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Ruggers Earn Division Title

The Lockport Rugby Club won the New York State Rugby Union Division III championship with a 32-7 win over the Buffalo Old Boys Saturday at the Infirmary.

Fullback Chuck Harrington scored first for Lockport, taking a pass from wing Ernie Scales and sprinting 40 yards for a try.

Scrumhalf Mike Burns then broke weakside around the scrum and weaved 50 yards through the defense to give Lockport an 8-7 halftime lead.

The locals scored 24 unanswered points in the second half. Player-coach Gene Adams touched down for a 10-yard try shortly after the intermission. Minutes later, center Chris Seiler dove for a loose ball in Buffalo's goal for a score.

Wing Bobby Bitton picked up a loose ball, also coughed up by a Buffalo ball carrier, and sprinted untouched 75 yards for a try. Bitton led the scoring for Lockport. In addition to his try, he booted four conversion kicks through the posts.

Wing forward Kevin Osterhoudt closed out the scoring for Lockport, taking a pass from fullback Harrington and motoring 50 yards down the left sideline to touch down between the posts.

Much of Lockport's offense was generated by aggressive defensive play. The forwards, led by captain Dave Kelsch, provided solid tackling all day.

The locals take on Cornell University at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Infirmary.