a touchdown with 13 seconds left to give the Blue team a 38-34 victory over the Silver squad in the annual Air Force Academy intrasquad football game in Falcon Stadium April 22.

Silver had just taken its first lead of the game. See SPORTS page 44



Going for it: An Air Force Zoomie forward goes high to catch the ball during a line-out play against Army May 6.

Sports



Scrum's work: Players for the Air Force Academy (striped shirts) and the U.S. Military Academy chase the ball after it has been kicked out of the scrum.

Times photos by John Morgan

East Collegiate Drinking Policy

Rugby-East Secretary Bill Hoffer recently announced his union's formal position on collegiate rugby and alcohol which was approved by the East Board at their February meeting.

While the U.S. Rugby Union opted for a simple statement of no underage drinking, the East chose to put forth this more detailed position:

1) Drinking by those under age is strongly discouraged. Rugby is not an excuse to drink lightly.

2) At rugby matches held in college campus settings, serving or selling alcoholic beverages before, during or immediately after the match (up to 1 hour) is prohibited. Campus policies on alcoholic beverages must be strictly adhered to.

3) At rugby matches involving only collegiate teams, the selling or serving of alcoholic beverages before, during or immediately after the match (up to 1 hour) is prohibited.

4) At rugby matches or events that are collegiate or open clubs — alcoholic beverages may be served or sold under local laws & regulations provided that active measures are taken to prevent collegiate players and all other underage persons from access to such beverages.

5) It is the ultimate responsibility of college and local officials to insure that their own regulations and laws are enforced.

6) Disciplinary action may be utilized to enforce clubs, event hosts, and others who fail to take necessary action to enforce these regulations.

USARFU National Coaching School Boulder, CO July 20-23, 1989

The 1989 National Coaching School will be held on the campus of the University of Colorado at Boulder, from Thursday evening, July 20 through noon on Sunday, July 23.

The School Director is Bill Morrison, the Western RPU select-side coach, and the Associate Director is Herb Howell, the former chairman of the National Collegiate Committee.

Featured Speaker:
George Hook
The School's featured speaker will be George Hook, a member of the Irish national coaching staff and the coach of the Old Belvedere RFC in Dublin.

Hook will be discussing his techniques of analyzing opposing opposition, as well as presenting ideas on "How to Teach the Scrum Safely" and the "Scrum-Flyball Link."

The School's teaching staff will also feature past and present U.S. national team and territorial team coaches, as well as other leading U.S. coaches.

SCHEDULE CURRICULUM
While all school participants will attend a core curriculum, the School will also be divided into two groups, for beginning and

advanced coaches, as follows:
Beginning Coaches (Level 2):
The General Coaching Course, for beginning coaches, is for those coaches who have not attended one of the previous schools or who are in their first two years of coaching.

Level II Coaching Certificate will be awarded to those who complete the General Course.

Advanced Coaches (Level 3):
Continuing Coaching Course. The Continuing Coaching Course is designed for those coaches who have attended previous schools.

Level III Coaching Certificate will be awarded to those who complete the Continuing Coaching Course, which includes a written exam.

APPLICATION PROCESS:
Registration Fee:
Registration fees for the 1989 Coaching School are \$175 for residents and \$120 for non-residents.

The \$175 fee includes round-trip surface transportation between Denver's Stapleton Airport and Boulder, housing, meals, four Thursday dinner through Sunday lunch (including Saturday night's hog roast), and all necessary school materials.

The \$120 fee includes Saturday night's hog roast and all necessary school materials.

Limited # of Participants
The number of participants in the 1989 school will be limited. Applications must be postmarked no later than June 12, 1989. Those postmarked later may not be accepted.

In addition, if there is an overflow of applications, the School

Director, Asst. Director and the National Coaching Committee Chair will select the participants. Notification of coaches accepted to attend the School will be made the week of June 10th, with the course agenda and further details to be available at that time as well.

To get an application, or information, contact:

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Air Force All-Stars To Tour Japan

The United States Air Force select-side, coached by Air Force Academy coach Lt. Col. Vern Francis, with the assistance of USARFU Combined Services Chairman Col. Richard Battock, will undergo a 5-match tour of Japan this June.

While in Japan, the Air Force squad, which finished a disappointing 4th (out of 5) at last September's Inter-Service Championship, will play the Japanese Defense Academy (Thur. June 8), Toshiba Fuchu, the former Japanese club champions (Sat. June 10), Kumagaya (Tue. June 13), the Japanese Self-Defense Force "B's" (Sat. June 17), and the Japanese Self-Defense Force (Mon. June 19).

The tour was arranged by Comb. Svcs. Treasurer Col. Harry Laws, who is stationed at Iwakura Yokota Air Base.

Illinois State Rugby Alumni

The Illinois State University (ISU) rugby alumni "The Old Gold," contributed \$900 to their old rugby club, as part of an increased commitment to improve the ISU rugby program. The money, which is held by Campus Recreation, will be available to the club in three annual increments of \$300 each.

The contribution was announced following ISU's annual April alumni day, which was hosted this year by the Chicago Lions. What made this year different, however, was that for the first time there was enough ISU alumni to play against each other: the 70s grads beat the 80s grads (10-0) and the ISU alumni made their first donation to the college club.

"We've been coming back to play every year and we felt it was time to give back some money to the college kids," said ISU alumni chairman Ray Karcaw.

Karcaw plans to increase the funds of the ISU Old Gold's activities. Future plans include a Thanksgiving tour to the Caribbean and a 30th anniversary celebration in 1991.

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Vern is the most successful men's coach since the beginning of the Air Force Academy intercollegiate rugby programs.



- Twice National Champions in 1989 and 1990
- Second place National Champions 1987 (one point loss in the finals)
- Three times Third in the nation 1986, 1988 and 1992

And after his retirement in 1992 and leaving the Academy, the underclass years he coached and mentored went on to continued national success:

- Twice Runners up National Champions, 1993, 1995
- Third in the nation, 1994





Wedding bells

U.S. Air Force photo

Lt. Gen. and Mrs. Charles R. Hamm walk down the aisle of the Cadet Chapel after exchanging marriage vows May 6.



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