

UNITED RUGBY RUNDOWN



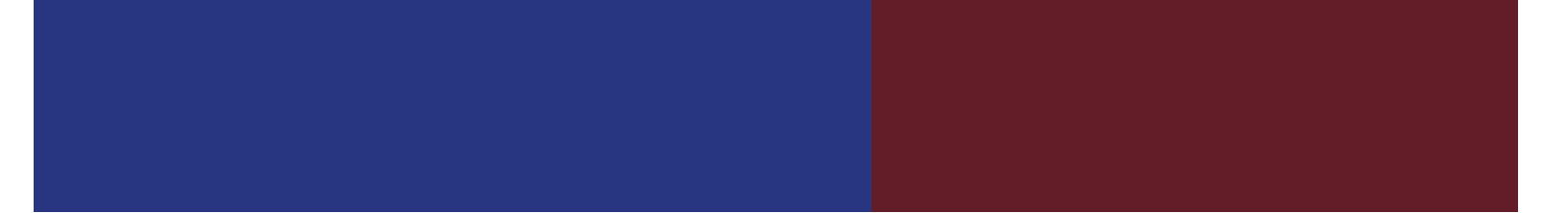
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The fall of 2024 was an incredible season full of exciting moments and milestones! From a fantastic trip to Kamloops for the annual Junior 7s tournament to an unforgettable photo day celebrating our minis and junior programs, it was a time to remember. We were also thrilled to host back-to-back home games for our senior men and women in front of our alumni, family, and friends—what an amazing atmosphere! While our Minis had fewer teams to compete against due to a limited number of clubs in the fall season, we're already looking forward to more opportunities and better weather in the spring! Our Junior programs made huge strides this fall, and it's clear their dedication, alongside the passion of our coaching staff, is paying off. Best of luck to all our junior players as the school rugby season kicks off in the coming weeks! As always, our Senior Men and Women continue to showcase the power of grit, determination, and hard work on the field.

Off the field, we're beyond excited to share that the clubhouse is nearly finished—98% complete! It's already become a vibrant hub for our community, hosting memorable events like Halloween and Christmas gatherings. It's been amazing to see how well it's been embraced, and we'll continue making improvements to ensure it remains an even more welcoming space for all our members and guests. In December, a few of us had the chance to attend an event at Hastings Raceway, and despite not going exactly as planned, everyone had a blast! The fun doesn't stop there—we've already started planning for United's Day at the Races, so be sure to get your fancy attire ready!



As many of you know, our club partnered with TheRugbyShop.com a few months ago to launch an e-store, providing members with the opportunity to purchase club-branded items and have them delivered directly to their homes. Unfortunately, despite several purchases being made, we are not aware of many products being delivered. Additionally, the club itself has placed a significant equipment order that remains unfulfilled.

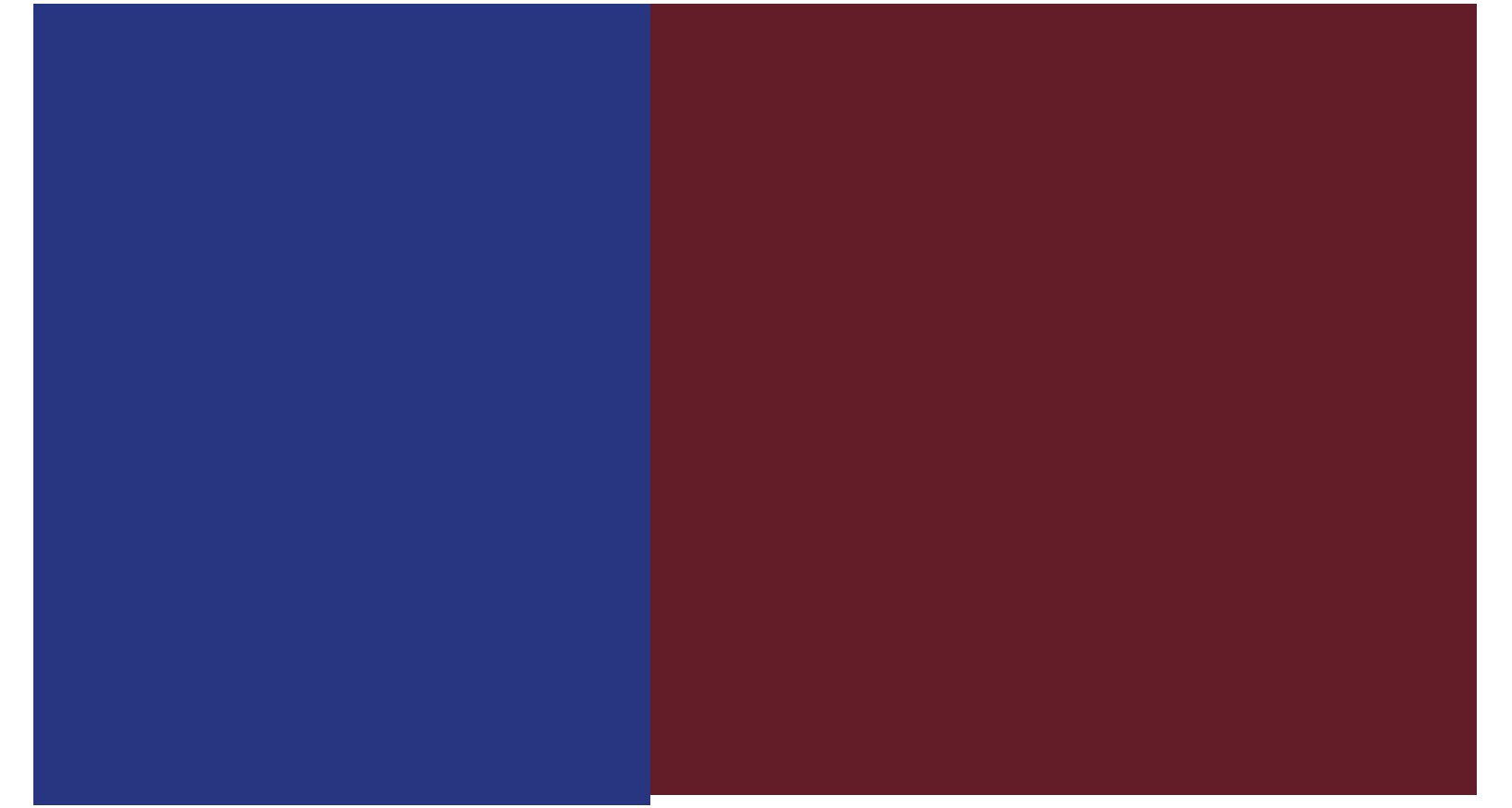
We have been in continuous communication with TheRugbyShop.com regarding these outstanding orders but have made little progress. At this point, we are concerned that these items will not be shipped and are actively exploring all possible options to recover funds.

