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## Rodents Invade Oregon

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The Lamorinda Rodents rugby team participated in the weekend-long PrezFest Rugby Tournament Feb. 16 and 17 hosted by the Beaverton RFC. The tournament was held at the Tualatin Hills Recreation Facility at the Rock Creek Campus of Portland Community College. The fields were terrific and the weather was cool, but dry. It was an excellent venue with terrific organization by the hosting club. In all, six boys' sides and four girls' sides participated in the tournament.

On day one, Lamorinda played West Linn, Oregon. The tries came early and often for the Rodents. From the opening start, Jimmy "White-Shoes" Giles snuck underneath Bo Richter's kick to take possession. From that point on, the scoring came in wave after wave of offense. West Linn played courageously, but had a difficult time keeping the

ball out of Lamo's hands. Final Score: Lamo 105-0.

On day two, Lamorinda played Beaverton, Oregon: The Rodents once again played with the same speed and skill demonstrated the day before. Putting the host side on the back foot from the onset, the Rodents were able to score seven unanswered tries before the break. Beaverton fought back with three tries in the second half, with four more tries for the Rodents. Final Score: Lamo 68-15.

To end day two, Lamorinda played Liberty (Seattle/Tacoma). With only 20 minutes rest, after completion of the Beaverton game, the Rodents agreed to take on a well rested Liberty side. In a tough and physical contest, the Rodents showed their ability to compete and prevail against a team that plays the more punishing style of rugby. In this shorter match, Lamo struck

early and held onto a well-earned win. Final Score: Lamo 20-12.

The PrezFest Tournament organizer had this to say about Lamorinda RFC. "As I noted to your coaches, without exception, every 'Barbarian' family that billeted Lamo players had nothing but great things to say. You have not only a good team on the field, but you have one off it too. They are not only athletes -- but gentlemen. You have earned not only our thanks for participating, but you have earned our respect."

Lamorinda RFC is composed of local high school athletes from Miramonte, Campolindo, Acalanes, San Ramon Valley, Mt Diablo and Antioch. Their winter – spring season continues March 1 against Hayward at Miramonte, and March 8 against San Francisco/Golden Gate on Treasure Island. The full season calendar is available at [www.lamorugby.com](http://www.lamorugby.com)