



Davie Graham

Davie Graham, also known as “McScrum”, was the owner and operator of the National Rugby Post, a newspaper distributed across Canada for 22 years with the goal of improving communication within the Canadian rugby community.

In 1985, Graham stepped in to run the Western Rugby Post after the sudden death of the original innovator, Frank West, subsequently renaming the paper to the National Rugby Post. As the paper evolved, it gained credibility as a valuable source of information. Graham served as the newspaper’s publisher, editor, marketing manager, photographer and government liaison. He collaborated with the provinces and recruited key members of Rugby Canada’s administration as well as well-known sports writers to write columns. After 10 years, the National Rugby Post changed to a bimonthly tabloid format, with free bundles supplied to every Canadian rugby union and every Canadian high school that had a rugby program. The National Rugby Post played an important role in keeping provincial unions, sub unions and the general Canadian rugby community informed of regional, national and international events and updates. In 2007, with the changing role of newspapers and technology, the National Rugby Post ceased operations.

Graham was a builder in other ways as well. Whenever he saw a gap, he took initiative to help fill it. In 1962, with no formal exposure to rugby, Graham assisted some friends in forming a new rugby club (the Leprechauns) in Edmonton to provide competition for the growing number of players in the area, and in 1965 was named MVP of the Edmonton Rugby Union. In 1967, he personally led the community in forming another new club, the Edmonton Clansmen, which had four divisions and became the home of notable individuals such as former Rugby Canada president Roger Smith. The following year, he led a committee to establish the Edmonton Rugbyfest tournament, which has now been in existence for over 50 years and attracts competitors from Canada, the United States, and Europe.

In 1975, Graham was active in the formation of Ellerslie Rugby Park in Edmonton, becoming a life member through his administrative and financial contributions to the organization. He founded the Edmonton Ancients Rugby Club in 1977, and served as the Canadian representative to the Air New Zealand International Rugby Golden Oldies Tournament from 1991 to 2013. He started coaching and officiating rugby in 1982.

Graham’s accolades include being inducted into the Edmonton Rugby Union Hall of Fame in 1998 and the Alberta Rugby Union Hall of Fame in 2005. To this day, he continues to take and share photos of significant matches throughout Alberta.

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