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Rugby: Fun and guts

by Chuck Cernansky

This Saturday, on the soccer fields next to the New Administration Building, Brockport's Rugby Club will host the first State College Rugby Tournament. The tournament was formed by the S.U.N.Y. Colleges at Brockport, Buffalo, Cortland, and Oswego with the intention of furthering competition between college clubs that share the same background in regards to size, students, and funding.

It is the first attempt at bringing these four college clubs into a contest without the participation of the larger or more experienced "city" or university clubs such as Buffalo, Syracuse U., and Cornell U. For example, the rugby club of Cornell U. has had as many as six teams playing for them during a season. This contrasts sharply to State College clubs who, at times, have barely been able to field one team of fifteen players. With a tournament limited to these schools, the level of play will be more even.

Each club will be bringing an "A" team and a "B" team of fifteen players each who will compete for championship trophies in either the "A" Division or "B" Division. The "A" Championship will be held at approximately 2:30 p.m.; the "B" Championship will be held at 3:30 p.m.

Following these games a tournament party will be held at the Fancher Campus where all of the competing teams will meet and all are invited to attend.

This old English tradition of meeting the opponents of that afternoon at a pub or party is an aspect of the game that separates rugby from other sports. In rugby you do not lose sight of sportsmanship and camaraderie in your attempt to win.

The easiest way to describe rugby is to say that it is what preceded modern football. Blocking, forward passes, and protective gear are not allowed. There are no set plays or stopping of action inbetween plays. Instead there are two 40 minute halves of continuous play without any interruptions.

Kicking is also an important facet of the game as you can kick the ball down the field and possibly put your team in position to score. Of the fifteen players on a team, eight are forwards (linemen) and seven are backs who together try to advance the ball to score in a series of kicks and passes in an attack that strongly emphasizes teamwork.

Brockport Hopeful

This fall President Randy Vanderzee and the other club officers: John Murcer, Bill Jones, and Chuck Cernansky are providing the leadership in the face of Brockport's toughest schedule ever. Fortunately, a large number of freshman students have come out for the sport greatly increasing the quality and depth of the club.

Against Syracuse U., a perennial upstate rugby power, the Brockport "A"'s held a 7-6 halftime lead by virtue of forward John King's "try" (touchdown) and back Stan Kipper's penalty kick. However, in the closely contested second half Syracuse U. pulled ahead to will 11-7. The "B" and "C" teams also played surprisingly well against the more experienced teams of Syracuse.

If you have trouble deciding on where to go or what to do this weekend try the State College Rugby Tournament and the party that follows it at Fancher Campus where the beer, food, and the good times are all for free.
Leather balls bounce to Mardi Gras

by Chuck Cernansky

For the eighteen players meeting in front of the gymnasium complex February 6, it was almost anticipllmmatic to be heading down to New Orleans.

Visions of playing in warm, sunny weather and partying all the nights of Mardi Gras capped off months of planning, anticipation and fund raising. Yet that’s how many of us felt that blustery Thursday afternoon.

Lining up for a picture in front of the two Winnebagos the club had rented to get to New Orleans, little did we know what was in store for us on our great adventure to the 9th Mardi Gras Tournament.

We wondered now how our club would do against a field of 32 other clubs from all across the nation, when most of the players able to go had just recently become acquainted with the game. One guy was to play even though he had never seen a rugby ball let alone a game.

The Trip

Anyway, all of us knew something had to go wrong somewhere along the line, as it had been a minor miracle for the club to raise enough funds to make the trip possible.

Piling into the two six-man Winnebagos we figured, at least, we’d have some comfortable accommodations to rest our battered, parted out bodies. But such is the Brockport curse of nothing ever working correctly, that it even extended to these poor mobile homes.

First, we found out that on the road these gas hogs didn’t heat properly. The T-shirts and light jackets we had brought for comfort in tropical Louisiana were inappropriate for the below freezing weather we had to endure all the way to the Gulf Coast. As a result, most of us came down with severe colds.

But sliding into sleeping bags with your boots and jackets on with your hands under your armpits was something we were gladly willing to suffer to get a sunburn. Later in the trip, one of the Winnebagos died completely on us, forcing us to leave it on the outskirts of Nashville, Tennessee. Time was running out of us as we packed eighteen people into the remaining mobile home.

I took up bed on the eight-foot dash board in front of a leaking windshield with my feet in the driver’s face. Another improvisor put a piece of wood over the sink and slept over that and the stove. Every little bit of floor space was taken up with bodies, including the tiny bathroom.

Travelling through Alabama and Mississippi, we wondered if we’d have enough time to make the first game. Surprisingly, we got to Southeastern Louisiana University, who along with Schlitz Beer sponsored the journey with just enough time to get dressed and on the field. It had taken us 42 hours to our destination, ready to play St. Olaf College of Minnesota.

The Games

To our amazement, Brockport R.F.C completely controlled the game. We moved the ball at will yet were unable to score.

With the end of the game near and still scoreless, someone on Brockport committed a penalty, allowing St. Olaf the chance to win the game by a penalty kick. This they did. St. Olaf later went on to take fifth place in the 32-team tournament.

After recovering our energy with the gusto of Schlitz, we were ready to play Evansville, Indiana. Evansville’s entire team averaged about 6’3” and 230 pounds, yet our inexperienced, exhausted team held them in a game characterized by vicious tackling. Regulation time having ended, the game went into overtime.

During this period, Rat manager Phil Habestro made a spectacular one-handed stop of an Evansville player trying to score. No scores resulted in overtime, so a kicking contest was held to decide the game. Brockport lost 2-1.

After showering, Brockport headed into New Orleans to “experience” Mardi Gras. Being late for the massive parades which lead off the all-night celebrations, we headed up to Bourbon Street. There we ran into a river of drunken humanity that was flowing up and down this main street of the French Quarter.

Everyone had some kind of drink in their hands, the most popular being a local concoction called the “Hurricane,” which was guaranteed to blow you away. These were sold in quart packages so you could wander around the streets and continue to drink. A few players turned their “hurricanes” into “tornados” by adding pints of tequila.

Up and down the streets of the French Quarter, people would be hanging over balconies throwing out trinkets at the crowds. These souvenirs of Mardi Gras included metal doubloons, plastic jewelry, whistles, and fake money. The crowds reacted to these worthless trinkets as if they were real money or pieces of gold.

The French Quarter

The French Quarter itself is made up of exclusive clubs, eateries, nightclubs, hotels, continued on page 14
Rugby loses, encountering problems

by Chuck Aronsky

The Brockport Rugby Club has braved the worst that nature has to offer, upstate New York weather, to start its fifth spring season. Five weekends ago Brockport visited Buffalo State to play in a half foot of snow on a field whose boundaries had to be shovelled out. The "A" team lost, 6-3, in a sloppy game that was decided by penalty calling to the Brockport's part, particularly by Joe Nasel, Tom Ryon, and Randy Turner, all of whom scored.

Brockport was not by the fact that it was snowed in in the backfield, a result of transportation problems encountered by a few of its players.

The "B" team, however, exploded for 22 points while allowing none to Buffalo, State. A week later, Brockport travelled to Batavia to win a round-robin tournament. Playing in freezing rain, the scoreless tie in both "A" and "B" games.

Having never won from them since the birth of rugby in America, Brockport faced an old nemesis last weekend in the form of the Buffalo "Old Boys". Defeating them seemed next to impossible with the knowledge that they had returned from England, the home of rugby, with a .500 score after playing six games there.

Any kind of win over British is impressive because of their superior rugby skills and strategy. This combined with the fact that the "Old Boys" had won a divisional title last Fall in a semi-pro Canadian rugby league didn't exactly bury our confidence. Nevertheless, playing in the usual snowstorm, we edged out Buffalo, 8-6.

After a mostly sloppy first half Brockport mounted a last minute drive which resulted in Dave Pelegrini scoring. Leading 4-0 in the second half, the backfield started to click and answer Curtis on a run reminiscent of Gale Sawyer, cut his way through about nine "Old Boys", to boost Brockport to a 8-0 lead. His 50 yard run was the highlight as Buffalo came back, a try and a score later, in the game.

The "B" team had little luck of the preceding game as they bowed to the "Old Boys", 14-0.

As for the traditional post-game parties, Brockport has won all four with serious competition coming only from Buff. State. In a few instances, the Buff. State Club extended songs to the point that Brockport had to resort to their imaginations, originality, and mental quickness (results of a Brockport education) to create verses that could not be countered. Eventually, Buff. State was ousted and outpartied.

This weekend, the Brockport Rugby Club takes on current Upstate Rugby Union Champion, Cornell University. The game is at 1:00 this Saturday afternoon on the plateau.
Ruggers beat Cornell for 4th victory

by Chuck Cermansky

Brockport's rugby club overcame a gale-like wind and the Cornell University Rugby Club to win, 10-0, last Saturday.

From the outset, the game was going to be decided by the team which could score the most points while they had the wind at their backs. With forty to sixty miles an hour winds blowing, however, there was no way anyone could kick the ball back down field to stop a scoring threat. It was only a matter of a few minutes before the ball would be carried to the Northeastern corner of the field. There the team facing into the wind would have to spend the remainder of the half in a goal-like stand.

Luckily, Brockport won the toss and Cornell was forced into a defensive posture they couldn't recover from. For the first fifteen minutes of the game Big Red played effective defense by attempting to run the ball out of their territory, instead of the usual kicks.

At one point it seemed that this strategy would win the game for them as they passed the ball back and forth running their way back into Brockport territory. But then, in a scrum down play, which had been set up by halfback Dave Pelegri's inside running, Dave was again inside, drawing Cornell's backs back on him. Then, just as he was about to be tackled, he passed the ball off to Phil Habestro, who powered his way into Cornell's end zone.

A few minutes later, after the kick-off, Brockport with the help of the gusting winds was threatening again. This time, however, a Cornell back made the mistake of trying to kick the ball into the wind. After travelling about fifteen yards, Dan Curtin caught the ball on a full run and cut through a flat-footed opposition to boost Brockport's lead. Joe Nassief found his foot to make the extra two point kick good, and Brockport was ahead, 10-0.

In the second half of the "A" game, with the wind at their backs, it was Cornell's turn to mount an attack. For most of the second period Brockport held off the Cornell team with fine tackling by Dave Shea, Kevin Wallace, and Randy Vanderzee. Cornell was unable to punch the ball in for a score. As time ran out Brockport had pushed them back to the other end of the field and was threatening to score again, despite the strong wind.

"B" Game Similar

The "B" game was similar in nature to the first game with the wind setting the tone of the game. Cornell, with the wind, was able to score first on a try. But then Brockport started to pressure Cornell, forcing them back down the field. Being close to Cornell's end zone, John Prince twisted his way into the end zone to tie the game up for Brockport, 4-4.

The second half of the "B" game saw Brockport score again as rookie Bob Parent raced fifty yards on an intercepted pass for another "try." Bob Gould made the extra two point kick and the "B"'s had won their fourth game, 10-4.

As for the post-game celebration, the few Cornell players who did show up helped turn it into a good party. People who were walking into the B.V.I. that late Saturday afternoon were in for a surprise. Instead of watching the Houston-Boston Celtics game on TV or playing a quick couple of games of pool, they got caught up in an all-out party.

This Saturday, the Brockport Rugby Club travels to Colgate University, which is sponsoring the prestigious Upstate Rugby Union Tournament. This tourney is composed of 16 New York teams and will decide who is this year's Union Champion. In order to become champion, Brockport will have to win the three consecutive games it must play Saturday.
Rugby goes .500 in tourney

by Chuck Cermasky

After losing its first game in Upstate Rugby Tourney to the Syracuse City team, the Brockport Rugby club was able to salvage some pride by coming back to win its consolation game over Rochester.

Playing in the tough Division I of the “A” team bracket, Brockport was out classed in its first game with the Syracuse Rogues. Brockport was able to mount two scoring threats early in the first half set up by strong running from the backs. After stopping the initial threats, however, Brockport was able to first sink on a penalty kick.

Then, just before the half was over, Syracuse took the lead back intercepted a pass and ran it back for a try. In the second half when one of Brockport’s backs pulled a hamstring, Syracuse was able to take advantage of the traditional no substitution rule in rugby and proceeded to run in his direction. Unable to stop Syracuse’s swift wing from scoring Brockport was eliminated from championship contention, 18-0.

Brockport’s representative in the “B” team bracket lost its first game also in a sloppy game that was decided by penalty kicks. With time running out Stan Kipper tied the score at 3-3 with a penalty kick. A few minutes later, a major penalty kick charged to Brockport allowed the Buffalo Old Boys to edge our Brockport on a kick. Final score: 6-3.

Consolation Games

The consolation game saw Brockport show its true ability as it defeated a tough Rochester team. The first half was evenly contested until scrum half Joe Nasiff made good a penalty good near the end of the period. In the second half Brockport caught fire and began to pressure Rochester every time it got the ball. When Brockport did have possession of the ball, backs Glenn Smith and Don Curtin made some strong runs to break down Rochester’s offensive capabilities.

Now, conscious that their wing was breaking down Rochester, almost let John Mercer score on a loose ball play in the scrum, Brockport put the game on ice when Jerry Vandetti kicked the ball over Rochester’s wing and Dan Curtin picked up a fumbled ball to score. Rochester, an old rival, who had beaten Brockport last fall, 26-0, was defeated this time, 9-0.

The “B” team, in its consolation game, played near perfect as they won, 28-0, over Hobart College. Dave Shea and Eddie Brenner scored both twice for Brockport.

The final winners of the tournament were: “A” team expected from Buff. State never materialized as they drank themselves into oblivion. Cortland State was able to tie Brockport by virtue of their human link chain.

Stripping down to their socks and shoes, the players formed a line with the first man putting his hand between his legs so that it would emerge from his rear end. The next man would then hold that hand and place his other hand between his legs in the same manner as the first guy and so on.

This bentover, waddling mass of humanity came out from behind a wall and headed in the direction of the Colgate campus security guards who were at a loss as to what they should do. To their annoyance they were surrounded by the Cortland players who sang some slave driving song. When the guards finally cracked a smile the chain headed into the party’s crowd where they were promptly doused with beer ending that perverted display. Despite this, however, no one could keep up with Brockport’s singing and drinking.

Brockport’s next game is with Batavia this Saturday at Geneseo Community College.
Brockport Rugby Club rolling on

by Chuck Cernansky

Brockport's Rugby Club rolled to its sixth win last Saturday by trouncing Batavia in both "A" and "B" games. Don Curtin and Joe Nassif provided for almost all of Brockport's scoring. Curtin broke loose twice to score on long slashing runs of 35 and 55 yards respectively. The second was particularly beautiful when after busting through a crowd of players he raced downfield where three Batavia players converged on him. Two quick jukes left them flat-footed as Curtin then headed for the endzone. Joe Nassif maintained his scoring leadership by converting all of his extra point kicks and by booting through the uprights a penalty kick from an extreme angle. Joe showed his running ability.

Rugby Club- the winning team

also, as he rambled through Batavia's defense to set-up scoring threats.

Brockport's other score came when scrummiere Nick Pizza alertly fell on a loose ball in Batavia's endzone. Final score: 21-0.

It was a costly win for the "A's" though as back Glenn Smith tore some knee ligaments in the second half. Glenn's fine outside running will be sorely missed in Brockport's final two games.

"B" team

The "B" team's victory showed the strength and depth of the Brockport Rugby Club. The opposition had a hard time stopping backs John Barclay and Bob Parent from rolling up the score. Hard tackling by another back, Joe Brewer, made Batavia players wary of handling the ball. Scrummer Dave Shea provided some scoring punch with his hard-headed running. When the massacre had ended; Brockport had 33 points to Batavia's 3.

The Party

From the scores of the two games Brockport players got the impression that Batavia was more interested in winning the party rather than the games. Sure enough, when we arrived at the party there was the Batavia Rugby Club lined up ready to try to drink and outsing Brockport.

In the beginning it looked as if that's what would happen as a couple of Brockport players muffed verse after verse. But Brockport regrouped and continued to sing.

The old men of Batavia finally showed their age as they faded away from the beer and the songs. Once again, the results of being students here showed, as Brockport won the party.

Upcoming Games

This Saturday the Rugby Club takes on Binghamton - the current Upstate Rugby Union's Division II "A" team champions. The following day the alumni of the Brockport Rugby Club will come together to play this years team. Besides trying to win the game they will also try and show the current club that age and maturity has had no effect on their partying ability.

Next week Brockport plays its final game of this semester against arch-rival, Rochester. This is a game that is steeped in tradition in the form of the prestigious Diana Cup.

The cup is named after a young lady who earned herself immortality after helping Brockport win a party a few years ago. Ownership of the cup signifies regional superiority and both clubs will be playing hard to win it.

Brockport's final games will be played on the soccer fields next to the railroad tracks at 1 P.M. The post-game celebrations will be held at the B.V.I.
Rugby'ers rough it with cadets

by Ralph Ruggler

The Broctopk Rugby Club lost a heartbreaker to West Point last weeknd, 18-14. In what most spectators called the most physical game they've ever seen, Broctopk kept pace with the rugged cadets. Two Army players were taken to the hospital for facial injuries and stitches were applied. Broctopk came out of the game with just the usual bumps and bruises.

The long weekend started out on Friday as many members of the team left for the Point after their last class. It got a little uncomfortable at times, especially for those who slept in cars on the ski slopes of West Point. But as usual, Broctopk rose to the occasion as the game began.

For the first twenty minutes of the game, Army was constantly threatening. They had one penalty kick, but the attempt was wide. This seemed to give Broctopk a psychological advantage. Dan Curtin ran back a kick for sixty yards, but was tackled short of the goal to stop a Broctopk threat. Army scored first and added the extra point but Broctopk came back on a brilliant run by Dave Pellegirini. The extra point was missed. With Army winning 6-4, they scored again on a fluke play. Pellegirini kicked the ball but it struck a Broctopk player and went into our end zone where a cadet fell on it. The conversion was made. Broctopk came right back as Glenn Smith twisted into the end zone. Jerry Vandetti added the extra point to make it 12-10. Army.

The game ended, Army 18, Broctopk 14. Fullback, Steve Beckerle played a great game as well as the rest of the wing comprised of Pellegirini, Curtin, Vandetti, Smith, Bob Parent, and Joe Brewer.

The game was marred with occasional fist fights as tempers got hot. But everything cooled off as soon as the party began. Broctopk kept its perfect record for winning the party as they beat a tough Army squad. The clincher for Broctopk was when three of the Broctopk players jumped off a 40 ft. diving tower into water in the nude.

Broctopk lost the B game 10-6 on another tough effort. John Tropes scored and kicked the conversion for Broctopk's only score. Broctopk now stands 1-1 over all after beating Batavia 27-0 behind Bob Walczak's two tries. This weekend they face a tough Rochester team in hopes of recapturing the coveted Diana Cup. Till next time, keep on Rucking.

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Rugby losing twice

by Ralph Rugger

The Brockport Rugby Club took it on the chin for the second consecutive week, losing to a powerful Rochester team, 26-9. Brockport also lost the 'B' and 'C' games by scores of 26-0 and 16-3. So, Brockport's record now stands at 1-2.

Dan Curtain put Brockport on the scoreboard first with a fifty two yard run with an intercepted Rochester pass. Jim Hauser then made the extra point. Rochester came roaring back with two quick scores before the dazed Brockport defense knew what was happening. Jim Hauser then kicked a forty yard field goal to make the score 12-9. The half ended with both sides feeling physically drained from a grueling first half.

The second half began with the B's and C's cheering loudly with their beers from the sidelines. This went for no avail as Rochester killed any hopes of a Brockport comeback. Rochester pushed Brockport's scrum around and continually put pressure on Brockport's backfield. The pressure was just too much on the weary Brockport players.

Rochester scored in the middle of the second half and added the extra point, and then they clinched the game with two last minute scores. Rochester had a big advantage over the more inexperienced Brockport team, as they sported five Englishmen and two ex-pro football players. Dan Curtain, Glenn Smith, Nick Pizza, Kevin Wallace and Dave Pelligrinni played well for Brockport.

In the B game, Rochester scored early and often to defeat Brockport. Rochester put continuous pressure on Brockport's wing and this turned out to be a big reason for defeat. Brockport hit much harder and was really punishing Rochester but they just out fished us. Tom Smith, Don Cushine, Tim Boell, John Rousos, Barry McKay and Terry Younger played well for Brockport. The only time Brockport threatened was a pass play from Rousos to Cushine to Smith but Rochester killed the threat on an intercepted pass.

As usual, Brockport won the party. It was close throughout until Tom Ryan drank the coveted Diana Cup in a new record's time of 38 seconds. The party was held at a Brockport player's parent's house. With no warning, Brockport blew the party wide open with a chain of fifteen nude players in an elephant walk. This is a traditional Rugby party event. Come to a Rugby party and see for yourself. This is Ralph Rugger signing off from the Rat, and remember, Happiness is a warm scrum.
Rugby competition

by Ralph Rugger

Last weekend the Brockport Rugby Club travelled to Oswego to participate in the SUNY Championships. Also participating besides Brockport were Albany, Buffalo, Cortland and Oswego. Brockport’s A team came in second place as they lost to Cortland in the finals 3-0. In the semi-final round Brockport beat Albany State 27-0. The B team fared much better as they swept Cortland and Oswego 14-0 and 24-4 respectively to win the B division championship.

In their first game Brockport’s superior size and speed dominated the game. Constantly in Albany’s end of the field Brockport controlled the game. Bob Waleczak and Dan Curtain had first half scores while Terry Younger added a penalty kick and an extra point to put Brockport ahead 13-0 at halftime.

Nick Pizza, Bob Parent and John Barclay added second half tries and Younger kicked an extra point as Brockport romped 27-0. In the second game things were different for the Brockport squad. Cortland proved to be bigger and quicker than the Albany State team. Both teams moved the ball well for qwhile but then the game calmed down. The first half ended scoreless. Finally after about twenty minutes of the second half had passed, Cortland kicked a penalty kick to go ahead and eventually win the game. Dave Pellegreni, Kevin Wallace, Nick Pizza, John Barclay, Curtain, and Younger had good games for Brockport.

In the B game Brockport faced Cortland as their first round opponents. Bill Jones scored late in the first half as they scored ten unanswered points to win 14-0. John Tropea and Dennis Cummings scored for Brockport while Jim Hauser added the extra point. In the finals Terry Sweeney, John Tropea and Tim Boell all scored and Jim Hauser kicked two extra points as Brockport took a 16-0 lead at halftime.

In the second half Oswego began to threaten as they got to the Brockport 1 yard line but Brockport held them for over seven minutes before Oswego finally scored. With this psychological lift Randy Vanderzee and Barry McKay added scores to make it 24-4.

Brockport. John Rousos, Buzz Burr, Brian Sullivan, Tom Ryan, Don Cushine, Vanderzee, Jones, McKay, Tropea, and Boell played outstanding games.

Brockport as usual won the party as 5 players jumped in Lake Ontario in the 36 degree weather. This week Brockport is at home vs. Colgate. Game time is at 1:00 on the plateau. Till next time remember - It takes leather balls to play Rugby.

Thursday, October 16, 1975
Ruggers split at Syracuse

The Brockport R.F.C. went 2 and 2 last Saturday at Syracuse University. The A team started off on the wrong foot by losing 23-12 to the still undefeated, strong Syracuse rugger. The only high points in the game were scores by scrummer Don Cushine, scrumhalf Dave Pellegrino, and a sweeping long yardage run by fullback John Tropea. Analysis: too much beer and not enough support.

To even things out a bit, the “B” team went on a rampage and knocked the socks off Syracuse’s well-balanced but overly psyched “B” team by the sound score of 32-4. Scoring for Brockport were: Barry J.K. McKay, Bob Gould at lock, Ray Pfeifer, and angleman Jim Hauser Brockport’s hooker Jim “the added 2 conversion kicks for bull” Clark at prop. Fullback the Big B. And scoring three big ones for the green and gold, squeezing the last drop of juice out of the orange.

Rugby players prepare for action

fans, we just might pull it through.

In last week’s action, the Ruggers defeated a hard-hitting Hobart club 8-0 in a game decided in the first half by the fine running of Glenn Smith and the smart play of hooker Don Cushine. Both scored in the true Rugby tradition, with style. Although hampered with injuries throughout the game Brockport still played with the finesse and desire that makes them what they are. John Tropea played a superb game as did Tim Boell. The “B’s” then stuck one under their belt with a 7-0 shutout victory. Scoring were Bob Walczak on a five yard plunge and Jim Hauser on an incredible 40 yard penalty kick. Other outstanding participants for Brockport were Nick Pizza, with some good sticks, and Joe “the pinball” Brewer with some hard hits and roll running.

Two weeks ago Brockport R.F.C. played Binghamton and Colgate, beating both by scores of 10-0. Scoring for Brockport at Binghamton were John Wemett with a dive from the five and John Barkley. The amazing kicking ability of fullback Terry Younger kept Binghamton on their toes throughout the game. The “B’s” followed with a loss to Binghamton, as the red and gray pulled an upsetting second half surge. The final score was 11-8.

Homecoming week also marked the home opener for Brockport who hosted Colgate. As is the usual case with Colgate, they showed up an hour late, but that didn’t bring the Brockport Ruggers down, as they went on to brush the red off the field, 10-0. Brockport scores were contributed by Glenn Smith and Bob Walczak. The “B’s” came out victorious that week, blanking Colgate by an identical 10-0 whitewash.
Rugby club wins again

A previously unseeded upon Rochester club, a brand new St. Bonaventure University team, and the Syracuse girls all fell victims to the strong Brockport Rugby Club this past week.

Unbeaten Rochester arrived thinking they were going to push over the "hangover but still partying" Brockport first-fifteen. They were immediately surprised as Glen Smith, with some slashing runs brought Brockport to their doorstep. But in the mud and rain the "A's" could not bang one over. The first half was played well by both sides, although one scored.

John Troupe converted a penalty kick immediately after the second half whistle and Brockport took a 3-0 lead. Rochester came right back, catching the Brockport team sleeping, with a quick try and conversion.

Brockport was not to be outdone today though. Dan Curnan finally broke out of his slump with a 60 meter dash which put the "A's" out in front for good. The long run by Curtain, who as he was being tackled, amazingly passed to Nick Pizza, resulting in another Brockport score.

Bob Parent, who played superbly all day "tapped the keg" with a one meter plunge and Rochester took their first loss 21-9. All of the first fifteen played well with exceptional performances by Jim Clarke, Tom Smith and Tom Ryan, who played with a separated shoulder from the beginning of the game.

The Brockport women's team was next to keep the streak going. Against a Syracuse Club that had beaten them the week before, the Brockport girls played Syracuse to a scoreless first half. With Brockport pushing in the second half, wing Sue Broussard dove on the ball in the Syracuse end and the visitors were beaten. That was all the scoring for the game as the girls had their first win and shutout 4-0. April Rinkin, Alice Walls, and Eileen Lang played outstanding games for Brockport women.

