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The University of Alabama and Student Recreation Department is teaming up with the Tuscaloosa's Sports Foundation to host the Rugby South Collegiate Championship for the second straight year.

"We are very excited to have the opportunity to be involved with UA rugby. Their strong alumni support and new leadership is just a glimpse of what's to come in the future of our university's rugby program," Tuscaloosa Sports Foundation's Executive Director, Don Staley said.

Starting on March 27th, the south's finest rugby teams will compete for the outright title of Rugby South Collegiate Champion. The tournament will consist of 16 teams; 8 men's and 8 women's. The Tuscaloosa Sports Foundation anticipates approximately 450 players and several more in attendance.

"We are very fortunate to have such great facilities and staff to hold the tournament for a second straight year. We hope the success of the tournament will enhance our opportunities to hold bigger tournaments in the future, such as the National Championship," Tournament Director, Russell Bush said.

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The University of Alabama's rugby team has long been a staple and respected member to the university's recreational program. They have run several successful tournaments in the past, and hope to continue their success in March.

The tournament will be held on the University's recreational fields the weekend of March 27th, and will crown a new champion on March 29th. The winning teams will advance to the overall Rugby National Championship held later in the year.

For more information concerning the rugby tournament, please contact Russell Bush, tournament director, at (251) 604-957, or Don Staley, executive director of Tuscaloosa Sports Foundation at (205) 349-0700.