

Record is 4-0

Rugby team successful

Sporting a 4-0 record, the State University of Buffalo rugby team has shown that its third year in competition will be a successful one.

Rugby is a unique game in the sense that it played purely for its intrinsic values. There is no pressure to practice, but on the field the competitive spirit is very high. Rugby at this University is a club sport—there is no varsity team on campus.

Anyone affiliated with the University may play on the team. There are presently professors, graduate students, foreign students and undergraduates playing rugby.

There are actually two separate seasons on the rugby schedule. Already this fall, the Buffalo team has defeated Colgate 25-3, St. Catherine's 13-12 and 18-5, and Rochester 17-0. The year's sec-

ond season begins in the spring.

The objective of rugby is to carry a ball, which looks like an over-inflated football, over the opponent's goal line. Three points are scored for the goal and two points are awarded for a following field goal, similar to the point after touchdown in football.

No protective equipment is worn by rugby players. It is played on a field slightly wider and about as long as a football field.

Started 1823

The game is initiated by a kick-off. Play is divided into two 35-minute halves, with a short rest period between halves. No substitutions may be made during play, but a new team may start the second half. Play is continuous. In case of injury, the afflicted team must play a man short. When a man is injured, the opposition, in a gesture of

courtesy, applauds as he leaves the field.

Fifteen men comprise a team. They are divided into forwards—called the pack—and backs. Any one on the team may score a goal. The ball is advanced by running, dribbling, kicking or passing.

Started in 1823 on the playing fields of Rugby, England, it has many characteristics of both soccer and football. Rugby was brought to Buffalo three years ago by several interested professors.

The spirit of the game may perhaps be best illustrated by the fact that each match is followed by a party for both teams, sponsored by the home team.

Practices are held Mondays at 4 p.m. and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. in front of Acheson Hall. Anyone interested is invited to drop in on a practice.