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Welcome Norsemen fans, families, sponsors, alumni, and supporters. The Fall Rugby Season for The University of Scranton Men's Rugby Club, The Scranton Norsemen, is off with a bang and moving full speed ahead.

Here is the highlight reel:

-On July 25, 2009 we participated in the Surfside Seven's Rugby Tournament in Stone Harbor, NJ. The Norsemen defeated Media Men's in the opener (Media Men ranked in USA Rugby Div 1 Sweet 16), then defeated PCOM (Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine), but lost to Lancaster Roses in the Men's Open Division Playoffs Semi Finals Match

-Fall practice started August 27, 2009 and is held under the lights on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8 pm at Southside Athletic Complex; as well as Fridays from 4-6pm.

-We have a record 54 student-athletes registered on the team.

-On September 11, 2009 we had 8 players attend a USA Rugby Lineout Clinic in Philadelphia, conducted by USA Rugby Lineout Coach and International (retired) player Luke Gross.

-On September 12, 2009 we participated in the 16 team Colligate Kick off Classic, aka the Liberty Cup, in Philadelphia. Following a tough 17-0 loss to West Chester University (who defeated us last fall 60-5), we had a 17-0 victory over Millersville University, which featured our "B" side playing the first half and our "A" side the second half. We then defeated Villanova University 12-0, avenging a lopsided loss last fall. Finally our "B" side, with ALL new rookies inserted in the second half, defeated Temple University "B" 40-0.

-We are sporting brand new jerseys and shorts, home solid and alternate striped (old school) subsidized by appropriations from the University and Student Government, and obtained at well below market cost from our team equipment supplier/sponsor; Canterbury of New Zealand/USA. Check out the photo link.

-On Friday evening September 18, 2009 we traveled by Martz Luxury Bus to our first EPRU D2 Points Table Match vs. Bloomsburg University. A see-saw battle ended with a hard fought 13-13 draw, with Scranton scoring a penalty kick for 3 points as the final whistle blew. Our "B" sided rolled with a 36-0 win.

-Our Parents Weekend Game at home Saturday September 26, 2009 kicks off a 1pm vs. EPRU D2 opponent Millersville University. The Norsemen are partnering with the University Chapter of Colleges Against Cancer to raise money for the American Cancer Society and specifically to promote breast cancer awareness. Our "A" side will be competing in custom pink jerseys, to be auctioned off following the match, ALL proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. Also, before the match, members of the Men's Rugby Club, the Woman's Rugby Club and Colleges Against Cancer will form a human pink ribbon on the field. Kildare's Irish Pub will be donating proceeds from food and soda sales from their on-field BBQ truck. Please patronize Kildare's for your Parents Weekend meals and festivities.

-On Sunday September 27, 2009 the University of Scranton Men's Rugby Club will take part in the Tunnels to Towers Run, from Brooklyn thru Battery Tunnel to the side of the World Trade Center. This honors the memory of firefighters killed on 9/11. Please refer to www.tunneltotowersrun.org

-Fundraising – we will be reaching out to all of our alumni, supporters, sponsors, and friends. We will be working with the University Development Office; all donations are eligible for full tax deductible treatment per IRS code 501.3.C; all donations can be earmarked for Rugby; all funds will go into The University of Scranton Men's Rugby Club account and be used EXCLUSIVELY to defray cost of the program, particularly transportation costs to away venues (average cost for Martz Bus is about \$1,200 per away game). A dedicated website link is forthcoming.