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Mr. Terry Fleener
USARFU
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Dear Mr. Fleener:

The behavior of Fred Paoli during the banquet for the USA and Canadian teams on November 14, 1987 must be reprimanded.


Making statements like, "women have bastardized the sport" and "the only reason women play is to make a political statement", during a speech at an International event is an embarrassment for all rugby in the United States. The damage inflicted to the rugby community, especially women's rugby, will be felt for years to come.

Mr. Paoli owes a public apology to you, as president of the USARFU, and the president of the Canadian Rugby Football Union. It is imperative that it is received and published in Rugby Magazine and Strategic Rugby.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Jerry Gallion, president of the Eastern Rugby Union, and requesting an indication of the territories' support be sent to you.

I implore you to refer this incident to the USARFU disciplinary committee. Please respond to my request by the USARFU meeting in December.

Sincerely,



Jami Jordan, Chairperson
ERU Women's Committee

cc: Jerry Gallion
Dianne Terwilliger