

Report of the Buffalo Rugby Club Easter Tour

On Mar. 27, 45 hearty travelers from the Buffalo Rugby Club left North America for a tour of The British Isles. This lively tourist side deplaned in London and bussed to Wales for matches against Abercarn and Llandaff. On March 29 the 2nd XV played Abercarn 1st XV and went down to a 60 - 0 defeat. On Easter Sunday the 1st XV emerged victorious against Llandaff by a score of 30 - 14. The following morning found the "Buffalos", as we had come to be known, on a bus headed toward Birmingham. After a hearty lunch in historic old Broadway, we pulled into Birmingham. From our 34 players, 15 were selected to play against the Aston University. We won 14 - 10, after being down 10 - 0. After the game we met our hosts for our stay in Birmingham. The following day, with no game scheduled, some of the touring party visited Warwick Castle. On Wednesday, the Buffalo Rugby Club was presented to the Lord Mayor of Birmingham. The "Buffalos" acquitted themselves rather well in this pompous ceremony. That evening two matches were played against the Old Saltleians. The seconds went down to a 10 - 8 defeat, after leading for most of the game. The 1sts lost 17 - 7, after falling behind early. On Thursday the more cultured members of the party went to Stratford on Avon. The remaining 35 went to London or went shopping in Birmingham. On Friday the Buffalos played a basketball game against a team composed of Birmingham Rugby players. In somewhat less than an artistic success Buffalo won 96 - 62. Needless to say, a beer-up followed. Over the weekend Buffalo played the Old Centrals. The 2nd XV was beaten by a score of 44-8, while the 1st XV went down by a 19-14 score.

After bidding our hosts farewell, the Buffalo Club returned to North America with fond memories of Wales and England and of the tremendous hospitality shown us in both countries.