The Brockport "B's" hosted St. Bonaventure University in the final game of the week. This was the Bonnies first match and an experienced Brockport club took advantage by scoring in rapid fire style. Bob Walzack, Don Cushine, Dennis Cummings, John Barkley, Quinn Barrow were among the scorers for the "Bees" who dominated the game completely and ended with a 30-0 shutout. Joe Brewer at inside and Ray Flueger at hooker also played extremely well.

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'Ruggers' score

by Pat Cain

The Brockport women's Rugby Club participated in the URU tournament at Rochester, coming through with two wins against Syracuse and Cornell.

The Syracuse game was their first victory won by the powerful scrum which dominated their opponents throughout the game. Laurie Zuller, alias the “Zuv”, scored early in the second half and made the final score 4-0. This gave Brockport first place in the tournament.

Cornell unexpectedly brought a ladies club to the tournament so Brockport played another round. The amazing scrum, with substitutes Lori Wood, Josie Washcalus, and Maryann McGuire, came through again to allow Kyle Vanderbogart, Laurie Zuller, and Grace Hartling to score against embarrassed Cornell. Rose Damoth kicked in an extra 2 points to make the final score 14-0.

The Brockport Huggers were awarded 1st place in Ladies Division and received a trophy at the party following the tourney.

On Saturday, May 1st, Brockport Ladies travel to Hobart to take on the William Smith Ruggers.
Golden Eagles fall in Rugby tournament

by Pat Waters

In last week's Upstate Rugby Union Tournament held in Rochester, the Brockport "A" team was eliminated in their first game by an experienced Rochester team. Although the game ended 10 to 6, the "A's" were forced to play catch up in the second half after Rochester jumped to an easy 10-0 lead in the first half.

The Eagles seemed to have control of the game when the time ran out on them. Jim Hauser scored the six Brockport points on two long penalty kicks. Nicky Pizza and Kevin Wallace played extremely well in the scrum and helped Brockport control the second half.

Rochester later went on to win the tournament.

In the consolation game, Brockport was forced from the tournament by incompetent refereeing. Taking nothing from Syracuse University, their opponents, it was the referee who beat Brockport. Brockport trailed 9-0 at the beginning of the second half when the referee made a series of poor calls. Within minutes, two Brockport players were thrown out of the game and soon after, the whole squad followed.

"B's" win, then fall

The Brockport "B's" had a little more success in the tournament finishing in a tie for third with one win and one loss. In their first game against Victor, Brockport won 10 to 4 and were in complete control throughout the contest. Dennis Cummings led the "B's" attack with several fine runs and two excellent assists. The first assist, a pass to Greg Frankel, opened the game's scoring and the second, a pop kick to Joe Brewer, finished off Victor.

In the semifinals, the young "B" squad met an experienced Buffalo "Old Boys" team. For the first half, Brockport physically beat the "Old Boys" but couldn't score despite several close chances. In the second half, the hard hitting continued but the "B's" were unable to score. Buffalo won the game midway through the second half with two penalty kicks and held on for the win despite a last minute attempt by Brockport to score. Lenny DelRocco and Steve Courter led the team with several tackles a piece and the whole "B" team looked good in the tournament.

In the two games held at Hobart, the Brockport Rugby Club came home winners in two close, high scoring games. The "A" team, lead by Bobby Parent (15 pts.), Dan Curtin (8 pts.) and John Prince (4 pts.) went on to win 27-20, with the game being decided late in the second half.

Brockport opened the scoring on a run by Curtin (Parent adding the extra point). Hobart's team battled back to 6-4 within a few minutes and it seemed the game would settle into a hard hitting offensive struggle. The game see-sawed with Brockport getting a score from Parent and Hobart quickly scoring again. The first half ended 10 to 8.

The second half featured many high tackles with both teams being penalized on several occasions. Hobart took the lead midway through the second on several long runs. Parent countered with a penalty kick and Curtin added his second score of the day to make the score 20 to 17.

After more hard hitting, Brockport punched the ball over for Hobart. John Prince closed out the scoring with seconds to play, making the final score - Brockport, 27; Hobart, 20.

The second game, also won by Brockport, started out to be a laugher as the "B's" quickly jumped to an early 6-0 lead on a score by Terry Cummings. Jim Hauser added the extra points. Minutes later the "B's" upped the lead on a score by Pat Waters from a pass by Buzz Burr. The game was all Brockport as they dominated all aspects and it showed as they increased the halftime lead to 19-0. Joe Brewer's score and two kicks by Hauser provided the extra tallies.

The Eagles looked like they were going to rout Hobart but the second half was all Hobart. Hobart quickly opened the second half scoring and just couldn't be stopped for most of the half. After 20 minutes, the score was Hobart-22, Brockport-19. The game then became a hard hitting, kicking contest. Brockport regained control with a few minutes left with Joe Brewer squeezing in the end zone corner. Hauser added the extra point and one more penalty kick. The final score was Brockport-28, Hobart-22.

The team's next home game is Saturday, May 8 against Rome, which should feature plenty of action.
Ruggers S.U.N.Y. sweep denied

BY PAT WATERS

The Brockport Rugby Club hosted the S.U.N.Y. Rugby Championships with teams entered from Albany, Oswego, Cortland, Buffalo St. and Brockport, last Saturday.

As the tournament began, the Brockport "A's" hoped to unseat two-time champ Cortland and the "B's" looked forward to retaining their State title.

The day began with Brockport "A's" matched against a highly improved and underated Albany squad. The first half became a hard hitting defensive struggle with neither team seriously threatening to score and at the half it was tied 0-0.

Brockport opened the scoring in the second half on a penalty kick by Bob Parent giving the "A's" a 3-0 lead. Albany struck back with a try (Rugby's T.D.), with about 15 minutes left in the game to take a 4-3 lead.

Brockport kept attacking and with about 2 minutes left in the game Bob Parent scored to put Brockport in the finals against Cortland. The final score was Brockport 9, Albany 4.

In the second game the Golden Eagles were matched against an impressive Cortland team. Cortland took an early 6-0 lead on a try and extra point conversion and were in control throughout the half.

In the second half the scrum, led by Tom Ryan, attempted a comeback but Cortland was not denied. Brockport managed a field goal by Bob Parent but could get nothing else against the tough Cortland defense. The final score was Cortland 24, Brockport 3.

The Brockport "B's" received a bye in the first round and were matched against Cortland's B squad in the second round. Brockport, led by Dennis Cummings, Joe Brewer and a motivated scrum, dominated Cortland from the opening kick off At the half Brockport led 10-3.

The second half was a repeat of the first and Brockport's Scrum, led by J.K. Tubritty and Kevin Corrooner, blew off the Cortland team. The final score Brockport 17-Cortland 3.

The "B" finals matched 1975 champ Brockport against 1974 champ Oswego in what was supposed to be a close match. Oswego was in trouble early as John Tropea opened the scoring 2 minutes into the game. Brockport kept rolling as Tim "Stoney" Bowle scored and John Tropea added his second score of the game for a early 14-0 lead. Jim Hauser topped off the first half scoring for a 20-0 halftime lead.

The second half featured hard hitting by both squads and continued domination by Brockport. John Tropea added two more scores and the "B's" were on their way to a S.U.N.Y. championship trophy. Brockport ended the game with an impressive 40-4 margin.

The next home game for the Gold Eagles is Saturday Oct. 16 against Batavia at 1:00 p.m.
Men Ruggers split
versus Syracuse Orangemen

BY PAT WATERS

The Brockport State Rugby team continued its season travelling with a game at Syracuse University, Saturday, Oct. 23.

The opening game matched Syracuse’s “B’s” against Brockport’s “B” squad. Brockport took control early in the first half and dominated all aspects of play.

Brockport opened the scoring on a short run by Brian Robson with an assist from Don Cushine. Robson added the conversion and Brockport led, 6-0. The first half was all Brockport as the B scrum continually gained possession of the ball for the backs.

The second half saw no change in the action as Brockport kept outplaying Syracuse. Robson scored again for the B’s but failed to add the extra points. The score was then 10-0.

Late in the half, Robson closed out the scoring with a field goal and Brockport was untouched. The final score was Brockport 13, Syracuse 0.

The Brockport “A’s” hoped to continue the winning way against a tough Syracuse A team.

The game was about ten minutes old when Syracuse punched over the Brockport goal for a 6-0 lead. Syracuse continued to apply the pressure and scored twice more and had an 18-0 lead before Eagle Dan Curtin scored for the A’s to put them on the scoreboard behind by 18-4.

Syracuse closed out the first half scoring on a short run. At the half, the score was Syracuse 22, Brockport 4.

The second half was almost a repeat of the first with Syracuse opening the scoring early in the half and taking full control of the game. Jim Hauser kicked in Brockport’s last field goal to make the score 26-7.

Syracuse continued to roll and seemed to score at will. Brockport was unable to control the speedy Syracuse backs and it was a long afternoon for Brockport’s defense. The final score was Brockport 13, Syracuse 0.

The final game of the day was the “C” game. Brockport opened the scoring early in the half. The kick was wide, and the score was 4-0.

The intense play of the Brockport State Rugby team.

Syracuse couldn’t move against the hard-hitting Brockport defense and was forced into many mistakes. At each opportunity, the C’s put more points on the board.

The C’s scored again on a super effort by scrum half Devito, and at the half it was Brockport 14, Syracuse 0.

The second half was no different as the C’s physically controlled Syracuse. The second half saw Brockport scoring 11 more points and continuing the shutout. The final score was Brockport 25, Syracuse 0.

Brockport’s next home game is Saturday, Nov. 6, versus Hobart.
Ruggers open in New Orleans

BY PAT WATERS
The Brockport Rugby Club opened its season with a win and three losses in the prestigious Hammond Tournament.
The Ruggers opened Saturday morning against the St. Louis Highlanders, and with John Tropea leading the way, took an early 4-0 lead.
Brockport played what seemed to be its best game as the Eagles held St. Louis scoreless throughout the half and increased their lead to 7-0 early in the second half on a penalty kick by Tropea.
Brockport put the icing on the win with Tropea's second successful kick for a 10-0 victory.
In the second round, the ruggers met an experienced Champagne squad. Champagne, from the University of Illinois, took an early 4-0 lead on a disputed play. After a whistle, Champagne continued the play and was allowed to score.
Dan Curtin cut the lead to 4-3 on a drop kick, and it seemed the momentum had swung to Brockport. After a missed Brockport kick, Champagne converted one for a 7-3 lead.
Early in the second half, Champagne scored again for a 10-3 lead. The game was over when Illinois popped in one more kick. The final was 13-3.
In the third game of the day, Brockport met Emporia State (Kansas). The smaller Eagles, exhausted from lack of sleep, were dominated by the Mid-West team. Brockport was forced to play defensively and was put behind 6-0 early in the first half.
Brockport missed a few close chances and their mistakes turned into Emporia State points. At the end of the half, the score was 9-0.
Brockport couldn't muster any offense in the second half but allowed only one more score. The final was Emporia State, 13; Brockport, 0.
The final game Sunday against MacDonald College (Ontario) had only the motions of a contest.
MacDonald scored late in the first half for a 6-0 lead, and although they were leading, MacDonald was being physically beaten by the Eagles. Players for Brockport couldn't get the break against their Canadian opponents.
MacDonald scored once more to put an end to the hopes of Brockport, 10-0.
The Eagles had many high points with Killer, Cotton, G-Man, Bones, Hurricane, Cushline and Admiral Mooner all getting their new names.
All in all, Brockport gave a good showing and there are high hopes for the upcoming season.
Ruggers sweep Buff State and UB

BY PAT WATERS

The Brockport Rugby team opened its spring season in a three team match at Buffalo St. on Saturday, March 20. Brockport, U.B. and Buffalo State were all ready for an afternoon of rugby in the Buffalo snow.

The Brockport "A" side met Buffalo State in the first game, and showed the dominating ability of the team with a coordinated offense and defense. John Wemett opened the scoring during the first minute of the game.

The Brockport scrum controlled Buffalo and continued to apply the pressure throughout the first half. Terry Sweeney scored next for the Eagles on a 30 yd. run past several Buffalo players.

Glenn Smith put the last score on the board for the first half after a pass from Bob Parent. At the half it was Brockport 12, Buffalo State 0.

The second half was a continuation of the first with Brockport applying the pressure. Glenn Smith fed John Tropea for another score early in the second half for a 16-0 lead.

Jim Hauser put the final touches on the scoring with a pair of field goals. The final was Brockport 22, Buffalo State 0.

The Eagles second game was no different than the first, with the "A's" dominating U.B. from the opening kickoff. Jim Hauser opened the scoring with two penalty kicks after about 10 minutes of the game. The first half was a defensive struggle with Brockport applying pressure and U.B. holding them off. The first half ended with Brockport on the lead end of a 6-0 score.

The second half saw the Eagles finish off U.B. early. Scrummers Mike Ball and John Prince each scored, and Jim Hauser kicked for five more points. The final was another shut-out, Brockport 19, U.B. 0.

The Brockport "B's" also opened the season with a successful day. Brockport's "B's" started eight rookies and it appeared as if the veteran Buffalo State team would dominate the game.

The B's played a tough defensive game and got an early 3-0 lead on a penalty kick by Brian Robson. The "B's" stubbornly held off the bigger Buffalo State scrum and at the half led 3-0.

The second half was a repeat of the first with the B's continually coming up with the big play. Brockport saved the win with a goalline stand late in the half and the game ended 3-0.

In the second game against U.B., there were many mistakes by both teams, with Brockport again getting the early 3-0 lead on a Robson kick. Both teams missed chances to score and the half turned into a battle of the scrums.

Bob Wallick, Pat Waters, Joe Brewer and Tim Boell helped hold off U.B. on numerous occasions. At the half it was 3-0.

The second half saw Brockport allow its first points of the season on a 25 yd. field goal. The game remained tied at 3-3 until Joe Brewer dove over for a score with eight minutes left. Brockport missed the extra point but led 7-3.

The last eight minutes saw the tired Eagles holding off all attempts by U.B. to tie the score. The game ended with U.B. near the Eagle goalline. Brockport's day ended with a perfect record of 4 wins and no losses.
Ruggers squeeze Orange

BY PAT WATERS

In the pouring rain, the Brockport Rugby team met Syracuse University in an attempt to avenge last year’s loss. Brockport received the opening kickoff, but couldn’t move against the Orangemen.

Syracuse opened the scoring with a penalty kick from 30 yards for a 3-0 lead. Brockport moved into the lead when John Wemett blocked a Syracuse kick, and Nick Pizza picked up the loose ball near the end zone and scored. Jim Hauser added the conversion and Brockport led, 6-3.

The Eagles kept the pressure on throughout the rest of the first half, and added to the lead when Glenn Smith broke loose for a score. The conversion attempt was missed, but Brockport led 10-3 at the half.

The second half was a defensive struggle as Brockport tried to hold off the pressing Orangemen. Syracuse closed the gap with a score on a long run, and added the conversion to make the game 10-9. The last five minutes featured hard hitting by both sides with Brockport holding onto their small lead.

Mike Ball, Joe Brewer and Kevin Wallace led Brockport with several key tackles in the closing minutes. The game ended with Brockport dropping Syracuse, 10-9.

In the second game of the day, the Brockport Elephants met Penn Yann. The playing conditions were far from ideal, but the Rugby spirit was there. From the opening kickoff, Brockport dominated but couldn’t score. The whole first half was spent within Penn Yann’s 25-yard line, but the sloppy conditions caused numerous errors with neither side being able to take advantage.

At the half, the match remained scoreless. The second half saw the Elephants using their strength to keep Penn Yann on the defensive.

Bob Walczak scored for Brockport midway through the half. The conversion was missed as Brockport led 4-0. The rest of the half had hard hitting but mainly sloppy play. The final score was 4-0.
Eagles Claw Upstate Champs For Tie

By Tom Ryan

The Brockport Rugby Club played its home opener against the current upstate champs, the University of Rochester last Saturday.

The A team played an aggressive hard hitting game as they demonstrated to Rochester their desire to win in coming from behind to end the game in a 7-7 tie.

A penalty kick put Rochester ahead in the first half 3-0 and they added to the score with a ‘try’ about 10 minutes into the second half.

The Eagles failed to give up hope as Brian Robson put them on the board with a 30 yard penalty kick, making the score 7-3.

A hard hitting defense seemed to be the mode of play for both teams until the final minutes when Mike Ball, driven by Brockports scrum touched the ball down for a ‘try’ finalizing the score 7-7.

The B team played a much more experienced Rochester B team and lost 7-0. An inexperienced but promising C team lost 7-3.

The clubs record to this point are: A’s 2 wins, 0 losses, and 1 tie; B’s 1 and 1.

Next Saturday they play Binghamton and in two weeks they go to the Upstate Tournament in Syracuse.
Eagles 'Slide' by Binghampton

By Bob Rosenthal

The Rugby Football Club from Binghampton invaded "Mud City" for a rugby confrontation, Saturday. The field conditions due to the snow we encountered a few days earlier, symbolized the contest. It was like fighting within the trenches.

The "A" team continued its "winning ways" by defeating Binghamton 10-0 upping their record to 3-0-1. The game was highlighted by the scoring tries of John Barclay and Kevin Corron with Brian Robson adding the extra point.

The hustle of Joe Brower, Dan Nelson and Ray Connolly were three reasons why Brockport dominated the game. The scrum (Shorty Nelson, John Prince, Steve Korda, Kevin Corron, Tom Ryan, John Barclay, Mike Ball and Joe Brewer) out-muscled and out-finessed a strong Binghamton team. The backs (Mike Gallela, Dan Nelson, Dan Curtin, Scott Lance, Ray Connolly, Brian Robson) out-hustled their opponents.

All in all, the game was clearly a team effort which explains their winning ways.

The "B" team played a hard-fought contest against a Brockport-Binghamton squad and was handed a 9-4 loss. The score does not reflect the talent that the "B" squad possesses. Its just a matter of time before the squad will put it together and once again get back on a winning track. Their record to date is 2-2-0.

Strong efforts were turned in by Joe Broderick, Joe Coticchio, Alan Rosenthal, Don Cushine and Mike Kessler. It was Mike Kessler's outstanding scoring effort which kept the game close. All in all, the game was well played but undermined by some bad breaks.

The girls rugby team clashed with a tough Oswego squad but reigned victorious. The 4 to 0 score symbolized the game.

Next weekend is the Upstate Rugby Tournament and will be held at Syracuse.
Ruggers Just Miss

By Bob Rosenthal

Saturday, April 29th was the day of the Upstate Rugby Tournament at Syracuse University. The tournament was blessed with sunshine, seven fields, thirty-six teams and hundreds of spectators. Brockport Staew was represented by four teams: B'port “A’s”, “B’s”, “C’s”, and B'port “Old Boys.”

The “A” Division of the Tournament found B'port “A’s” as one of the favorites. The first contest matched Brockport and Hamilton, mixing it up with Brockport taking a 14-6 decision. Brockport, next, entertained Oswego and handed them a 6 to 0 defeat.

Brockport then met the Syracuse Rouges for a rugby contest symbolic of a gladiator-type spectacle. The bruising contest found the Syracuse Rogues as the 6-4 winners, thus, eliminating Brockport from the tournament.

All in all, the team played exceptionally well only to submit to defeat due to some bad breaks and disputable calls.

The “B” Division of the Tournament found Brockport fielding three teams. The Brockport “C’s” were eliminated in the second round by the Brockport “Old Boys”. The game was highlighted by the rugby lesson the alumni dealt the puppies.

The Brockport “Old Boys” met Cornell in the opening round only to lose a close 10 to 8 decision. Now if you lose in the opening round, you can still participate in the losers bracket and obtain a trophy in that bracket. That is exactly what the “Old Boys” accomplished as they went on to defeat the Brockport “C’s”, the Oswego “B’s” and the Cortland “B’s” in the final.

The Brockport “B’s” made the best showing in the tournament by making it to the finals only to submit to a 8 to 0 loss in the finals at the hands of Saranac Lake “B” squad.

Before this contest, the Brockport “B’s” out hustled and outplayed the Hamilton “B’s”, the Syracuse Harlequins, and the Rochester “B’s” to gain the right to meet Saranac Lake in the finals.

To sum up, the teams from Brockport demonstrated their athletic prowess on and off the field on this tournament day and should be truly acknowledged for their efforts.
The Brockport Rugby club again is off to a great start in hopes of improving on their 8-1-1 season of last spring.

The "Doggies" opened the fall season with a 38-0 beating over Batavia. Danny Nelson led the scoring attack with three scores (tries). Defensively, the entire team picked up where they left off last year, playing very aggressive, hard-hitting rugby.

The following Saturday Brockport opened up their home season with a 25-0 victory over Syracuse University. This win was especially sweet since Syracuse is traditionally an upstate power and in previous years had walked all over Brockport. The "Doggie" defense was its usual nasty self while the offense was sparked by fine play from Brian Robson and a pair of drop-kicks by Scotty Lance. Both the "B" and "C" teams also recorded impressive wins for the home side.

This past Saturday Brockport walked off with two more triumphs, defeating both Binghamton and Niagara in two very physical contests. Due to a conflict in the schedule, the "Doggies" were forced to split the "A" team in half, sending some down to Binghamton while the rest remained home to entertain Niagara. Both "A" teams drew players from the "B" and "C" teams to fill in. The fact that both teams won is an indication of the superb depth of the club.

The Binghamton game was highlighted by the hustle of vets John Barclay, John We:mmatt, Joe Brewer and new-comers Tony Qualitiere and Mike McNerney. The final score was 12-8.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, the other "A" team was crunching Niagara 16-6. Strong efforts were turned in by Shorty Nelson, Chris McNamare, and Kevin Coroon. The offense was led by Danny Nelson's two scores and some clutch kicking by Brian Robson.

The team is led this year by president John Barclay and vice president Shorty Nelson. Both have been instrumental in instilling the winning attitude that now characterizes the Brockport team. With the combination of an outstanding group of talented newcomers, a handful of crusty veterans and a crispy critter here and there the "Doggies" look to be a power this year and in years to come.
Rugby Defends SUNY Title

by King Ungowa

The Brockport Rugby Club was at its best two weekends ago as they traveled to Oswego to successfully defend their SUNY title. This year's tournament included only the cream of the SUNY Rugby teams, those being Cortland, Buffalo State, Oswego and Brockport.

The first round pitted Brockport against Buffalo while Cortland took on Oswego. The "Doggies" had a rough time at first getting going against a much-improved Buffalo team. The wet and windy conditions made ball-handling among the backs very tough. With Brockport's outstanding wind being hampered by the slick ball the scrum was forced to take on the burden of controlling and advancing the ball. Even without the likes of John Barclay and Mike Ball, who were out due to injuries, the scrum rose to the occasion and played one of their best games of season. Strong efforts from the likes of Tom Ryan, John King, A.J., Shorty Nelson, Joe Brewer, Steve Kourter, Neil Ingenito and Chris McNamara are what turned the tide and led the "Doggies" to a 19-0 victory.

This set the stage for the "A" division final between Oswego, who beat Cortland 6-0 in the other semi-final, and Brockport. Before the "A" final though came the "B" division final which involved Cortland and Brockport. Such was the magnitude of inspiration caused by the "B" team victory that it would be unfitting to tell of the "A" final without giving recognition to the "B"s who started the championship ball rolling.

The Brockport "B" team has never lost a game in the SUNY tournament. They have been champions each of the five years that the tournament has been in existence. They made the finals this year by virtue of a 4-0 victory over Oswego in the semis. Against Cortland, however, it appeared that their reign might be over. Five minutes into the game the "Doggies" were down 10-0 but pride and superior conditioning led the way to an amazing comeback which saw the team on top 12-10 at the final whistle. Fine play by veterans John Dougherty and Jow Coticchio and two tries by Tony Tamburo led the rallying charge but the courageous comeback was truly a team effort.

Needless to say, this victory had the "A" team super-psyched for their showdown against Oswego. The "Doggies" wasted no time finding an opening in the Oswego defense as Tony Qualitiere waltzed in for a score in the first five minutes of the game. From then on the outcome was never in doubt. Brockport's scrum was outstanding in winning control of the ball all day long while the backs showed why they form the best wing in the state. The scoring tries came from Joe Brewer (2), Danny Nelson (2), Tony Qualitiere (2), and Danny Curtain (1) while Brian Robson handled the conversions. The final score was 38-0 in a game in which all fifteen "Doggies" had outstanding games.

President John Barclay summed up the day's performance quite simply at the award ceremony when he said, "This trophy was won by a team effort and this team is going to win a lot more trophies."

Doggies had stiff competition but came out the champs
Rugby team prepares for Spring

by King Ungowa

The Brockport Rugby “Doggies” are already hard at work preparing for the big Spring season ahead. With last season’s entire crew returning and a good looking crop of newcomers, this season looks to be the team’s greatest ever.

Last fall the team had an outstanding 13-2 record. Those thirteen victories were the most ever enjoyed in a season by Brockport.

Highlights of the fall season were 25-0 and 19-0 shutouts of Syracuse University and Cornell, respectively. A resounding 38-0 obliteration of Oswego in the SUNY tournament finals and another championship trophy won in the Buff State Invitational.

Over the past two seasons the team has earned an impressive 22-4-1 record and averaged 19 points for and 3 against per match.

Those seasons, however, were merely building years. This spring is the season the “Doggies” hope to put it all together. The spring schedule is studded with tough tests for this young and tenacious team of “Doggies.”

The season opens with a four-team tournament here at Brockport against Buff State, Batavia and Niagara on March 17th. The following week the “Doggies” will travel to Florida to play in the distinguished Gainesville Invitational tournament. This should be a real test of the Brockport club as the tournament includes some of the finest teams this side of the Mississippi.

Other important match dates are those against Syracuse University on April 7, West Point on April 14, Buffalo Olive Boys April 21, the Upstate Tournament April 28 in which Brockport placed third last spring, and a rematch against arch-rival Rochester here on May 5th.

Practices are going on now and club President John Barclay wishes to extend an invitation to any and all who are interested to come on down and work out. The practices are held in Cooper Gym on Mondays at 6:30, Wednesday at 10:15, Fridays at 6:30 and Saturday at 3:00. The season is young, spirits are high, and the outlook is bright. CHECK IT OUT!!

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Doggies gain respect in Florida

by King Ungowa

During the recent spring break the Brockport Rugby Club headed down to Florida to take on the very best teams that the south had to offer. The trip represented a substantial jump up in level of competition for Brockport's young club. Most of their success has come against other college clubs in New York amongst whom the Brockport team is considered "King Doggies." Their credibility among national powerhouses, however, was yet to be established...until their recent siege on Florida.

