



Mini-Reunion Update

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Women's Rugby Team Panel

This past fall, the Dartmouth women's varsity rugby team captured not only the Ivy championship, but also the national NCAA title, after defeating Army 28-18. For our panel we will have two of the three captains of the team as well as the coach who's now won five Ivy league and two NCAA titles since coming to Dartmouth in 2015.

Alejandra Ada '22, from Sinajana, Guam, is one of the three team captains this year. She plays scrumhalf, a highly-skilled and critical decision making position on the field. Ale is a true triple threat: a dynamic passer, runner, and kicking threat that defenses have to constantly worry about. She scored 3 tries this season, but more importantly led the team with 14 try assists. In 2018, in her rookie season, Ale also stepped up in the Championship match vs Harvard when the senior

scrumhalf came out in the early minutes due to injury -- calmly leading the team to its first NCAA title. She has also represented Dartmouth at multiple USA U20 events. She is an anthropology major, planning on a post baccalaureate program to pursue a career in medicine. Being from Guam, over 8,000 miles from Hanover, Ale so appreciates how quickly Dartmouth became her home away from home. The coach noted, "We are so grateful for Ale's joyful attitude and excellent leadership in our program!"

Emily Henrich '22, daughter of Lisa Huff Henrich '92 and Chris Henrich '90 (who both also played rugby at Dartmouth), is another of the three captains this year! Growing up in Buffalo in a rugby family, Emily began playing rugby at only 6 years old -- frequently crossing the border to sharpen her skills against some talented Canadian teams! She is an incredible all-around athlete, who also skied, played soccer, basketball and yes, football, as a youngster. One of the toughest tacklers you'll ever see, Emily played middle linebacker. She was the second leading scorer this season with 9 tries to her credit, and amazingly, also tied the lead for assists, setting up her teammates 14 times. Emily was a first-year in 2018 as well, so this year marks her second NCAA title. Notably, she scored critical tries in both the 2018 and 2021 championship matches. Only 22 years old, Emily has already represented the USA in the PanAm games in Lima for Rugby 7s, and represented the USA Women's 15s side several times, serving as vice captain as they set their eyes on the 2022 World Cup in New Zealand. Emily is a Government major, an avid skier, a Rockefeller Global Leadership participant and Student Advisory Board member for the Sexual Violence Prevention Project. Her coach states, "She loves the passionate people and community at Dartmouth and is a great testament to it herself!"

Coach **Katie Dowty** is in her seventh year leading the Big Green. Since the program was elevated from club sport to varsity in 2015, the team has won 5 Ivy Championships and claimed the NCAA title twice. This past fall was the team's first undefeated season. Throughout, the team has continued to produce Fulbright Scholars, Giesel and Tuck students, and many other academic achievements. The chance to build a varsity rugby program at an Ivy League institution with such a proud rugby tradition, was an opportunity and a challenge Dowty was thrilled to take on. While coaching is important, Coach Dowty most credits the team's success to its ability to attract recruits and walk-ons not only with incredible raw talent, but with the right character to keep the team moving forward every year.

A 2006 graduate of Harvard, Dowty is a former player and captain with the Crimson. After graduation, she moved on to the Beantown Rugby Club from 2006 to 2011, where she served as a player, captain and fundraising chair.

Katie brings a wealth of international experience to the Big Green as well. A member of the USA Rugby national team from 2010 to 2014, she played with both the 7s and 15s in her four years and made 12 tours as part of the IRB Women's Sevens World Series. In 2011, Katie was named the Goff Rugby Report's 7s Player of the Year.

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