



ROVERS NEWS

Rovers Fall To Green Horde

Loss to Eastern Suburbs hands Rovers their first Eastern League loss

The Rovers hosted the Eastern Suburbs Green Horde this past Saturday in a pivotal Eastern League matchup, and came up on the losing end of a 12-48 contest.

In the end, the Suburbs were able to capitalize on Rovers' miscues in a contest that was much more competitive than the final score reflected.

Throughout the first twenty minutes of the game, defense was abound, as the game sat at 0-8 in the Suburbs favor.

During the second part of the opening stanza, things unravelled for the Rovers, as poor pillar defense

allowed the Suburbs to jump out to a 23-0 halftime lead.

After a penalty kick by the Suburbs extended the lead, the Rovers were able to get on the board, as two tries over the next twenty-five minutes by prop Drew Evatt and wing Cory Wisniewski, with a Imes conversion, brought the game within two scores at 12-26.

The final fifteen minutes of the game put a victory out of reach, as Suburbs soundly put the Rovers away with more tries and conversions of their own, ending the scoring at 48-12 Suburbs. With the win, Suburbs clinched the league, and the Rovers fell to 4-1 in league play.*

Staring XV

vs. Eastern Suburbs

1 Ed Starcovic

2 Dom George

3 Drew Evatt

4 Tim Batkiewicz

5 Mike Sweeney

6 Terry Kilbane

7 Scott Liechty

8 Bill Riley

9 Brian Wiitanen

10 Derek Imes

11 Mike Heil

12 Kevin Shaver

13 Steve Burke

14 Cory Wisniewski

15 Tyler Best

PREVIEW: ROVERS VERSUS ERIE

This weekend marks the final game of the regular season for the Cleveland Rovers. Erie will be visiting Impett Park in a league matchup which will determine second place in the league, and more importantly a playoff berth.

Both the Rovers and Erie sit at 4-1 in the league. Erie is currently seated at second place based on total points, with 22, while the Rovers' 19 points put them in third. However, the league points will not come into play, as this game is win or go home. Whoever wins will take the playoff spot.

Erie is coming off a narrow 29-20 win at home against Akron this past weekend, while the Rovers were handed their first loss against first place Eastern Suburbs.

Elsewhere around the league, South Pittsburgh visits Akron. Both teams are at 2-3, so one will be looking to make sure to not have a losing season on their resume.

Bottom-dwellers Pittsburgh and Westmoreland will each be looking to pick up their first win, as they each sit at 0-5 in league play.*

ROVERS B's SALVAGE WEEKEND

On a Saturday that was without a doubt a disappoint for all Rovers on hand, the B-side was able to scrape together a victory over the East Side.

The game was a back and forth affair. After the first forty minutes, the Rovers held a slim 15-10 edge. Scrumhalf Brian Wiitanen touched the ball down for two tries, matching his try total to this point on the year. Jacob "Shaggy" Hensley also was able to put the ball in the try-zone.

As is evident in any Rovers-Suburbs game day, both B-sides had a number of players that were making their first appearances with the team.

The second half of the game allowed for two more Rovers tries, this time by some guest players. The East Side was only able to put up a single second half try, for a Rovers 25-15 win.*

LEAGUE STANDINGS	W-L	PF/PA	BP	Total Pts	Point Diff
1. Eastern Suburbs	6-0	367-49	6	30	+318
2. Erie	4-1	240-84	5	22	+156
3. Cleveland Rovers	4-1	143-82	3	19	+61
4. Akron	2-3	159-108	3	12	+51
5. South Pitt	2-3	68-226	0	8	-158
6. Pittsburgh	0-5	36-260	1	1	-224
7. Westmoreland	0-5	13-216	0	0	-213



2010 Fall Fixture

- Saturday, August 28th**
66-21 WIN @ Toledo Celtics
- Sunday, September 5th**
19-39 LOSS @ Cincinnati Kelts
- Saturday, September 11th**
35-0 WIN @ Westmoreland Highlanders
- Saturday, September 25th**
42-10 WIN @ South Pittsburgh
- Saturday, October 2nd**
26-24 WIN @ Akron
- Saturday, October 9th**
75-12 WIN v. Pittsburgh
- Saturday, October 16th**
12-48 LOSS v. Eastern Suburbs
- Saturday, October 23rd**
HOME v. Erie
- Saturday, October 30th**
Midwest Playoffs TBD

IT'S US OR THEM

This is a little off base for me, as I usually try to remain very objective when it comes to writing the newsletters. This is a message intended for everyone on the team, but I am completely into letting any other readers know how I feel coming into tomorrows game...

This past summer, sitting in the basement of PJ's, we met as a team and came to the realization that we had to come together as a team, and show a level of commitment that just hasn't been there the past few years, if we wanted to succeed. We got a great group of coaches to organize us and help us reach that goal, but it was all talk at that point.

Stepping onto Impett for that very first practice of the season in late summer, I truly felt we were headed in the right direction. I

know now that I was absolutely right.

We put in all the hard work. The pre-practice conditioning, the optional Monday nights where a bunch of guys came out and pushed themselves, we traveled well every week, and have kept those numbers up throughout the entirety of the season. We've had great commitment from new players and returning players alike.

Think about it guys, this spring we could barely put a game of sevens together for practice. Now we play sevens before practice!

We've come together as more than teammates. I truly feel that we have more camaraderie than any other team we've played.

Now its the time to bring it all together. Let all our hard work pay off. Do not let Erie stand in our

way of our first playoff spot since 2006. There are only a handful of Rovers still playing that were around then. As a team, we have the chance to do something special and make it ours.

So it comes down to us or them. Ask yourself tonight as you go to bed how bad you want it. Envision every hit, every pass, every play you make on Saturday. Make it yours. Take what we've worked for. And beat Erie.*

-Scott Liechty

FALL 2010 SCORING LEADERS

<u>POINTS SCORED</u>	<u>TRIES</u>	<u>CONVERSIONS</u>	<u>PENALTY KICKS</u>
1. Derek Imes (81)	1. Steve Burke (11)	1. Derek Imes (26)	1. Derek Imes (7)
2. Steve Burke (55)	2. Will Kukuca (8)	2. Allen Allred (8)	
3. Will Kukuca (40)	3T. Scott Liechty (6)	3. Dale Linville (3)	<u>DROP GOALS</u>
4. Cory Wisniewski (32)	Cory Wisniewski (6)	4T. Cory Wisniewski (1)	1. Derek Imes (1)
5. Scott Liechty (30)	5. Tony Spooner (5)	Tyler Best (1)	

All stats are combined A and B side. Updated October 22, 2010