The first game of the tour was against the highly regarded Tallahassee club. Tallahassee is widely recognized as the top team in the entire east and Brockport was well aware that this game offered them an excellent opportunity to prove their worthiness among the elite. Despite the absence of regulars John Wecnitt, Steve Courtier, Neil Ingenito, Ray Connolly and Joe Coticchio, the "doggies" were confident of leaving an indelible impression on the minds and bodies of the Tallahassee side.

The game turned out almost exactly as the Brockport side hoped it would. After getting off to a slow start and consequently finding themselves down 8-0, Brockport began to unwind and advance the ball into Tallahassee territory. Then in a flash, the "Doggies" were right back in the game as Nelson Lamarche spurted over the try line on a magnificent run for 4 points. Brian Robson hit the kick and the score stood 8-6 at the half.

Unfortunately Lamarche suffered a dislocated elbow on his scoring play so his services were lost for the remainder of the tour.

The second half saw Brockport control play with tenacious tackling and relentless pressure. This hustle was rewarded as Brian Robson nailed a drop-kick through the posts for 3 points and a 9-8 lead. This really pumped the "Doggies" up and their inspired play resulted in another try scored by Tony Qualitiere, with an assist by the entire wing. The successful conversion kick made it 15-8 in favor of Brockport.

The Tallahassee team, however, did not gain their reputation as the best in the east by laying down late in the game. Sure enough, they came back.

With five minutes remaining they closed the score to 15-12 and then the killer came, with just two minutes remaining as their fullback scored and converted the kick for a 18-15 final. Tallahassee had won the battle but Brockport certainly had made their mark and earned a large measure of respect from the Tallahassee team and spectators.

In Jacksonville, Brockport was scheduled to play the very next day against a Jacksonville club which had beaten Tallahassee earlier in the year. Despite being extremely sore and emotionally spent the doggies managed to come out on top of a 12-10 score. The game was quite sloppy and understandably played with a great deal less intensity than the day before.

Thanks to some late-game second efforts by Lance Natsch and Joe Brewer and a long conversion kick by Scotty Lance, the "Doggies", in spite of their inspirational deficiencies, had nailed down a victory.

The final game of the tour was a bad dream. In spite of the numerous excuses Brockport had for their poor play it must be said that they were simply physically outgunned by their opponents, Orlando Iron Horse. Injuries had taken their toll as Danny Currain, Doug Ilardo and soon thereafter Tom Piccarillo joined Lamarche among the wounded in action on the sideline.

The game was very physical and although Brockport battled with all its heart, they were no match for Orlando and finally succumbed to a 13-0 defeat.

This defeat, however, did little to tarnish the pride and satisfaction that Brockport had gained from their performance in the first two games. To say club president John Barclay was pleased about the outcome of the tour would be asking too much, as it is his job to be the club's main critic, yet deep down he must have felt as did the rest of the team, a sense of pride in the job this courageous make-shift team of doggies had done.

Thanks go out to all who helped support the trip in various ways. That includes Bob Smith for his financial assistance and the recreation department for allowing the club to use Cooper gym for the much needed workouts that proved so valuable during the tour.

The rugby club opens their home season this Saturday at 1:00 against Finger Lakes. You're all invited to come out and see the doggies at work.
The “Doggies” were New York State champs in ’78.
‘Doggies’ bite National bid

The Brockport Rugby Club, more commonly referred to as the “Doggies” has received a bid to enter the National Rugby Tournament. “This is quite an honor,” said “Shorty” Nelson, the club’s president. “We are the first college team ever to be selected for the nationals.”

Brockport will face the Albany Knickerbockers in the first round of the tournament. Last year the “Doggies” were defeated in one of their most memorable games ever against Albany in the Upstate tournament. The “Doggies” hope to reverse last year’s decision.

The “Doggies” return with a very strong team this year and are counting on the experience of their veteran members to carry them to victory. The Rugby club is still interested though, in recruiting new players who are willing "to give a little time and a lot of effort to help the team on their way to the National title," commented Nelson.

People who are interested in playing rugby should report to the athletic field opposite the administration building Mondays thru Thursdays at 4:00 pm. “Be prepared to play," added Nelson.

The "Doggies" first game is Saturday, September 15 at 1:00 against Syracuse University.

The National Rugby Tournament is the single largest rugby tournament in the nation," said veteran John O’Leary. “For Brockport to have been selected for this tournament says a lot in itself, but it can’t help being said that Brockport deserves this recognition for their excellence over the years..."
Doggies sweep 2

by Leslie Ilowite

This past weekend The Brockport Rugby Club officially kicked off their season by defeating the Syracuse Orange Men by a score of twenty-nine to zero. This is the third consecutive year in which Brockport has held Syracuse scoreless.

The “Doggies” scrum lead by Shorty Nelson, Joe Brewer, and Joe Coticchio, maintained possession of the ball through the majority of the game, thus allowing the wings to run freely.

Kenny Benton scored the first “try” of the season from five yards out, followed by Scotty Lance who kicked his first of three extra points for the day. This seemed to ignite the “Doggies” as they went on to score fifteen more points during the first half of the game, including “trys” by Danny Nelson and Joe Brewer. Nelson Lamarche went on to score a drop kick from twenty yards out to make the half time score twenty-one to zero.

Danny Curtain and Andrew Judge lead the second half of the game, bringing the “Doggies” to a victory of twenty-nine to zero.

Syracuse held its own throughout the entire game, but could not overcome the superiority of the Brockport Rugby team.

In the following game the Brockport “B” team defeated Syracuse twenty-four to zero for the second shutout of the day. Vice President Scotty Lance remarked, “The “Doggies” played well today, but will become even tougher as they work their way up to the National Title.”
Rugby crowned upstate champs

by Leslie Ilowite

On Saturday September 21, the four top college Rugby teams competed at Cortland, to secure the title for the best college team in the upstate division. Brockport officially proved to be number one by defeating Cornell and Cortland.

For many years Cornell ranked as the best college Rugby team upstate and probably state wide as well. The Doggies had challenged Cornell for the past four seasons, but the team constantly ducked the offer for fear of losing the title to Brockport.

In the first game Brockport drew Cornell, and fell behind nine to zero in the early minutes of the game. The Doggies refused to let this opportunity pass and continued to play an aggressive game. Lim Llyod scored the first try for Brockport which sparked the Doggies on to score 24 more unanswered points, making the final score 24-9.

The Doggies left no doubt in anyone’s mind as to who the number one college team was. The victory was attained through outstanding efforts by both the wing and scrum.

The workhorses of the scrum, lead by Shorty Nelson, Andrew Judge and Joe Cottichio never allowed Cornell to move the ball. They continuously got the ball out to wings Danny Nelson, Scott Lance and Jerry Duty, which enabled them to pile up the points. The Doggies were leared with the outstanding plays of rookies Andy Louis and Billy Hunter. Brockport then advanced to the finals of the tournament.

The Doggies still riding an emotional high shut Cortland out in the finals by a score of 34-0. The wings for the Brockport team showed great agility both in running with the ball and tackling. When the Cortland wing got the ball the Doggies were able to stop them before they could advance it upfield. The Doggies played a very physical game and were never threatened by the opposing team.

A few substitute players were needed due to minor injuries of two key players. This did not affect their performance, for the subs continued on in the Doggie tradition.

The Doggies B team knew they must also beat Cornell in order to win the tournament. They started out by defeating Ithaca by a score of 42 to zero. Brockport then advanced to the finals of the tournament.

The easy victory over Ithaca allowed them to get their wing and scrum together. The majority of the team was made up of rookies plus the help of a few experienced players. The efforts of both were rewarded by a victory of 10-3 over Cortland.

Brockport advanced into the final game against Cornell, losing the more experienced team by a score of 14-4. The Doggies held their own throughout the entire game with hard aggressive play. They were constantly on the attack threatening the score, but time just ran out.

The day was a complete success for the Brockport Rugby Club. They had won the tournament, and finished as the number one college team, taking home both the title and the trophy.

The next home game is on Saturday October 6, against Hobart. This weekend Brockport travels to Buffalo to play the Buffalo Old Boys.
On September 29, the Women's Rugby Club played their first game of the season against a young Oswego club.

The women's club arrived at the game in true class, riding in a battered V.W. with a pick up truck and a van stuffed with ready ruggers. With only 13 players, 15 players are needed for a full team. Brockport demonstrated the meaning of true team work.

Venerable Kay Eichen moved from her usual position inside the scrum to the scrum's halfback position. This change is comparable to that of a lineman on a football team changing to quarterback just before the game starts.

Another veteran player, Val Di Giacinto showed the Oswego girls just what the word contact meant. Time and again, Di Giacinto literally punishes Oswego ball carriers by stopping them cold in their tracks. His 5 foot 11 inch frame is a tremendous asset to the club.

Squad captain Helen Walghs started Brockport's first rally of the afternoon by barreling over would be tacklers to score the first try of the afternoon. Sarah Fitzpatrick was credited with the assist as she pitched Walghs the ball from two yards outside the try zone.

On the wings, veterans and rookies worked together as if they had been playing together for many seasons. On two separate occasions rookies Chris Dukelow passed to veteran Maggie McIntosh, springing her for two tries. Newcomers such as Elaine DeBerry and Cindy Dark gave the team good field position with their fine running attacks.

McIntosh's final score was an excellent example of individual effort. As she was about to be tackled, McIntosh booted the ball over the heads of the Oswego players and without breaking stride, she chased the ball into the try zone and touched it to the ground for the score.

Di Giacinto once again showed her versatility on the field by making two of four conversion kicks. The final score of the women's opener was Brockport 20-Oswego 0.
The Brockport Rugby Club defeated Hobart 33 to three for their fourth consecutive victory this year. The "Doggies" stand 2 and 0 at home this year, totaling five undefeated seasons of home play.

The first ten minutes of the game Hobart seemed to dominate the field with a lot of tackling and strong aggressive play. Danny Nelson turned the game around by scoring his first of four "tries" of the day. It was set up by a pass from Tony Qualitaire opening the sideline, allowing Nelson to dash 25 yards upfield for the score. He then added one more try bringing the half time score to 8-0.

During the latter half of the day Brockport remained in control of the game. Qualitaire brought the game to a close by scoring a try in the final seconds, putting the "Doggies" way ahead to a final victory of 33-3.

Brockports B team also remains undefeated at home, continuing in their tradition by shutting out Hobart 24-0. This is already their third shutout of the year. The B team took control early in the game, dominating Hobart, never giving them a chance to move the ball.

The Doggies were lead by rookie Greg Mills and veteran MacNamara. Steve Gibson scored the first try of his career as the Doggies went on to beat Hobart 24-0.

This weekend the Doggies will be out on the road for the biggest weekend of rugby in Brockport's history. The Doggies will send one team to Syracuse to capture the National tournament Bid in the Upstate Division. While their B team goes to Buffalo in place of the A's in hope of capturing their third consecutive S.U.N.Y. tournament title. Brockport wishes good luck to all the Doggies out on the road.
Ruggers miss titles

by Leslie Ilowite

The Brockport Rugby Club traveled to Syracuse this past weekend in hope of capturing the National Tournament Bid. The “doggies” B team traveled to Buffalo in an attempt to capture their third consecutive SUNY title.

In Syracuse the “doggies” were challenged by the Albany Knickerbockers in the first round. The competition was strong, and the stacking of the Albany team with a member from the U.S. Nationals lead Albany to a victory of twenty to three over the “doggies.”

The “doggies” battled the team with tremendous effort and skill, never letting up until the final whistle was blown. Despite this loss, the “doggies” will have a chance to make the College Nationals with a victory in Syracuse this weekend.

In Buffalo, Brockport’s B team traveling in place of the A team-played against U.B. in the first round of the SUNY tournament. The game was played under the worst possible field conditions, yet the “doggies” were able to hold the stronger opponents to six points throughout the game.

In the final two minutes of play, Lance Natch scored a “try” bringing the “doggies” short of two points. The extra point, attempted after his score would have tied the game, but landed just a little wide of the post.

In the consolation game Brockport again lost to Buffalo State four to zero making it a very disappointing day for the “doggies.”

The College Tournament takes place in Syracuse this weekend. If they win this tournament, which they are favored to do, they will receive a bid to the College National Tournament. The “doggies” next home game will be in two weeks against Finger Lakes.
Ruggers need bodies
by Bob Mladinich

The Brockport Doggies Rugby Club are getting in shape to kick off the Spring '80 season with a bang. They are finally receiving the credit due them as a top notch team; in fact they are one of 16 college teams picked to compete in the first collegiate Eastern championships in Blacksburg, Va. on April 15. Club President John Barclay assesses the team's chances of winning and them taking the Upstate Tournament in Rochester on April 26 as excellent.

Barclay is actively recruiting new talent and welcomes anybody interested to attend practices. The team lost four backs from last year and could use some new men in the scrum. Barclay explains, "If you're into athletics and are a little tough, you will love the game. Once people learn the basics and get in shape they're hooked. We haven't even reached our peak yet and over the past two years had a record of 40-8-1."

Among the returning veterans are Andrew Judge, Shorty Nelson, Scott Lance and last year's MVP Joe Brewer.

Aspiring ruggers should attend practices at the Cooper Gym; Wednesday and Friday, 6-10 pm and Sunday between 3 and 6 pm. More information can be obtained by calling Barclay at 964-8717.

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Doggies face best

by Oscar Madison

The Brockport State Rugby Club is diligently preparing for their meeting with destiny this spring. It all happens this Easter weekend in Blacksburg, Virginia when the Doggies will take on the best that the east has to offer in the first ever National Collegiate Rugby Tournament.

Brockport earned their invitation as a wild card team by virtue of the 42-11-1 record they’ve compiled over the last two years. Included in that record are two successive SUNY Championships, 1978 Buffalo State Invitational Champs, 1979 Cortland Invitational Champs, a highly successful tour of Florida last spring which included a (continued on page 20)
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dramatic 12-10 come from behind victory over Florida State Champion Jacksonville, and many other equally outstanding triumphs.

Even in defeat the team has gained considerable honor. In the Upstate Tournament last spring Brockport clashed with the top-seeded Albany club. What followed was what some spectators have called the greatest rugby game they’ve ever witnessed. The eventual outcome saw Albany on top 12-8, but more important was the fact that the game had provided exhausting physical and emotional efforts by all players involved. This type of performance has become a trademark of the Brockport Doggies.

The team is looking toward the Nationals with great anticipation. As a result of a massive recruiting effort, the Doggies are now pulsating with new blood. Workouts are being held three nights weekly in the Cooper Gym and consist mainly of conditioning, skills practice and some live scrimmaging. The gym floor is a bit hard to be tackling on, but indirectly develops the proper frame of mind necessary to best national powers like Virginia, Delaware, Navy LSU, Florida, Cornell and other participants in the upcoming Nationals.

This year’s team will be typical of those Brockport has fielded in the past. The forwards, led by three-time MVP Joe Brewer, and outstanding veterans John Barclay, Shorty Nelson, Lance Natzche, John Wemett and Chris McNamara will be boosted by the addition of newcomers Tim Buck, Ron Ignasiak, and Steve Johnson, among others. Combine these tenacious turks with a fleet footed flock of backs including Joe Coticchio, Jerry Doody, captain Scotty Lance, Jim Lloyd, Danny Nelson, Tony Tamburro and rookies Jim Bennett, Tim Spiddle, Dan Elcasio, Mike Anderson, John Soucies and John Weber, among others and it speaks trouble for the opposition.

Only time and effort will tell what Lady Luck has in store for the Doggies come this Easter weekend, but if the luck they encounter is any indication of the grit, sweat and effort expanded by these Dogs along the way, then they should do just fine!
The Brockport Doggies Rugby team journeyed down to Ithaca the Saturday before last to resume their battle for King-of-the-Hill honors among Upstate colleges with the Cornell University side. The game was a rematch of the New York State College Tournament finals in Syracuse last fall, where Cornell beat the Doggies in a most convincing manner. Earlier in the fall, Brockport had initiated the intense rivalry by thumping Cornell, 24-9, in the Cortland Invitational finals. So going into Saturday's mud match their head-to-head record was even at one win apiece.

For the second week in a row Brockport was forced to play under less than perfect conditions as the gray skies continually sprinkled the half submerged field with more and more rain throughout the day. The "B" teams started the day off and before long the dazzling white jerseys of Brockport and the black of Cornell had become similar shades of brown, but the game was remarkably well played in spite of the weather.

Understandably, the wing play and ball handling were severely hindered by the conditions but the teams adjusted by using well-placed kicks and playing a slower more possession-oriented type of game. This game, too, was a rematch of last fall's "B" division final which Brockport won. This time though Cornell ended up on the winning end of an 8-3 score. Newcomers Dave Buck and Ron Ignazik and vets Brian Palmer, John King, Zeke Zsot, Billy Smaidone and Chris McNamara played solid, hard-hitting games none-the-less. Andrew Judge accounted for the team's only score with a penalty kick from 30 yards out.

Swarming defense

The "A" game followed and in it Brockport played like true Doggies for the first time this season. Hard hits, well-placed kicks, swarming defense and a spirit that would not be denied were all employed to full tilt by the Doggies. Half-backs Joe Coticchio and Jerry Doody were especially invaluable with their respective defensive aggressiveness and intelligent play calling, while fullback Alex Sharland, an English exchange student, played a solid, error-free game under considerable pressure. The forwards played with renewed intensity, sparked by strong efforts from Shorty Nelson and Tommy Ryan.

Cornell, however, stayed step for step with the Doggies and as the game dwindled down to the wire the score remained 0-0. Throughout the contest scoring opportunities came and went as both teams missed three penalty kicks each, but with eight minutes to go Cornell managed to score on an extremely controversial call. The kick after was good but the indomitable spirit of the Doggies would not break. Down 6-0 with eight minutes remaining, they came back!

Doggies hang tough

Forging their way down the field with an unyielding will, the Ruggers advanced all the way to the Cornell try line. After perpetually knocking on the door again and again, their efforts were finally rewarded as Joe Coticchio and Jerry Doody combined for the score. Scotty Lance tied the game up with the kick after, and the game ended as it had begun, in a tie.

But much had been accomplished throughout those eighty minutes of mucking about in the mire. Brockport had established themselves as one of the favorites, along with Cornell, to win the Eastern Championships in Virginia this past weekend. More importantly the Doggies proved to themselves that the fire, grit and determination that once characterized this team is still there, always was and always will be.

Yes, Virginia, there really are Doggies on the Brockport Rugby club.
Doggies maul harlequins, 45-0

by Claudius

In the season’s opener, the Brockport Rugby team got off to a resounding win, trouncing the Syracuse Harlequins 45-0. Basking in glorious sunshine, the Doggies coasted to an easy victory, almost without breaking sweat.

The back division enjoyed a wealth of possession provided by their industrious forwards, and once again Scott Lance was prominent. He massed 21 points, scoring 2 tries, 5 conversions, and 1 penalty goal. He was constantly the thorn in the Syracuse flesh. Twice with clinical precision he opened up the Syracuse defense within the first five minutes, gnawing at them constantly thereafter.

Despite inconsistencies in their service, the Brockport forwards provided a steady flow of good ball which was the platform from which the backs were able to maneuver. They were able to maneuver. They dominated the set scrums in which the front row of Weemert, Williams, and Brewer were outstanding. Special mention here must also be made of the scrumhalf, Rusto Spermwhale, who was the excellent link between the forwards and backs.

Other scores were Williams, Curtin, D. Nelson, Bergen (2), (call tries), and Doody and D. Nelson, one conversion each.

In the 'B' game, Brockport’s superior skill and experience was conspicuous even though the score of 9-0 tended to flatter the visitors. Brockport’s scorers were Buck (one try) and Esposito (one conversion and one penalty goal).

One of the most awe inspiring sights in collegiate rugby is Timothy Boellin full stride; he didn’t get many chances to open his legs, but when he did the Syracuse defence shuddered from the shock!

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In the three game encounter Brockport’s only loss was in the ‘C’ match by the narrow margin of 8-0. Yet despite this setback the potential of the players on view appears to be very high. Once they master the simple basics of the game, undoubtedly they will reap their rewards.

The results of this opening day augurs well for future, a season in which sees some very prestigious games and tournaments. The next home game is on September 20 versus Penn State, which indeed is a very attractive fixture. It should be noted that all scheduled home games kick-off at 12 noon on the rugby field next to the Administration Building.

As a concluding comment on the game, it is of interest that the ‘J.R.’ of rugby, John Barclay was conspicuous by his absence.
Doggies triumph again yet

Brockport over Penn State 34-16

by Claudius

With three victories in as many games and the points record of 101 for only 22 against, the statistics certainly look impressive. With the forthcoming SUNY Rugby tournament to be hosted by Brockport, the Doggies Rugby club is definitely on the crest of a wave.

On Saturday, despite a lack of oil, the machine rolled forward, crushing everything in its path. This time it was Penn State that suffered the might of the Brockport's strength, by the convincing score of 34-16.

The forwards enjoyed a parity with their counterparts thanks mainly to the welcome return of Andrew Judge and John "J.R." Barclay. Together with the rest of the pack, they provided the platform for the back division to excel. Danny Nelson, rapidly becoming known as the Blond Bombshell, scored three tries and added two conversions and a penalty goal for a total of 19 points.

In the earlier part of the game the lead changed hands with the regularity of a yo-yo, yet Brockport remained resolute. Inspired by the strong defense, in which Scott "Twinkle Toes" Lance was prominent, the Doggies gathered momentum for an all out assault. In the final stages they appeared to score at will, and Lance and Williams combined, with the latter going over for the final try that shut the door firmly in the faces of Penn State. The other points came from Lance with two conversions and a penalty goal, and a try by Curtin who throughout seemed to be reflecting on the traumas of his previous week's escapades.

In the "B" game Brockport smashed Penn State by the overwhelming margin of 30 points to 0. The forwards enjoyed a dominance usually reserved for the "Green Berets", and with Boell (scoring a try himself) in the driving seat, they never looked back! They had total control of the set pieces and their scrumming was excellent.

They scored points with prolific regularity and the backdivision, with the likes of Soucie, Pasquale and Chivelli, were a delight to behold. Mike Chivelli, undoubtedly the most impressive player on view, orchestrated his players like a maestro and his incisive running completely ripped apart the Penn State defense. One such blistering run took him past several opponents and over in the corner for a try.

The best score of the game however, came from Spiddle, who crossed the line after a splendid handling movement between Pasquale and Chivelli had taken him clear. Spiddle added another try after another determined run had provided the opening.

The other try scorers were Natch, Kerbs and Palmer, with Buck getting a solitary conversion.

The potential shown by the players on view is immense and undoubtedly several of them will be pushing for first team berths. The enthusiasm and commitment demonstrated by the younger players no doubt will act as an incentive to the more senior players, some of whom will have to be wary of such talented competition.

The ladies Rugby team completed the whitewash of Penn State by snatching a win against their less feminine opponents, by the score of 6-0.
Doggies destroy Rochester

There's no way Danny Nelson (centre) is going to give this ball away as the doggies storm on!

by Claudius

The Doggies go marching on, and true to their name they snapped and snarled Rochester into complete submission. Billed as the "crunch" game of the season, the Doggies out fought their arch rivals by the overwhelming margin of 25 points to 3.

In the early exchanges there were some furious battles as the Doggies remained resolute. Despite the Physical nature of their enormous opponents, the stout hearted Doggies faced their intimidators bravely. Paramount in this victory was Shorty Nelson who wreaked havoc in the Rochester offense. His day was almost complete when a dubious decision by the referee in disallowing his try spoiled what would otherwise have been his crowning glory.

In the opening minutes against the defense, to score the second try. Lance added the conversion to make the half time score 10-3.

It was from here that the Doggies took the initiative. The Brockport "B" division, in which Bergan's speed was responsible for scorch marks on the field of play, covered every blade of grass during the afternoon, and with the back row of Cotichio, Judge, and Nelson in able support, they completely strangled the efforts of the counterparts.

In describing the debt the Rugby club owes Scott Lance, mere words would only fail. With deadly accuracy, he punished every Rochester mistake, kicking five penalties to add to the previous score for a total of 17 points.

"Twinkle Toes" Lance as he affectionately known, was like a line of defense and together with the rest of the back division, he was in devastating form.

Jerry Doody, returning to full fitness after injury, played exceptionally well and along with D. Nelson and Currie, who played as if their lives depended on the result, formed a magnificent trio without whom the score could have been very different indeed.

To sum up the entire performance and efforts of the team in a word, would be difficult but superlative would go very long way. For those of you who haven't as yet seen this team in action, you have indeed missed some Golden opportunities of seeing a very talented set of players. Players who are certainly setting the reputation of Brockport Rugby alight with their endeavors.

To rub salt in the Rochester wound the Brockport "B" team laced the homeside by 11-0. This side is rapidly transforming into a very efficient and competitive unit, with some exciting Turn to RUGBY, Page 11.
talented individuals. Rochester was no match for Boell’s army, in which pride of mention must go to the inspiration behind the victory.

His determined efforts and the encouragement he gave to the players around him were instrumental in setting up wave after wave of attack. One such move led to his own try after an early penalty by Esposito, to make the score 7-0.

The Brockport forwards industriously repelled their opposite numbers, and once again enjoyed total dominance of the set pieces. The front row of Roberts, Palmer and Rosenberg performed miracles in returning ball after ball and the latter went over for the final try, after another onslaught had taken them to the goal line.

A point of criticism, however, is the dearth of accurate goal kickers within the team. After Esposito had left the field injured, there wasn’t anyone capable of slotting over those valuable points.

Nevertheless, the set of players plus replacements demonstrated that they have the ability and determination to beat any side and the tenacity and will to succeed is evident throughout the team.

It is this talent and enthusiasm that is found in each member of the club that will ensure that the teams go from strength to strength. No doubt a measure of this strength in depth will be found in next week’s SUNY Rugby tournament to be hosted by Brockport, at Ridgewood Park.
Doggies are crowned in glory

Danny Curlin (on ground) gets to the ball first to deny Oswego possession. Brockport beat Oswego 24-6

by Claudius

On Saturday October 4, the Brockport Rugby Club displayed its maturity by emerging from its chrysalis into a brilliant butterfly. The Doggies are the 1980 SUNY Rugby champions and their glittering display under the lights of Ridgewood Park, was an exhibition of polished rugby worthy of any international arena.

In their first game, the Doggies mastered the eft of Oswego by the score of 24 points to six. In this opening encounter, there was an example of the Doggies forward prowess that was a feature throughout the afternoon. They hounded the opposition into complete submission with an awesome display that was exhilarating.

Joe Brewer, returning to his favorite position at Number 8 went over for the first score after the Doggies had driven to their opponents line. It was the successful completion of some fine teamwork, for which all eight forwards are to be praised.

Some fine individual play by "Twinkle-Toes" Lance saw him cross for the next try and with his own conversion, added to his other scores, it gave him a total of 16 points. Glen March put the finishing touches for the last try, after a sparkling movement by the backs had put him over.

