

# Clemson Rugby Foundation Newsletter

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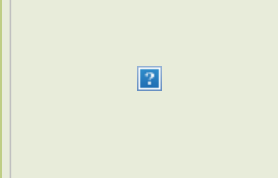
Another season has come and gone and the Tigers finished an outstanding season with new head coach Justin Hickey at the helm. While the spring season has come and gone the CRF with Justin Hickey and help from the current team have been out recruiting future team members and have had a very productive recruiting season.

The CRF also has started putting together a phenomenal 2011 Homecoming for everyone's enjoyment. Read further in the newsletter for links and more information about this past Spring and upcoming CRF information.

## Tiger Rugby

Spring 2011 Recap

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The Tigers finished their season fourth in the ACRL. Their final record was a solid 4 wins and 2 losses. Clemson's two losses came at the hands of North Carolina and Virginia who finished first and third in the ACRL regular season respectively. North Carolina would later fall to Maryland in the first ACRL championship game with

a final score of 39-32.

Clemson also had one first team All-ACRL, scrumhalf Tyler Thompson (Junior) and two honorable mentions to the All-ACRL, hooker Tyler Mattler (Senior) and Wing Robbie Anthony (Freshman). On the ACRL All-Academic team was Clemson junior James Landau who is majoring in Electrical Engineering and has a GPA of 3.78. [Follow more on the ACRL from their website.](#)

## Fall 2011 Recruiting Class

Recruiting and Scholarship News

The Spring of 2011 was a successful season of recruiting. With the Tigers wins in the ACRL and the addition of Head Coach Justin Hickey, several top level high school players made the commitment to Clemson Rugby. Three players will be making the trip south from nationally ranked [Gonzaga High School](#) near Washington D.C. These players will bring experience to the Clemson pack as all of them are forwards. From nationally ranked [Charlotte Catholic](#), the CURFC will be getting two players both of whom are outstanding backline players. The Tigers will have one member from the South Carolina High School Rugby State Champions, [the Chapin Eagles](#) joining them as well. We will also be getting a trio of [Greenville High Red Raiders](#), the #2 ranked SC High School Rugby team. From the frozen wastelands of [New Jersey's Morris U-19 team](#), we will be adding a forward and from [San Francisco Golden Gate](#), the Tigers will further solidify an already formidable Clemson Rugby front row with an additional player.

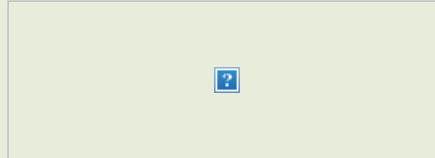
The Clemson Rugby Foundation paid for Coach Hickey's trip to Orlando to the South Championships this spring to scout talent and start identifying rising sophomores and juniors for potential Tiger recruits. "Many of the parents I spoke with were very intrigued by the fact that I was there, recruiting, representing Clemson, and had great perceptions of Clemson," stated Coach Hickey. The CRF looks to support all efforts by Coach Hickey and is always looking for interested alumni who will share his vision of a National

Championship. Any assistance inquiries can be directed to him at [mrugby@clemsont.edu](mailto:mrugby@clemsont.edu) or to Clemson alumni and Recruiting Coordinator Shawn Hanna at [clemsontrugby@hotmail.com](mailto:clemsontrugby@hotmail.com).

Once the Fall season begins keep your eyes open for an in depth expose on the incoming recruiting class. Also, the CRF is close to announcing its recipients for its three current scholarships. The first is our Newcomer Award, a \$250 scholarship for two team members who were newcomers in the previous school year. The final scholarship is a Four year \$1000 a year scholarship awarded to a new recruit. These award winners will be announced soon along with the incoming class.

## CRF Membership Update

Membership and Homecoming



The CRF looks to expand its membership to 75 this year. Reaching out to seniors and parents is a small step that the foundation

looks to take. Also our membership chair, James Baxter, is in the process of forming a committee of decades chairs to assist in recruiting CRF members from those specific eras.

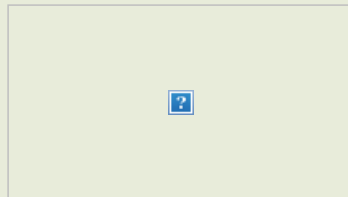
The Clemson Rugby Foundation is looking to support its members and graduating Clemson rugby students by building a jobs network. If you are able to assist or know of any job openings in your area please forward them on to the [CRF](#) to be disseminated amongst our members.

With Homecoming right around corner and our annual members meeting be sure to get your dues in beforehand to take part in the votes. Also, those reaching the Touch Line level will be invited to our annual Founder's Dinner held during Homecoming weekend.

Visit the [Homecoming Facebook](#) page for updates regarding events and times.

## Coach Adam Rapp

New Horizons



The CRF would like to congratulate Coach Adam Rapp on his new job at Alabama. Coach Rapp will be leaving the Tigers this summer but will not be soon forgotten.

Coach Rapp was a winner of the Clemson University Board of Trustees 2010

Award for Faculty Excellence this past Spring. He was also pivotal in helping turn the team around and put them back on the path to excellence.

## Homecoming 2011

Clemson's Homecoming in 2011 will be October 7th through the 9th. Currently on the agenda:


Friday: Annual Clemson Rugby Foundation meeting followed by at least one exciting rugby match. Location- Upper Intramural Fields

Saturday: Tailgate in Lot 1 will start at 8am for noon kickoff or 9am for all other kickoff times. Football vs. Boston College

Sunday: Alumni match @ noon (regular pitch) followed by BBQ- Location TBA

If you have any [comments or suggestions](#) for this years homecoming please send them in. Also be sure to get your dues in before the homecoming weekend and the start of the annual CRF meeting.

[Keep up with Clemson Rugby's 2011 Homecoming on Facebook.](#)



The Clemson Rugby Foundation is making every effort to assist the Rugby Clubs in bettering themselves. We look to our members in helping with this. If you have any comments or suggestions for the CRF please send them in.

**Sincerely,**

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Clemson Rugby Foundation

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