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Week of May 26th, 2006

The Canadian leg of the NA4 is underway in British Columbia. Two rounds of matches have produced some remarkable performances, from sublime attacking excellence – using lateral space, speed, support, handling and kicking - to the grit and determination of extended goal-line stands defence, and the use of forward strength in effective scrummaging and driving mauls.

Those who have been lucky to be spectators have enjoyed watching the birth of a new and exciting addition to the North American Rugby calendar. I know the IRB is pleased that its large strategic investment of dollars is already having desired effects. Players, coaches and referees are all benefiting from engaging in this professional-like experience. One senior Canadian official told me this week that he thinks the NA4 will be a turning point in the history of the Game in North America.

Reports can be read at:

<http://www.irb.com/InTouch/Regions/060521+DR+NA4+r2.htm>

The current NA4 standings are

	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	BP	PTS
Canada West	2	1	1	0	126	28	+98	1	7
USA Falcons	2	1	0	1	51	47	+4	1	5
USA Hawks	2	1	0	1	33	121	-88	1	5
Canada East	2	0	1	1	42	51	-9	0	2

The NA4 is also featured on **Total Rugby Radio** this week, as is high school Rugby in the USA. You can listen by following the links on www.irb.com

Best wishes to all.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Jones".

Tom Jones
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