

The Rogue Report

Windsor Rogues 2019 Season Officially Begins



PICTURE CAPTION: Windsor Rogues kicking off the 2019 season.

2019 Season Sponsors

Joshua DeSantis
May 26th, 2019

The 2019 season has brought a lot of new faces to the Windsor Rogues along with new sponsors. The Rogues new executives have been successful with gaining new sponsors for the season which resulted in the club getting entirely new kits. The Rogues have designed a quarter pattern jersey with the Platinum Sponsor, Team Cush Real Estate on the front. On each sleeve the Rogues have gained Gold Sponsorship from both Concours Mold and Primerica.



PHOTO CAPTION: The new 2019 team kit

Rookie Rogues Impress in First Game

Joshua DeSantis
May 25th, 2019

Stratford, ON | After a long offseason and months of practice the Windsor Rogues RFC finally got to start their regular season off as the Rogues travelled up to Stratford on a wet Saturday afternoon to take on the experienced Blackswans.

While driving up the 401, the Rogues were notified that the location of the game had been moved due to heavy rainfall from the past few of days, making it known that the conditions of the field were going to be similar to that of the tournament; muddy and wet to say the least.

After a vigorous warmup, Scott Murphy, the 2019 team captain, had the team ready to kick off the new season. After the Blackswans continued to move the ball down the pitch, it

was clear that the Rogues had worked on tackling at most of their practices. Everyone including rookies were hitting hard and forcing turnovers.

Following 10 minutes of back of forth play, and some excellent try-line defense, Ryan Storey made a large hit resulting in the attacker dropping the ball. Then, Windsor rookie, Miguel Osorio picked up the loose ball. With some beautiful ball movement, and a couple of nice offloads, the ball made its way into the hands of former junior league player, Matthew Rodzik. Rodzik took the ball at pace and sped down the wing to score the first try of the 2019 season.

Throughout the remainder of the first half Windsor struggled to keep possession of the

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ball as the pitch conditions worsened and the experience of the Blackswans showed. Stratford would continue to counter ruck and poach the ball making it difficult for Windsor to put their game plan into effect.

Stratford took advantage of the steals multiple times and by the end of the first half had made the score 14 to 5 (two tries and two conversions).

At halftime, captain Scott Murphy made three key substitutions, bringing in some more experienced players, which helped Windsor come out strong.

Windsor changed the game plan for the second half and started moving the ball quickly which put more pressure on the back line of the Blackswans. Fly-Half Miguel Osorio alongside inside and outside centers Ryan Storey and Jordan Thrasher looked like they had been playing together for years with the lines they were running, allowing the Rogues the opportunity to score three more points with a successful penalty kick from Storey; making the game 14 to 8.

However, Stratford was able to get back to their game plan, which included counter-rucking, and ball movement, and continued to slow the game down killing time on the clock and eventually scoring two more tries, making the final 24 (4) to 8 (1).

It must be noted that rookie Fullback Shayne Stroud along with Scrum-half Ben Rae both played exceptionally well making this a season to look forward too.

Tries: Matthew Rodzik (1)
 Penalties: Ryan Storey (1)
 Man of the Match: Matthew Rodzik (1)



PICTURE CAPTION: Ryan Storey successfully kicks a penalty.



PICTURE CAPTION: Windsor Rogues scrum against the Stratford Blackswans.

Around the League

May 25th, 2019:
 Bruce County RFC 17 (3) vs Kent RFC 33 (5)
 CCI Football Field

June 1st, 2019:
 Stratford RFC vs Kent RFC
 CCI Football Field

Rogues Next Game:

Bruce County Rugby Football Club (0-1-0)
 Saturday, June 1st, 2019
 1:30PM at Triverton Sports Complex



PICTURE CAPTION: Post game team huddle.

2019 Windsor Active Members

Players

Benson, Jacob
 Bondy, Jackson
 Burt, John
 Cecile, Cooper
 Cushing, Zachery
 Davis, Eric
 Hodgins, Nathan
 Hunt, Dayne
 Kazibwe, Simon
 Kesser, Matthew
 Lovegrove, Doug
 Marentette, Nathan
 Martins, Brandon
 Murphy, Scott
 Osorio, Miguel
 Park, Michael
 Rae, Benjamin
 Rae, Lucas
 Rodzik, Matthew
 Saunders, Jason
 Schram, Campbell
 Sterling, Ryan
 Storey, Ryan
 Stroud, Shayn
 Thrasher, Jordan
 Vrucina, David
 Weir, Craig
 Younan, Elijah

Board of Executives

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 Scott Murphy

Vice-President
 Spencer Bryant

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 Mary Arif

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 Dave Vrucina

Co-Webmaster: Nishant Rama

Co-Webmaster/ Fundraising:
 Joshua DeSantis

Equipment Manager:
 John Burt

Fixtures: Kory Bremner

Junior Programmer:
 Alex Ouellette

Old Boys Rep: Derek Hart

Social Coordinator:
 Cooper Cecile

Season Schedule

May 4 & 5: Rose City International Rugby Tournament

May 25: @ Stratford Blackswans RFC
 24-8 Blackswans
June 1: @ Bruce County Barbarians RFC

June 8: vs Kent Havoc RFC

June 15: vs Stratford Blackswans RFC

June 22: vs Bruce County Barbarians RFC

July 6: @ Kent Havoc RFC

July 20: @ Stratford Blackswans RFC

July 27: vs Kent Havoc RFC

Standings

(As of May 27, 2019 1:30AM)

1. Stratford (1-0-0), 5 points
2. Kent (1-0-0), 5 points
3. Windsor (0-1-0), 0 points
4. Bruce County (0-1-0) 0 points