With this under their belts then, it was on to the final where the Doggies pitted their dazzling talents against Buffalo State. Pride of mention must go to the entire Doggies pack who seemed to have the explosive qualities of Mount St. Helens. They toiled and heaved unmercifully and enjoyed a dominance that was all-consuming.

Malcolm Muir was like a Trojan in the scrums and assisted by the veteran Randy Vanderzee, they formed towers of strength. In the engine room of the second row Ron Iggy and Tom Ryan played like men possessed, and it is to these two in particular that praise is to be heaped. Behind them, the formidable trio of T. Nelson, Brewer and Coticchio, added a solidity that has been lacking previous games. Tristan Williams, the hooker, completes this array of talent, and despite a confusion under his eye, he saw to it that sufficient ball was provided for the backs.

Joe Coticchio, opened the scoring, bulldozing his way over for his first try of the season, and "Twinkle Toes" Lance put over two penalty goals to make the half-time score 10 points to six.

The Doggies opened the second half in determined fashion and with a piercing thrust that would have made Errol Flynn proud, they shattered the Buffalo defense. Lance kicked an up-and-under that reached such momentous heights that there was snow on the ball when it returned to play. He gathered his own kick, ran further and chipped a cheeky ball to the Buffalo line: Doug Bergan, rapidly developing into the finest winger in Upstate New York, with an electrifying burst of speed, gathered the ball and crossed for a try that brought gasps of amazement from the considerable crowd! After the game he was mobbed by excited supporters who were witness to another Bergan Bonanza.

Lance added another penalty to give the victorious Doggies an even wider margin of 17 points to six over their opponents. The final whistle was met with a cacophony of hoarse Brockport voices, who had cheered hysterically throughout the sensational game. The support from the sidelines was indeed phenomenal and it was befitting that a huge arm of gratitude be extended recognition.

Boe's "B" team too, were bathed in glory for they routed Oswego and Cortland for a Brockport Double that sees two championship winning teams in the Rugby Club.

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In their opener, they beat Oswego 6-0, with a try from their captain, Timothy Boell, who gave an inspirational display. Despite the size of his cleats, he gave the ball a hammering, that saw it rolling this way, that way, and in fact every way. Pasquale added the conversion to make the final score 6-0.

In their final they fought a bruising battle with Cortland, and it is thanks mainly to the accuracy of Esposito's kicking, who landed three penalty goals, that they achieved victory. Despite some tense moments when Cortland seemed to be gathering momentum, the Brockport defense remained resolute, and they went out winners by nine points to six.

The team played as a set of individuals, but a mention must go to Lanse Natch who gave a thoroughly enthusiastic and competitive performance.

In concluding the days events a special vote of thanks must go to John King in particular, and the rest of the back-up team, who made the event go so smoothly.

Next week sees the Rugby Club involved in the National Knockout Competition. On Saturday they play Buffalo Olds Boys in Rochester for the right to meet the winners of the Albany vs. Rochester game. The eventual winners of the Knockout will be credited as Upstate Club Champions for the Fall, with automatic entry into the Eastern Rugby Championship.
Doggies bury Buffalo

10-3

by Claudius

"The doggies came to bury Buffalo old boys, and not praise them!" With a thoroughly industrious performance that expressed signs of supreme confidence and resilience, the doggies displayed a cohesion that was bonded in steel.

In no way does the score of 10 points to 3, give a true reflection of the doggies' superiority, which completely refuted their labels as "under-dog!"

In this preliminary game in the upstate rugby tournament, the doggies unveiled an aggression and tenacity that completely warranted their inclusion in the final, versus the almost omnipotence of Albany.

In the opening minutes the doggies exhibited their unyielding will to win, by becoming the aggressors rather than allowing to be intimidated. In every department of the game the doggies breached the Buffalo walls, leaving their marks conspicuously impregnated everywhere! With virtual inexhaustible energy they consistently repelled the Buffalo efforts, demonstrating a courage that was unflinching.

Danny Nelson opened the scoring for Brockport with a determined effort that was the successful completion of some awesome forward control. In this area of play, throughout the often brutal exchanges, every Brockport forward emerged a hero.

In the scrums, all eight forwards played like demons, often displaying characteristics more akin to Lou Ferrigno, than his more human counterpart. They toiled like bees, providing enough ball for the backs to buzz.

Randy Vanderzee again displayed considerable experience and along with Jeff Rosenberg, they exhibited a solidity.

Behind them, once again Ron and Tom Ryan were as steadfast as Mount Rushmore, and they kept together generating a push that Buffalo reeling! The back three of Coticchio, Brewer, and Joseph complemented the side, completing a productive unit that was efficient.

At the helm were John Rouson and John Rouson, who's tactical kicking was superb and constantly rifled the Buffalo defenders with the accuracy of a marksman.

Glen March and Scott LaPlaca complete this line-up and both were prominent as they ravaged and disconsolate old boys. "Twinkle" Lance put over two penalty goals to enforce the doggies' vise-like grip on their opponents.

In the game's twilight, as consolation, Buffalo converted a penalty goal to make the score 10-3 by this time the doggies had ensured their victory.

With this under their belts they moved on to the final where they'll encounter Albany.

In the "B" game, however, Brockport wasn't so successful, suffering their second defeat of the season. They went down the score of 9-0, to a far more experienced Buffalo team.

Despite the loss, the side responded to the Buffalo challenge and acquitted themselves admirably. It was unfortunate that so many experienced players were unavailable, for with doubt, with their inclusion the results would have been more in Brockport's favor.
by Claudius

Well, the time has come to pack away the worn out cleats, seal the lid firmly on the jar of vaseline and let the mouthguard gather dust until another season begins.

At this time, the Bi-annual phenomenon known as "The Rugger" puts all thoughts of blood and thunder behind him, gets out his textbooks and starts dreaming again about the little girl next door.

It seems that many members of the club have been thinking this way for several weeks and last Saturday was no exception. Although St. Bonaventure was like lambs to the slaughter and went down by the heavy margin of 46 points to 6, the Doggies never wielded the awesome power that their talented players are so capable of.

Pride of mention in this victory goes to the lionhearted Greg Mills who executed his talents unmercifully. His play was dreamlike and not once during the afternoon did he make a mistake. He wound the opposition with the prowess of a hunter and his passing was as accurate as an arrow.

At half time the score was 26-0, after some fine moves had seen curtain, march and grace cross the Bonaventure line with the rapidity of machine-gun fire. Marty Grace, undoubtedly the darling of the touchline, gleefully accepted the opportunity to display his running similarity to spectacular bid.

In the second half the Doggies ran out of steam, somewhat, but still managed to rupture their opponents goal line several times. Cotichio, returning to the premier side after some lapses in memory had seen his talents elsewhere, grabbed two tries, and Mills capped off a tremendous performance by storming over for his debut try.

In between, Lance scored a try and three conversions and Doody and T. Nelson added a conversion each.

Bill Goldrick, another debutante gave a very impressive display, and week by week he is more than earning his nickname of "Steroid Billy." Along with Malcolm Muir he was a solid foundation in the scrum.

Upon reflection, the season opened with great promise and yet ended in anti-climax. Rather than going out in a blaze of glory and fanfare of trumpets, the season fizzled out in mediocrity, the travesty though, was the Rugby Club itself's own doing, because it never realized its own potential.

Nevertheless, the statistics make very interesting reading. The 1980 SUNY Rugby Champions (both A and B teams): five players chosen for the upstate select side, namely: Cotichio, Doody, D. Nelson, T. Nelson, and Lance. Games played 12 won 10 lost 2, points for 285; against 94.

The trusted hands and feet of Scott Lance contributed 123 points, and he was undoubtedly the team's M.V.P. The B team played one game less, winning 9 and losing only 2. Their M.V.P. was Greg Mills, who was the inspiration behind so many victories.

As the season progressed the forwards grew in stature and Ron Ingot was responsible for moulding the second row into a formidable mass. Along side him was Randy Vanzeritz, who often was the pain in opposition flesh.

Danny Curtain eventually pulled himself together, to turn in some shielding performances, and with Jerry "Howdy Doody" at the helm, one wonders who was really pulling the strings?

Shorty Nelson, the admiral at wingforward saw to it that his players were shipshape, despite a question mark over his own prowess in the aquatic department?

Glen March always displayed hare-line speed, and as Tom Jones would say about John Roulos "It's not unusual" that he always found acres of space in which to maneuver.

It was great to see newcomers like Roberts, Chivelli and Goldrick bursting onto the scene, and with seasoned campaigners like Buck and Boell in support, the B team was a formidable unit.

With the emergence of Mills and Rosenberg into full bloom, ably assisted by the balding Gibson and Natch, this side showed a fine blend between youth and maturity.

Perhaps the two most underrated players were Scott Reinhart and Bill Bolger, who displayed talents that no one else possessed!

Of this last season, what remains is to lament what might have been, if only...

Let us now look forward to the spring, when although certain players will be absent, many established veterans will return.

With such a returning nucleus and with the availability of Jack McNamara and Tom "Pinetree" Ryan assured, it augurs well for the future. Another prestigious name that will return is Andrew Judge, who unfortunately for most of this season only presided over the proceedings in a spectator capacity.

All that remains is for me to congratulate Brain Palmer on his most recent wedding and to wish him the best for the future; his absence indeed will be a sad loss to the Rugby Club.
Doggies romp over RIT

Bergen, Curtin, Coticchio lead cause

by Claudius

With a heart warming display that made a mockery of the wintry conditions, the Brockport Rugby Club shattered their neighbor R.I.T. in the seasons opener. With a fleetness of foot and a gracefulness befitting ballerinas, the Doggies bamboozled the visitors with their artistry.

Doggies Black Team

In the premier game, 'the All Blacks' were victorious by the overwhelming margin of 41 points to 0, leaving the vanquished R.I.T. club completely demoralized. The Doggies took little time to demonstrate their intentions, and within fifteen minutes they were 11 points up.

Scott Lance, returning to his favorite hunting ground at Stage XVI, opened with a penalty, and rapidly followed this with a try, after a forward movement had provided the ball.

Next to cross the R.I.T. line was Curtin, who, playing out of position, nevertheless indicated that he is more than willing to fill the gap vacated by his predecessor. Despite an injured left ankle, he gleefully accepted the possession provided by his team to set wave after wave of Brockport offense. He added to his personal tally by bursting through to score his second try, after the whole team had generated an opening. Lance slotted the conversion to make the half time score 17-0.

The second half saw the Doggies switch into top gear, with the intention of destroying R.I.T. Chief in this destruction was Coticchio, as he rampantly breached the visitor's defense. He crashed over for the next try, after some industrious forward play had taken him to the visitor's line.

Throughout the game, the eight forwards provided a continuous stream of possession, from which the backs, with machine-gun rapidity, were able to score. With demon-like greed, the Doggies forwards denied the opposition possession, providing the home team with as much as 80% of the ball. Vander was instrumental here, along with the new boys Fryer, Patterson, and Potts-who played with startling maturity for newcomers.

The Doggies next score brought "oohs and aahs" of delight from those witnessing the feast of entertainment. A dazzling movement from the backs, including a scintillating burst of speed from Bergen, saw March cross for the best score of the match.

At this point, R.I.T. was given a lesson in finishing, as the Doggies capitalized on every opportunity. Coticchio dove through a melee of players for his second try, after which Williams added the conversion.

Robert was next to score, after another tremendous surge of the backs had put him clear, and Williams again added the points.

The Doggies' final try came from Doug Bergen, the often unsung hero of so many exciting victories. Apparent with wings in his heels, Bergen burst through for his own try, rounding off a tremendously invigorating performance.

Doggies Gold Team

The next game saw the Doggies Gold Team emasculate R.I.T. by the score of 36-0. Fielding half a team of newcomers, the Doggies proceeded to blitz their visitors with a display that was almost earth-shattering.

Captain Timothy Boell opened his side's account (and his own personal record), with a try of stunning aplomb. Bursting from the scrum with a leap that would have made Dwight Stones proud, Boell crossed R.I.T.'s line for an explosive indication of what was to follow.

With almost executioner's delight, Chivelli crossed for the next try, after a scything movement had put him clear. Chivelli was again on the score sheet after his incredible speed had seen him outdistance the defense.

With a bulldozing thrust, Steve Ellis was next to score, making it a debut to remember. Along with Harry Blunt, Ellis was the pick of the pack, and together they formed an exciting threesome. The honors, though, were shared among all eight forwards who formed an efficient unit. The front row of Smaldone, King, and Ellis returned ball after ball, and Mills winged everything to his fly half with the precision of an expert.

Next came a dynamic treble from Matt Cordovano; with electrifying pace, he burst over for three tries in succession, which made it an amazing first outing.

The last score of the game came from Oak's, who too was making his debut, and along with his two conversions, made it an impressive one.

The score of 36-0 doesn't truly reflect the Doggies superiority in the game. Boell's Army exploited every opportunity, and it was only the lack of accurate goal kickers that prevented the team from registering an even wider margin.

Doggies Green Team

The third encounter saw the Doggies Green Team complete the whitewash of R.I.T., scoring 12-8 victory. Usiak opened the scoring with a try, which was quickly followed by another from Marabella. R.I.T.'s only points for the day came when they scored a try in this game. Marabella added another try in the second half which concluded the afternoon's scoring.

Ladies Rugby Club

The Ladies Rugby Club fought a bruising, scoreless battle with their counterparts from R.I.T., and in a game that amazingly enough saw as much muscle as beauty, the honors were shared. Pick of the Brockport Ladies were Marianne Wilson and Carolyn Siracuse, who like tigresses, fought for their side.

On reflection, the day's events were extremely encouraging, and the Club optimistically looks forward to a schedule that sees some exciting games. The Club takes this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to prospective players and spectators who wish to get involved with Brockport's most successful team.
Doggies teach S.U. a lesson

Cordovano, Ellis, Scaringe provide spark

by Claudius

"They came, they saw, they conquered", and in a game that matched the torrid intensity of the afternoon's heat, Brockport's Doggies returned to school. They gave the scholars of Syracuse a lesson in the three "R's": running, rushing, and ruthlessness!

Doggies Black team brings about Syracuse surrender

The opening encounter saw the All Black' pit their considerable talents against their arch rivals S.U., and the game from the outset was played at a furious pace.

The initial exchanges teemed with passion, as each side indicated their desire to quell the other. S.U. was the first team to score, however. The conclusion of some flamboyant end to end play from each team saw the home side cross for the opening try which got converted.

Like red rag to a bull, this spurred the Doggies out of their incumence into a torrent of counter-attack. With a flying try in the corner March rounded off a superb flurry of Brockport offense, which included an incisive pass from the new boy, Vanacore. Lance kicked the conversion.

With this effusion of spirit and the particular brand of ebullience that is Shorty Nelson, the Doggies took the lead. Nelson harried the defense into error and pounced on the loose ball for that elusive try that he so cherished. With that then, the Doggies turned around at the break, with their noses in front.

This, though, didn't last long, for S.U. quickly replied with a try that left the visitors momentarily stunned. But not for long, as the game erupted into a frenzy of contact, which led to the home team's downfall. The Doggies rallied and with rapier precision, cut S.U. to shreds.

First to score was Brewer, after a blistering surge by Cordovano had provided the opening. Next to cross S.U.'s line was Curtin who was put clear by a defense splitting pass from Nelson.

At this point, the Doggies were beginning to display the sparkling razzmatazz that we have so grown accustomed to, and pillaged S.U.'s defenses. Curtin, after a shimmery run, turned them inside out, to cross between the posts, and Williams added the conversion.

Scott Lance, displaying his inimitable style, completed the rout, after his dummy and "Twinkle-toed" side-stepping had ravaged a mammoth gap in the Syracuse defense, through which he delightfully ghosted. Williams slotted the points to make the concluding margin 30 points to 10 in the Doggies favor.

On reflection, special mention must also be made of Cotricchio, who again displayed a tenacity that is characteristic of the Doggies style; Goldrick who brought an uplifting strength to the front row; and the new boys Cordovano, Kaplan, and Vanacore, whose enthusiasm and aggression were a delight to hold.

Doggies Gold team forces Syracuse into submission

The score of 12-12 does not truly reflect the disparity between the teams in this game, as the Doggies spread an all-consuming blanket over their hosts. Like a black wheel rolling downhill, the Doggies swept all before them, and nothing was going to stop this tidal wave!

All fifteen players were completely earnest in their endeavors, as they exerted their superiority over S.U, and but for a brief rally by the latter in the game's twilight, the Doggies would have registered an even wider margin.

Pride of mention goes again to the lionhearted Steve Ellis, who, leading by example, was the beacon for Boell's Army to follow. He pushed, he snapped, he snarled, and along with the rest of the forwards, he pulverized S.U. into submission.

With Smaldone, King, and Ellis in the front row, the Doggies were assured of a rich supply of possession, and with reinforcements like Andreas Ignaziak, and the extremely efficient unit of Blunt, Boelle, and McNamara, S.U. was sent reeling.

Chivelli opened the account with a delightful try, after Roberts, with an absolutely tremedous break, had provided the opening. S.U. replied with a try, and at half-time the score stood evenly at 4 points apiece.

The second half saw some vintage rugby, as the Doggies incisively turned the screws on the S.U. team. After some superb work by Chivelli, who seemed possessed of a new found tenacity, Greg Mills crashed over for an important score. Mills it was, who constantly ravaged the S.U. defense, and with some piercing thrusts from the rest of the backs, the Doggies scored with spectacular fluidity.

Brockport's scrum-half, J.R., consistently gave his colleague Oak a lovely service, which was the platform for their side's success, and with the steadfast Lorenzoni at the back, the team had all the necessary parts to wreak havoc.

The next score saw some delightful opportunism from Roberts, who after charging down a kick, raced half the length of the field to score, which rounded off a splendid individual performance.

Captain Boell, the side's master tactician, crashed over for his team's last score to make it 16-4, and but for a late rally when the Doggies let Syracuse off the hook, the score wouldn't have been as close.

Doggies Green team loses narrowly

In Brockport's one defeat, it was only the team's lack of experience that led to their downfall, by the narrow score of 4-10. Despite the loss, however, the team displayed those necessary ingredients of enthusiasm and commitment, and it is only a matter of time before this side becomes a considerable force to be reckoned with.

Special mention goes to Joey Scaringe, who in his first outing gave an indication that in the near future, with a few more games under his belt, he will be pushing for a higher berth.

Doug Ilando was the Doggies scorer, and but for a bad bounce of the ball, and missed opportuniites, they would have run out the victors.

In summary of the activities, the day's events were extremely encouraging and it is great to see so many faces, and especially so many that are showing promise and acquitting themselves so admirably.
Ruggers win SUNY crown

BY JOEL BROCKMYRE

The Brockport Rugby Club has done it again. For the fourth time in the eight year history of the SUNY Rugby Tournament, which originated here in Brockport, the Doggies A team dominated the event.

The tourney, held at Ridgewood Park on Route 104, fielded a total of 19 teams from 11 different schools with A B, and Women's teams participating.

The Doggies A team came back after a first game loss in overtime to Oswego 13-7. The loss was due in part to a questionable call by the referee who negated a powerfully driven try by Doggie Timothy Boell Stoney III early in the match.

In their second match the determined Doggies masterfully ripped apart the futile efforts of Plattsburgh 10-0, put them in the finals against Cortland.

A seasoned scrum troop coordinated by the efforts of Joe Potatoe, Randy McDanny and Stoney III continually got the ball out to speedsters Scotty Towell, Douglas Bergen, and L.C.6 Ralph.

The final championship game, played under the lights, brought to a climax the exciting efforts of the Doggies in the close contest with Cortland. The Doggies prevailed, though, and retained the crown for the second straight year, winning 6-0.

Doggies B Team

The Doggies B team gave a strong showing taking their first two games. Motivated to avenge the A team's first loss, they madly battled a fighting Oswego team and won the match 6-0. In the next match against an inexperienced Geneseo team the B squad dazzled their opponents with moves that sent Geneseo back to the practice field. The final, a brutal contest between a small Brockport scrum and the giants of Buffalo State proved to much for the Doggies, whose series of penalties enabled the kicking game of Buff. State to capitalize with two field goals as they dropped the Doggies 6-0.

Women's Rugby Team

Brockport's Women pulled off a victory in their first match against Colgate, but were knocked from contention by Cornell in a match which brought tempers out from both sides.
Womens Rugby victorious

BY M.E. SCRUMMIE

The Brockport Women's Rugby Club has added two more victories to their Fall Season by defeating both R.I.T. and the Buffalo city-side teams.

On October 24, after a scoreless first half, on an swampy field, Brockport banded together to show a young R.I.T. how rugby is played. Valerie DiGiancinto started Brockport's scoring drive by diving into the try zone on a penalty play four points. Minutes later Carolyn Siracuse, returning the kickoff, glided by R.I.T. to score Brockport's second try. Before the muddy match was over, Val DiGiacinto was able to weasel by R.I.T. once again to score the final try of the game. Brockport was forced to settle for 12 points after missing the three conversion kicks.

The Buffalo game took place under more favorable conditions. It was a beautiful Halloween day when the Buffalo city-side team traveled to Brockport to play. The whistle blew and Brockport wasted no time as Patty Gorman ran in for the first try, followed by a conversion kick by Bale DiGiacinto. Without losing any momentum Carolyn Siracuse scored the second try for Brockport, and before the first half was done Patty Gorman again penetrated Buffalo’s defense to score yet another 4 points.

When the second half started Mary Sireci was able to recover the ball in the try zone for four more. Later in the half, Rita Krossber scored Brockport's final try against Buffalo bringing the final score to 22-0.

With their current record 3-3, the women are preparing for a tough game against Cortland this Saturday on Cortland’s home field.
BY DAVE TRUDEAU

The Brockport State Rugby Club played host to the 13th Annual Upstate Rugby Tournament last Saturday and Sunday, April 24-25. The competition drew approximately 50 teams hailing from Buffalo to Albany to Plattsburgh.

Play which decided the eventual champions of the four divisions (club, college, open, and women) took place on seven playing fields set-up on the college campus.

Teams representing Brockport took part in all divisions with the exception of the college division. In that competition 14 teams participated.

With a 26-3 win over Buffalo State, Syracuse University captured the championship final. Syracuse advanced to the final with a victory over Oswego, while Buffalo knocked-off Albany State to advance.

In the open division the Finger Lakes Club tackled the Knicks B's (Albany) in Sunday's championship game.

Brockport was represented by two teams in this division. Their B team and C team.

The Brockport B's earned a 10-0 win over the SU B's in their first game before falling to eventual champ Finger Lakes 7-0 in their second contest.

The Brockport C's started off with a 6-3 win over the Hobart B's, but were dumped by the Knick's B's 18-3 in their second game. The Doggies moved on to Sunday's consolation round but were eliminated by Schenectady in their opening contest.

Eight teams took part in the women's division, with Cortland downing Albany in the finals. Brockport got by Syracuse 4-0 in their opening game, but fell to Albany by the same score in their second contest.

Victories over Binghamton (12-3) and the Rogues (18-6) helped propel the Brockport Doggie's premier team into Sunday's club division championship final verse the Albany Knicks. While the Doggie's lost the hard-fought final the contest was an altogether fitting climax to a well organized and well supported event.
Doggies defeat River Rats 20-0 in opener

Billy Rimberg
StylusSports Editor

The Brockport State Rugby Club began their spring season in fine fashion this past Saturday, mauling the U. of Rochester River Rats by a score of 20—0.

Though the playing conditions were wet and slippery because of the rainy weather, nothing would stop the Brockport Doggies. The game was set at a fast pace from the onset of the Doggies, as they tried to finish off the River Rats early.

Brockport scored first on a penalty kick by Harold "Harris" Blunt, to make the score 3—0. Two minutes later, Blunt repeated his earlier feat as he shot another penalty kick through the crossbar, giving the Doggies a 6—0 lead.

The River Rats threatened several times during the first half, reaching the try line three times. However the Doggies line of defense just wouldn't break—the first half ended 6—0 with the Doggies on top.

From the opening kickoff at the second half, the Doggies dominated. Just 30 seconds into the half, Doug "Sparky" Bergen ran 30 yards for a try (worth four points), however the conversion was missed. Bergen's great run ignited the Doggies offense even more. Fullback Maurice Lyons was the next hero for Brockport as he burst through the bewildered U of Rochester defense for a 22—yard try, upping the score to 14—0. Blunt then made the conversion (worth two points) to make it 16—0.

In a flash, Ralph Vanacore, using his small, but very nimble body, outran three Rochester defenders for a 30—yard gain. Vanacore's great run set up another penalty kick for Blunt, upping the score to 19—0.

With the momentum going the Doggies way, the River Rats never got untracked as they wallowed in mud during most of the second half.

With three minutes left in the game, Joe Brewer's 40—yard run up the middle set up the Doggies final score—a Doug Bergen try to make it 22—0, which is how the game ended.

Doggies in action this past Saturday

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was held at the conclusion of the "A" game, the Doggies dominated again, as they pummeled the River Rats "B" squad 17—0. Highlights for the Doggies in the game were: John Rusto's four point try; Dave Moses' 20—yard dash for a four point try; and massive Ray Johnson's four point try, three point penalty kick and two point conversion kick.

A "C" game was supposed to have been played, but Rochester didn't have enough players to make a team, and so a scrimmage was played instead.

Not to be outdone by their male counterparts, the Women Doggies also played some rugby this past weekend, as they faced Binghamton's Women's rugby team. And lo and behold, Brockport won, this time by a score of 4—0.

Though the Doggies opened the season on an upbeat note, they'll have to be at their best in the coming weeks as they go against such teams as: Syracuse (March 26—away) and Buffalo (April 22—away). The Doggies will especially have to be at their best this coming April 9—10, when they travel down to the sunshine state and compete in the Florida Invitational Rugby Tournament.

Said Doggies President Mike Chivelly, "Our goal this year is to go undefeated and win the upstate tournament in Schenectady this coming April 23. With the potential and the ability we have, there's no doubt in my mind we'll prevail."
Doggies are stumped in Florida

by Don Jolley

The Brockport Rugby Football Club visited Florida State over Easter vacation to play various colleges and clubs in the "elegant but violent" sport of rugby.

The Doggies first did battle with the Ironhorse Rugby Club of Orlando. The Doggies gave a good fight but the Ironhorse prevailed in the second half, beating the Doggies by one penalty kick (3 points), leaving the score at 9-6.

The Doggies then played in Tampa against the University of South Florida. After roasting all day in the 80 degree Tampa sun, the Doggies were on fire. In the first half, the Doggies held a lead over USF, 6-4. In the last minutes of the game however, the Doggies lost their bite and USF won by a score of 12-9.

The Doggies were supposed to play three more games and attend the 13th Annual Gator Tournament in Gainesville, Florida, but without the SUNY Brockport Administration's financial support and recognition, these games had to be cancelled in accordance with tournament policy.

