**Wolfhounds v Amoskeag, September 23rd 2017**

Following a 2-0 start to the season, the Wolfhounds welcomed Amoskeag Rugby club down from New Hampshire to the Irish Cultural Center. The Irish battled through sloppy play again, another hot and humid Saturday, and a strong Amoskeag scrum to come away with a 54-7 victory.

The Hounds opened the scoring early after captain Paul “Tay Tay” Taylor stole a lineout, throwing it to scrumhalf Lucas “le pétit generalé” Pialet who grubbered, collected, and stepped the fullback to note a beautiful score. Center Tyler Ierardi added another try soon after after a series of forward drives. Amoskeag responded in the 28th minute with a forward crash slipping a tackle in midfield to score under the posts, but that was the last time they would seriously threaten the Wolfhounds line. In the 33rd minute flyhalf Sam“Framingham” Grant broke through the opposition 22 before dishing to Mark “Dangerman” Kavanagh for a 21-7 halftime lead Hounds had been generally dominant but limited by many wayward offloads and knock-ons due to the sweaty conditions.

Veterans Peter “Teabag” Lupton and Kiwa “Detroit” Oakes came on at half into the backs. Lupton immediately set the backline alight from flyhalf, breaking through the line and passing to Tyler Ierardi for another score just after the bell. Tyler Ierardi reached his hat-trick 5 minutes later off a set-piece move. Paddy “better-looking Paddy” Meenan added to the tally in the 52nd minute by collecting a grubber from Peter Lupton.

With the frequent scrums and heat taking a toll in the forwards, the coaches injected new energy by a hockey line-change style change out of entire front row, with Alan “Embarishment” Barish, Luke “College” Bradley, and Dave “Beardo” Kronenberg coming in the 57th minute. Blair “Groundskeeper Willy” Somerville entered the fray in the 63rd minute followed by Kyle Kaneb in the 68th, as the game broke down somewhat with frequent knock-ons and penalties. The Boston Irish ended the game with a final flourish with tries through Tyler in the 70th minute and Paddy Meenan in the 76th minute, for a 54-7 final.

Amoskeag did not bring a B-side, but the subs, supporting players, and some enterprising oldboys played a spirited game of 10s to finish off another great day for the now 3-0 Boston Irish Wolfhounds.

The Boston Irish Wolfhounds take on long-time rival Boston RFC this Saturday September 30th in at Roberto Mignone field next to the Harvard Football Stadium at 6:30 pm. Come on out to this rare within-Boston match and support the boys!

**Wolfhounds 1st XV**

1          Ed Guitton (vc) (Alan Barish, 57 min)

2          Jay Kolovson (Luke Bradley, 57 min)

3          Sean Moran (Dave Kronenberg, 57 min)

4          Alex Scott (Blair Somerville, 63min)

5          Ben Stone (vc) (Kyle Kaneb, 68 min)

6          Alex Verdauger (vc)

7          Paul Taylor (C)

8          Sean Richards

9          Lucas Pialat

10        Sam Grant (vc)

11        Chip (Kiwa Oakes, 40 min)

12        Robert Gacek (Peter Lupton, 40 min)

13        Tyler Ierardi

14        Mark Kavanagh

15        Paddy Meenan

16        Dave Kronenberg

17        Alan Barish

18        Luke Bradley

19        Blair Somerville

20        Kyle Kaneb

21        Peter Lupton

22        Kiwa Oaks

23        Chip

**Tries:** Tyler Ierardi 4, Paddy Meenan 2, Mark Kavanagh, Lucas Pialet

**Conversions**: Paddy Meenan 7