

## ***Club Sports Run-Down September 2009***

### **Club Baseball**

Club Baseball has been having practice two days a week (Tuesdays and Saturdays). Tuesdays we've been going to the batting cages at the Fungo in Cornelius and Saturdays we've been having throwing and fielding practice. We are currently searching for other teams to play as well as a field which has the appropriate dimensions to play on. We currently have 12 who we practice with.

### **Club Crew**

The Davidson College Crew team has been busy preparing for their fall season. Novice women, novice men, varsity women, and varsity men teams have been practicing 6 days a week in order to get ready for fall regattas. Perhaps you witnessed the 5:30am practices conducted on campus the first week of school. This fall 9 new female members and 4 new male members joined the team.

The team will hold its annual Fall Classic Regatta at Lake Campus the morning of October 24<sup>th</sup>. The race will consist of various heats of 5k races on Lake Norman. The team welcomes any support and spectators for our Davidson program. Come out at 9am to enjoy a beautiful morning by the lake. Crew merchandise will be sold during this regatta and donations will be accepted. Some of the attending competition will be Duke Men's Crew, Masters Rowing of Blythe Landing Huntersville, and NC State Crew. Additionally, Davidson Crew will be competing at the Head of the Hooch on November 7<sup>th</sup>, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. This regatta is the second largest in the country. Last year the varsity women's team earned a silver medal in the 4+ division and the whole team looks forward to a good showing this year. The last competition this fall for the crew team will be at the Head of the South in Augusta, Georgia, on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

We would like to congratulate this year's captains and coaches on their positions and thank the executive board for all the hard work they have put in thus far to make the fall season a fantastic one.

### **Club Equestrian**

Equestrian team has been to one IHSA show this semester at St. Andrew's Presbyterian. We had some successes there – both of our new riders placed third in their classes after taking riding lessons for only two weeks! Unfortunately, our more experienced riders had some awful draws and did not place as high. We are currently planning a fund raising event for the end of October. We plan to have a mock-IHSA show for the girls that practice at our barn. Additionally, we are all taking lessons and hacking on the weekends in preparation for our two October shows at Virginia Tech and Duke.

### **Club Fencing**

The fencing club is currently practicing twice a week. We have about fifteen people on the team and they are all improving at a nice pace.

## **Club Rugby**

Davidson Rugby is going strong! With the loss of about half of our starting roster to study abroad we were worried about being able to stay competitive in the North Carolina Rugby Union. Luckily an influx of freshman, some of whom played in high school, we're back on track to achieving our goal of winning the Southern Conference title in the spring and beating Duke on October 17th. Our first two games have been learning experiences with new guys playing new positions.

Our new scrum half soph. Brian Masunda, in his first year of Davidson Rugby but played in South Africa, brings experience and leadership to our offense. Big hitters like Senior Chris Fezza (prop), Soph. Scott Lomberto (utility), Soph. Chase Gruber (prop), Fresh Tommy Bell (Lock), and Fresh John Meyer (flanker) have given our defense notoriety among local clubs.

Geoffrey Field is another experienced player who leads the back line at fly half, while Hunter Strader, Nick Chanin, Ben Evans and Gregory Vereb (back liners) all have speed and agility that make our team a big play threat.

We lost our first two games to two experienced clubs: Furman and Wake Forest; now we have two weeks of practice before we play at home against Duke in the biggest game of the fall.

## **Men's Club Soccer**

Men's Club Soccer was supposed to play an away game at ELON this Sunday, but they cancelled b/c they couldn't book a field. The team is largely composed of freshmen right now, but they are all experienced and talented players, so it looks promising. We are still looking for a goalkeeper but things are looking good.

## **Club Swimming**

The Club Swim team has gotten off to a great start this year! We have a lot of new, enthusiastic members who are helping propel the team forward!

We attended our first meet on Sept. 26th at Campbell University. We had swimmers place as high as 1st in their events, and swam very well, despite being the smallest team at the meet.

We are planning to host a dual meet with Furman University at Davidson on Saturday, November 14th. We're looking forward to a high turnout and lots of fun!

## **Club Tennis**

Club tennis has been practicing biweekly and had the fall brawl tournament at UNC-Charlotte the weekend of September 19th. The tournament had tough competition, with many top teams from the southeast attending. Davidson club tennis had some issues with getting enough members from girl's club tennis to play and thus was severely handicapped in all matches, but still managed to earn a win over a Clemson B team. A match schedule for October 4th against ELON was cancelled by their club team, but we are looking forward to a home match against UNCC on October 18th.