



Sports on the University of Alberta campus are becoming a big thing and with the introduction of Rugger this year, sports will be on a year round basis.

Yes, this summer will see a University Rugger team fielded and they will compete in the eight team Edmonton-Calgary league.

Rugger, which is a coming sport in Canada, should be a great asset to the sporting world of Alberta as from all appearances it is a great game. It is gaining in popularity throughout the west, and with the game started at our campus, I can see it blossoming into one of our intra-mural standards.

It is a very exciting game and it features continuous play, something football fans will love. It is similar to football only in tackling, kicking and running.

Fifteen men begin the game and if they are not injured they finish. If they are injured, substitution is not allowed and the starters must finish the game.

But contrary to common belief, the game is not as ruthless as it sounds as most of the injuries are only bruises and scrapes with the odd muscle strain and very few are serious.

Leading to this situation is the fact that the tackling is not intended to drive the man back but only to ground him and when grounded the ball carrier is expected to throw the ball away. Also the great sportsmanlike nature of the game does away with many of the injuries. All players are expected to perform cleanly and any dirty player is

frowned upon by both teams.

To play rugger, one does not have to be a strong, hulking athlete as he does in football; often speed and agility is favored as the game does not allow blocking. Conditioning is the big thing as a starting player must play two forty-minute halves.

Another good point in the game is that linemen as well as backs may carry the ball and everyone can get in the act as teamwork is a necessity.

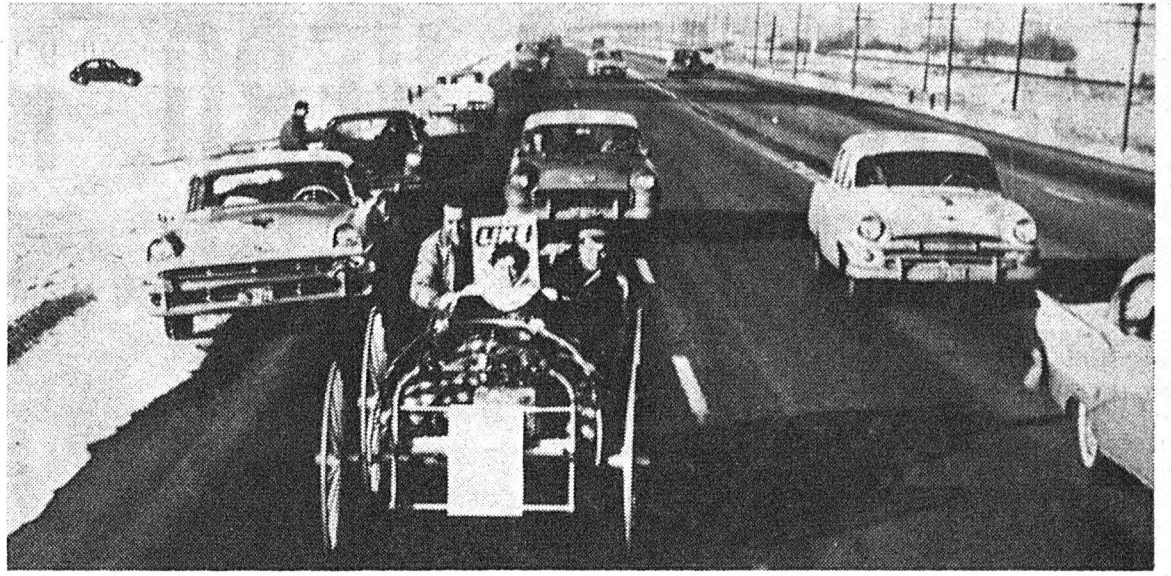
The prohibitive cost of football, which has deterred its development in many centres, is eliminated by this new game as all that is required costs about one fifteenth the cost of a football strip.

I have been talking to many of the varsity students who have played the game and to hear them one would think this should be Canada's national sport. Apparently the players love the game and many old footballers are working hard to see the game on campus.

With its evident popularity and obviously exciting appeal I don't see how it can miss. Rugger should, and probably will become one of our better games. It may eventually muscle in on intramural football territory and if it does I don't think too many will miss the farce called football that is played at the intramural level.

If you are interested in playing rugger, there will be a meeting Monday, March 13, at 4:30 p.m. in the new PEB lecture rooms and all are invited to attend. For more information contact Nev Anderson, usually found around PEB.

Incidentally, Nev is trying to round up a film for the meeting, so it could be an interesting session, what with pictures and all.



OUT OF MY WAY—I DON'T DRIVE WITH MY HANDS

Cal-Tech Only 200 Milers

In a futile attempt to publicize the coming production of Varsity Varieties in Calgary, 26 weary students pushed a cut down bed to Red Deer before they were taken off the highway by the RCMP.

However, the Edmonton campus, challenged by four other groups of students, came out second in the weekend sport.

