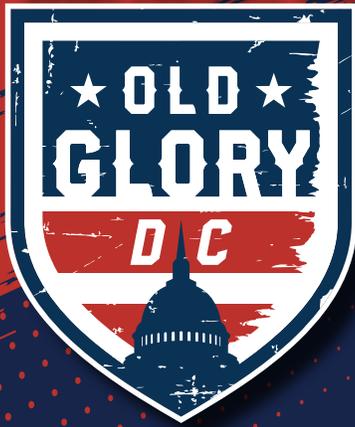


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# GAME DAY



SATURDAY, MARCH 22

OLD GLORY DC VS. NEW ENGLAND FREE JACKS



# ABOUT OLD GLORY DC

Old Glory DC is the first professional rugby team based in the Washington metropolitan area. Old Glory DC was founded in 2018 by lifelong DC area residents, business leaders, and rugby players Chris Dunlavey and Paul Sheehy, and in 2019, the Scottish Rugby Union joined the partnership, establishing Scottish Rugby as the only Tier One national governing body in rugby to have linked with an MLR club.

Old Glory DC competes in Major League Rugby (MLR), a professional rugby union league competing in its sixth season in 2023, representing North America's highest level of rugby competition. Since its inaugural season in 2018, MLR has grown from seven to 13 teams, featuring 72 from the United States and one from Canada.

Old Glory DC plays a 76-game regular season schedule between March and June each season, with eight home games at the team's home stadium at the Maryland SoccerPlex in Germantown, MD.

MLR and Old Glory DC have continued to prove that fans are falling in love with rugby because of the duality it offers. For some, it's the intensity, physicality, and speed of the game that gets them hooked. For others, it's the communal celebration after every match where players and fans from both teams come together to mingle over food or drinks. And for others, it's the ability to be coached by a professional rugby player in the afternoon and then later that same day cheer on their mentor taking the pitch.

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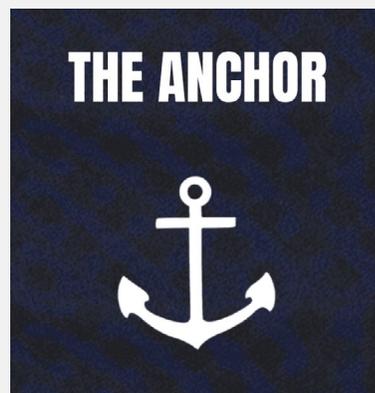
# UNCOVER THE DEEPER MEANING BEHIND OUR SYMBOLS

## THE ANCHOR

The anchor on our jerseys represents the spirit of Captain William Driver, the staunch American patriot who first named Old Glory and defended her throughout the Civil War, but who also embraced the people and cultures of the many countries around the world to which he voyaged during his seafaring career —countries which, today, reflect many of the great traditions of the global community of rugby.

Driver was gifted an American flag by his mother upon his first assignment as Captain of a merchant sea vessel in 1824. He immediately named her “Old Glory” and flew her above his ship on all his voyages thenceforward, to and around such places as the British Isles, New Zealand, Fiji, Australia, Argentina, and South Africa. His many adventures included transporting the survivors of the famous “mutiny on the Bounty” crew to their final refuge on Pitcairn Island. Upon his retirement in 1837, Driver settled in Nashville Tennessee, where he flew the now weather-beaten but still proud Old Glory above his home. Around this time, he added eight more stars to the flag for the eight states that had joined the Union during his nautical career, and he also added an anchor to commemorate his voyages and the countries he had come to love around the world. Now a loyal Unionist and abolitionist living among Southern sympathizers, Driver bravely continued to display Old Glory even after war broke out between the States, until threats from local Confederates persuaded him to hide her in order to protect her. Old Glory was sewn inside a quilt for the subsequent war years, until Union troops re-took the City of Nashville in 1862 and accepted Driver’s offer to fly her again, this time above the Tennessee Statehouse.

Today Old Glory is kept by the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. To the nation, the name “Old Glory” has become synonymous with the American flag; but to us, it represents the connection between our patriotism and our respect for the many countries around the world where Driver sailed, and which today embrace great traditions of rugby. The connection between Driver’s story and the culture of rugby may be singaled by a couple of interesting coincidences: Rugby legend tells us that Wiliam Webb Ellis first picked up a soccer ball in his hands “with fine disregard for the rules of the game” and charged toward the goal at the Rugby School in England in the year 1823. We like to think that, at that very moment, thousands of miles away in Salem Massachusetts, Captain Driver’s mother had begun to sew the flag she’d bestow on her son less than a year later. And indeed, the lands which Old Glory then visited include all the countries from which players on our 2023 roster have hailed.



