

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 tries. 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 tries called back in the second half because the players who crossed the try line failed to put the ball down properly. Eric Gadski 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.