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3/11 7:00 PM			SNAPDRAGON STADIUM SAN DIEGO, CA
3/18 6:00 PM			SEATGEEK STADIUM BRIDGEVIEW, IL
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5/13 7:00 PM			CHOCTAW STADIUM ARLINGTON, TX
5/20 11:00 AM			SILVERBACKS PARK ATLANTA, GA
6/04 2:00 PM			MEMORIAL FIELD, MT. VERNON NEW YORK, NY
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6/17 7:05 PM			CHOCTAW STADIUM ARLINGTON, TX

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RUGBY 101

40 minutes a half. Two halves.
15 players per team on the field.

Winston Churchill once called this game a
“game for hooligans.”

We say it's a game for jackals.

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RUGBY 101

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The I-45 Feud Begins Today...

Two hundred and sixty-eight miles separate the historical Texan cities of Dallas and Houston. One, an inland metropolis with a host of sports teams, moments, and success. The other is a coastal city boasting resurgent sports brands, most recently the World Series champions of Major League Baseball, the Houston Astros.

Feb 19th marks a new chapter in this long interstate rivalry; the Battle of I-45. Dallas enters the season opener with one year of MLR existence with something to prove. Their unflattering record is in the past. It's a new beginning under new General Manager Santiago Sodini who hopes to rectify with a revamped coaching staff and roster. There are seven returnees in total: Adriaan Booysen, Alex Tucci, Liam Murray, Conrado Roura, Adriaan Carelse, Eric Naposki, Aaron Gray.

Coupled with second-year Jackals, the roster is a smorgasbord of talent from all over the world. Argentina rugby, ranked 8th by WorldRugby.com, is stamped on this roster. Mario Ledesma is a celebrated former player and current assistant coach who hopes to inspire this generation of Jackals into season greatness. Agustin Cavalieri, who can pierce an entire side with one intimidating glance, leads the club on the pitch in his first season with the team. Willie Blanco joins the coaching staff as well. Blanco has international playing and coaching experience.

Sodini looked into the trade and free agent market in the offseason. Danny Christensen wrecked the Dallas side with a hat trick on June 5 at Choctaw Stadium. Perhaps that performance can encapsulate a strong 2023 campaign wearing a different uniform. Carson



Shoemaker also exchanged Utah Warriors red for Dallas green. Argentinians second row Lucas Bur and former Old Resian halfback Nazareno Valentini just recently joined the team.

This team has banded together through the phrase BIG. Juan Pablo “JP” Aguirre and Carelse played in the MLR last year representing different cities. Carelse donned the



Dallas kit while JP spent time in the Seattle Sea-Wolves organization.

“I feel like everyone is really excited. I’m really excited,” Carelse said.

Three-year MLR veteran Aguirre has suited up across the league and the world. He attributes a kinship felt amongst teammates to BIG:

“We could use the word ‘big’ and it could be something simple, as like, ‘Yeah, let’s go big,’ but I think it’s good for us to know what that word means... You see a lot of teams doing team bonding stuff like going to do paintball, going to workouts, stuff like that. At the end of the day, I think what we did was put us way closer than anything else.

The Jackals spent their number one pick in the 2022 MLR Draft on Arlington born and Cal-Berkeley product Sam Golla. Golla is a flanker and lock forward with a heavy body and solid ball control. He won three Pac-12 Sevens Championships and captained the Golden Bears for two years, driving them to a 27-1 record in his second year.

The rookie has been with the team since the start of training camp.

“Collectively, as a team, everyone is ready to play some rugby,” Golla said.

New kits will make their regular season debut. All the players, returning and new, lit up when they got to wear the newly minted designs for media day.

“That little change of the home jersey will be something else that will be fun. I like [the home and away] both,” Aguirre stated.

“It’s something different, but I think is really cool. I feel like a lot of the boys feel like that,” Carelse said.

Feb 19th marks the dawn of the I-45 Feud and a new chapter in the franchise of the Dallas Jackals.





STATE OF THE (RUGBY) UNION

First of all, welcome to the season debut of your 2023 Dallas Jackals. You'll notice almost everything is different from last season. The players themselves and their home jerseys/kits. The General Manager, coaching staff and front office. The new food and beverage choices at our concession stands. A much wider range of Jackals merchandise, including a brand extension featuring our mascot Jax. That line of merch is for the kids, but something tells me we'll see a lot of adults with Jax Swag going.

There is at least one promise the Jackals organization will make to you on this February night: On the pitch, in the stands and throughout North Texas, the Jackals will exemplify and spread the passion of rugby by inspiring tradition, respect, family, and character.

I hope you took advantage of a special ticket offer from tonight's sponsor, KTXA 21. "The I-45 Feud" ticket special offered fans two tickets to tonight's match, two hot dogs and two sodas for just \$45. You can pick up your voucher for the two hot dogs and two sodas at the Jackals ticket information table. Then redeem the voucher at the following concession stands on the main concourse: Now Showing Section 111. O'Ryan's, Fairlane's and Goodstock all at section 109.

KTXA 21 is a great partner and their staff is a pleasure to work with. They will carry 6 of our 8 home matches live this season, including tonight. So, smile! You could be on camera. Get ready for a BIG Texas Flavor tonight! As you make your way to your seats, check out all the new food options presented by our new caterer at Choctaw Stadium, RS3 Hospitality. For tonight's "I-45 Feud" concessions stands will feature unique Texas food options along with regular fare. Look for hot dogs topped with smoked brisket, red jalapeños, and neon nuclear relish at the Fairlanes concession stand near section 109. At the Chop House concession stand you'll find nachos with BBQ chopped Brisket! Bon Appetit Y'all!

Tonight's opening ceremonies will feature Arlington Martin High School as the color guard, an oversized Texas State Flag on the pitch and fireworks to welcome the 2023 Jackals players. Grand Prairie native Keith Armstrong will sing the national anthem. For more than 30 years Armstrong has performed the Star-Spangled Banner at events ranging from pro sports to rodeo & livestock shows to the Dallas Opera.

Among the match spectators will be Brad Leland; film and TV actor, graduate of Plano High School and best known for his role as Buddy Garrity in the NBC hit series "Friday Night Lights." Leland also appeared in other iconic Texas based shows like Dallas and Walker Texas Ranger.

Want more football? Former NFL Punter and Jackals minority owner Jon Ryan will provide tips to a lucky fan at half-time. This contestant (picked at random from the crowd) will try their luck at a Rugby style kick through the uprights to win Jackals swag.

Members of FC Dallas and their affiliate, the North Texas Soccer Club, will be hand with an interactive game for kids, on the concourse near section 111. There will also be a jersey exchange between a member of FC Dallas and one of the Jackals players.

Enjoy "The I-45 Feud" as we raise the curtain on the 2023 Major League Rugby season. Cheer as loud as you can! You are the 16th man in the Rugby Union! Together we will make Jackals history.

- Steve Violetta, Dallas Jackals Team President

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