The club had to tour Florida under a different name, financing itself with club funds. According to Doggies President Mike Chivelly, the administration thought the rugby club would put the Brockport name in disrepute by vandalizing the property and premises of the host teams. In the future, the Doggies hope to receive college support.

"The Florida tour was very beneficial and a good experience for the new players," said Chivelly. "If we had the support that was needed, the club would much better and Brockport would have dominated the game," added Chivelly.

On one previous date, Syracuse University tied the Doggies three times, the Doggies won the fourth to prove their dominance. The men's "A" side had a brutal battle with SU leaving the second tie at 12-12. Brockport had two scores called back due to penalties and a seemingly biased referee.

The "B" game ended in a tie at 9 points each, with the Doggies pressuring SU in the remaining minutes for a final try.

In the final game (with a new referee), the Doggies dominated both halves and held the score at 22-6. The Doggies will play the Rochester Colonials at the St. Agnes field in Rochester, April 16, at 1 p.m.
Doggies bow to Colonials

by Don Jolley

The Brockport Doggies Rugby football club once again fell in defeat this past weekend, this time in the hands of the Rochester Colonials.

The Colonials choked the Doggies by a score of 13-4. It was 13-0 Colonials, however, until Dave “Holy” Moses saw to it that the Doggies wouldn’t get shutout, as he blew past three Colonial defenders for a try (four points) to put the Doggies on the scoreboard.

Though the “A” team didn’t fare too well, the Doggies “B” team squad found things much easier, as they dominated most of the game for an 8-4 triumph.

It was Reggie Richardson’s superb running that helped the Doggies register two try’s (eight points), that sent them to victory.

As snow started coming down, the Doggies “C” game began against a combination of the Colonials’ “A” and “B” teams. Much to the Colonals’ chagrin, the Doggies dominated the game.

An Ian “Hippy” Silber try and a conversion kick by Tim Fortell was all the Doggies needed as they went on to a 6-0 victory over the Colonials.

Though it was a successful road trip for the Doggies, winning two out of three games, they won’t rest on Saturday’s laurels. This Saturday, the Doggies will travel Schenectady to compete in the SUNY Upstate Tournament, a tourney in which they finished second out of 52 teams last year.
Doggies outdo Cornell, 15-13

by Seth M. Hoffer

On Saturday, the Brockport Rugby Football Club played a double header against Cornell University and the Dunkirk Blackhorse Club Team.

The field and weather conditions weren't a rugby player's dream. There were heavy rains and periods of sleet.

In the first game, the Doggies A team took on the Cornell A team. At half time, Cornell was ahead 9-6, but that didn't stop the Doggies. They fought back through the mud and defeated Cornell, 15-13. Scoring for the Doggies were Doug "Sparky" Virgin and rookie Reggie "Bulldog" Richardson who scored a try each. Ralph Vanacore had five points for the Doggies, with a penalty and a kick. Jim Lados, who suffered a head injury during the game, required stitches.

In the second game, the Doggie B team played the Dunkirk Blackhorses. In the first half, the Doggies took a 6-0 lead, with a try by Joe Flemming and a kick by Julius Alby. The second half was not in the Doggies' favor. Dunkirk scored 10 points and defeated the Doggies, 10-9.

The weekend before, the Doggies played in the SUNY Upstate Tournament for all of the college and club teams. This is a tournament to see which are the top rugby teams in the state. There are two divisions, College and Club. Each division has 25 teams playing.

The Doggies clinched third place for the college division. They lost the first game to Hamilton, 9-6. After that game things started to look better for the Doggies, defeating Ithaca 21-7, Binghamton 20-0 and Potsdam 16-4.

On Sunday there were heavy rains, but the Doggies took second place in the Club division. They defeated the host team Schenectady Reds 8-6 and Rochester Colonials 16-8. They also beat the Albany Knicks 16-12, for the second place finish. The Doggies were able to take place in both divisions even with injuries that took out two key players from their roster. Greg Mills, the club vice president, was out with broken ribs and Mike Sanchez suffered a head injury during a previous game.

The Doggies finished the season with an impressive 12 wins, four losses and two ties. Talking with the Doggies President Mike Chivelly, he said "although it was a very tough season the Doggies have played very well. Next year should be even better with all the new Doggies." He believes the Doggie as a whole are growing. He said the Doggies should be able to retain their title from the Upstate Tournament next year if not win the whole thing.

Chivelly is not too concerned about top scorers. He believes that rugby is not a sport where if one player excels, the team can go all the way to the championship. The Doggies have to work as a team to win, he said. Some of the top scorers for the season were: Ralph Vanacore, Dave Virgin, Dave Reed and Reggie Richardson.

Saturday at 1 p.m. on the Administration Lawn, the Doggies take on the Alumni Doggies. This is a game with the old players take on the new players. They call this the Old Farts-Young Pu game. This will be the final game of the season, so it's your last chance to see them play this year.
Squash

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In the Midtown Tennis Club in Rochester, Viator found squash pro Spike Gonzales—WYNY’s top-ranked player. Viator and Gonzales have played on three occasions with the nod going slightly to the latter.

One difficulty that Viator has had to overcome in the game in America is the official ball used in the states. Unlike the English ball (used internationally), the American ball is very hard which accounts for faster games and trickier shots. The English ball is used in the United States only during summer months when players prepare for international competition.

Viator believes that squash, like many other international games that have flourished in America, will become a popular sport in the United States.

“My ambition is to take Brockport to the finals of the NCAA tournament. We have many good players here, such as Nael Islam of Pakistan (which is the top ranked country for squash in the world) and also Khaled from Egypt. I know we could win the NCAA’s,” claims Viator.

“We would like to have a team,” Viator added, “it would be a shame not to compete.”
Women ruggers seek newcomers

The Brockport Women’s Rugby Club is looking for new club members. No experience necessary. Practice is held everyday at 4:30 on the field east of Stage. For more information call: Rita 392-8872 or Tracy 637-3744.
Doggies defend SUNY championship

by Keith Shikowitz

The Brockport Doggies rugby team defended their title while hosting the 10th annual SUNY Rugby Tournament.

Twenty-three teams entered this year, with two divisions in the men's competition and one in the women's.

Brockport's teams did well this year. The Men's 'A' division opening round finished with Buffalo State, Oswego, Cortland, and Brockport on top. Round two saw Oswego and Brockport earn the right to face each other in the finals. Meanwhile, 'B' division saw the Doggies win their preliminary round and the right to play against Cortland in the finals.

The women's division was led by Buffalo and Cornell. Although they didn't make it in the regular competition round, Brockport made it to consolation finals against Oswego.

With preliminaries completed, the two best 'B' division teams met. The Doggies had a tough game, even though they dominated throughout most of the game. The Cortland team didn't go down without a fight.

The final score was 10-0, including two four-point scores and conversions amounting to two points. Joe Fleming accounted for the two four-pointers and John Martin put the conversions over. This victory gave the 'B' team an undefeated, unscorred upon record.

The only game left was the men's 'A' finals between Brockport and Oswego. The game took place on the lighted field of Ridgewood Park. Brockport started the scoring when Kirk Maisch crossed the goal line for the first of two his two goals. A drop kick by Ralph Vanacore gave the Doggies a 6-0 lead. Things looked great until Oswego was awarded two penalties at halftime, tying the score at six.

The second half saw an entirely new Brockport team come onto the field. Spirit and fiery determination to retain their title led the Doggies to a 20-0 second half. This gave them a 26-6 victory and retention of their title.

The Doggies will be in Buffalo next week for the College Knockout Tournament. In two weeks they will be home again, playing against the Rochester Colonials.

The Doggies will enter the tournament next week with an undefeated 13-0 record.
'Doggies' express 'good will' at blood bank

by Jim Bell

Over 20 Brockport State rugby players lined up to donate blood in the Union ballroom last Tuesday afternoon in what Rugby Club President Julius Aebly called an “effort to extend the good will of our club to another organized club on campus.”

The other club Aebly referred to is the nursing club, who, together with the American Red Cross, collected blood in the Seymour Student Union Tuesday, April 3 through Thursday, April 5.

Millie Filippone, a Red Cross worker, was pleased with the rugby players’ unified effort to give blood. “Very good. The more the merrier,” she said when she learned of the club’s intention to donate blood.

According to Filippone, each donor gives one pint of blood. The drive could collect as many as 100 pints of blood per day. If each member of the club donated, the total team contribution could be as much as 40 pints.

Not all team members may have donated blood, but according to Aebly, the majority of the team did. Those who could not donate for various reasons, helped by giving food at the canteen or distributing flyers.

“We just wanted to help out, and to boost our reputation here on campus,” said Aebly. “By doing this (donating blood) people will realize that we’re not just your typical rugby club. We’re out to help other people and organizations on this campus.”

Rugby players sign up at Red Cross registration table during the blood drive at the Union ballroom last week. A majority of the “Doggies” participated by giving blood.
Rugby 'B' and 'C' squads roll in Rochester

- Colonials and Cucumber Aardvarks fall to Doggies

by Jim Ball

After returning home from the Northeastern Rugby Championship, the Brockport Doggies realize that to regain their title they will have to first regain their drive to win.

In the Northeastern championship, the Doggies 'A' squad was shutout 34-0 by Boston University. The championship was held in Cranford, N.J., which included four teams: Brockport, Boston University, Harvard and Army, who were chosen to compete from over 100 colleges with the winner continuing to the Eastern Championship.

Of the four rugby teams competing in the championship, the Doggies are the only team that is not officially part of a college's athletic program. They were invited to the tournament however, because they are recognized as one of the outstanding rugby clubs in the northeast.

In the Fall 1983 semester, Brockport won the Knockout Tournament held in Buffalo. That win, together with their previous record, prompted the Upstate Rugby Union to pick Brockport to play in the championship.

Club president and 'A' squad player Julius Abely believes that despite the lopsided score, Brockport gave it a 'good shot.' According to Abely, the Doggies played with only nine 'A' squad players. The remaining six positions were being played by 'B' squad members.

'That was a definite factor in the loss,' said Abely, 'and although they ('B' team members) are still good rugby players, they are less experienced. Some of the guys are new to the game and for some it is their first season.'

'Playing against a traditional rugby school is tough enough but going in minus some of your better players makes it a bit more difficult,' added Abely. 'Naturally playing a school like that (B.U.) they can take advantage of any weakness you have.'

One Brockport weakness that was exploited was returning kicks. The Doggies were called 'offsides' several times. (Offsides occurs when the person who kicks the ball is not the first man down field covering the ball or past the imaginary plane the ball is on.)

Brockport was forced to make numerous penalty tackles because their kicker was late in covering the ball. Under those circumstances 'you either have to take the penalty or the receiver is going to run 30-yards at a time,' said Abely.

Both Abely and club vice-president Chris Cilella feel that many of the penalties could have been avoided. 'These are the types of penalties that come with not being aware of some of the rules of the game,' said Cilella.

Cilella thinks the club has to reestablish a positive attitude toward playing and especially in making a commitment to attending practice.

Abely said he is eager to redeem the team's loss in N.J. and suggests that with a new outlook at practice, the redemption will come a little easier. 'People can't expect to learn how to play during a game. That comes in practice,' said Cilella.

While the 'A' squad rugby club was in New Jersey, the 'B' and 'C' squad players were in Rochester playing the University of Rochester River Rats. The 'B' squad defeated the U of R 'A' squad 16-0, recording their second shutout in as many games.

According to one player, the team was hungry for the River Rats after they postponed the game the first time to go to a 'dance concert instead.'

'They thought that they were going to kill us because we were the 'B' squad and offered to play some of their 'B' players. It didn't take them long to find out that we came meaning business,' said the team member.

The 'C' squad was also victorious in Rochester, beating the River Rats 'B' squad 20-14.

The Brockport Doggies 'B' and 'C' squads remain unbeaten after returning from Rochester Saturday, while the 'A' squad record fell to 1-1 as they were blanked 13-0 by the Rochester Colonials.

According to Abely, despite the loss, the 'A' squad turned in an improved performance compared to last week's loss to Boston University.

Brockport dominated the hitting and scrum downs, but were unable to convert any opportunities into points.

One four-point try by Mike Lavender was called back by the

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Rugby 'B' and 'C' squads roll

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referee, who stopped play because of a penalty against the Colonials instead of invoking the advantage rule. According to Abely, the referee should not have whistled the penalty because Brockport had the ball and was advancing up the field at the time of the infraction.

According to Abely, Brockport seemed to be wearing the Colonials down, but Rochester managed to benefit on a couple of lucky breaks.

Despite what may have been lucky breaks, the Colonials did maintain stiff defense throughout the game, preventing the Doggies from crossing the trine or converting penalty kicks.

The 'A' squad Doggies will attempt to improve their season record to 2-1 (excluding their loss in the Northeast tournament) in the Upstate Tournament this weekend. ‘We must go and redeem ourselves,’ said Abely, adding that Brockport is ranked first in the tournament.

The ‘B’ squad was again impressive on defense as they stopped Rochester 3-0. The only points of the game were scored on a penalty kick by Jim Connery.

The ‘C’ squad also boasts a 3-0 record after shutting out the Rochester “Cucumber Aardvarks” 17-0.

The Doggies scored on three four-point conversions and a penalty kick.

Overall, it was a good performance according to Abely. The team now goes into this weekend’s tournament with an optimistic outlook.
Doggies rugby lose opener to Aardvarks Club begins league play this weekend at home

by John LeSchander

The Brockport State Doggies rugby club, dropped their season-opening games Saturday to the Rochester Aardvarks at Rochester. Brockport's "A" squad lost by a score of 27-3, and the "B" team was held scoreless, losing 10-0.

The "A" squad's three points were scored by Tom Shure on a penalty kick.

The Aardvarks are a local club team, so the losses will not count in the Doggies' league record.

Despite the losses, club president Julius Abely said, "For the first game of the year, I think we had a good turnout and performance. Our rookies played well, and we had hardly any infractions."

Chris Celella, club vice-president, said, "With guys just getting back to school and everything, a lot of guys only had two days of practice. The Aardvarks beat us physically. We're going to concentrate on conditioning this week in practice."

When asked if any players were lost to injuries, Celella replied, "It was a rough game. We had a few guys with bumps and bruises, but everyone is up and walking around. A lot of minutes were taken." Celella went on to say that if a referee is notified that a player has been hurt, he will stop the game for one minute to allow that player to be cared for.

Coaching duties for the club are handled by Abely, Celella and a few other experienced players, Celella said.

The Doggies' faculty advisor is Dr. Walter Borowiec of the Political Science Department.

"We're thankful to him for helping us out," Celella said. "Without an advisor we wouldn't get a field, we wouldn't get funded and we wouldn't be recognized as a club."

For the coming week, Celella said, "We are going to try to get our basic skills together. We don't want to try anything fancy, but just get our bread and butter plays down and try to avoid penalties because penalties will really hurt you."

He went on to say, "The "B" team did well. A lot of rookies performed well. We're going to try a few position changes and think about bringing about three guys up from "B" to "A"."

Celella declined to name these players at this time.

He said, however, that good things on the rugby field were expected from Brian McCullough, an inside center, and Jim Slattery, who Celella said is "versatile and really fast. We will have him play somewhere on the wing."

Other players mentioned by Celella as being leaders on the team were Scott Griffin, Kevin Murphy and Joe Fleming.

The Doggies were given a No. 1 pre-season ranking in the Upstate N.Y. Union category of the Michelob National Rating in "Rugby" magazine.

They will play their first home game of the season this Saturday at 1 p.m. against Buffalo State on the athletic field located next to the Administration Building.

According to Abely, "New players are welcome, no experience necessary. We practice Monday through Friday at 4 p.m. on the fields west of Stage Apartments."
Doggies rugby victorious Saturday as ’84 league competition begins

by Chris Brewster

The Brockport State Doggies won their first league rugby matches of the year against visiting Buffalo State Saturday as the “A” squad won 3-0, and the “B” squad was victorious with a 10-0 decision.

Brockport’s Tom Suhr scored the “A” game’s only points on a penalty kick with about three minutes gone in the second half.

“We were on the attack inside their half of the field at least 75 percent of the game,” said club president Julius Aeby. “When we were on defense we did a good job; we held them twice within five meters of the try (goal) line, which is very difficult to do.”

In the “B” game, the Doggies scored early and were never caught. Tom Murphy scored two tries and Garvin Wyle added a two-point conversion which, combined with an aggressive and hard-hitting defense, was all the Doggies needed.

“The “B” team had a lot of new players and considering that, they played very well,” Aeby said. “They executed their plays correctly and stuck to the fundamentals of rugby, which in the end led to their win.”

According to Aeby, the keys were the same in both matches: the ability of the Doggies to control the scrum area and the lineouts, which were a weak spot in the past. “In the “A” game we took about 90 percent of our own putdowns in the scrum and stole quite a few of their’s as well. The “B” side did as well as can be expected considering their inexperience.”

The Doggies also said that the grounds crew did an excellent job in lining the field near the administration building where the home matches are held.

The Doggies will be on the road this Saturday against the University of Buffalo, another league opponent.

To determine the league standings, the teams are awarded points for each victory or tie in their five league games. The winning team collects 10 points and five points are awarded in the event of a tie. After the five games, all points are added and the leader goes to the state championships against the Eastern New York League winner.

Getting to the championships is the first goal of the Doggies this season. “Then comes all the tournaments in the spring,” said Aeby. “But winning the league is what matters right now.”

A Brockport Doggies rugby team member tries to avoid two Buffalo State players during last Saturday’s competition. The ‘A’ squad won 3-0, and the ‘B’ team won 10-0.
Doggies ‘A’ and ‘B’ lose to University of Buffalo

by John LeSchander

The Brockport Doggies rugby club was defeated by the University of Buffalo in league action last Saturday in Buffalo. The Doggies’ ‘A’ squad was beaten 32-10, and the ‘B’ squad lost by a score of 11-6.

In the ‘A’ game, UB put 22 points on the board before Brockport’s Jim Connery scored a try and made the kick for two extra points in the second half. Five minutes later, Mike Lavender added a try worth four points to finish off the Brockport scoring.

With the score 22-10, UB was able to add 10 points to give them the final margin of victory.

Club president Julius Aebly said that Buffalo “ran their wings really well. Our wing defense wasn’t doing as well as they usually do.”

In the ‘B’ squad’s defeat, Chris Celella scored a try for Brockport in the second half, with Tom Murphy kicking the extra points.

“I think our ‘B’ side played better than our ‘A’ side this week,” said Aebly.

Aebly said that the club’s morale may have been affected by Brockport’s past defeats of UB. “Last time we played them, we destroyed them,” he said. “So it led to some people taking it for granted that we were gonna win.”

“What it came down to on the field was that they wanted it more than we did.”

Aebly said that the team had a bad week at practice. “We lost because a lot of people missed practice because of personal reasons. I think after seeing what can happen, we’ll have a better turnout.”

Aebly did not think that UB was in better physical shape than Brockport, but added, “You gotta have everybody from a lot of different positions show up or you can’t have an effective practice.”

The current practice situation is dictating a change in procedure for the Doggies. “Practice is going to be more structured,” said Aebly. “If players are missing practice, they won’t be specifically disciplined, but they won’t be selected to play at their usual position.”

Each week, the team selects which players will make up the ‘A’ and ‘B’ teams for the upcoming match.

Both squads have compiled identical records of 1-1 in league play, and 1-2 overall.

“We want to redeem ourselves this Saturday,” said Aebly. The Doggies will get their chance when they face the University of Rochester at home this Saturday.
Doggies rugby ‘A’ squad win against UR 33-3 last week

by John LeSchander

The Brockport State Doggies rugby club “A” squad defeated the University of Rochester 33-3 last Saturday at Brockport. The “B” squad lost 10-7 to UR’s “B” club.

“We had a lot of changes in the lineup (due to missing players over vacation),” said club vice-president Chris Celella. “The whole team worked together. The wing and the rest of the team worked well together.

“Last week we were down 36 points in the league standings, so we wanted to win 40-0 this week.”

The “A” squad’s rout began when Mike Lavner scored a try off of a 40-meter run early in the game. Club president Julius Aebly made the kick for two extra points and the Doggies led 6-0.

Cary McKeown was the next Doggie to score when he made a 30m drop-kick for three points after a UR penalty.

Next, Aebly scored a try, followed by scores by Eric Gadski, Cary McKeown and Bill Bellows. Aebly successfully converted all of the extra-point kicks until missing after Gadski’s second try, which was the Doggies’ final score.

UR scored their only points on a kick after a Brockport penalty in the first half, but the Doggies’ lead was never threatened.

Tom Burns, playing in his first-ever “A” squad game for Brockport, provided a spark for the Doggies. “He was the motivating factor for the wing,” Celella said. “He was hitting hard, playing aggressively on both offense and defense.”

In the “B” game, Brockport took a 7-4 lead in the closing minutes after Jim Connery ran 30m for a score. However, with less than three minutes remaining, UR was able to storm down the field to score a try and win the game, 10-7.

“We were thinking ‘this is a good game’ (after Connery’s score),” Celella said. “Then we heard the crowd roar (over UR’s score), that’s how fast it happened.”

Brockport’s “B” squad scored their first three points on a penalty kick by Tom Suhr.

The victory raised the “A” squad’s record to 2-2. The “B” team’s record dropped to 1-3. The Doggies travel to Geneseo for their next game this Saturday.
Ladies rugby victorious over Geneseo State

The Brockport State Women’s Rugby Club was victorious last Saturday at Geneseo by a score of 18-0. The win raises Brockport’s record to 1-2, after losses to the Buffalo Elite club and Geneseo earlier in the season.

Of the win at Geneseo, field captain Paula DiStefano said, “Most of the girls last week were home for the holidays (during the loss to Buffalo). Everybody was here this week and we had a much stronger team. Everyone could play at their normal positions.”

Maria Porter opened Brockport’s scoring with a try. Karen Carter and Cindy Fein combined on the next try for Brockport, with Boo Rosser kicking the extra points. Janet Phoenix also scored a try.

Brockport’s Michelle Van Nostrand suffered a wrist injury during the second half. “She ran up and down the field,” said DiStefano, “gaining about 80 yards for us in about two minutes. Then she got hit and resisted the tackle because she wanted to score so bad, and suffered a sprained wrist.

“But, I think she can play next weekend if she tapes her wrist up.”

DiStefano had praise for two other Brockport players, Mary Jo McCready and Doreen Bell.

“McCready gained a lot of yards for us with the ball,” she said, “and is a good tackler, too. Bell is another player who gets the ball and goes for it.

“They’re both new players, and they hustle all of the time.”

This game marked the first scoring by Brockport, as they were shut out in both of their defeats.

The club will play two games at home this Saturday, facing Cortland and the Buffalo Elite.

The club held elections for team captains last week. Paula DiStefano was elected field captain. Regina Sinta was elected scrum captain and the new wing captain is Debbie Islis.

DiStefano is president of the club. Kathy Hammon serves as vice-president. Students interested in playing rugby for Brockport may speak to DiStefano.
Doggies ‘A’ and ‘B’ teams defeat Geneseo State, away

by John LeSchander

It was victory for the Brockport Doggies Rugby Club at Geneseo last Saturday, as both the “A” and “B” teams shut out Geneseo’s two squads, 23-0 and 21-0, respectively.

According to Doggies’ President Julius Aebly, Brockport’s “A” team was “dominating Geneseo physically in the scrums. We pushed them back a lot and I don’t recall them pushing us back at all.”

Brockport’s first score was a try by Eric Gadski off of a penalty play from one yard out. Later in the first half, Aebly scored a penalty kick from 20 yards out. That score closed the first-half scoring with Brockport leading 7-0.

Kerry McKeown opened Brockport’s second-half scoring with a 25-yard drop kick, worth three points. Next, Aebly connected for his second penalty kick, this one from 25 yards out.

Chris Claps next scored a try for the Doggies. After Aebly had kicked the ball from 10 yards out into the end zone, Brockport’s Eddie Chazan hit the Geneseo player who caught the kick and knocked the ball loose. Claps recovered the ball to score the try.

After this score, Aebly converted the extra-points kick for two points.

Mike Lavner scored a try for Brockport’s last points on a run around the left side. “He muscled his way past four defenders and put it down,” said Aebly.

Aebly was proud of the way the Doggies dominated in the rucks and mauls, which are methods of putting the ball back in play after it has been blown dead by the referee.

“Usually, rucks and mauls can be very messy, but we were setting them down and controlling them,” Aebly said.

He added, “Our wing played well again this week, they were equally good on offense and defense. Geneseo’s wing rarely ran for more than 10 yards at a pop without a stoppage of play occurring.”

The Doggies’ “B” team was also successful, defeating Geneseo’s second squad, 21-0.

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JIM CONNERY, who played on Brockport's "B" team this week, said, "The past two weeks we lost a couple heartbreakers. This week we were ready." Connery scored 13 points in the Doggies' victory.

The first Doggie score was a try by Andy Padro. Connery then converted the kick for two extra points.

Connery followed that with a three-point penalty kick from 20 yards out, and closed the first-half's scoring with a try and extra-points kick. The Doggies led 15-0 at halftime.

The Doggies' only scoring in the second half came on a try by Kurt Dano, with Connery kicking for two extra points.

Aebly was pleased with the "B" team's performance. "The "B" team was pumped up," he said. "Their rucking and mauling was done pretty effectively, and a couple new players played very well.

"For the second half, the "B" team came out as pumped up as the first half, and knocked a (Geneseo) guy out of the game in about five minutes. That took down the morale of Geneseo and Brockport just kicked them around for the rest of the game."

The Doggies' "A" team's league record stands at 3-1. They are currently in second place in the (Div. I) Western Division of New York. Their overall record is 3-2.

The "B" squad's record is 2-2 in league play, and 2-3 overall.

For Homecoming weekend, the Doggies will take on powerful Bucknell University on Saturday at home.
Both clubs may have control of their own funds

Board splits the men's and women's rugby club

by Michael Whyland

The women's rugby club will become a separate club from the men's and women's rugby club after the BSG Board of Directors voted, Monday, to separate the two in order to let the women's section take complete control of their funds.

The men's and women's rugby clubs are currently placed under one charter as a club, according to the Board. They are under the same constitution. For budgetary purposes, according to BSG President Larry Slade, they are under the same account.

A proposal brought to the board to separate the two clubs was the topic of conversation throughout the meeting. Citing that the rugby club's budget is currently frozen because of a formality involving the men's team, Slade urged that the Board take immediate action in separating the two teams.

"We have a women's rugby club with no access to their funds," he said. He went on to say that the women are being penalized because of the men.

"The women, to a certain extent, will be held accountable," he said, "for the action or inaction of the men."

The proposal to make the women's club a separate entity was under scrutiny by several board members. Media Board Representative Greg Duva suggested an alternative to the separation in the way of establishing a separate account for the women.

