



BC Rugby: Best of the Jesuits



BC Lock Ian Ward goes high against Fordham

BC Rugby captures their first Jesuit Invitational crown as they defeat Fairfield and Fordham on Saturday.

JESUIT INVITATIONAL: Saturday, March 25th

BC 37 Fordham 7

Scorers: Tries: Gibbons 2, Twardak, Hanel, Long, Albanese, Kalas, Ramachandran; Con: Kalas

BC 44 Fairfield 12

Scorers: Tries: Albanese 2, Ward 2, Jordan, Ramachandran 2, Danso; Con: Kalas 2

Boston College Rugby kicked off their 2006 spring season in good form as they handily defeated Fordham and Fairfield in the 2006 Jesuit Invitational. The Jesuit Invitational Rugby Tournament is a three team round-robin featuring the top rugby Jesuit institutions in the northeast. The 2006 tournament was played at Fairfield University in front of many parents, fans, and fellow ruggers.

BC had their first match against Fordham at 1:00pm. They had previously beaten Fordham at the 2005 Cherry Blossom Tournament in Washington, D.C. BC began the game well, playing excellent defense as they were able to control the breakdown with great efficiency. BC's tackling around the rucks was ferocious, and the BC backs helped create a spark off of consistent Fordham turnovers. Freshman winger Girard Gibbons, starting his first game for BC, scored the opening try of the match, and BC continued to find the try zone through the remainder of the match. While BC's backline broke the gain line on a consistent basis, BC's forwards powered through the Fordham pack both at the set piece and in the loose. Consistent pressure led to a final score of 37-7.

Working off the momentum they gained from the first match, BC took the field at 3:00pm to face off against Fairfield. Fairfield had begun the day with a 19-7 loss to Fordham, and thus was looking for a win against the already once victorious BC squad. BC started the match slow, with a botched pass landing in the hands of one of the Fairfield backs, allowing him to sprint 60 meters for the opening try of the match. BC bent, but did not break under the pressure, as they proceeded to use their high-powered offense to score a flurry of tries. Fairfield played with great determination, but it was not enough to counter the might of the BC forward pack. BC eventually walked away with a 44-12 win, thus securing their place on top of the podium.

BC will travel to Marshfield, MA next Saturday, April 1 to face off against South Shore Anchors RFC, who compete in NERFU DII Men's Club. This will be the first meeting of the two clubs. For details concerning the match or any other club news, please contact Match Secretary Justin Bolebruch by email at Bolebruc@bc.edu.

BOSTON COLLEGE: (15) Nick Ng, (14) Ed Kalas, (13) Jon Gore, (12) Patrick Twardak, (11) Girard Gibbons, (10) Phil Albanese, (9) Kyle Ramachandran, (8) Sean Hanel (captain), (7) Jared Long, (6) Lou Somma, (5) Karl Danso, (4) Ian Ward, (3) Justin Bolebruch, (2) Tom Burgess, (1) Jon Jordan

Coach: Brendan Worley ('98)