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Young Ruggers Show Promise Vs. Buffalo

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While the A team lost a toughly fought game of the spring to the mud and rain Saturday, the B team showed a few things that show the game is supposed to be played as they called over the Buffalo Old Boys B team, 14-0. The backs and so forth were outplayed by the Cortland team who just too much for the first time. Buffalo, Dave Conway and Geoff Paffin took scored a try and Dave Chubb put two penalty kicks through the uprights to account for all of Cortland's points. It was, however, the bulk of both the teams and backs, many in their first season of rugby, which pulled the Buffalo offense. The season's defense was led by a half-time forward who consistently kicked Cortland out of bounds from deep in their own end.

The win was the second in a row for the B team. In the previous Wednesday they topped Baker's B side 14-0 and had Dave Chubb's penalty kick.

Also Wednesday, the A side managed to lose to a higher squad of Hobart players 10-15. After an opening try by Baker's, Cortland missed all 11 weight points. A try by Dave Conway, the conversion, and a try by Dave Chubb kicked Cortland to a 10-4 halftime lead. Cortland opened the second half with a penalty kick before Hobart took command. Hobart scored two tries, the conversion and a penalty kick to take the lead 19-12. However, Cortland penalty kick and a late-minute try were just too little and too late and Hobart claimed the victory, their first of the year.

Against the Old Boys on Saturday the A side played well but the sloppy conditions made the task too much to handle in many several situations and Buffalo even broke with an 84 mile in the strength of the line. Now 1-4 for the spring campaign and 8-11 for the whole year, Cortland will host the make their New Point tournament. Looking over the first season will be 1 year. Looking ahead over further, Cortland will host College RFC, Wednesday May 4 at 4 p.m. and Saturday May 1. The second Spring Point match will be staged against Oswego.

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Buffalo outlasts ruggers

By DAVE OLSON

An inspired Cortland night team surprised a crowd of spectators when Buffalo Old Boys came to scoring their 12-0 and a penalty kick in the first half for a 12-12 lead, only to lose the match to the final score of 22-10, Saturday.

Paul Hennes, a freshman in his first season, scored the first try of the game to give the Old Boys a 4-0 lead. Ottawa later, Bob McEwen ran the ball in from fifteen yards out by landing several tackles to reach the goal line which made the score 10-0.

Buffalo got back into the game when Terry Lee broke free from a Cortland player to score and Chasley Lake added the conversion kick to make the score 16-0. But then, Paul Hennes scored his second try of the day when he moved around several Buffalo players and landed

over another in the goal line for the score. But a Gardner missed the conversion and the score was 16-6. Buffalo scored again through a try by Dave Ferguson and Lake kicked the conversion to keep Buffalo close, 16-12. Then shortly before the end of the first half, Rob Gardner kicked a twenty-five yard penalty kick for three points and the half ended with Cortland leading 17-12.

Buffalo tightened up its defense in the second half and

to the Buffalo 22 yard line where they were awarded a penalty kick that ended with a try for the Old Boys. Gardner withstood the pressure and split the uprights to put Cortland ahead 20-16. However, it was not to be. Cortland's skip, Buffalo kicked off and after another Cortland penalty, John Polyn of Buffalo drove home from a Cortland defender and was down the sideline to score giving Buffalo the game 22-16.

A young B team also lost a tough game. They held a 10-0 lead most of the game on a penalty kick by Steve Gentry, but Buffalo scored a try late in the game to win 14-10.

This Saturday the Cortland rugby team leaves St. Bonaventure in what should prove to be an exciting contest between two evenly matched teams. The A game is set for 1 p.m. and the B will start at 2:30.