

SPORT NEWS

SIDELIGHTS

Varsity first team soccer men showed how high is their regard for Mosher by electing him as Captain for the year, even though he may not be with the team until well on in the season. Heggie is in a class by himself when it comes to net-minding, but it was not for this reason alone that the Varsity star was elected Captain. Mosher has endeared himself to the hearts of players and fans alike while playing between the posts for Varsity. His cheerful manner stands him in good stead now, for he has had his leg broken and reset on four occasions.

The Inter-collegiate meet at Edmonton is one week earlier than was figured on by U. B. C. track officials, and will now take place on October 18, according to the letter received from the secretary of the W. I. C. A. U. This announcement has caused the trackmen to redouble their efforts to reach the top of their form for the prairie meet.

Peter Demidoff broke the inter-collegiate pole vault record unofficially last Friday, when he cleared the bar at 10 feet 4 inches; the W. I. C. A. U. record, which was made at Saskatoon last year, being 10 feet 1 inch. Demidoff should be a safe bet for this year's track team, which is going to Edmonton in a couple of weeks.

Page Bobby Jackson, who scored Varsity's first goal this year, after being out for practically a whole season with a wrenched knee. Even now his knee is weak, but that didn't prevent him from being the pick of the Varsity forwards on Saturday. Bobby made several game attempts to come back last year without avail, but he seems to have accomplished it now, and his team-mates elected him Captain pro tem until Mosher gets back.

Even though unable to play last year Bobby used to hang around the dressing room handing out words of encouragement to his team-mates, and both his and Mosher's election to the job of skipper will meet with favor to all those fans who have followed the round ball game at U. B. C.

The result of Saturday's first division soccer game shows the need of a coach, one who knows the game and will turn out on every occasion. A coach with such qualifications could be given absolute power to pick the team, although of course he might take advice from other officials of the club.

"Too many cooks spoil the broth," and the Soccer Club will find out to their sorrow that if they have several good men, running things, who all know the game and yet have conflicting ideas, that they will get nowhere. Nothing disorganizes a team so much as changing line-ups. It may be necessary at the beginning of the year. But even at the end of the season last year, the Varsity soccer men were changing their line-ups with disastrous results.

Selection committees are all right in theory, but in actual practice they are a failure because they are unwieldy. A good coach is the solution to the trouble, and the Soccer Club would be better advised to spend the money, that they intend to lay out for the use of one end of Bob Brown's park, for paying a coach for Wednesday afternoons, even if they have to use some old school ground to play on.

Second Soccer Wins

The University third division team was the only one to carry the Blue and Gold to victory on Saturday. The game was played at Heather Park against the Chinese students, resulting in a 4-2 score.

The Chinese won the toss and elected to play with the sun in their eyes in the first half. Play opened briskly with the Chinese testing "Flee" Sutherland in a few seconds. The ball went from end to end, the Varsity halves playing brilliantly and the Chinese backs kicking effectively. In about fifteen minutes Hec Cant, after making an opening, passed to Alsbury, who scored on a nice first-time drive. The Orientals came back strongly after this reverse but the U.B.C. halfbacks, Gibbard, Reid and Demidoff, broke up their attack and passed neatly to their forwards. Their efforts were often nullified by off-sides, Fanning at outside right being the chief offender. After a nice rush down left wing Max Evans centered to Newcombe, who shot wide on a fine opportunity. Shortly afterwards Reid put in a bullet shot from twenty-five yards out which fooled the opposing goalie completely.

The students switched their lineup, putting Gooney in centre and Quen inside right, and made a number of quick rushes. The Varsity backs were slow in clearing and were only saved by the halfbacks. Finally the Chinese scored on a cross from left wing which Sutherland, attempting to clear, threw to the opposing centre's head who promptly placed the ball in the net. Halftime blew soon afterwards.

The second half opened with rush after rush by the Chinese, some poor kicking by the College backs, and two good saves by Sutherland. Soon the U.B.C. halves began to get the ball again and the forwards threatened but were always pulled up by Referee Clifton for offside. At last Fred Newcombe broke through and scored. Play went from end to end in which the Chinese centre and Reid featured. Reid often outwitted the whole Chinese halfback line before passing the ball. Half way through the second half Max Evans put in a long, high, cross which Newcombe converted with a splendid header, making the score 4-1. The Orientals seemed to lose their pep, and when they did come down Hunter and Warden, who had at last found themselves, relieved with some long-distance kicking. Just before time the Chinese ended the scoring with their second goal, making the final count 4-2.

The U.B.C. from their game on Saturday should make a good showing this year for the Chinese are a very fast and extremely tricky team. They were best served by their centre, inside right, and leftback, but appeared weak at centre half, thus permitting a good deal of midfield play between Reid, Cant, Newcombe, and Alsbury. Incidentally, at least seventy-five Chinese were out yelling their heads off for their team, while U.B.C. had three supporters, one of these being the crippled Heggie. The team lined up as follows: Sutherland; Warden and Hunter; Gibbard, Reid and Demidoff; Fanning, Newcombe, Cant, Alsbury and Evans.

Keep Saturday afternoon for.. the Varsity Rugby game at 2:30, at Brockton Point.