It was brought to the attention of the Board, by several members, that there would be no need to go through conventional proceedings to gain club status since the club has had dual status now for the past six years.

On-campus representative Keith Bishop confirmed the status of the club as being chartered, and proposed a friendly amendment to separate the men and women members into two clubs.

BSG Board members contemplate Board business in Morgan Hall lounge.

The proposal passed by a 7-0-3 vote to make the women's rugby club a separate organization.

In other business, the Student Court was once again the subject of discussion among the Legislative Committee this week because of two proposals concerning expansion and the possible changing of the name.

The proposal brought before the board concerning expansion suggested an increase in the number of members from five to seven.

Duva stated, "There has been a problem within the past few years with just getting five members and that such a move may 'backfire' when the court was just getting started again."

That proposal was tabled indefinitely, as was a proposal to change the name of the court to the Brockport Student Supreme Court.

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As it turned out, Slade's veto was overturned by a 6-1-3 vote (one emphatic abstention which is not included in the total).

In other business, the Board voted to approve three new members for Student Court. They are: Don Mathieson, Christopher Regan and Glenn Terry.

One Student Court candidate was not, however, accepted by the Board.

Slade informed the Board that he is going to re-submit Seth Hoffer's name to the review committee. Hoffer had been previously questioned by the committee but was not approved because they felt he was not sufficiently versed in the BSG constitution.

The Board also voted down a proposal to transfer $767.90 from the Equipment Amortization Account to the Administration Account.

The purpose of this transfer, according to the minutes of the meeting, is to reimburse the Administration Account for money "advanced to The Stylus to repair machine(s) and to appropriate money for a service contract for machines in The Stylus office."

Board member Larry Flood led the opposition to the proposal, saying that the budget for the Administration Account is "an extremely large budget to allow for flexibility."

While Slade agreed that the account has some flexibility, it still should not come out of that account. "We were doing a favor for The Stylus," he said.

The matter was referred to the Appropriations Committee.
Women's rugby club loses two; record now at 1-4

by John LeSchander

Brockport State's women's rugby club dropped two games Saturday, losing to Cortland State and the Buffalo Elite at Brockport to lower their season record to 1-4.

Brockport played Cortland first, losing 16-3. Brockport's only points were scored by Daphne Washburn, who converted a 25-yard penalty kick after an offsides against Cortland. All of the scoring occurred in the first half.

Club president Paula DiStefano said that she was dissatisfied with the team's play during the game. "We just couldn't hold our scrum together or anything," she said.

"We played hard, but we lacked intensity," she said. "We held them scoreless in the second half. We had good defense; good tackling and everything. We held them in their half of the field. They didn't get near the try zone at all."

DiStefano said the difference in scrum execution played an important part in the game's outcome. "Basically it was a lot of scrum strength on their side," she said. "They held it strong and tight.

"Our scrum kept falling apart. Our second row (of players) was weak. They weren't on time together. They were collapsing a lot, and that was making the whole scrum collapse."

DiStefano said that Debbie Isis, Brockport's wing captain, only played half of the game because her legs were injured a couple of weeks ago and she is still having problems with them.

"The front row was strong and the wing ran well," DiStefano said, "but without Debbie in there they couldn't get up the field."

"Basically, the first game was a mess. We wish we did better, but they were tough."

Though Brockport was shut out, 8-0, in the second game by the Buffalo Elite, DiStefano sounded more pleased with her team's performance.

"That was a good game," she said. "We held the score down. We held them great. Everyone was more aggressive with their tackling. The wing ran better. Debbie (Isis) played the entire game."

Buffalo scored one try in each half. The Elite are a club of women that are "older than us (Brockport)," said DiStefano.

"Some of them may be 25 or 27. They've got good speed on them, they're quicker than most teams."

Club vice-president Kathy Hannon said the first game wore Brockport down. "We were tired for the second game," she said. "We only had 20 minutes between games."

"Most of our players are new," she added. "There's only about six veterans on the team. There's been great improvement since our first game."

DiStefano said, "I'm sure they were tired, but everyone was more aggressive (in the second game)."

"Cortland was really strong," she said. "We never played a team that tough. Everyone must have been in a huff (after that game), because they played more aggressively against Buffalo."

The women's rugby club will play against Ohare Saturday at Syracuse.
Doggies lose to Harlequins

by John LeSchander

Both the "A" and "B" rugby teams were shut out Saturday, as the Doggies from Brockport traveled to Syracuse to face the Syracuse Harlequins.

The Harlequins defeated the "A" team 38-0. Brockport's "B" team fell, 20-0.

Despite the lopsided scores, Doggies' President Julius Aebly was not displeased. "Even though we lost, (those scores) are really good," he said. "We try to play tougher teams after our league season is over."

According to Doggies' player Chris Claps, the Harlequins are a good club team that won their division this year. The Harlequins defeated Cornell 62-0, and the University of Buffalo 58-0 earlier this season.

"We came close to scoring," Claps said of the "A" game. "We got it down there and we just lost the ball and kicked it out.

"Our forwards were tough, but their wing was more experienced. They had set plays. They ran the weak side a lot.

"It's not like anyone on our wing played bad. They were outclassed, that's all."

Claps also said, "We weren't prepared too well. Things just weren't put together. When things are running smoothly, you'll have standout performances (on the team). We didn't have anything going."

Aebly, Chris Celella and Chris Rich were absent from the game. They were in Buffalo trying out for the Western New York Select Side, which is a rugby all-star team.

"The "B" game was a better game," Claps said. "They weren't dominated at all. They were always in the game.

"Pat Clancy (a prop forward) played a good game. Carl Kriger (a wing forward) was really aggressive. He made a lot of tackles.

"Jim Slattery played well on the wing."

The Doggies have two games remaining this year. They travel to Buffalo this Saturday to face the Buffalo Old Boys, and will be at Cornell University the following weekend.

Their league season is over, and their loss to UB this season kept them from reaching the playoffs.

The "A" team's record is 3-3. The "B" team's is 2-4.

Brockport Doggies chasing down the opposition earlier this season.
Women’s rugby wins; defeats Syracuse 12-8

by John LeSchander

A short-handed Brockport State women’s rugby club overcame that handicap to emerge victorious at Syracuse University last Saturday, 12-8.

“We were missing players, so we had people playing positions they had never played before,” said club president Paula DeStefano. “We played short our two wing forwards,” she added. “We just left the wing players out of the scrum, but we played well without them.”

Debbie Islis of Brockport opened the game’s scoring with a try about 10 minutes into the first half.

Within three minutes, Syracuse scored a try to tie the score, 4-4.

With five minutes remaining in the first half, Mary Jo McCready scored a try for Brockport to give them an 8-4 lead which lasted out the half.

Early in the second half, Syracuse advanced the ball down field and scored a try to pull even with Brockport.

Midway through the half, Debbie Islis scored the game-winner with her second try of the game.

“We did a lot of good running. Debbie (Islis) ran a lot with the ball,” DeStefano said. She added that Islis has recovered from a leg injury suffered three weeks ago.

“We won half the scrums,” DeStefano said. “We did well in that area. Our tackling was good. They had some really big girls.”

The women’s rugby club raised their record to 2-4 with the win. They will travel to Niagara University on Saturday for their next game.
Doggies lose at Buffalo

by John LeSchander

The Doggies rugby club dropped a 27-7 decision Saturday in Buffalo against the Buffalo Old Boys. The Old Boys are a club team whose only loss this season came against the Syracuse Harlequins, who defeated the Doggies the previous weekend, 38-0. The Doggies’ record is now 3-4.

The Old Boys jumped out to a 6-0 lead with a try and extra points kick early in the first half. Doggies’ President Julius Aebly scored a try soon after that to reduce Buffalo’s lead to 6-4.

The Old Boys were able to put 13 more points on the scoreboard in the half. Thanks to a penalty kick by the Doggies’ Tom Suhr, the score at halftime was 19-7.

Doggies’ Vice President Chris Celella said, “We had contained the ball in their zone the whole first half, so it looked like a closer game than the score indicated.”

The Doggies were able to keep the Old Boys from scoring again until the final five minutes of the game. Then Buffalo struck, scoring two quick trys. The Doggies did not score in the second half.

“We were in their zone all day,” Celella said. “When they scored, they scored on long runs. They’d pick up a loose ball and run 80 yards with it.

“They had a good wing. They overloaded (put additional players on the wing) on us a lot.”

The Doggies had two trys called back in the second half because the players who crossed the try line failed to put the ball down properly. Eric Gadskie and Kevin Murphy had their scores nullified because of this.

“We were playing good rugby in the first half,” Celella said. “Late in the game our energy lacked and they just kept punishing us and punishing us.

Celella added that the Doggies must get a good week of practice in this week in preparation for their game this Saturday at Cornell University.
Doggies split two games at Cornell; Satkiewcz scores four trys in victory

by John LeSchander

The Doggies rugby club of Brockport State traveled to Cornell University last Saturday to play two games. The Doggies won the first, against Cornell's intercollegiate team, 38-0. In the second game, against a Cornell club team that included several Cornell alumni, the Doggies were defeated 13-0.

When asked about the difference between the two teams the Doggies faced, Doggie team member Tom Patterson said, "I wouldn't say that (the Cornell club team) were much better than the first Cornell team we played. The club team had some players that were more experienced. Nine of our guys played in both games and we were probably a little tired."

In their victorious first game, the Doggies were led by Jerry Satkiewcz who scored four trys. Satkiewcz scored the first try of the game, and the Doggies never looked back. Tom Murphy, Aaron Pryor, Chris Claps and Mike Lavner added trys for the Doggies, with Murphy, Claps and Lavner adding successful extra-points kicks after three of the trys.

"The wing was incredible," said club vice-president Chris Celella. "Considering we played with a bunch of players who had been on the "B" team all year, we did fantastic. Everybody was helping each other out and supporting each other.

"We were glad to end on an up note this fall," Celella said. "Walter Borowiec (the rugby club's advisor) helped us a lot this year."

According to Celella, he and fellow Doggies Julius Aebly and Eric Gadski have been selected as members on a "23 and under" Western New York Select Side, which is an all-star team that will travel to games in the near future.

In the second game Saturday, the Doggies fell behind in the first half when the Cornell club team scored their first try off of a Brockport line-out. A line-out is a method for putting the ball back in play after it has been knocked out of bounds.

The Doggies were throwing the ball back in play from five meters in front of their try line. "Somehow we mishandled the ball and one of their guys picked up the ball and ran for the try," Patterson said.

The split at Cornell leaves the Doggies with a 4-5 record. This Saturday at 2 p.m. they will play against a Brockport State alumni team next to the Administration Building on campus.
Doggies defeat UR for first win

by John LeSchander

SUNY Brockport’s rugby club, the Doggies, evened their record at 1-1 with a come-from-behind 7-4 victory in a close game with the University of Rochester on Saturday.

The game was played in Rochester at the home field of local rugby club the Rochester Aardvarks. The Aardvarks invited Brockport and U.R. for a round-robin tournament Saturday but the game with U.R. was the only official game the Doggies played. The Aardvarks dictated that the game be played in 20-minute halves as opposed to the regulation 40 minutes.

Kevin Murphy, a senior on the Doggies, said that the shortened halves affected the final score. “We thought we could run up the score more if we had more time,” he said. “We’re usually a second half team.”

In severe winds Saturday, U.R. fought to a 4-0 halftime lead. With under a minute remaining in the first half, a player from U.R. intercepted a lateral from Brockport’s Harold Blunt at about midfield and ran it 50 yards for a try. Blunt’s lateral was intended for Reggie Richardson but was tipped off the hand of Brockport’s Tom Burns into the hands of the opponent.

“He burst right through everyone after intercepting the lateral,” Murphy said. “There was no catching him.”

The Doggies came out in the second half handling the ball well. “We were controlling the ball most of the game,” Murphy said. “We just couldn’t move it down the field.”

About midway through the second half, Harold Blunt kicked the ball toward the wing from 20-yards out. The ball bounced...
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ed into a mud puddle in the goal area and Burns jumped on it for a try for the Doggies. Blunt missed the extra-points kick, leaving the score knotted at four apiece.

Blunt made up for his miss three minutes later when he connected on a 25-yard penalty kick following an offsides call against U.R. This left Brockport ahead, 7-4.

“In the first half we were against the wind,” Murphy said. “In the second half we had the wind at our backs and we scored seven points.”

Murphy said that Chris Claps, Brockport’s new “hooker” in the scrums, “did a real good job winning our hooks and stealing theirs.”

On Saturday, March 30, the Doggies’ B team started their season with a 16-6 victory over the Finger Lake Vikings’ B team.

The Doggies next game will be Saturday at 1 p.m. against the Rochester Colonials at Brockport on the field to the west of the Administration Building.
Doggies lose to Rochester Colonials, 14-12

John LeSchander
SUNY Brockport's men's rugby club, the Doggies, lost a close 14-12 decision Saturday against the Rochester Colonials.

The Doggies went ahead midway through the first half when Eric Gadski scored a try. Having possession at midfield, the Doggies worked the ball to the wing and moved the ball downfield before getting it to Gadski.

"We had real good technique. That was one of our best plays of the game," said Harold Blunt, the Doggies' captain.

Following the try, Blunt converted the extra-points kick to give Brockport a 6-0 lead.

The Colonials caught up by the end of the half, however, with two successful penalty kicks leaving a halftime 6-6 score.

"We controlled the ball in their end zone for the whole first half," Blunt said. "We had many opportunities, but we couldn't put it in the back"

The Doggies came out for the second half and "took control of the ball," according to Blunt. Early in the half, Blunt broke through the Colonials' line with the ball. The Doggies then moved the ball all up the field as a team and on Burns scored a try off a pass from Tom Mitchell.

"After I broke through the line," Blunt said, "the forwards looped behind in good support position. We all worked together very well on that score."

Again Blunt converted the extra-points kick, and the Doggies led 12-6.

Midway through the second half, the Colonials managed to run by Brockport's wing to score a try. A missed kick left Brockport ahead, 12-10.

With 10 minutes remaining, the Colonials "took a line out, put the ball to the wing and ran it to a yard out. Then their forwards came over and pushed it over (for a try)," Blunt said.

With that score, the Colonials took a 14-12 lead that lasted the rest of the game.

"Overall, as a team, every week we're improving our play," said Blunt. "We were just getting our momentum back for another score but time ran out.

"Our link between the forwards and the back is improving. We're handling the ball well, he added."

Blunt said the Doggies received good performances from the inside center Tom Burns, the scrum half Eric Gadski, the wing Bill Bellows, the prop Chris Celella, the hooker Bob Palmer, the wing forward Ed Chazen and the second row man Tom Mitchell.

"The forwards looked good," Blunt said. "They played tighter and controlled the ball much better than last week (a 7-4 win over the University of Rochester)."

"Every one is starting to get their positions down and sharpening their game," Blunt said.

The Doggies' B and C teams each played a game against a Colonial squad. While both teams were defeated, Blunt said that the inside center Mike Sanchez, the outside center Carl "Blitz" Krieger, the wing forward Chris Reich, the prop Steve Ciana and the second row man Paul "Mad Dog" Myldenbiger all performed well for the B team and scrum half Jon Bjarnar and hooker Ed Burns stood out on the C team.

"The whole club, from A to C, is showing improvement," Blunt said.

Saturday, the Doggies take on the University of Buffalo in what team members have called the "big game" of the spring. Brockport's only league loss of the fall came against UB. Currently, UB is ranked number one in the Upstate Rugby Union, while the Doggies are ranked number three. "We'll be looking to redeem ourselves after last fall's loss," Blunt said.

The game is at 1 p.m. Saturday on the field to the west of Stage XVI apartments.
Women’s rugby club win two to open season

by John LeSchander

After three weeks of having the opposing teams cancel scheduled games, SUNY Brockport’s women’s rugby club finally started its spring season Saturday with two victories.

Brockport began the afternoon with a win over Syracuse University, 8-4. “Our wing was very strong,” said Club President Paula DeStefano. “We did a lot of running. Everyone played well all day.

We kept the ball near our goal, on our side.”

Brockport went ahead with about five minutes gone in the first half when Debbie Islis ran with the ball about 20 yards for a try. Daphne Washburn missed the extra-points kick, leaving Brockport ahead 4-0. That was the only score in the first half.

Syracuse scored a try early in the second half to even the score. But with about eight minutes left, Karen Carter ran in from five yards out to score the game-winner for Brockport.

After an hour’s rest, Brockport faced St. Bonaventure for their final game of the day, a 22-0 victory.

Daphne Washburn started the scoring for Brockport in the first half with a try and extra-points kick to put Brockport ahead 6-0. DeStefano ran for another try to give Brockport a 10-0 lead at halftime.

In the second half, tryys by Tina Reader, DeStefano and Michelle Van Nostrand pushed the final score to 22-0.

“They (St. Bonaventure) were pretty disorganized,” DeStefano said. “They had a strong scrum but their wing wasn’t organized. We were winning most of the scrum downs.”

DeStefano said that playing two games back-to-back took its toll on the Brockport club.
Doggies defeat top ranked UB; 27-13

Brockport wins big game; tourney next

by John LeSchander

In what some members of the SUNY Brockport Rugby Club had termed the "big game" of the season, the Doggies rolled over rival University of Buffalo Saturday by a score of 27-13.

UB, ranked number one in the Upstate Rugby Union, fell behind five minutes into the game when Brockport's Bill Bellows dove over the line for a try off of a pass from Tom Burns. Harold Blunt converted the extra-points kick to give Brockport a 6-0 lead. UB never led in the game.

Five minutes later Mike Sanchez recovered a loose ball in the try zone. Blunt made the kick and Brockport led 12-0. The Doggies ended their first half scoring when Blunt connected on a 25-meter penalty kick to put the Doggies ahead by 15.

UB came fighting back with a try, a try and conversion, and a penalty kick to pull within two. The half ended with the score 15-13.

"We got a little over anxious (after building the big lead)," said Blunt. "Everyone was real fired up. We were playing too loosely. We had a talk at halftime and regained our composure and we shut them out in the second half."

Brockport widened its margin of victory in the second half with two tries by scrum half Eric Gadski. With five minutes gone in the half, Gadski took possession of the ball after a scrum down at the one-meter line and plowed over the line for a try.

Ten minutes later, after a scrumdown at midfield, Gadski again took the ball. He sprinted down the sideline, outran UB's defenders for 50 meters, and put it down for Brockport's last try.

Blunt converted the extra-points kicks after both of these tries to give Brockport their 27-13 final score.

Blunt said that, "The whole team played well. Everyone trained super-hard for this game. We made some adjustments in our forwards, and our set plays are working really well."

"We tried to overload on our wing to confuse their defense," said link forward Ed Chazen.

Brockport received outstanding performances up front from prop Chris Cellica, hooker Bob Palmer, prop Bart "Mr. Consistent" Parschi, second row Tom Mitchell and Kevin Murphy, and link forward Ed Chazen.

Gadski, Blunt, inside center Tom Burns, outside center Mike Sanchez, and wing Bill Bellows also gave key performances toward Brockport's victory.

Saturday morning, the Doggies will begin competing in the Upstate Tournament at Albany. The two-day tournament will determine the Doggies' final ranking in the Upstate Rugby Union.
Men's Rugby

The Doggies, the men's rugby club, finished the fall season ranked number three in the Upstate Rugby Union.

Club president Chris Celella was impressed with the talent that came out for the squad. That talent was enough to score a 7-4 win over the University of Rochester and a 38-0 decision over Cornell.

Also, The Doggies upended the University of Buffalo, 27-13. UB had been ranked number one in the Upstate Rugby Union prior to that game.

The Doggies were led this year with strong performances from Eric Satkiewicz, Chris Claps, Harold Blunt, Tom Burns, Bill Bellows, Jim Connery, Eric Godski and former club president Julius Aebyly.
Women’s Rugby

The women’s rugby club faces their final opponent of the year Saturday. After a 3-3 start in the fall season, the women returned and posted a 3-2 record this spring.

Under club president Paula DeStefano and vice-president Kathy Hannan, the club received outstanding seasons from Van Nostrand, Debbie Islis, Maria Porter, Doreen Bell and Daphne Washburn, but DeStefano often credited the entire team with playing well.

Although the club failed to place in the Upstate Rugby Tournament, highlights of the game included a hard-fought 4-0 win over SUNY Geneseo and a 12-8 decision over Syracuse University.

In the words of their president, the club’s goals are “to win and have fun winning.”
Doggies drop two

by Kathleen Hannan

The SUNY Brockport Doggos rugby team lost a close game Saturday to long-time rival, University of Buffalo, by a score of 8-0.

The first try was scored late in the first half when a UB player picked off the ball on the Doggos' 30-yard line. In second-half action, the Doggos dominated the field with most of the action in UB's end, but couldn't keep a grip on the ball and UB scored again.

"(The) Doggies played like we should have won," said Mike Sanchez, team president, "but there were just a lot of unlucky breaks."

In the B game, the Doggos played a quick and aggressive game, defeating UB by a score of 10-0. The Doggos' first try was scored by rookie John Hucke in the opening minutes of the game, giving Brockport a 4-0 lead. The Doggos continued to dominate throughout the game, picking up six more points from penalty kicks made by Jim O'Connor.

Saturday, Sept. 7, the Doggos lost a 13-0 game to the Rochester Aardvarks, a club team, while the B side tied the Aardvarks, 4-4.

The Golden Eagles next travel to play Niagara University Saturday. If interested in joining the team, practices are held Monday through Friday, 4-6 p.m., on the west side of Stage XVI.
Doggies trounce Niagara, 22-6

by Kathleen Hannan
writer

The Brockport Doggies Rugby team trounced Niagara University 22-6 at Niagara on Saturday.

The Doggies dominated throughout the game, keeping Niagara away from the end zone with strong, defensive playing in the scrums, rucks, and mauls. Brockport dominated Niagara in the scrums, consistently getting the ball out to the wing.

Chris Claps, Jim O’Connor, and Bill Friar each ran in a try for the Doggies and Tom Suhr contributed to the scoring by making three out of four conversion kicks. Jim Schwaap played a strong game for the Doggies, but had to be taken out when he dislocated his knee while attempting to score a try.

The only scoring done by Niagara was in the last 10 seconds of the game, when a Niagara player picked off a bad pass from the Doggies and ran in for a try, ruining Brockport shut-out.

In the B game, the Doggies continued to dominate Niagara, beating them by a score of 30-6. Chris Reich, playing his first game as scrum-half, scored three tries for the Doggies. Also contributing to the Doggies shut-out were “Bob” Riley, John Hucke, and Curt Teller. Marco Mendoza made conversion kicks for the Doggies.

Bart Parashi, Steve Cianci and John Schwartz each played a strong defensive game, helping the Doggies win most of their rucks and mauls.

“We looked like a winning team. Everyone played to their full potential,” team president Mike Sanchez commented after the A game. “I was very pleased with the team’s performance.”

The win was the first of the year for the A team and improved the record to 1-1. The B team jumped to 2-0 with the victory.
Men's rugby defeats Geneseo, but...

by Kathleen Hannan

The Brockport Doggies rugby team shut out Geneseo State 35-0 last Saturday at Geneseo. The B side continued the winning streak by beating Geneseo's B, 12-0.

The Doggies scoring was led off by a penalty kick from Tom Suhr and continued with a try by Bill Friar. Kurt Dano scored a try for the Doggies after retrieving a pop kick over the Geneseo wing.

Jim O'Connor and Paul “Mad Dog” Mildenberg each added a try for the Doggies. Scrum-half Eric Gadski, burst through the Geneseo wing for another Brockport try, followed by Tom Suhr with one more. Tom Suhr went 4 for 6 on the conversion kicks.

“We finally executed our wing, which alleviated some of the pressure on our forwards,” said team president Michael Sanchez. “Our conditioning was also a determining factor in the shut-out. Our game has been improving at every stage.”

In the B game, the Doggies continued to dominate, shutting out Geneseo with a 12-0 victory. Rookie John Hucke continued his scoring streak with two tries’ for the Doggies. Chris Reich, playing his second game as scrum-half, also scored a try.

“Chris is an A-caliber player who is only playing B’s to improve his skills at scrum-half, a tough and important position,” said Sanchez. “Our B-side contains a lot of players with A-side capabilities.”

Also contributing to the Doggies strong playing were Steve Cianci, Carl “Blitz” Kreiger, Jay Clark and Greg Teller. Tom Murphy, who also played a tough game, had to be taken out after injuries.

...women drop opener

by Kathleen Hannan

The Brockport women's rugby team opened its season with a 10-4 loss to Niagara University last Saturday.

Brockport started the scoring in the first half with a try from Karen Carter. Daphne Washburn missed the conversion kick.

Brockport ruggers kept Niagara away from the end zone until the last minutes of the first half, when a Niagara player picked off the ball from Brockport’s wing and ran in for a try, tying the score at four.

Brockport’s scrum dominated throughout the game, winning all the scrums and most of the rucks and mauls. Rookies Leslie Greenberg, scrum-half, and Linda Gordon, weak wing, both turned in fine performances for their first game. “Overall I was pleased with all the new players performance,” said team captain Paula DeStefano. “We lost the game on penalties, they really hurt us, but as we gain experience it will all come together.”

In the second half, Brockport continued to dominate the game, but slowed down in the last ten minutes of the game, allowing Niagara another try.
Doggies beaten by Buffalo; ‘B’ still undefeated at 4-0

by Kathy Hannan
staff writer

The SUNY Brockport men’s rugby club lost to Buffalo State, 6-0, Saturday, to drop their overall record to 2-2. In the B game, the Doggies continued their winning streak of 4-0, with a 16-0 win over the Bengals.

In the A game, the Doggies kept Buffalo from scoring in the first half, but early in the second half the Bengals scored a try and made the conversion kick to win the game.

“The main problem was that the Buffalo State forwards outplayed our forwards in the scrimmages, rucks and mauls,” said Michael Sanchez, Brockport’s team president.

The B side started the scoring off with a try from wing forward Jay Clark. Greg Teller and Carl “Blitz” Krieger each scored for the Doggies, with Ken “Band-Aid” Murphy scoring the final try to put the game out of the Bengals’ reach.

The Doggies face the University of Rochester at home Saturday in the final game before playoffs.
BSG Board unfreezes $200 of Rugby money
by Philip Rose
Editor in Chief

After moving into committee as a whole, the BSG Board of Directors agreed to unfreeze $200 of the Rugby Club's budget in its Monday night meeting.

The Rugby club, whose accounts were frozen by last year's board due to the failure to turn in a budget in time, had asked to have its entire budget account of $839.00 unfrozen.

Acting on advice from BSG Vice President John Kallasy, the board reduced the amount to $200. The vote was 12-0-1.

In other action, the board voted 12-0-1 to pass the Balanced Budget Amendment, as written by Mr. Kelblick, BSG Treasurer.

"Without a balanced budget there will be no BSG," said Kelblick when presenting the Amendment.

