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St. Charles, Mo – Lindenwood University will host the inaugural Glenn Markway Memorial Rugby Match against Life University at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 19, at Hunter Stadium on the St. Charles campus. The game will immediately follow a 5:30 p.m. match between the university's first and second men's rugby squads. The evening will also include a bone marrow donor drive from 5-9 p.m. in honor of Markway, a 23-year-old Lindenwood student and rugby player who passed away on Aug. 1, 2015, following a valiant two-and-half-year battle with the blood cancer Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

In 2010, the St. Louis area native enrolled at Lindenwood and became a member of the University's rugby team. At 5 feet, 11 inches tall and 250-pounds, he was an intimidating and enthusiastic athlete who was a key player on the 2012 men's national championship team.

Academically, he was drawn to Lindenwood's Fire and Paramedic Science program and majored in nonprofit administration. Even after being diagnosed with blood cancer in April of 2013, he continued with his coursework at Lindenwood.

Through five rounds of chemo, countless days in the hospital, and a stem cell transplant, Markway only missed one semester due to his illness. In the end, Markway earned an undergraduate degree in nonprofit administration with an emphasis in emergency services, which his parents accepted posthumously on his behalf during Lindenwood's December 2015 Commencement ceremony.

To honor his life and legacy of helping others, donations collected during Lindenwood's March 19 memorial rugby match will benefit three organizations with which Markway was involved. Proceeds will benefit Be The Match, Friends of Kids with Cancer, and the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

The March 19 bone marrow registry drive will take place in the Vandalia Room of the Student-Athlete Center on Lindenwood's St. Charles campus. Pre-registration is not required. Participants may arrive anytime between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m., and will complete a small amount of paperwork before being tested, which consists of swabbing the inside of the cheek. Samples will be added to the national bone marrow registry and donors will be contacted if matches are found.

For more information, contact jbeckerle@lindenwood.edu at Lindenwood University or dmosley@nmdp.org at Be The Match.

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