Calgary Tech. was the only team to complete the course. Mount Royal College, also of Calgary managed to

push as far as the University Campus in Calgary before they flaked out. UAC covered 40 miles but quit because of two near accidents. Alberta College in Edmonton failed to even get off the campus as a result of a ruling by the principal.

Though the spirit on the Edmonton campus was favorable early in the week, only ten of the original 152 showed up Saturday afternoon. 16 others were soon recruited in a dying cause.

Working in twos and often one at a time the 21 boys and five girls set an average of 10.7 miles per hour for

the first 83 miles.

Though setting what may be a new record, the speedy group was forced by fatigue to slow down near Lacombe and could only walk the last few miles into Lacombe. After an extended break, pushing continued into Red Deer. During this surge between Lacombe and Red Deer, a peak speed of 24 miles per hour was reached on an overpass as the bed coasted down the slope.

Assuming a steady and vigorous speed upon leaving SUB, the bed was followed for the first twenty miles by a rabble rouser in a coon-skin coat and a Green and Gold toque perched upon the training truck with a jug of root beer.

Shortly after leaving SUB the group ran into difficulty when pipe smoking Percy McLean, who was in the bed controlling the steering, forgot directions and led the pushers over a muddy route. Three other girls, Carmi Missal, Rita McDonnell and Lydia Tryhnew spelled Percy off on the bed. Another girl, Lydia Shimek acted as nurse for sprained legs and minor cuts.

Painted green and gold, the bed was an army hospital type with the legs cut short. Wooden buggy wheels were used instead of the usual rubber type. The only breakdown came before Nisku when the back of the bed came loose from the springs and had to be spot welded in Nisku.

Without any further serious incidents the bed made it to Red Deer where three students wore holes in their shoes in an attempt to keep the bed under control on a steep hill.

Here the small and tired team was told by the RCMP that the lowering fog presented a danger and unless the bed was taken from the highway the police would remove it themselves. The disheartened students meekly complied with the higher authorities and finished the trip with the bed on the truck.

Volleyballers Cop Trophy

University of Alberta won the Western Intercollegiate volleyball championship in a two-day meet which wound up Saturday in Saskatoon.

Alberta defeated Saskatchewan and University of Manitoba in a playoff for the crown when the three teams tied for first with two wins and a loss each. University of

British Columbia finished last.

After turning back Manitoba 15-5, 7-15, 15-13 in the first play-off round, the Albertans sewed up the title by sweeping Saskatchewan 15-9, 15-13 in the finale.

In winning, the volleyballers in green and gold picked up the Manitoba Alumni Association Trophy for the second straight year.



MORE PENALTIES?

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Austin Smith led the Bear attack with 4 goals as Jim Hodgson, Neil McDermid, George Severin, Ed Brown, Jones, Weaver and Kingston counted one each. Boone Strother, Trevor Owen, Captain Bill Cherpeta and Keith Benson scored for the West-coasters.

Perhaps the best indication of play in the two games were goalie's stops

as Bears outshot their rivals 43-19 and 50-24 Friday and Saturday respectively.

Plans for a national final to wind up the year have as yet failed to materialize and apart from a remotely-possible Sunday match with the Oil Kings at the Gardens, the games marked the end of hockey for this season.

Wrestlers Place Second

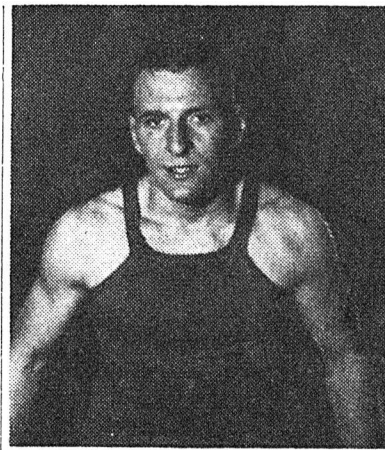
University of Alberta wrestlers travelled to Saskatoon over the weekend, and after the resin had settled the Albertans had grabbed second spot behind winning University of Saskatchewan wrestlers.

The meet was a three-sided affair, with the University of British Columbia completing the triangle.

Saskatchewan breezed to the championship with 13 wins, two losses and one draw; Alberta picked up seven wins in 16 matches and UBC managed only three wins, and a draw in their 16 contests.

Pacing the Saskatchewan squad, which picked up the Dr. D. S. Rawson trophy, was Graham Bender, who put on a sparkling display of matwork in winning the Beaumont Trophy as the best wrestler in the meet.

Bill Zuk picked up Alberta's only individual championship, when he



BILL ZUK

walked away with the heavyweight title. This was Bill's first competitive meet of the season as he had been out with injuries earlier.

Coach Gino Fracas, added, "this has been a successful year for our squad and we think the outlook for next season is very rosy indeed."



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