If you have placed an order and have not received your items, we strongly recommend reaching out to your credit card company to inquire about dispute and chargeback options.

Please note that items available on unitedrugby.ca remain unaffected by this situation.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this has caused and appreciate your patience as we work toward a resolution. We hope everyone is able to recover their funds successfully.

Peter Henery | President
president@unitedrugby.ca





Senior Men

Senior Men are happy to announce that the program has grown so much it is able to support two teams very comfortably. As a result we have started a U23 Academy, this move will allow our younger players to develop together and build a strong bond while playing some meaningful rugby. As they develop, they will also be able to play alongside our Div 2 Team if needed.

-Ethan Fry | Senior Mens Director

Senior Women

The senior women have gained some valuable experience this half with the move up to Div 1 and the introduction of some new coaching styles. The heart and grit of this team have led to some hard fought battles on the field and some tough loses. We have refined our skills over the break and look forward to bringing back old school rugby. Watch for our game to get stronger and faster in the second half.

-Karma Smy | Senior Womens Director



Junior Rugby



Our United Juniors season closed with an epic 4 game stand at home. We had incredible growth with over 160 Junior players this year. U14 Girls amalgamated with Bayside and Burnaby this season and saw some amazing leadership skills develop from the 2nd year U14 girls. U16 Girls dominated over Langley with a 50 - 12 win to claim 3rd place in Mainland Finals. U18 Girls played hard against Capilano and also claimed 3rd place in Mainland Finals with their 27 - 17 win! On the boys side we saw incredible growth this year which allowed for 2 U18 Boys teams to compete in the Blue and Gold divisions! U16 Boys fought hard and saw great improvement since the beginning of the season. U14 Boys came together to win over Bayside in their final game and prove how far they have come this season. Special thanks to all our new and returning coaches this season for your hard work.

-Laura Thomas | Junior Director



Alumni

A special thank you to all our alumni who continue to show support by coming out to games and attending events. We had a very successful annual smoker as a result of your contributions and attendance. Thanks for everything you've done and continue to do for the club.

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-Shannon Craig | Alumni Director

Mini Rugby

The Minis currently have 81 registrants for the Spring season and are keen on adding more. We are having a free Try Rugby Day on Wednesday February 19 from 6:30-7:30pm at Maple Creek Middle School and would be happy to add more little ruggers to the team. We'll be handing out hot chocolate at the end of the session!

The Minis are going on tour to Vancouver Island in May! United minis last participated in the Shawnigan Lake jamboree in 2019, but it's time to revive this fun tradition. Team building on Saturday and rugby on Sunday should make for an excellent weekend!

If you have any questions or comments for the minis program please reach out to Mat at minis@unitedrugby.ca

-Mat Kootchin | Mini Rugby Director



Opportunities to Support or Socialize

Vancouver Sevens Invitational - Feb 20 & 21 Gerald McGavin Centre UBC

Rugby Sevens Vancouver - Feb 21, 22, 23 [Buy Tickets Here](#)

High School Rugby - Practices start soon and competition will be very exciting

Easter Egg Hunt - We're working on an event on Easter Sunday - Easter egg hunt, touch rugby & social gathering at the clubhouse.

Hastings Race Day - We've requested a sunny day in May or June! Keep you posted

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Did you know?



United Rugby proudly awarded 5 scholarships this year?

Kianna Steel, Cole Jacobsen, Hailey Mynott, Leonardo Cardona and Gianmarco Petrozzi were all selected to receive funds towards furthering their education while playing rugby for United!

First Half Highlights



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