

Ruggers Eat Buffalo

by Andy Strunk

The Cortland Rugby Club won their first A game of the season when they shut out Buffalo State 34-0. Cortland could have looked sharper against the Buffalo State team, but the abundance of Cortland scores still made for an exciting game for the spectators. The convincing victory was a good start for the ruggers playing their first game on the recently completed "Lupe Garcia" Field, situated on the new athletic fields. In the B game, Cortland lost a close one, 30-24, to the Buffalo Old Boys.

Cortland put the majority of their points on the scoreboard in the first half with most of the scoring due to fine individual efforts. The action started when center John Wagner followed his own kick, dribbled it into the endzone, and touched it down in the middle of the end zone. Warren Reynolds' conversion was good, and Cortland was out in front 6-0.

Scrum half Ray Matteson had a great game scoring 4 consecutive tries in the first half. The scrum half is the first man in the wing and places the ball to the scrums and also throws it out to the wing when the scrum has rucked over it. The Cortland scrum dominated the game, as

Matteson was able to consistently beat his man. Matteson scored on a long open field run, a couple of shorter runs and once when he dove on the ball in the end zone. Reynolds converted two of Matteson's four tries making the half-time score Cortland 26, Buffalo State 0.

Cortland scored two more tries in the second half, the first on a short run by Roy Felipe. Cortland's last try was scored on some fine passwork between fly half Matty Asen and outside center Larry Summers. Asen broke free on a run and had Summers on his wing. When Asen ran into resistance from Buffalo, he passed to Summers along the sideline.



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Ruggers were consistently on the ball