

Halie Fry follows brother's lead to USA National Eagles Rugby

By Marcie Fry

Halie Fry, a 2005 graduate of East Madison High School, has been selected as one of 28 women from all over the United States of America, to play with the U-19 Women's USA National Eagles Rugby team this year. There are also players on the team from Princeton, Cornell, Purdue, Colorado, California, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas, Missouri, Nebraska and Washington, to name a few.

Halie left with the team on Monday, June 5 for Colorado to play in a tournament against Canada for her first International Cap, returning on Friday, June 16. The women are scheduled to play two games as part of the U-23 National All Star Championships June 9-11 and follow this with two internationals against the Canada U-19 Women on June 13 and 15. This is the largest women's representative level rugby event ever held in the USA.

Under the direction of Coach Bryn Chivers, the team has been invited to stay at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs for the duration of their stay in Colorado, using this as their base and commuting into Boulder for their games. This is an incredible opportunity for the women to live and train with the finest athletes in the country. Players may find themselves rubbing elbows with an Olympic gold medalist during meals.

Halie owes much of her rugby suc-

cess to her past coaches from the Madison East High School Militia Team, including her first coaches, Coach Dan "Sarge" Greene, Coach "Wee Bob" Jafferis, Girls Militia Coach Dan Jensen, and her current UW Stevens Point Coach Gray Zischke. According to Halie's college coach Zischke, "Halie has received a wonderful opportunity. And, I think she has the skills, attitude and intelligence to make the most of it."

Halie was selected to play for the U-19 Women's Elite Wisconsin team in the summer of 2004, Women's Wisconsin Senior selectside in summer of 2005, WI U-23 selectside in 2006, and has been invited to try out for the upcoming U-23 Midwest selectside team this year.

Halie's brother, Aaron Fry, a 2004

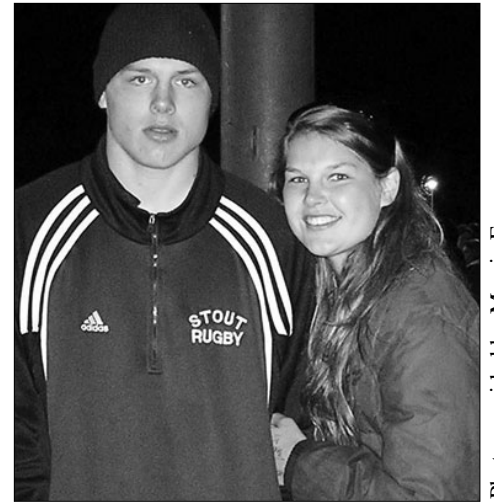


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Above: Rugby success runs in the Fry family. Aaron and Halie Fry are believed to be the first brother and sister to both make the USA U-19 Eagles Rugby Teams, the highest level rugby teams in the United States. Aaron made the team in 2005. Halie made this year's team and will travel throughout the world for various tournaments. Left: Halie fends off an attack from an opponent earlier this season.

graduate of Madison East High School, played for the USA U-19 National Men's Eagles Rugby team last year in Durban, South Africa, competing for the World Championship. This is believed to be the first time in history that a brother and sister have both made the USA U-19 Eagles Rugby Teams. When asked what Aaron thought about his sister making the USA team, he said with a smile, "I think it's great. I always thought she would be able to make that

team because I taught her everything she knows about rugby." Halie has often looked to her brother as an example and said, "I saw how much fun my brother had when he played for the Eagles, and I'm glad that now I have that opportunity."

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