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SPX SCHEDULE (2-2, 12 pts)

2/6	AT LAMAR	44-19	3/13	AT NOLA JESUIT	19-43
2/12	ST. THOMAS	28-29	3/15	AT BROTHER MARTIN	24-29
2/20	AT WEST HOUSTON	CNCLD	3/26	WEST HOUSTON*	7PM
3/5	AT STRAKE	7-31	4/15	STRAKE**	7PM
3/11	LAMAR	36-17	4/23	AT ST. THOMAS	7PM

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**SENIOR NIGHT

WEST HOUSTON RFC

2/11	AT STRAKE	6PM	3/26	AT ST. PIUS X	7PM
2/24	AT ST. THOMAS	6PM	4/10	ST. THOMAS	2PM
3/20	KINGWOOD/CYFAIR	1PM	4/17	LAMAR	TBD
			4/24	STRAKE	1PM

PANTHER LINE-UP

NO.	NAME	YR
1	Alex Gutierrez	11
2	Mirko Dawson	11
3	Seth Pena	11
4	Jack Birbeck	12
5	Brodie Scott	11
6	Michael Fite	11
7	Max Bright	11
8	Bre Citizen	12
9	Logan Landry	10
10	Burke Battenfield	11
11	Grant Stringfellow	11
12	Hayden Llorens*	11
13	Nathan Gonzales	12
14	Menton Lewis	10
15	Evan Neff	10
16	Donovan Armstead	10
17	Andrew Lewis	9
18	Jose Rivera	10
19	Andres Romero	11
20	Zach Amelang	9
21	Jackson Joiner	10
22	Tristan Acuna	10
23	Travis Avant	10

* CAPTAIN

ST. PIUS X COACHES & STAFF

HEAD COACH: DAVID SELBY
 ASSISTANT COACH: DAVID-JOHN SELBY
 TEAM LOGISTICS: LOWELL LOCKE
 HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER: JEREMY KALLUS
 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: JEFF FELLER
 SPORTS INFORMATION: KHADIJAH RAY
 HEAD OF SCHOOL: CARMEN GARRETT ARMISTEAD
 PRINCIPAL: RACHEL WARE

SPX Rugby Nationally Ranked



RUGBY REPORT
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Goff Rugby Report Boys Single-School Rankings Week 3 2021

Rank	Prev	Team	Notes
1	1	St. Thomas Aquinas (KS)	
2	2	Dallas Jesuit (TX)	
3	4	Brother Martin (LA)	Beat St. Paul's (8), St. Pius X
3	3	Strake Jesuit (TX)	Beat St. Thomas
5	6	Herriman (UT)	Beat SLV Rhinos
6	5	Jesuit New Orleans (LA)	Beat St. Pius X
7	7	Bixby (OK)	
8	9	St. Ignatius (OH)	Beat St. Xavier Cincinnati (14)
9	11	Penn (IN)	
10	10	St. Edward (OH)	Lost to Royal Irish (C12)
11	12	Moeller (OH)	Beat St. Charles (13), Walnut Hills
12	26	East HS (UT)	Beat American Fork
13	21	Sacramento Jesuit (CA)	
14	14	St. Xavier Cincinnati (OH)	Lost to St. Ignatius (9)
15	15	Olympus (UT)	
16	18	Father Ryan (TN)	Game Canceled
17	17	La Jolla (CA)	Lost to OC Raptors
18	Unr	Cardinal Gibbons (FL)	Tied Boca (C13)
19	8	St. Paul's (LA)	Lost to Brother Martin (4)
20	19	St. Joe's Prep (PA)	
21	Unr	St. Pius X (TX)	Lost to Brother Martin (4), Jesuit NOLA (5), Beat Lamar
22	22	St. Augustine (CA)	
23	20	Lake Travis (TX)	
24	23	Regis Jesuit (CO)	
25	24	Rocky Mountain (ID)	
26	25	East HS (CO)	
27	13	St. Charles (OH)	Lost to Moeller (12)
28	Unr	Notre Dame de la Salette (IL)	
29	Unr	Kingfishers (KS)	Beat Libery
30	Unr	St. Louis U High (MO)	

21st in the Nation!

RUGBY

A LIFE OF RUGBY



David Selby is a rugby lifer, now teaching the next generation

by Joshua Koch, VYPE Media

On a Saturday afternoon in Zimbabwe, the rugby pitch was the place to be.