## THE SHIELD

The shield of Old Glory DC is meant to represent the most defining characteristic of our region: service to our country. Whether directly or indirectly, the people of greater Washington are part of a diversified and growing regional economy, born from and supporting the core of our nation's government. Our neighbors and friends serve in the military, or in federal agencies, or work with the many government contractors and suppliers who comprise so many of the businesses in our region, or they may be among the teachers, accountants, construction workers, or endless other professions who contribute to the dynamic market that sustains it all.



We therefore choose the American flag as the basis of our shield. But it's not just any American flag – it's a very unique and specific one: Old Glory. Old Glory is a real flag kept at the Smithsonian Institution in downtown D.C. It is historic. It is weather-beaten and war-torn. It's been places and seen things, all around the world and in every condition of climate and weather, geography and culture. Time and again, Old Glory has remained steadfast in the face of all challenges and adversity, always to persevere. In short, it reflects the spirit of rugby, and now it rests in the heart of our home town.

Rugby is unique among team sports in its embrace of values, which are recognized universally throughout the global rugby community. The examples of these are well known, including the contrast between the intensity and physical contact of the game and the formal respect always shown for game officials, as well as the coming together of the toughest opponents for the comradery of a shared meal after the battle is done.

Our shield represents Old Glory's role as the connection between the community of greater Washington and the global community of rugby. For us, it symbolizes the values we embrace:

**Inclusion.** Rugby is for everyone. Our words and actions foster a sense of belonging and togetherness.

**Respect.** Rugby is a global sport. We come from all walks of life but respect our teammates, officials, opponents, and, most importantly, the game.

**Community.** Rugby is a brotherhood and sisterhood that extends throughout the world. Our supporters, partners, regional players and coaches from the youth through seniors levels, and our counterparts in countries around the globe are all part of the Old Glory family.

**Integrity.** Rugby demands honor. We do right, speak honestly, and hold ourselves and each other accountable.

**Passion.** Rugby is a lifestyle built on commitment. Our love for it is evident in everything we do.



## THE SALTIRE

The Scottish flag on our jersey is a reminder of the strength we draw from our partnership with the Scottish Rugby Union. The “SRU,” or “Scottish Rugby,” is a part owner of Old Glory DC, having not only invested in our organization but also having built connections with us to support our operations both on the pitch and off, making available to us the tremendous resources of one of the longest-established, most storied and distinguished rugby unions in the world.

Building on a tradition that began with history’s first international rugby match, won by Scotland over England in 1871, Scottish Rugby is today one of the most respected unions among Tier One rugby nations. However, the SRU is not only the national governing body of rugby in Scotland, but also the owner of two professional teams (Edinburgh and the Glasgow Warriors, both of whom compete in the United Rugby Championship or URC, and the European Professional Club Rugby or EPCR Heineken Cup Championship), and the holder of ownership positions and leadership roles in such rugby properties as the Six Nations Tournament and with World Rugby.

The Scottish flag or “Saltire” is a white diagonal cross on a blue field, representing the cross of St. Andrew, a symbol of Scotland said to date back as far as the year 832.



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# RUGBY VALUES WHY RUGBY?

Rugby provides a unifying spirit that leads to lifelong friendships, camaraderie, teamwork, and loyalty, which transcends cultural, geographic, political, and religious differences. Our values set rugby apart from any sport out there and are central to the fabric of the game.

There's no talking back to the referees. We go to war with our opponents and then help each other up and share a meal. Fighting is frowned upon, and standing up for your teammates is encouraged.

Our fans and supporters are the foundation of every win, **always.**

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# RUGBY 101

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Rugby is thrilling, fast-paced, and full of surprises. At its core, it's a battle of strategy and skill, governed by laws (not rules), designed to create a fair, free-flowing contest. The goal? Score more points than the opposition, using tactics, teamwork, and lots of muscle!

Rugby laws may seem complex at first glance, but once you understand the basics, you'll start to spot the beauty and brilliance that keeps fans coming back game after game.

[Click here](#) to see all of the rules on our website.

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# ROSTER

1. Jack Iscaro
2. Facundo Gattas
3. Calixto Martinez
4. Rob Harley (c)
5. Tevita Naqali
6. Jamason Fa'anana-Schultz (vc)
7. Cory Daniel
8. Lautaro Bavaro
9. Connor Buckley
10. Jason Robertson
11. Axel Muller
12. Jason Emery
13. Steff Hughes (vc)
14. Perry Humphreys
15. Damien Hoyland

# RESERVES

16. KoiKoi Nelligan
17. Sam Davies
18. Isikeli Kava (OG Debut)
19. Bill Whiteside
20. Collin Grosse
21. Ethan McVeigh
22. John Powers
23. Owen Sheehy

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