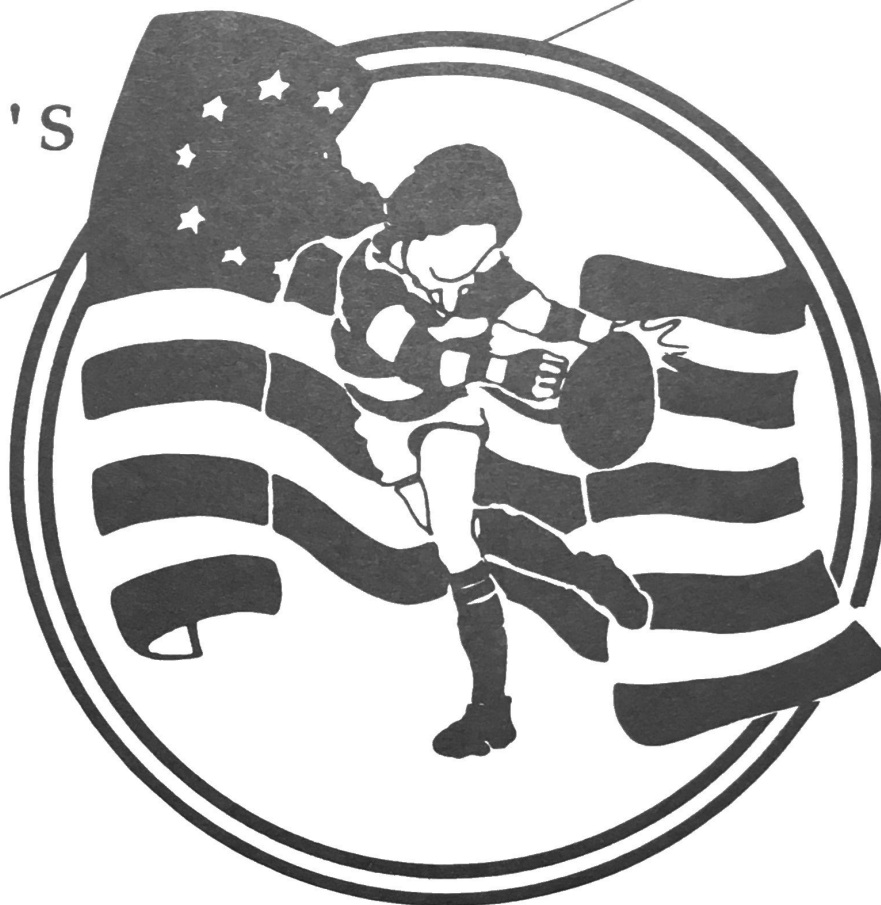


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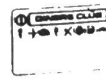
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Welcome to the Second Annual Women's Can-Am International Match. We would like to thank our guests, the Canadian Women for joining us this year here in Saranac Lake, New York.

We are most fortunate to be hosted by the Saranac Lake Mountaineers Rugby Club at their annual Can-Am Tournament. They have done an excellent job in organizing this event with us. I would like to thank everyone that has worked so hard to make this event a reality: the people behind the scenes. While most people watch the game and admire the skill and finesse of the players (and rightly so — they are the best in the country and have worked hard to get here), I would like to thank the members of the Women's Committee, national selectors, our coaches and manager for the hard work they put in all year long. Their's is a thankless job, and without them we would not be here today. Thank you also to the members of USARFU Board of Directors for their support. Most especially to Mr. John Bloomfield for supplying us with only the finest referee and touch judges. A Very Special Thank You to our National Events Coordinator, Mary Larkin. *THANK YOU!*

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This year's match promises to be as tough as last year's and I would like to thank in advance all the participants for displaying the determination to play the game in the finest spirit of amateur rugby. I applaud you, THE best women rugby players on this continent (the whole world?), and I am proud to be associated with you.

