



## USARFU WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

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I have great news! In April, 1991, the first World Cup of Women's Rugby will take place in Wales, and I have the honor of representing the United States at this event.

On February 3rd in Tallahassee, FL, twenty-six US Eagles were selected to travel to the World Cup. All of us have been training for years for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Many of us have represented the US at one time or another in previous events - at an invitational tournament in New Zealand last August, or in test matches against Canada.

But there has never been a World Cup. Since rugby is not yet an Olympic event, this World Cup is truly the pinnacle of our sport, and the first event of its kind for women.

You may remember that my previous rugby trips were all self-funded. Unfortunately, nothing has changed in that regard. For the tour to New Zealand, each of us paid over \$1500 out-of-pocket to play for the United States. The World Cup tour will cost each player about \$700 for air fare, \$450 for accommodations, and \$200 for ground transport; so \$1350, at least, not including food or income lost for missing two weeks of work.

Since we are representing the United States, you may wonder why the USA Rugby Football Union is not sponsoring our tour. The USARFU sanctions both men's and women's rugby, and collects the same dues from all clubs. However, the men's Rugby World Cup is also scheduled for later this year, and the USARFU executive board is not willing to commit any funds to the women's event. (That's another battle to fight.)

So I'm writing to you for two reasons: first, to share my excitement and pride about making the World Cup squad; and secondly, to ask for any help you can offer.

**IN SUPPORT OF WOMEN'S RUGBY**

If you are able or interested in "passing around the hat" for me or any player on the squad, your donation will be tax deductible. Send a check to me, but make it payable to "USARFU Women's Committee", and specify how you would like the funds to be applied: toward the Women's World Cup tour as a whole, or to certain expenses (air fare, rooms, etc.). Each and every donation will be deeply appreciated, and 100% of the funds will be applied directly to tour expenses.

If you do not care to make a donation, I will be happy and proud to accept your best wishes as we carry the flag to Wales. I appreciate the support you have always given me and my rugby career, and I thank you for your understanding.

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Sincerely,

1991 US Eagle