Kallasy announced that an Ad Hoc Committee had been set up to investigate the need to raise the mandatory fee.

Kallasy also announced that John Cafferty and the Ben Brown Band turned down BSG offer and the $12,000 allocated by the event will return to the unallocated account.

Four people were appointed to their Executive Branch positions: Dean Rowson as Director of Student Services; Manju Gunaratnam as Director of Cultural Affairs and Matt Kelblick as BSG Treasurer.

In the final piece of legislation of the evening, the constitution for the Lacrosse Club and Brockport Adult Student Organization was approved 12-0-1.
Doggies beat up on Rochester, 37-0

by Kathy Hannan

The Brockport Rugby team defeated the University of Rochester 37-0 Saturday. In the ‘B’ game, the Doggies suffered their first loss, falling to the Rochester Colonials by a score of 12-3.

In the ‘A’ game, the Doggies started the scoring off with a try by Chris Reich, followed by Tom Suhr’s conversion kick. Reich and Suhr did a repeat performance a few minutes later, scoring for the Doggies again.

The Doggies continued the scoring with a try by Mr. Jimmy with Suhr making the conversion. Suhr also made the penalty kick.

In the second half, Julius Aberly scored two consecutive tries with Mr. Jimmy making the conversion. “We played a very physical game,” said team President Mike Sanchez. “I was pleased with everyone’s performance. The wing played a good game.”

Late in the second half, Sanchez scored the final try of the game for the Doggies. The win raises the Doggies record to 3-2 in league play.

“Steve Cianci, Bart Pareshi and Chris Claps (each) played an aggressive game,” said Sanchez. “They made a lot of good clean tackles and played well defensively.”

In the ‘B’ game, the Rochester Colonials, a club team, broke the Doggies winning streak. The only scoring for the Doggies was a penalty kick by Jim Salinger.

In the women’s game, Geneseo State defeated Brockport by a score of 8-0. “Karen Carter, Paula Marx, Kathy Hannan and Judy Lindauer all played a strong defensive game for us but Geneseo out played us,” said Tina Reader, team spokeswoman.

Next weekend, the women ruggers will be playing at home.
Doggies devour Wart-Hogs, 43-0

by Kathleen Hannan

staff writer

The Brockport men’s rugby club defeated the Geneseo State Wart-Hogs 43-0 on Saturday in Lockport.

The Doggies dominated throughout the match from the first scrum down to the last lineout, according to Steve Cianci. The first try of the game was scored by Bob Riley during the first minute of the game. The Doggies continued their scoring streak with try’s from Joe Dibenidetto, Steve Cianci, Marco “Chief” Mendoza, Jay Clark, Mike Gaffney and Ken “Band-Aid” Murphy. Mr. Jimmy went 10 for 10 on the conversion kicks.

“The wing executed their plays well throughout the game and supported each other well on the overloads,” said Michael Sanchez, club president. “The forwards played well. They physically out beat the Wart-Hogs’ forwards in set scrums, rucks, mauls and second-phase play.”
Lady’s rugby wins last game

by Kathy Hannan

The Brockport women’s rugby team closed out their season by defeating Syracuse University 14-8, Saturday at Syracuse.

Syracuse started the scoring off in the opening minutes of the game, but Brockport came back with a try by Kathy Hannan. Paula DeStefano made the conversion kick.

After Syracuse’s second try in the middle of the second half, Brockport bounced back by scoring consecutively. The first try was scored on a 30-yard run by Karen Carter. The final try of the game was scored by Tina Reader.

“Marla Waldman and Betsy Sitron, our wing forwards, both played a strong, defensive game for us,” said DeStefano, team captain. “Robin Tartow was another strong player, handling the ball well and getting it out to the wing which put us in scoring position.”
Rugby team meeting

The SUNY Brockport men's and women's Rugby teams begin practice on Feb. 14, at 7 p.m. in the Tuttle South gymnasium.

Anyone interested in playing Rugby, male or female, should attend the practice. No experience is necessary.

If anyone has any questions about the Doggies Rugby teams, Mike Sanchez, 637-9548.
The Brockport Doggies (solid jerseys) scramble with the Syracuse Rogues rugby club in a close match last Saturday. The Doggies will play their first home game next Saturday at 1 p.m. on the Administration field. (Photo by Patrick Connors)

Doggies fall to Syracuse, 18-16

by Patrick Connors

staff writer

This past Saturday in Syracuse the Brockport Doggies ‘A’ and ‘B’ Rugby teams lost two closeley contested games to the Syracuse Rogues.

The ‘A’ team lost 18-16 after spotting the Rogues 12 points in the first eight minutes. After that the Doggies seemed to control the game and nearly went ahead late, but a forward pass negated the go-ahead try.

“We lost the game in the first five minutes,” said Doggie President Mike Sanchez. “A late start leaving Brockport cost us pre-game warm-ups which showed early.”

Syracuse took an 18-0 lead in the first half but a try late in the half by wing Eric Galski made the score 18-4. The second half saw the Doggies totally dominate field position.

“We work harder and are in better shape than the Rogues,” said one Brockport player. “We played a real good game and showed character by coming back.”

Strong performances by forwards Steve Cianci and Bart Pareeshi paid off as a Cianci effort along with Tom Suhr’s conversion early in the second half made the score 18-10.

Two Suhr penalty kicks cut the Rogues lead to 18-16. Late in the game Brockport was driving and apparently took the lead. However, a controversial call on a forward pass wiped out an apparent Doggies penetration which would have put them in front.

That was their last effort of the game.

“We came out flat in the first half and they capitalized on it,” said fullback Reggie Richardson. “Time just ran out on us.”

The ‘B’ squad lost for the first time in ten games by a score of 12-10.

After falling behind early, 3-0, the Doggies (1-1 overall) came to life. An attempt by Melvin Thornhill gave Brockport a 4-3 lead. Another try, this one by Kurt “Book Um” Dano gave the Dogs a solid 10-3 lead.

Momentum changed in favor of the Rogues ‘B’ team in the second half. A penalty kick cut the Brockport lead to 10-6. Soon after a Syracuse try and conversion put the Rogues in front for good at 12-10.

The Doggies entertain the Syracuse Orangemen this week, in their first home game of the spring season. Game time is 1 p.m. Saturday at the Administration Field.
Brockport rugby player Jimmy O'Connor (left) passes to an unidentified Doggie, as Greg Teller (center) follows. The Doggies shutout Syracuse. (Photo by James Montanus).

Doggies blank Syracuse

by Patrick Connors

Last Saturday in the rain and cold at the Administration Field, the Brockport Rugby Doggies "A" and "B" teams both posted shutout victories over the Syracuse Orangemen.

The "A" team scored early and late to post a 10-0 victory. A long run by Reggie Richardson five minutes into the game together with Tom Suhr's conversion kick made it 6-0.

"My man was out of position and I took advantage of it," said Richardson of the score.

Midway through the second half, Tom Stein scored a tri on a short run to increase Brockport's lead to 10-0. That concluded the scoring.

The game went back and forth and at times got sloppy. Syracuse threatened on several occasions but were turned away by the Doggies.

The "A" record improves to 1-2.

The "B" team upped their record to 2-1 with a 58-0 whitewash of the Orange.

Chris Rich and John Gaffney both scored two tri's for Brockport. Greg Teller, Jimmy O'Connor, Tom Murphy, Jeff Karate, Parker Hynson and Mike Ferrigno each added a tri. Mr. Jim made seven of 11 conversions.

"It was a whole team effort," said one Brockport player. "We put in a lot of work and hustle."

Next week the Dogs travel to Buffalo to play the Buffalo Old Boys.
Doggies go 2-3

‘B’ and ‘C’ teams beat Old Boys

by Patrick Connors
staff writer

The Brockport Rugby Doggies took two of three games from the Buffalo Old Boys Saturday at Delaware Park in Buffalo.

The ‘A’ team’s sluggish start again lead to their downfall, a 10-6 upending. Buffalo came out and quickly scored two try’s and one conversion to take an early 10-0 lead.

Brockport came alive in the second half. They dominated field position and kept the Old Boys deep in their end.

Tom Stein’s hard hit on a Buffalo player and caused a fumble in which Mike Sanchez recovered for Brockport’s lone try. Julius Abley added the conversion to make the score 10-6.

Strong performances by “Big Bob” Reilly and Eric Gadski set up numerous Brockport opportunities, including two penalty kicks, all which failed.

A referee’s time keeping error ended the game approximately 13 minutes early, adding to Brockport’s dismay.

The ‘A’ record falls to 1-3.

The ‘B’ team posted its second consecutive shut out by whitewashing Buffalo 16-0.

The Doggies used their physical strength to control the game. Their ability to move the ball well around the wing led to the scoring.

Kenny Murphy scored two try’s for Brockport, while Melvin Thornbill and Brian Tucker each scored one.

The ‘B’ record improves to 3-1.

The ‘C’ team played its first game of the season and posted a 14-0 shut out.

John Schwartz, Darren “Red” Fitch and Bob Hennessy all scored try’s for Brockport. Ed Kowalski added one conversion.

The Doggies visit the Fingerlakes Vikings next week.
Doggies defeat the Finger Lake Vikings

by Patrick Connors
staff writer

Eric Gadski and Harold Blunt both scored first half try's pacing the Brockport Rugby Doggies 'A' team to a 14-13 victory over the Finger Lake Vikings in Geneva.

Blunt opened the scoring with his first try of 1986, to give Brockport (3-3 overall) a 4-0 lead. Gadski, again with another solid performance, scored a try midway through the half to increase the lead to 8-0.

Finger Lake scored a late try to make the halftime score 8-4.

The Vikings started the second half scoring a penalty kick to cut the Doggies lead 8-7.

Brockport's Mr. Jim put the game out of reach by scoring a try and adding the conversion kick, making it 14-7. The Vikings scored again, but did not catch the Doggies.

The 'B' team upped their record to 4-1 with a 12-4 win over their Viking counterparts.

Mike Ferrigno scored the only try of the first half to start a 4-0 lead.

Brian Tucker and Kevin Sullivan scored second half try's for the Doggies. Those scores were in the middle of a Finger Lake try which ended the 'B' team's two game shutout streak.

Brockport travels to Albany this coming weekend for the upstate New York tournament.
Rugby team is number 1

Rugby team surprises all with first place

by Patrick Connors

The Brockport Rugby Doggies 'A' team took first place this past weekend in the 1986 Upstate New York Tournament by defeating Cortland St. 7-3 in the championship game.

Greg Teller and John Huckle teamed up for the winning second half try that broke a 3-3 tie. The two day tourney was held at Windover Park in Albany and drew over 30 teams.

"Our commitment to rugby during the season finally paid off with winning the Upstate Tournament," said Doggie Club President Mike Sanchez.

Brockport started the tourney Saturday morning with a forfeit win over Syracuse, one of two 'A' teams that dropped to the 'B' division.

That set up a second round confrontation with number one seed Siena. Tom Stein scored a try on an Eric Gadski pass breaking a 3-3 tie, giving the Doggies a 7-3 win. Julius Aebly's penalty kick early in the game gave Brockport a 3-0 lead. The Brockport defense shut out Siena in the second half preserving the victory.

Brockport won their third game of the day by defeating Albany St. 12-6. Tris by Gadski and Ed Adams combined with two Aebly conversion kicks gave the Doggies a 12-0 lead. Albany scored a last minute try overtaking a shutout.

Brockport next shutout the Albany St. Chriss Claps 15-0.

The Doggies won Sunday's consolation game by shutting out their opponents 12-0, solidifying third place.

An early penalty kick gave Cortland their only points and a 3-0 lead. An Aebly penalty kick tied the game at half. Brockport's defense kept Cortland off the scoreboard in the second half allowing for a single Doggie try to hold a margin of victory.

Huckle passed a recovered pop kick to Teller who took it in for the winning score.

"We finally put everything together on the wing," said Huckle. "We played heads-up ball."

The Brockport 'B' team finished third in their division behind two 'A' teams.

"Two 'A' teams (Syracuse and Clarkson) dropped to the 'B' division which hurt our chances," said Brockport player Kenny Murphy.

Brockport opened play by losing to Clarkson 9-0.

Their second game was a hard-hitting affair against Siena. Marco Mendoza's tri put the Doggies ahead for good in a 12-4 victory.
Doggies “A” and “B” teams lose to Rochester Aardvarks, 29-4, 14-7

by Patrick J. Connors

The Doggies, State University of New York at Brockport's rugby club, opened their season at home Saturday. After major personnel changes from last spring's Ustake Championship team, the Doggies bowed to the non-league Rochester Aardvarks in both the "A" and the "B" squad's games.

The Doggies' "A" team fell, 29-4, to bigger, well-executing Aardvarks club. While in the "B" squad's game, Rochester kept Brockport scoreless in the second half to preserve a 14-7 win.

Of the "A" game, Doggies Club President Steve Cianci said, "A lot of our guys came from last year's successful "B" team and are good players but lack experience. By the time we play college teams we'll be ready."

Rochester controlled the game from the start, scoring two tris and a drop kick to lead 13-0.

Brockport put together some plays late in the first half leading to a tri by "Big Bob" Reilly, putting the Doggies on the scoreboard. The half ended with the Aardvarks leading, 13-4.

Rochester kept Brockport in check during the second half while increasing their lead.

Three long runs for tris and two conversion kicks gave the Aardvarks their 25 point victory margin.

"They (Aardvarks) controlled the scrum, or pack," said Cianci, "and that controls the game."

In the "B" game, all scoring occurred in the first half. Brockport's Barney Smith struck first, scoring with a long penalty kick for a 3-0 lead.

In a hard-hitting game, a doggie defensive error led to a tri by the Aardvarks, giving them a 4-3 lead.

Kevin Sullivan recovered a loose ball for a tri, putting Brockport on top again, 14-7.

Rochester quickly answered with another tri and, adding the conversion kick, went back on top, 16-7.

A long Aardvark run soon after produced another tri and a 14-7 lead at halftime.
Doggies pound UB Turtles with decisive 22-4 win

by Patrick J. Connors

The Brockport Rugby Doggies’ “A” team scored an early Tri and never looked back in a decisive 22-4 victory over the University of Buffalo Turtles last Saturday at Buffalo.

Ed Chaz opened the Doggie scoring 10 minutes into the game when he took short pass and powered in for a Tri, giving Brockport a 4-0 lead.

Brockport next capitalized when Chris Slaps dove on a mishandled ball in the J.B. end zone, making it 8-0.

Barney Smith took a wing pass and took in for another Brockport Tri, making it 12-4.

A strong effort by Tom Stein, who picked up the ball from the pack and took it in, gave the Doggies an 16-4 lead. Smith added the conversion kick to up the lead to 18-4.

Chris Reich took the ball from scrimmage and spun through the Turtle pack for a Tri making it 22-4.

The Brockport “B” team dropped their game, 15-9.

Rookie inside center, Cal Ripken, broke loose for a long run scoring the Doggies lone Tri. Dick McNulty added the two-point conversion. McNulty also had a goal kick to complete the scoring.

Next week, Brockport travels to Niagara.
Doggies ‘A’, ‘B’ teams best Ithaca

‘A’ team clinches 12-4 victory, while ‘B’ team scores 9-0

by Patrick J. Conners

The Brockport Doggies rugby team traveled to Ithaca last Saturday and both the ‘A’ and ‘B’ teams posted victories.

Chris Rich and Tom Stein scored first half tris and Barney Smith added two conversion kicks to lead the Doggies to a 12-4 win.

“We played an unorganized and inexperienced team,” said club President Steve Cianci. “The Doggies got sloppy and could have run up the score, but didn’t.”

Brockport controled the game and made the 12-0 halftime lead hold while upping their overall record to 2-1.

“We’ll be working on conditioning for next week’s game (versus Genesee),” said Cianci.

The ‘B’ team shutout their Ithica opponents 9-0.

A tri by rookie Jon Daly, his first of the season, together with a Dick McNulty conversion kicked Brockport to a 6-0 halftime lead.

Scrum half Simon Churchville was outstanding controlling lineouts and scrum downs Jay Clark and Jerry Rice were strong up front.

McNulty added a penalty kick in the second half to make the score 9-0.

Brockport entertains Genesee this Saturday on the rugby field adjacent to the Administration building. First game at 1 p.m.
Doggies defeat Geneseo

by Patrick J. Connors
staff writer

Steve Cianci scored three second half tri’s as the Brockport Rugby Doggies ‘A’ team (3-0 league, 3-1 overall) broke a 3-3 halftime deadlock to post a 24-3 victory over Geneseo.

“We turned it on and came alive in the second half,” said Cianci, the club president. “We changed some positions in the pack and put things together.”

Brockport wing Barney Smith added two goal kicks for Brockport.

The forward play, led by Chris Cellela, was outstanding in setting up Cianci’s final two tri’s.

The Brockport ‘B’ team rolled to a 41-6 win over Geneseo.

Wings Jeff Crotty and Mark Podier led Brockport’s attack with two tri’s each. Simon Beel, Kevin Sullivan and Ned Stewert added single tallies.

“I was set up well by Jay Clark,” said Crotty. “Our backs and forwards overpowered their weak sides.”

Clark had a brilliant game from his forward wing position. Defensively he set up several Doggie scores.

Russell Heath kicked seven conversions and one penalty kick to complete Brockport’s scoring.

Brockport travels to Buffalo State next week in their final league game, with both teams tied for first place.
Brockport Doggies place 1st in league 'A' and 'B' teams both down Buffalo State in league finals

by Patrick J. Connors

Kevin Murphy and Ed Chayan scored second half tri's leading the Brockport Rugby 'A' team to a 15-3 first place victory over Buffalo State last Saturday in Buffalo.

The win clinched the western New York division in the 1986 Michelob Cup Series and advanced the team to the Eastern Regionals in November.

"The game was a very physical and hard hitting contest," said Doggie president Steve Cianci. "We managed to keep our composure and concentration on executing our game plan."

The first half was a defensive struggle played mostly on Buffalo's side of the field. Brockport's Russell Heath scored on a penalty kick for the only scoring of the first half giving Brockport a 3-0 lead.

Murphy's tri, a run and dive into the endzone, put Brockport up 9-0. Buffalo managed their only points on a penalty kick cutting the Doggie lead 9-3.

Chris Cellella started Chayan's tri off a penalty play increasing the Doggie lead to 15-3 and putting the game away.

"The Brockport pack once again out muscled their opponents and controlled the ball," said Cianci. "Forward Paul 'Mad Dog' Mildenburger and wing Brian Tucker played their best games of the year."

The Doggies play for the upstate New York rugby title Nov. 8 against the central New York divisional winner.

The Doggie 'B' team gave up an early Buffalo tri before posting a 28-4 victory.

Jay Clark led the Brockport attack with two tri's. Steve Wax and Gerald Rice each added a tri in the winning effort.

Dick McNulty kicked two penalty kicks and added three conversions.

The Doggies have a non-league game this Saturday on the administration field against University of Rochester.
The Brockport rugby doggies closed out the regular season with a 4-0 victory over the Finger Lake Vikings last Saturday on the administration field. (Photo by Kurt Kubitz)
Rugby team places first
in tourney

by Patrick J. Connors
staff writer

The Brockport rugby Doggies overcame a strong and determined Clarkson team to post a 13-10 victory and claim the Upstate New York Michieb Cup Series Championship this past Sunday in Buffalo.

The two-day event started Saturday with Brockport routing Syracuse University and Clarkson defeating Plattsburgh.

Tom Stein's try late in the game was the final victory margin. It came at a point when Clarkson had the momentum and seemed to be in control of the game.

"The doggies, for years, have had a bad reputation," said club president Steve Cianci. "This year was different and today (Sunday) I feel we accomplished something important."

The title game was a struggle from the start as Clarkson controlled most of the play. They converted two penalty kicks early to take a 6-0 lead.

Brockport answered with a penalty kick of their own to cut the Clarkson lead in half. Play was going back and forth with many kicks on a day when the 40 mph winds were a factor.

A fine effort by Mike Ferrigno gave the Doggies their first lead of the day. Ferrigno took a pass from Bob Reilly and rambled 30 meters, diving into the endzone for the game's first try.

"All I had to beat was their fullback," said Ferrigno. "I extended my arm (at the goaline) and put the ball right by."

Brockport took a 7-6 lead into halftime. Clarkson came out in the second half and controlled the play. Their pressure, turned away by the Doggies tough defense and their own blunders, finally came through with a try of their own to retake the lead, 10-7.

Strong efforts by Dick McNulty and Chris Rich turned the momentum to Brockport's favor in the final minutes, climaxing with Stein's winning try.

"This game showed what Brockport rugby is all about," said Paul Mildenberger. "Our pack was getting beat all day but when it came down to it, we beat them."

Saturday's semi-final against Syracuse was a dominating Doggie effort that resulted in a 25-4 shellshing of the Orangemen.

"We kicked their a-," said Barney Smith, who opened the scoring with a try and a conversion kick, giving the Doggies a 6-0 lead that they never relinquished.

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Syracuse closed the gap to 6-4 with a try and their only score of the game midway through the first half.

Smith extended the Brockport lead to 9-4 with a 20 meter penalty kick.

“My foot was hot,” said Smith, who tallied that penalty kick and three conversion kicks on the day.

McNulty scored a try late in the half and Smith’s conversion gave the Doggies a 15-4 halftime lead.

Brockport seemed to gain strength and confidence as the game went on.

Eddie Chasin scored a try opening the second half to increase the Brockport lead to 19-4. The rout was on.

Kevin Murphy’s late try and Smith’s conversion sealed the victory.

“The wing played the greatest game of their lives,” said Cianci. “We took it to them in the second half and clearly showed we are the better team.”

by Patrick Connors

The Stylus

The Brockport Rugby Doggies ‘A’ team, tuning up for the Eastern Regionals in New Jersey April 4-5, opened their spring season with an impressive 37-6 win over Alfred University at the Administration Field Saturday.

Eddie Chasin led the offensive attack scoring three trys (touchdowns) and teamed defensively with Carl Krieger in handling the Alfred offense during a point when Alfred was controlling the game.

“Everybody had a good effort,” said Chasin. “We were psyched to beat these guys.”

Barney Smith opened the scoring in the first minute of play with a penalty kick giving Brockport a 3-0 lead.

Chasin took in a loose ball two minutes later and the Doggies had a quick 7-0 lead.

Alfred then took control for the next 10 minutes, but were stopped by the Brockport defense, with Krieger coming up with the big hits on the goal line. “We got sloppy (during the 10 minute letdown) but put it back together,” said Krieger. “We need to get in better shape, but overall we looked good.”

Tom Stein, Chasin, and Smith all scored trys making it 21-0 at halftime.

Mike Ferrigno, who had several long runs, opened the second half scoring with a pass from Smith to make the score 27-0.

Alfred got its only score of the afternoon with a try during a Brockport defensive lapse, cutting the lead to 27-6.

Kevin Murphy, with a nice setup from Steve Clanci and Stein, made it 33-6 by scoring a try midway through the second half.

Chasin closed out the scoring by blocking and recovering an Alfred kick securing the 37-6 final.

“I knew it was a matter of time before I blocked one,” Chasin said. “I was close all day.”

Smith finished the game 3-for-7 on conversion kicks and 1-for-2 on penalty kicks.

The Brockport ‘B’ and ‘C’ teams completed the sweep of Alfred by posting victories.

Cal Jenkins scored the game’s lone try and Dick McNulty added the conversion kick and a penalty kick pacing the ‘B’ team to a 9-0 shutout win.

The ‘C’ team, led by tries from Ben Milgate and Fred Kruguer, also won 12-4.

Brockport hosts the Syracuse Harlequins 1 p.m. Saturday at the Administration Field.
Women's rugby club claims first victory
Squad topples Geneseeo 4-0

by Laurie Batog

The spectators at the Brockport women's rugby game Saturday got a thrill as the club won their first game of the 1987 season 4-0 over visiting Geneseeo.

Brockport literally “took over” the game in the beginning of the first half as they scored with an excellent team effort.

The scrum, including Denise Ormandi, Tina Reader, Kate Campbell and Regina Sinta, worked together to shove the ball over the line, allowing wing forward Betsy Citron to touch the ball down for the first try of the season.

Throughout the rest of the game, Geneseeo continuously knocked at Brockport in an attempt to score, but they were unsuccessful.

This was due, in part, to the superb Brockport defense led by winger Daphne Washburn and fullback Leslie O'Shea.

At one point, Geneseeo was within inches of scoring, only to be turned back when a line-out caused the ball to be touched down behind Brockport's tri-line.

This resulted in a five-meter scrum-down which Brockport won once again gaining possession of the ball and advancing past midfield.

Tracy Alich, in her first game playing scrum-half, did an excellent job.

Another key in Brockport's win was gaining possession of the ball during line-outs.

Rookie Lisa Smith was particularly successful in retrieving the ball for Brockport.

“We played a great game and everything clicked,” said team member Tina Reader.

Club president Betsy Citron was also excited about the win.

“We played as a team, that's what it's all about,” she said. “We deserved to win. Everyone gave 110 percent.”

The win left the team's record at 1-1. The next home game is Saturday at 11 a.m.
Members of the Brockport rugby club fight in the huddle for a loose ball. (Photo by Steve Cali)
Rugby club claims third consecutive upstate title

by Patrick Connors

The Brockport Rugby Doggies successfully defended their Michelob Cup Upstate NY College Championship this past weekend in Albany by defeating Cortland 16-7 in the finals of the two-day, 16-team tournament. It was Brockport's third straight Upstate Title.

Mike Collins scored a late second half try on a long run, breaking a 4-4 tie, putting the Doggies up 8-4 against Cortland. After that, the Doggies never looked back.

Kevin Murphy had opened the scoring for Brockport with a power run over on defenders 10 minutes into the game, making the score 4-0 Brockport.

Cortland closed the gap to 8-7 with a penalty early in the second half but they would never take the lead.

Strong play from forwards Jeff Crotty and Ed Chasin and Murphy controlled the game.

Hooker Chris Claps scored a Doggie try midway through the second half making the score 12-7.

Fly half Harold Blunt scored a try late in the game to secure the Brockport victory.

Brockport opened their title defense Saturday with three impressive victories.

Union College was an 8-0 victim to Brockport.

Murphy opened up the scoring with a try from 10 meters out making the scoring 4-0.

Once again, the fine play of the forwards seemed to set the tone for the rest of the Doggie team.

Rookie wing Kieran Mock, playing in place of injured Mike Ferrigno, sprinted 35 yards for Brockport's other try and accounting for the 8-0 final score.

Brockport then defeated rival Plattsburgh by an identical 8-0 margin.

Chris Reich converted a penalty play 10 minutes into the game making the score 4-0 Brockport.

Brian Tucker and Carl Krieger turned in strong performances against Plattsburgh.

In the semi-finals, the Doggies took on pre-tourney favorite Cornell University. The better conditioned Doggies prevailed 12-3.