In Rugby,

*Dianne Terwilliger*

Dianne Terwilliger, Chairperson  
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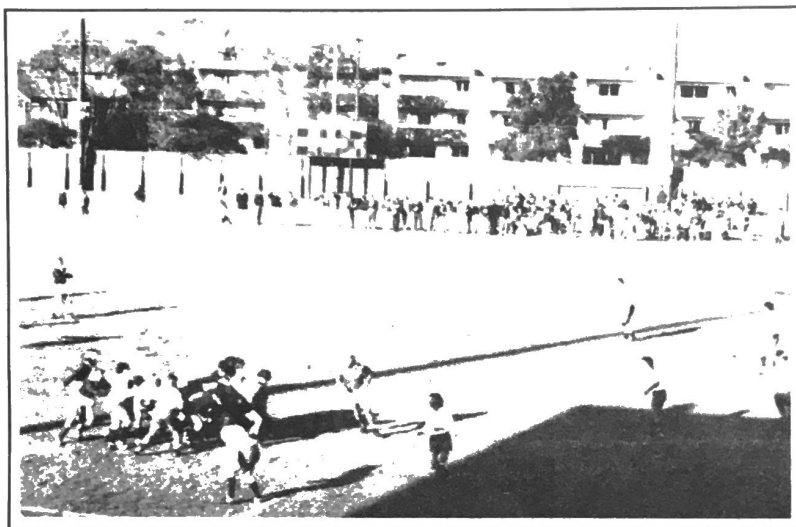
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# *History of Rugby*

Named after the British school where history records it originated, amateur Rugby Union football predates and is father to the American version of football which fills our fall and winter weekends. Derived from a primitive form of soccer, rugby was born one glorious autumn day when William Webb Ellis, "with a fine disregard for the rules of football as played in his time, first took the ball in his arms and ran with it, thus originating the distinctive features of the rugby game."

For half a century "Rugby's Game" was widely played by varying rules until, in 1871, the Rugby Football Union was formed in England to codify and control the by then popular sport. In the following decade rugby's unified code spread throughout the world, arriving in the United States at Harvard University, where the first recorded match was played against McGill University of Montreal in 1874.

Since that first game more than 100 years ago, rugby has enjoyed periods of popularity here in the United States. Before the turn of the century, in the 1920s (when the USA won the only gold medals awarded in Olympic rugby) and 30's, and most recently since the 70's, rugby has grown and been played by larger numbers of men and now, women. Today, the United States of America Rugby Football Union governs approximately 50,000 amateur players on 1,000 clubs nationwide. From that virtually impromptu match in 1874 has grown a formal network of proponents and a system for selecting national club, collegiate and high school, as well as a national representative team, the Eagles.

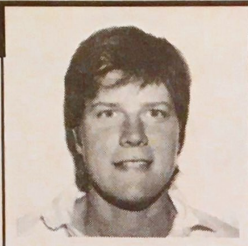
Arguably the world's most popular strictly amateur team sport, rugby is played by millions at the club level on every continent and many islands. Truly world, international level test matches between the globe's rugby powers often draw crowds of 50,000 and sometimes as many as 100,000. Fully a player's game, it is also an exciting spectator sport.

What began at school as a manly sporting challenge for the privileged children of Britain's elite class has today become an open, egalitarian game. In preserving its unchanging gentlemanly principles, rugby transcends racial, economic and political differences and fosters international friendships and understanding.

## Player Profiles

### Barbara Bond

*Bay Area Shehawks*  
#8/Flanker  
 ht: 5'8" wt: 155 lbs.  
 age: 25  
 occupation: Biological  
 Research Assistant



Barbara has played rugby since 1981, with teams such as the Reed College Lemmings, Portland Zephyrs, and currently, the Bay Area Shehawks. She is the Shehawks' captain (1986-1988) and was their most valuable forward in 1986 and 1987. Tournament awards include: Most Valuable Forward, Martha Cleveland Tournament (1984), selection to the all-tournament side at the Silicon Valley Invitational (1986-1987), and an MVP honorable mention at the Champagne Classic in 1987. She is a member of the Northern California Select Side (1984-1988) and the PCRFU Grizzlies (1986-1988). She was selected as a reserve forward in the previous test match against Canada.

### Joellen Boone

*Arizona Outlaws*  
Wing/Fullback



### Tam Breckinridge

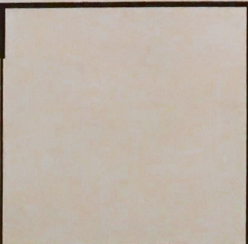
*Belmont Shore*  
Lock  
 ht: 5'11" wt: 165 lbs.  
 age: 29  
 occupation: Athletic  
 Promoter



Tam started her career with UCLA, playing lock. She has also played with Santa Monica and is currently with the Belmont Shore Landsharks. She has been on the Southern California Representative Side since 1983 and was the Most Valuable Player of the Santa Monica Club in 1986, and the Most Valuable Forward at the Mid-Winter Classic in 1986-87. She was also the MVP Forward on the Belmont Shore Club in 1988 and a member of the Pacific Coast Grizzlies Select Side in 1987 & 1988.

