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Major League Rugby Release

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Houston Strikers to become the Sabercats in new MLR

Houston's rugby team has chosen to change their name and go by The Sabercats in the professional rugby world.

According to the group of owners and investors they felt that a saber cat mascot was a more powerful image and better showed Houston for what it is. A saber cat was described, by the owners as loyal to their community and fearless with their competitors.

The CEO of the Sabercats, Jeremy Turner, says "We are very supportive of the change, and we look forward to bringing first class rugby to Houston." The Sabercats will be a member of America's newest addition to professional sports, Major League Rugby.

MLR, as it's known as, will be not the first professional rugby league, but will hopefully last longer than prior experiments. This time with a wider variety of team hometowns including Seattle, Austin, New Orleans, Denver and Utah, a larger audience can experience this new and upcoming sport in American Culture.

With a new and intimidating name, the newly christened Sabercats will be led by Head Coach Justin Fitzpatrick and international stars from all over the globe with hopes of being the first ever Major League Rugby Champions.

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