



2006 Rugby Beanpot



BC defends against rival Harvard

BC falls to Harvard and Amherst in the 2006 Rugby Beanpot

2006 RUGBY BEANPOT: Saturday, April 22nd

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On Saturday, April 22nd, Boston College RFC joined Amherst College, Harvard College, and Northeastern University in the 2006 Rugby Beanpot. Held at the Irish Cultural Center in Canton, MA, the Rugby Beanpot is the premier collegiate rugby tournament in Boston. With the new slogan “A Boston Tradition,” the 2006 Rugby Beanpot featured over 300 minutes of exciting rugby. Harvard took the title of tournament champions, and second, third, and fourth places went to Northeastern, Amherst, and Boston College, respectively.

Boston College would like to thank the Irish Cultural Center for hosting the tournament.



BC 13 Harvard 26

Scorers: Tries: Jordan; Pen: Kalas 2; Con: Kalas

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Boston College began the 2006 Rugby Beanpot in a match against long-time rival Harvard. Harvard had had BC's number in the past few years, so the Eagles were looking for a first round victory to advance to the final. BC began the match well, as they capitalized on a Harvard penalty in the 15th minute to slot their first penalty goal. Another penalty in the 23rd minute left BC up 6-5, but Harvard began to make their comeback after an intercepted pass led to a long try. While BC continued to fight for possession, Harvard was able to break the BC defense and run in two more converted tries. BC loosehead prop Jon Jordan scored an inspiring try, but the Eagles were unable to continue to build momentum. BC found themselves inside the Harvard 22 numerous times during the day, but were unable to turn those possessions into points. Eventually Harvard pulled away for a first round victory.

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BC 30 Amherst 31

Scorers: Tries: Jordan, Ramachandran 2, Gore, Gibbons; Pen: Kalas; Con: Kalas

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In their second match of the day, BC was looking to beat Amherst and take third place in the tournament. Amherst had lost earlier in the day to Northeastern 9-7, so the Eagles knew that they were in for a challenge when they took the pitch at 1:00pm. BC looked strong to start the game, as a large crowd elevated the team to score two early tries. Missed tackles, however, were BC's Achilles heel, and Amherst managed to squeeze through the BC defensive line to score two tries of their own. The match turned into a dogfight, with both teams battling for possession. While BC was able to control the ball for most of the match, Amherst was effective at converting possessions into points. Determined to defeat their opponents, BC scored late on a Ramachandran try, and Kalas converted to make the score 31-30. The clock was the Eagles' worst enemy however, as time eventually expired on their chances for a third place finish.

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