### Anita Coleman

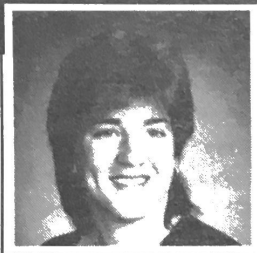
*Chicago WRFC*  
Wing/Center



## Player Profiles

### Jen Crawford

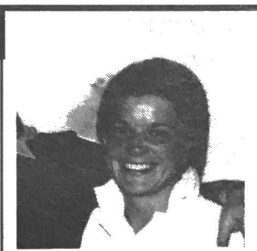
*Berkeley All Blues WRFC*  
Center/Fullback  
 ht: 5'7" wt: 150 lbs.  
 age: 24  
 occupation:  
 Systems Analyst



Jen started her six year career at Stanford University where she was selected to the Northern California All-Star team for the four years she played. Taking a year off from school (you know, to "find herself") she hooked up with the Beantown Women's 1986 National Championship team where she was selected to the President's XV as a fullback and received one lovely tattoo in commemoration of their victory. Last year, she played with the Berkeley All-Blues and was a member of the Pacific Coast Grizzlies team.

### Deborah Dennis

*Berkeley All Blues WRFC*  
Scrumhalf  
 ht: 5'5" wt: 130 lbs.  
 age: 28  
 occupation:  
 Art Director/Computer  
 Graphics



Deborah started her career as the Southern Illinois University RFC's Most Valuable Rookie and has been on the Northern California All-Star Team every year since. An All-Tournament team player for 2 years at the Champagne Classic in San Diego and a member of the President's XV at the National Championships in 1983. She has been a Captain/Selector for the Berkeley All Blues for 3 years and a member of the Pacific Coast Grizzlies Select Side since 1986.

### Sharon Fields

*San Diego Surfers*  
Flanker  
 ht: 5'4" wt: 125 lbs.  
 age: 30  
 occupation: Swimming  
 pool services



Sharon started playing rugby in 1978 with Louisiana State University. She played with the Houston Heathen Hearts from 1979-1987. she's currently with the San Diego Surfers. She's played on Texas Select, Southwest Select, and Western Territorial Side (Capt. in 1987). Selected for President's XV at Flanker at 1982 & 1983 Nat'l Club Championships. Chosen as MVP Forward at Western Territorial Tourney 1983 & at 1987 National Classic. Also a member of the Southern California Griffins Rep. Side and the Pacific Coast Grizzlies.

### Annie Flavin

*Beantown WRFC*  
Loosehead Prop  
 ht: 5'4" wt: 155 lbs.  
 age: 27  
 occupation:  
 Bartender

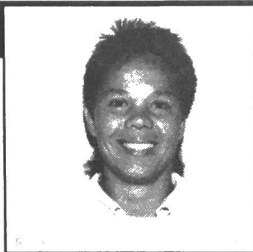


Annie began her career with the Boston RFC (1981-1982) and currently plays with Beantown RFC where she has helped Beantown to win four National Championships. She has also been a member of the New England Select Side (1983, 1985-1987) and the ERU Select Side 1985-1987. She was selected for the President's XV at prop in 1986.

## Player Profiles

### Kathleen Flores

*Florida State University*  
#8/Flanker  
ht: 5'5" wt: 143 lbs.  
age: 33  
occupation:  
Massage Therapist



Kathy has played since 1979 with FSU and is a coach and team captain. A #8 selection for the President's XV several years, she was also MVP at the Finals of the National Championships in 1987. She is a member of the Florida Select Side and the ERU Select Side (1984-1987). She was on the Wivern tour to Europe in 1985. She has led her team to four National Championships.