Reich opened the scoring with an early try making the score 4-0. Moments later, Mock put the Doggies up 8-0 with another try.

Cornell fought back, converting a penalty kick early in the second half making the score 8-3. But that was as close as the Cornell squad would get.

Forward Eddie Chasin picked up a loose ball and sprinted 25 yards late in the game for the try that secured the Brockport victory and a spot in the finals.

Besides winning the Upstate Tourney for the past three years, Brockport has amassed an incredible 21-1 record against college opponents during that span.

Members of the Brockport rugby club in a typical scramble for the ball. The team recently won its third consecutive upstate rugby crown. During the team's streak of three straight titles the club has totaled a 21-1 record against college opponents.
Brockport Doggies wallop Geneseo

The Brockport men's rugby club blanked Geneseo Saturday, 36-0, raising their league record to 2-1 for the season.

The Brockport Doggies “A” team started off their scoring with a try by Jim Sullivan.

A conversion by Barney Smith made the score 6-0 and the Doggies’ rout was on.

Chris Reich tallied the next try for the Doggies when he capitalized on a Geneseo mistake to make the score 10-0 Brockport.

“The ball came out of the scrum-down and nobody picked it up,” explained Reich.

Bink Dane became the next Doggie to score when he scored midway through the first half with Smith making the conversion.

“Our pack played very well,” said club president Mike Ferrigno.

Shortly after Dane’s goal Chris Reich scored his second goal of the game, this time off of a penalty play.

With the score 20-0, Karl Blintz scored on yet another try and the Doggies ended the half with a 24-0 lead.

Sluggish, sloppy play characterized the second half but the Doggies did manage two more tries.

The first occurred when Kieran Mock received the ball from a wing and scored.

The conversion made the score 30-0.

Barney Smith finished off the scoring with a try and conversion to make it 36-0.

The Brockport Doggies “B” team also won, claiming their first victory of the season by defeating Geneseo 12-0.

Strong forward play by Mike Smuggler and Steve Turtle enabled the Doggies to hold off the opposition.

A try by John Leone and a Simon Beale conversion kick proved to be all the Brockport club needed, as their strong defense shut out Geneseo.

The Doggies next game will be Saturday against visiting Buffalo State.
Rugby team downs Buffalo Squad’s record ascends to 3-1

by Mike Ryan

The Stylus

The Brockport men’s rugby club defeated Buffalo State Saturday, improving their record to 3-1 for the season.

“After weeks of practice and hard work, we finally brought everything together against a very tough opponent,” Doggies President Mike Ferrigno said.

Strong play by the pack and wing support by Kieron Mock and Jim Sullivan shattered the ranks of Buffalo’s A team to give the Doggies a 16-9 victory.

The first score came from prop Mike Lewis, who, with a diving effort, downed the first try on the way to the Doggies’ triumph.

Following a successful conversion by Barney Smith, Mock scored both the second and third tries, with Smith again hitting on both conversions.

“Both A and B teams have finally reached prime playing potential,” said Doggies Vice President Marc Poudrier, as the B team marched up and down the field to rack up their second consecutive win of the season, 16-6.

“We all played as one,” said B team second-row man Tim Raymond.

The B team had scores from Seve Doben, Ned Stewart and Jason Barnes, with conversions by Joe Pinker and strong support by wingers John Leone, Cal Jenkins and Dave Horton.

The Brockport Doggies need to win against Alfred to stay in league championship contention. If they will have a shot at their go for their fourth New York State championship.
Brockport rugby tatters Alfred, 17-6

by Mike Ryan

In their last game of the regular season Saturday, the Brockport men's rugby club defeated Alfred State, 17-6, to put their final record at 4-1.

"It was a tough game," said Doggie Vice President Marc Poudrier. "The A team had no intensity, which was the reason for the low scoring output," Poudrier added.

The scoring began as center Chris Riech charged into the try zone to give Brockport a 4-0 lead.

After trailing 6-4 throughout most of the game, Mike Ferrigno, on an assist from John Leone, downed a try. A conversion by Barney Smith put Brockport ahead 10-6.

A three-point penalty kick by Smith and a try by Kieran Mock, put a cap on the season ender for the Doggies.

Much like the A game, the B game was played with very aggressive, hard hitting play by such standout wingers as Jim Sullivan, Luke Gallagher, and Jason Barnes.

Strong play by pack members such as Smugglin' Mike, Steve Dohen, and Mike Bintz were responsible for setting up the first score by Brian McCue.

A second score by eight-man Mike Ryan, and conversions by Joel Pinker helped make the score close, but the Doggies, with injuries to Ned Stewart and Tim Raynard, couldn't fend away Alfred.

The club must now wait out the other league games being played this week to see if they will get a shot at their fourth state championship.
Doggies fall to Aardvarks
Rugby team completes season

by Mike Ryan
staff writer

While most of us here on campus were enjoying their Halloween treats, the Brockport men’s rugby team was playing what some called their most aggressive, hard-hitting game of the year.

The Doggies lost the non-season game to the Rochester Aardvarks.

“They clearly came to play good rugby,” Mike Ferrigno, team president, said.

The A-team, without Kevin Wheeler, Barney Smith and Kevin Sullivan, played with a determination not usually seen on a college-level club, possibly because it was, for a few players, their final game as a Brockport Doggie.

Another reason for the Doggies’ tough play was that the Rochester Aardvarks included Brockport alumni Ed Chazen and Harold Blunt, who helped the Doggies on techniques and strategies during the season.

The B-team, playing without such members as Dave Horton, Mike Bintz and Ned Stewart, were defeated in a hard-fought confrontation that the Aardvarks won’t soon forget, mostly because of strong support from Tim Raynard, Kevin Eggie and Cal Jenkins.

The Doggies finished their regular season at 4-1, and are now in the midst of post-season play.
Doggies nab 2 out of 3
by Mike Ryan

The SUNY College at Brockport men’s rugby club won 2 of 3 games to finish second in the Dead Pheasant Tournament in Niagara Saturday.

In the first round of play, the Doggies defeated the University of Buffalo, who were responsible for the Doggies’ only loss of the season.

“We were glad we had a chance to show U.B. what we really could do,” Doggies president Mike Ferrigno said.

The first score came from Dan Kennedy early in the first half, when he dashed in from the 22-meter line. A Barney Smith conversion made it 6-0.

A second half exchange of kick points finished the game at 9-3.

The victory must be awarded, however, to the Brockport defense. Brockport, led by Chris Clapps, held U.B. on a goal line stand late in the second half.

Early in the second round, the Doggies were paired with SUNY at Oswego.

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Normally, aggressive and hard-hitting play is the name of the game, but it was the Brockport offense which brought it home for the Doggies.

First-half scores by Mike "Wade" Lewis and Karl Blitz and a Barney Smith kick put the score at 15-6.

The second half was also tough, with yet another score from Lewis.

Smith again hit on a penalty kick and gave the Eagles a 22-9 final score, putting them into the day's championship game against the Lockport men's club.

Brockport played well, but a Kieron Mock try early in the first half was all they could put on the scoreboard, as Lockport won the game, as well as the tournament, 12-4.

Other teams playing in the Dead Pheasant Tournament were St. Bonaventure and Niagara.
Doggies lead by 4 at halftime but fall to host Syracuse, 13-4

by Michael A. Ryan

staff writer

The SUNY Brockport men's rugby club let a 4-0 halftime lead slip through their fingers Saturday as they let the hosting Syracuse University club power their way to a 13-4 victory.

The Brockport Doggies came out with a fury and controlled the entire first half with strong pack support by such standouts as Randy Gossen, Tim Raynard and Mike Lewis, and tough wing play by Dan Kennedy and Ned Stewart.

“We were so tough the first half, I think we got a little too relaxed,” prop Mike Bintz said.

The scoring began about ten minutes into the first half, when winger Kieron Mock dashed past several Syracuse defenders and touched down for a 4-0 lead.

The Doggies then missed the extra points, and a field goal soon after, bringing the half to an end.

‘...I think we got a little too relaxed.’

—Mike Bintz

As the second half began, the intensity on both sides had risen as both teams exchanged tough drives time and time again.

However, persistence paid off for Syracuse as they scored their first try of the game, put in the point after, and brought the score to 6-4.

A quick drop kick moments later brought the score to 9-6.

For Brockport, the worst was yet to come, when a length-of-the-field run by wingers Kennedy and Jim Sullivan left the Doggies on the Syracuse one-meter line, the Doggies' offense faltered and they were once again driven back.

Syracuse reached 13 points on a last-second score.

“We have potential,” Kennedy said when asked about the Brockport club’s future.

The B team was also defeated at Syracuse Saturday, 8-0.

Although the “Killer B’s,” led by captain Brian McCue, didn’t score, the game was marked by physically aggressive play by such ruggers as Jason Barnes, Luke Gallagher and "Eggie."
Doggies, Killer B’s drop weekend rugby games to Rochester Aardvarks

by Michael A. Ryan

The SUNY Brockport men’s rugby club was simply out-played at home Saturday, as they were handed a 33-6 defeat by the Rochester Aardvarks.

“We played tough against a very tough playing team,” club President Mike Ferrigno said.

“I think this loss will teach us a lot, and put us in good form for the upstate tournament,” he added.

The game began, as many of the Doggies’ games do, with quick-moving, tough play, with the Doggies controlling the ball for most of the first 20 minutes.

However, after a score by Jim Sullivan and a conversion by Dan Kennedy put the Doggies ahead 6-0, it was all Rochester.

For the remaining 20 minutes of the first half, the Aardvarks developed drive after drive, sending the Doggies deeper into their own zone.

One try followed another, and for the Aardvarks, there was no looking back.

However, in the struggle of it all, the Doggies played a good game.

“The score did not reflect the game,” club vice president Marc Poudrier said.

Brockport rugby’s B club, the Killer B’s, who were also defeated by the Rochester men’s team 24-3, were led by the strong play of winger Doug Riechel and pack members Mike Burns and Trevor Cobain.

Burns, who was removed from the game with an injury, said, “It’s only our second game playing together as a unit, but when we’re out on that field, it’s like we’ve been playing for years.”

Next week the Doggies will travel to SUNY Oswego, where they will take part in the Oswego Tournament. Other teams attending the tournament will be LeMoyne, SUNY Oswego and SUNY Cortland.
Doggies take first in rugby tourney

by Michael A. Ryan

staff writer

The Brockport men's rugby team took first place in the Greased Weasel Tournament in Oswego April 9.

In the opening game of the round-robin tournament, the Doggies recorded their first shutout of the year in an 11-0 victory over SUNY Cortland.

Cortland was ranked as one of the top five teams in the state going into the tournament.

Brockport wingman Dan Kennedy had a hand in all 11 of the Doggies' points as he recorded two tries and added a penalty kick.

In the second game, the first of the playoff round, Brockport defeated SUNY Oswego 16-10.

Brockport trailed at halftime 10-8. Doggie scores came from packman Steve Fishbine and forward Marc Poudrier.

Brockport was able to rally in the second half, holding Oswego scoreless as the Doggies went ahead on scores from Kieron Mock and Poudrier.

In the championship game, Brockport captured the title by downing SUNY Binghamton 6-3.

Binghamton held a 3-0 lead at halftime, but Brockport put together another strong second half by posting six points while holding Binghamton's score steady.

"This tournament will put us in good contention to defend our title in the Upstate Tournament," club President Mike Ferrigno said.

Saturday, the Doggies shut out the Lockport Men's Club, 23-0.

The victory avenged last year's loss to Lockport in the Niagara Tournament.

Scoring was frequent for Brockport with goals by Ferrigno, Kennedy and Mike Lewis, and two from Mock.

The Killer B's, the Doggies' B team, was defeated by Lockport's B team by a score of 4-0.
Rugby alumni wallops Doggies 38-0 in annual match

by Michael Ryan and Tim Raynard

The Brockport men’s rugby club engaged Saturday in what has been a tradition dating back as far as Brockport has had rugby—the annual playing of the Brockport rugby alumni game.

The alumni came from near and far to face the Doggies. “It was good to get back and play with some of the guys,” Doggies alumni Jeff Krotty said.

The alumni, who have yet to lose an A-side match against the Doggies, proved to be too much as the veterans displayed superior skills and aggressiveness to defeat the Doggies 38-0.

“They (the alumni) really showed us that you never really lose your passion for the game,” Doggie Mike Shiano said.

The alumni, who are now present in many men’s clubs around the state, had scores by many players, including Tom Stien and Chris Riech.

Brockport’s B-team, the Killer B’s, defeated the alumni B-side 15-0. “It was the best game we played all year,” Steve Fuller said.

The Killer B’s got scores from Jerry Cotton and Steve Pincher. Pincher, who was perfect in his kicking game, said, “I’m glad we had a chance to show the hometown crowd what we could do.”

At the annual alumni celebration afterwards, the Doggies gave out the year’s awards:

- Best A-side pack member—Marc Poudrier
- Best A-side wing member—club President Mike Ferrigno
- Best B-side pack member Jason Barnes
- Best B-side winger—Guy Raulsh
- Most-improved player—Kevin Eggy
- Rookie of the year—Steve Fishbine

Brockport Doggie Dale Odell (center) fights for the ball with an alumni player during the annual rugby alumni game Saturday. The old hounds taught the new hounds a few new tricks winning 38-0. (Photo by Bob Dreverman)
Rugby wins 16-0
by Mike Ryan

The SUNY Brockport Men’s Rugby Club, which last season was ranked second in the Upstate Rugby Union, picked up right where they left off by defeating Canisius College in both games Saturday at Delaware Park in Buffalo.

The Doggies A-team were held to a 3-0 lead at halftime.

In the second half, the Doggies took control.

A forty-five-yard dash by scrum half Dan Kennedy and a run by wing forward Steve Fischbine along with support from Tim Raynard, Doug Riechel, Kevin Gibbons, and Zerique Zeddique topped the second half as the Doggies went on to win 16-0.

“We all played well in the second half, it was a total team effort,” new Doggies President Mike Schiano said.

The Doggies B-team defeated Canisius 10-6. “They gave us a good game,” Dick Lindamer said.

The B-team was led by the scoring of Mike Burns and Tom Harbison.

“Tough hitting and controlling the ball was the key to this win,” John O’Riely said.

The Doggies first league game will be Saturday at Alfred State University.
Doggies crush SUNY Geneseo, A and B-teams win by shutout

by Mike Ryan

The words to describe what the SUNY Brockport men’s rugby team did to SUNY Geneseo on Saturday are total and ultimate destruction.

The Doggies, playing at SUNY Brockport for the first time this season, were in every way, totally dominant. “We played textbook rugby,” second rowman Jason Barnes said. The Doggies brought every asset of the game to their advantage as they rolled over SUNY Geneseo in the ‘A’ game, 30-0.

Mike Lewis, an ‘A’ team wing forward said, “We played Brockport’s type of rugby.”

The scoring in the ‘A’ game was done by Dale O’Dell, Jim Sullivan, Mike Lewis, and three scores by wing forward Steve Fischbein. Dan Kennedy added the conversion points.

Tim Raynard, who was taken from the game with an injury said, “It was no walk in the park. I mean we still need a lot of work.”

The ‘B’ game was won by a much larger margin, 54-0.

“Brockport’s B-team could probably beat 90 percent of all the A-teams in the union,” A-team packman Mike Schiano said.

B-team scoring was done by Todd Jantzi, Marcus Barnes, Tim Clemenson and Mike Burns.

“We knew what we had to do and we did it,” prop Steve Fuller said.
Turtles send Doggies home with tail between legs after 24-0 loss

by Mike Ryan

The SUNY Brockport men’s rugby club, for the second year in a row, have been kept from the Upstate Rugby Union Championships by number one ranked University of Buffalo.

The Doggies fell to the Turtles 24-0 Saturday in Buffalo.

“The team gave it all they had,” team captain Mike Shiao said.

The Doggies came out roaring at the start of the game with hard hits and quick running. Yet, as demonstrated only two weeks ago in the Buffalo State game, once the flow of things start to shift, the Doggies have a hard time recovering.

The Turtles showed SUNY Brockport the kind of rugby it takes to be number one.

The score stood at 12-0 at the end of the first half.

“We play the way we do, the way we could lose is by beating ourselves,” prop Steve Fuller said.

The Turtles carried their momentum into the second half, scoring 12 more points to make the final 24-0.

Buffalo remained at number one, and are now on their way to the Upstate Championships.

“The season is over for us now, all we can do is look forward to the spring,” winger Dan Kennedy said.

The Doggies will have to play in the spring without the leadership ability of long-time Doggie winger Jim Sullivan, who will be graduating.

In the final game of the season, the Doggies B-team was stripped of its chance for an undefeated season and its right to be number one, as they were defeated by the unbeaten Buffalo B-team 24-0.

“We were not playing Brockport rugby out there. we were playing their game,” packman Jeff Piersall said.

The B’s seemed to lose their stamina at the outset, and much like the A-team, could not recover.

The Doggies A-team end the season with a 3-2 record. The B-team finished 4-1.

Lady spikers host Geneseo in crucial game. If they win, SUNY Brockport will host SUNYACS!
Doggies chew on Griffis
19-0, undefeated at home
by Mike Ryan

The SUNY Brockport men’s rugby team, coming off their shocking defeat last week to Buffalo State, showed Canisius College that there was to be no replay of last week, as the Doggies A-team defeated them 19-0.

“We are in a must win situation, and that is when we are at our best,” packman John O’Reily said.

Winger Doug Reichel said, “it shocked us all, losing last week, maybe it did some good.”

The Doggies came out hard with good defensive plays by Tim Raynard, and Dale O’Dell as they stopped potential breakaways.

The scoring was done by packman Mike Lewis, winger Dan Kennedy, and the high-scorer in Saturday’s contest was Doug Reichel with two scores for a total of 8 points.

SUNY Brockport is now unbeaten at home, and, also unscored upon at home.

“It was a team effort that won it for us,” team captain Mike Schiano said.

The B game was, as all the others have been, won by the Doggies B-team.

The Doggies continued their unbeaten streak, bringing them to 5-0 on the season as they trounced the Canisius B-team, 23-4.

Scores by Brian Coons, Dick Lindamer, Mike Burns, and Carmen Stamboly were all that was needed to seal the rout.

“The B’s have given up just eight points all season that says it all right there,” A-team winger Zarique Sedidique said.

The Doggies playoff situation is as follows. There are six teams in all four divisions in the Upstate Rugby Union. The team from each division with the best record, according to wins and points scored, goes to the championship held in Buffalo on October 22.

The Doggies are tied with Buffalo State for second place in their division behind the University of Buffalo.

Next week, the Doggies play the University of Buffalo in Buffalo. If the Doggies win, they would get the nod over Buffalo State and the University of Buffalo and go to the championships.
Brockport Men's Rugby

Dogs in Heat

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Doggies take first ‘Dogs in Heat’ Tournament

by BRIAN McCUE
The Stylus

The SUNY Brockport men’s rugby team won the first annual “Dogs in Heat” tournament Saturday with three victories, the final one coming in overtime.

In the first game the Doggies defeated Colgate University’s ‘A’ team 44-0. Kennedy had the winning score in overtime.

“Fatigue played a major role in the ability of either team to score,” winger Doug Reichel said.

The SUNY Brockport ‘B’ team defeated LeMoyne College’s ‘A’ team 3-0, with a penalty kick by fullback Andy DeGuire.

“I knew the kick would be important, but I didn’t think it would be the deciding factor in the game,” DeGuire said.

The Doggies’ ‘B’ team lost their first game of the season to Colgate University’s ‘A’ team, 7-0.

“The score was not indicative of the level of play,” said winger Monte Trimble.

The SUNY Brockport ‘C’ team, comprised almost entirely of rookies, lost 33-0 to the Colgate University ‘A’ team.

“The loss really hurt, but I think it was a good experience for us to play together as a team,” said Captain Luke T. Gallagher.

The Doggies’ Marcus Barnes (carrying the ball) fights to get free from Colgate defenders during the first ‘Dogs In Heat’ tournament held Saturday. The Doggies ‘A’ team won three games to take first place. [Photo by Nina Bier]
Aardvarks' snout left buried in Doggie dirt after 6-3 Brockport win

by BRIAN McCUE
The Stylus

The SUNY Brockport men's rugby team defeated their long-time rivals, the Rochester Aardvarks, 6-3, Saturday. The win was the team's first over the Aardvarks in several years.

"They had good skill, but our intensity was too overwhelming," packman Tim Brown said.

The first half was scoreless with each team battling from goal line to goal line. Mike Lewis finally broke the scoreless tie when he plunged in from the three-meter line in the second half to give the Doggies the lead.

"I saw the opportunity and I capitalized on it," Lewis said.

The Aardvarks retaliated with a penalty kick worth three points, but it was to no avail as SUNY Brockport finished the game on top.

The only SUNY Brockport goal came from Charlie Lynk, who, after a series of passes dashed in for the score. The Aardvarks then retaliated with two scores and a penalty kick in the second half to win the game.

The Upstate Tournament will be held at Delaware Park in Buffalo, Saturday, April 22.

The second game, a combination of 'B' and 'C' players, saw the Doggies drop an 11-4 loss.

"We lost the game, but we gained the experience," 'C' packman Cliff Lopiccoli said.

The 'B' team will also be competing in the upcoming Upstate Tournament.

"We're in prime game shape to go into next week's Upstate Tournament," Marcus Barnes said.
Doggies left out in cold at Upstate Tournament

by IRWIN FLETCHER
The Stylus

The SUNY Brockport men's rugby team was eliminated in the second round of the Upstate Rugby Union Tournament, in Buffalo, by SUNY Cortland this weekend.

The Doggies were held scoreless until Dan Kennedy ran in for two scores to give SUNY Brockport a 10-0 lead at the halftime.

In the second half SUNY Brockport received four scores from Murcus Barnes, Tim Brown, Kennedy and Steve Fischbein.

“We just played at a level Fredonia just couldn't match,” said Fischbein.

The Doggies’ ‘B’ team also lost in the second round, again to SUNY Cortland.

Both teams traded penalty kicks during regulation and went to overtime, tied at three, where SUNY Brockport came out on the short end.

“It was a tough way to lose a game and a terrible way to end a good season,” said ‘B’ captain Brian McCue.

In their first game the Doggies received a forfeit win from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.
Tournament party lands ‘Dogs’ in heat

by RICK FRISCH

Due to the damages resulting from a recent “end of the year” party held by the SUNY Brockport Men’s Rugby Club, the team has been officially banned from using the Northampton Park facilities for an indefinite period of time.

In a letter sent to the SUNY Brockport Student Government’s office, damages in excess of $200 have been attributed to both the Rugby team and BSG. The letter, issued by the Monroe County Department of Parks and signed by Superintendent of Parks Roger A. Greiten, includes an itemized list of property damages along with an explicit promise to ban the teams from using any of the County Parks Department rental facilities in the future.

See letter reprinted on page 14

Damaged property included a wall, a garage door and a fiberglass bench, along with fees attributed to the cost of hiring labor to clean up the estimated half mile of roadside that was “strewn with beer cups, napkins, cans and bottles.” Total cost in repairs and damages was $233.96, including necessary materials.

Tom Kipp, a representative for the Parks Department said, “If restitution is not made in a reasonable amount of time, the organization will be held accountable and our legal people will be contacted.”

Commenting on BSG’s involvement, Kipp said, “The entire BSG is not being held accountable for the actions of this one group, we always had good relations with Brockport.”

Commenting on the incident, BSG President Bryan Samuels said, “I as president in no way condone the actions of x, y or z organization. They themselves (the rugby team) are responsible for their actions. I want to make it clear to those involved that the Rugby team is in no way a representative of every student at SUNY Brockport.”

This is not an isolated incident. Last year a similar complaint was lodged against the Rugby team in response to the year end party they threw at Ridgewood Park. When contacted, Doug Scarsen, a director at the Ridgewood facility said that several hundreds of dollars worth of damage was done during the party thrown there.

Property damage included several windows, a large area of property far removed from the rented area and a private vehicle belonging to the Parks Department. Scarsen said that the team refused to pay for the cost of repairs and that he felt he “should have filed criminal charges against them, but I decided to let it go.”

As a direct result of that incident, the Rugby team has been banned from the parks and all other future BSG activities must be accompanied by adequate security, to be paid for by the BSG. This policy includes the Senior Picnic.

In response to the cost of repairs, Samuels said, “The rugby team is accountable for all restitution to the park.” This restitution will also include some form of community service in relation to the facility.

Samuels said, “This sort of thing may not cost much money in the short term, but down the line it is definitely going to catch up to us. I just hope they get their act together and regulate this sort of thing in the future, because if it happens again, they will be dropped from the BSG board totally.”

Mike Lewis, president of the Rugby team, stepped forward to answer some of the charges being levied against him and his organization. Lewis said, “We’re not hiding from the problem. The damages have already been paid in full and we’ve offered to do whatever public service they deem necessary.

We’re pretty much taking their word for the total in damages and we’re willing to accept that.”

Mike Ryan, representing the Rugby team, also commented on the accusations. Ryan said, “We’re not making excuses for ourselves. And we’re not angels. We’ve sent a letter of apology to all those concerned and we are all willing to make restitution.”

When asked to explain the reason why things got so out of hand, several explanations were involved, Ryan said, “First of all, we had a security system that was completely overwhelmed. When the Rugby team first thought of the party, we never expected such a huge turnout.”

Lewis said, “You have to remember that the students are our livelihood and we want them to enjoy us. We are one of the winningest teams in Brockport history. There are more students coming out to watch us then there are going to most of the BSG events.”

When asked where things stand in the future, Samuels said, “What they have to realize is that if someone should ever get hurt at one of these functions, we’re all looking at a potential million dollar lawsuit. I just want them to remember that I’ve made it perfectly clear to the next committee to keep a real close eye on them.”

In response, Lewis said, “We aren’t here to ruin things for the next group that comes along. Most of the damage was done at a time over which we had no control. We left the park thinking everything was OK. We just want everyone to know that restitution has been made.”
Doggies dump on alumni team

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This past weekend the Brockport Men's Rugby team held their annual alumni game. The game consisted of the old rugby players who had graduated versus the present rugby team.

For the first time in years, the Brockport Men's Rugby team defeated their alumni, 40-4, in the 'A' game.

“We were quite stunned by the skill and aggressiveness of this young team,” stated Brockport Alumni and ex-president Mike Ferrigno.

Scores in the 'A' game came from Mike Ryan, Ned Stewart, John O'Reilly, and Dan Kennedy.

“It feels great after all my rugby games to leave this school on a winning note,” Stewart said.

Much like the 'A' game, the 'B' game was another hard-fought aggressive game with the alumni again falling to their descendants, 13-4.

Scores in the 'B' game came from Brian Coons and Tim Clemnsnson with Andy DeGuire making a penalty kick.

“We were hurting from injuries, but we did what had to be done,” Trevor Cobain said.