The Potomac Athletic Club made a statement with an impressive 41-15 defeat of the Norfolk Blues to stay atop the Mid-Atlantic DI club league.

The two teams were close until the final 20 minutes, when PAC finished with a series of tries to put the game away.

"It's never easy playing Norfolk away," said PAC captain Greg Suellentrop. "We were very pleased with the result, and more that we finally finished a game better than how we started it. After last week's tie [against NOVA] it was a much-needed win."

Norfolk Coach Chris Porter sees his team now 1-2, and with a lot of rugby to play. He has a young team that is adjusting to the retirement of some key leaders.

"We just need to start believing in ourselves and play our game," said Porter. "It's time for the A-side guys to step up, or it could be a long season."

Meanwhile NOVA, which tied PAC last week and opened their season by beating Norfolk, improved to 3-1-1 with a 48-29 defeat of Washington. Winless, Washington can still score points, and NOVA president Clarence Williams said the Washington tries were no gimmes by any means.

"Give Washington plenty of credit, as they kept fighting back throughout and came within two scores in the final minutes of the game," said Williams

Terris Gregory scored two tries for NOVA as they moved into third place, despite missing five starters and having no training time due to field closings.

"Our club showed some depth today," said Williams. "We showed patience but persistence deep in the attacking third early on to build up a four-score lead during the first quarter of the match. Our penalty count was a problem, with some over-aggressive defense, and they made us pay for our mistakes which helped keep things tight at times."

NOVA's forwards led the effort with hooker Joey Tropea playing well and scoring a try where he beat three players on the outside.

Between PAC and NOVA i are the Maryland Exiles, who quietly went about their business and won 24-10 over Schuylkill River. The Exiles are now 4-0, and are only in second because they have a game in hand over 4-0-1 PAC. Baltimore-Chesapeake notched their first win of the season, 51-34 over Media.

Latest Standings:

MARFU Men DI Club	Ws	L	T	Pf	Pa	Pd	BT	BL	Pts
PAC	4				0			1	
Maryland	4				0			0	
NOVA	3				1			1	
Pittsburgh	3				1			0	
Schuylkill River	2				2			0	
Norfolk	1				2			0	

Balt-Chesapeake	1	3	0
Raleigh	1	3	0
Media	0	4	0
Washington	0	3	0