### Polly Foureman

*Madison, Wis. WRFC*  
Flyhalf  
ht: 5'3" wt: 125 lbs.  
age: 32  
occupation: Director  
Drosophila  
Mutagenesis Lab



In her 12 year career, Polly has played with the New Orleans Halfmoons and the Wisconsin Women's RFC. She is a member of the Western Territory Select and a former member of the Southwest Women's Union Select Side and the Midwest Territory Select Side. She has been selected for the President's XV at flyhalf and at fullback (1979, 1980, 1982-84)

### Kerri Heffernan

*Beantown WRFC*  
Flanker  
ht: 5'6" wt: 135 lbs.  
age: 31  
occupation:  
Instructor/ Assistant  
Program Director



Kerri has played a total of 8 years of rugby with Florida State University, the Houston Heathen Hearts, and Beantown RFC. She has contributed to Beantown's four National Championships as well as being selected to the President's XV in 1984. She was the Beantown RFC team captain 1982-1985. She has played for the New England Select Side and the ERU Select Side (1983-1987), toured Europe on the Wivern tour and was the MVP at Saranac Can-Am Tour.

### Margie McClure

*Beantown WRFC*  
Scrumhalf  
ht: 5'3" wt: 120 lbs.  
age: 27  
occupation: teacher



Margie has been the Beantown RFC scrumhalf since 1982 and has contributed to her team's four National Championships. Her experience includes playing with the New England Select Side (1983-1987), ERU Select Side (1985-1987), selected for the President's XV (1986), MVP Saranac Lake Women's Division 1987, and MVP Forward of Finals at the 1987 National Championships.

## Player Profiles

### Leisa Meyer

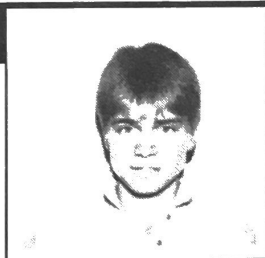
*Madison WRFC*  
Prop



Leisa started her rugby career in 1977 where she played wing and fullback for the Huntington Beach Unicorns until 1979. In the 1979-80 season she moved to flyhalf and played for the U.S. Air Force Academy WRFC. In 1980-83 she played flyhalf, wing and prop for the Denver Blues WRFC and for Beantown WRFC. She has also been a member of the Midwest Regional Select Side since 1984.

### Vicki Middaugh

*Amazons of St. Paul, Minnesota*  
Hooker  
ht: 5' wt: 107 lbs.  
age: 29  
occupation: Auto Parts Handler



Vicki has played rugby with the University of Minnesota and the Amazons RFC (St. Paul, Minnesota). She is a member to the Minnesota Select Side (1983-1987) and the Mid-West Select Side (1981-1987). Her playing experience includes playing hooker and wing forward.

### Annie Misko

*Bay Area SheHawks*  
Wing/Center  
ht: 5'5" wt: 125 lbs.  
age: 33  
occupation: Courier



Annie played with the respected Pacific Coast Grizzlies Select Side 1986-1987 at flyhalf as well as the Southern California Griffins at fullback. A versatile back, she was the 1987 Most Valuable Player at the Champagne Classic in San Diego. She was also an All-Tournament palyer at the Silicon Valley tournament, in Palo Alto, California.

### Mary Money

*Southeast Harlequins*  
Hooker  
ht: 5'1" wt: 115 lbs.  
age: 29  
occupation: Chemical Engineer - Nabisco



Mary has played since 1978 and specialized at the hooker position. A past member of Beantown RFC for 7 years, she contributed to their four National Championships. She was Beantown's Sportswoman of the year 1985-1986 and the New England MVP (1984). She was selected for the President's XV in 1984 and 1986. Currently she is playing/coaching for the Southeast Harlequins (Atlanta, GA) and is their team captain. Her touring experience includes: Wivern Europe Tour, France, Northern California, Canada, and Bermuda.

## Player Profiles

### Karen Onufry

*Beantown WRFC*  
Flyhalf  
 ht: 5'7" wt: 145 lbs.  
 age: 35  
 occupation:  
 animal caretaker



————— "K.O." has played with Beantown RFC since 1976. She is also a member of the New England RFU Select Side (1980-1983, 1986), the Eastern RFU (1982, 1983, 1986), and she was selected for the President's XV in 1986. Her other honors include: MVP for the New England RFU Tournament (1986), and the Beantown Sportswoman of the year 1977-1978. She has led her team to four National Championships.

### Candice Orsini

*Florida State University*  
Outside Center  
 ht: 5'6" wt: 128 lbs.  
 age: 31  
 occupation:  
 Stuntwoman



————— Candi is one of the founders (1976) and coaches of FSU RFC (4 times National Champions) and a member of the President's XV every year since the award has been given. She was nominated to the Women's Sports Foundation, Women's Hall of Fame, and has been a featured athlete on ESPN's World Class Women. Her touring experience includes France (New Orleans Territorial Tour), and England and France (Wivern Tour). She's a member of the Florida Select Side and the ERU Select Side. She was the National MVP in 1985.