Whether watching the local club teams go at it or getting to see the national team compete, David Selby remembers those Saturday afternoons well.

Selby, who was born and raised in Zimbabwe until he was 15 years old, reminisced about his favorite memory from those days- the smell of the fresh cut grass.

"When you go out on that field and it had been freshly mowed, there was just a beautiful smell. It was just fresh," Selby said. "It was exciting to run out on the field and compete."

Selby, who is in his seventh season leading St. Pius X's rugby team, was thrust into the rugby culture pretty much from birth.

In Zimbabwe, Selby said the three most important things to people are God, rugby, and family, but the order of importance was based on the person you were talking to.

"Rugby was a big part of the culture," Selby said. "It was a social event. It taught us a lot of lessons in life about

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discipline, structure and brotherhood. It was a huge part of the community- everyone was involved with it, everyone supported it. In school, every boy had to play in their first year so they could get introduced to the game."

Selby played his first rugby match when he was 11 years old.

At the time of his first match, Selby said he was a bit "terrified" because the guys he was playing against had been playing for a few years. But once he started tackling and gaining confidence, the love for the sport became engrained in him.

"I just fell in love with the sport," he said. "It grows in you and becomes a part of your whole DNA."

In 1980, Selby and his family moved to England where he continued to play rugby through his high school years. After high school, he came to the United States on a tennis scholarship- which was his summer sport- to the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

Selby finished his schooling at the University of Houston, which is where he met his wife.

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It had been years since he had played rugby, but when he found out he was having a son, the sport came back into his life. Just like for him in Zimbabwe, Selby introduced the game to his son David-John Selby literally at birth.

"I put [his footprints] on a rugby ball," Selby said. "Then, went and got it signed by one of my favorite rugby players. I still have it; it's in a case in his room."

When David-John turned nine, that's when Selby decided to get into coaching. It started at The Woodlands Rugby Club in 2007 and in 2012 he moved to St. Pius X. David-John graduated from St. Pius X and went to train in Ireland. Currently, he serves as SPX's Rugby's assistant coach and plays for the local semi-pro team, Rugby HTX.

"You have to be a student of the game," Selby said about getting into coaching. "You can't just be a player and decide you're going to be a coach. There is stuff that you're not aware of as a player and a coach sees things completely differently. As a player, you have a specific role. As a coach, you have to evaluate all the nuances of the game."



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- Played for Naas in Ireland 2019-2020
- Currently playing for Rugby HTX, SaberCat Academy's semi-pro team as starting flyhalf
- Named to the USA Flyhalf Academy Rugby Referee Certification Level 2

MEN OF THE MATCH — GAME 4



ST. PIUS X
RUGBY

After a pair of stellar performances, the guys that deserved special mention for game four were **Bre Citizen** and **Andres Romero**.

Bre had his usual excellent outing, but it was his move at the base of the scrum that went for a try that set the pace for the rest of the match and the Panthers never looked back. Andres came in off the reserve bench and, in his time on the field, was outstanding. Whether on offense or defense, he never took a backward step.



SPX RUGBY TOUR—LOUISIANA STYLE

SPX Rugby began spring break with its first SPX Rugby Tour in 10 years. It proved to be a huge success.

Team members had a chance to get knocked off their regular routines and schedules, and sightsee in the unique city of New Orleans. They represented St. Pius X High School very well both on and off the playing field.

For his part, Coach Selby wanted to see certain things on the trip: 1) How quickly the team would respond to landing in a new situation and be ready to play on short notice, 2) How the team would be able to focus on the task at hand and not be distracted by all that was going on around them, and 3) How quickly the team would put the results of the first game behind them and begin preparing for their second match.

Not only was this tour a great opportunity for the team to bond and play other top-notch team, but it also served as preparation for playoffs.

MAN OF THE TOUR

It is one thing for your coach to name you “Man of the Match”, but it is quite another when your opponents select you for the honor.

In this case both Brother Martin High School and Jesuit New Orleans named the same SPX rugby player for this honor after their matches. Being the only player who scored three tries during the tour, it is evident that the other teams respected his effort. **Michael Fite**, the moment is yours.





PANTHERS AT THE NEXT LEVEL

David-John Selby
Rugby HTX- semi-pro

Colby Bonds
Sam Houston State

Bruno Forestieri
University of Houston

Will Hernandez
Arkansas State University

Edward Battenfield
University of Houston

Jacob Craig
Army-West Point

Brett Ellison
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