

TUCK RUGBY CLUB



Tuck pushes the Dartmouth undergrads to the wire

This weekend the Tuck Rugby Club finished its season with a match against the Dartmouth development team.

Following an appearance in the Division 1 Sweet 16 and their comprehensive 62 to 13 drubbing of Harvard in the Ivy League Championships, the undergrads were looking to the future by sitting their seniors and fielding the nucleus of next year's team. The match took place as part of the 30th anniversary celebrations of the Dartmouth Women's Rugby Club.

Cheered on by a great fan turnout, Tuck started the scoring early when the forwards won a scrum on Dartmouth's 10-meter line. Kyle Khasigian T'10 took a pass from Adam DeRosier T'10 and ran a dummy play with Greg Barbiaux T'10 before feeding Pace Ralli T'09; Ralli broke one tackle, evaded another and scored between the posts – leaving the undergrads a little stunned. A few minutes later Barbiaux deflected a Dartmouth pass, soccered the ball into the end-zone and scored Tuck's second. Khasigian converted both and Tuck led the undergrads 14 to 5 at the half.

Tuck made six substitutions at the break and the wholesale changes unsettled the club in the second half. Over the next twenty minutes Dartmouth scored three unanswered tries in the face of some ferocious Tuck tackling. With conversions, Dartmouth led 29 to 14 going into the

last quarter. Up against it, and supported by its newfound super fans, Tuck fought back. Barbiaux rumbled in from ten meters out, with three undergrads hanging off him, to score his second, then biology grad student Dae Gon Ha gathered his own chip kick to score in a goal-line melee. With Khasigian's conversion Tuck trailed by just three points going into the last ten minutes. Alas this was as close as Tuck got as the undergrads scored once more. The final scoreline was 34 to 26.

Although disappointed to lose the club was not displeased to have pushed such a fit and well-drilled team to the limit.

The match capped off a development year in which the club defeated UVM, Thunderbird and Darden and lost nail-bitters to Kellogg, MIT Sloan and the Dartmouth undergrads; the club also finished second in the Colby-Sawyer indoor tournament after a narrow loss to UMass Amherst in the finals.

With just five players graduating the club looks forward to a huge season next year. Come September the club will be introducing T'11's to the game, so it's not too late for more T'10's to pick it up ...

— The Tuck Rugby Club —