### Lori Ann Reese

*University of Minnesota*  
Second Row  
 ht: 5'10" wt: 150 lbs.  
 age: 25  
 occupation: carpenter



————— Lori has played for the University of Minnesota for 4 1/2 years at a variety of forward positions. She was selected for the President's XV in 1985 and 1986 and has played on the MidWest Select Side for two years. She also helped her team win the National Club Championships this past May in Chicago.

### Karen Ryan

*University of Minnesota*  
Tighthead Prop  
 ht: 5'5" wt: 146 lbs.  
 age: 33  
 occupation:  
 Research Scientist



————— A player since 1983, Karen has played for the University of Minnesota and has been a member of the Mid-West Select Side from 1984-1987 and the Minnesota Select Side from 1984-1987. She was selected for the President's XV in 1985 and 1986 at the National Championships.

## Player Profiles

### Mary Sullivan

*University of Minnesota  
Fullback*

ht: 5'7" wt: 148 lbs.

age: 26

occupation: carpenter



Mary began her rugby career in 1980 as a wing for St. Benedicts College of St. Joseph, Minnesota. After that nice Catholic upbringing she joined the Univ. of Minnesota Women's Rugby Club in the spring of 1985. She played wing and flyhalf before settling into the position of fullback, which she has played for three seasons.

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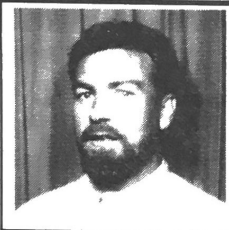
*Women's National Team  
Coach*



Mr. O'Brien is a teacher and a native of Wales. He has served as head coach of the Beantown WRFC since 1979, during which time the club has won four National Championships (1981, 1983, 1986, 1987). He has also coached the women's New England and ERU Select Sides, as well as the men's clubs at White Plains, Mystic River, M.I.T., and Harvard (1981 National Collegiate Championship Finalists). His playing experience spans 33 years in Wales, England, South Africa, Australia, and the U.S.

### Dave Hooper

*Women's National Team  
Assistant Coach*



Mr. Hooper is currently the coach of the Dallas WRFC, the Southwest Women's Select Side, and the Western Territory Women's Select Side. A native of Bristol, England, he played competitive rugby there through 1979, including county select side level. His 30 years of rugby experience also includes teaching rugby at an English secondary school. He's also an ex-scrum half, and an English (RFU) coach.

### Kathie Morrison

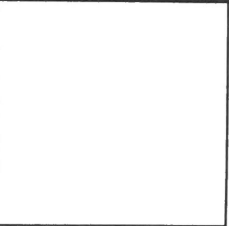
*Convenor of Selectors*



Ms. Morrison is the Women's Representative on the USARFU National Coaching and Selection Committee. A former select side player in S. Cal., she has coached both the (S.F.) Bay Area Shehawks and the N. California Women's Select Side since 1981. Ms. Morrison attended both National Coaching Schools, as well as the Senior Coaching School with Bill Freeman in 1986. In addition, she has served as a national selector (1987 ITT's) as well as convenor of selectors for the Pacific Coast and the National Championships.

### Tom Detorrice

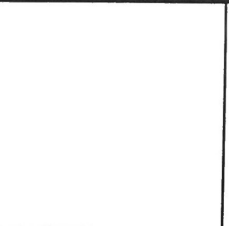
*Fitness Director*



Mr. Detorrice, trained in physical therapy and exercise physiology, is a professional fitness director currently managing several of the top under-15 tennis players in the U.S. A veteran rugby player as well, Mr. Detorrice conducted tests designed for rugby-specific fitness and provided individualized training routines for the participants who attended the National Selection Camp at Stanford last August.

### Darlene Connors

*National Team Manager*



"Bubba" is a registered nurse, avid athlete, and sports medicine nut. She has played rugby for 8 years as a hooker - 4 years for Boston WRFC and 4 years for Beantown. She's been on the N.E.R.F.U. select side 1982-87. She is a member of the New England Referee Society and a part time referee. She was President of Beantown - 1986, and Tours and Tournaments Coordinator since 1986. Her motto: *No problem...*



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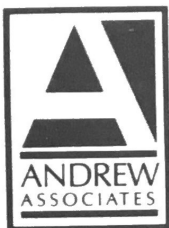
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