

## ATHLETICS

(By Corpl. J. HEWITT)

Outplaying their opponents all the way, and unquestionably demonstrating superiority at every point the soccer representatives of the Western Scots inflicted a decisive beating on their rivals from the 88th Fusiliers before a big assemblage of the garrison on the oval last Saturday in a league game. The final score was three goals to nil, and the Fusiliers were decidedly fortunate to keep the count so low for the Scots were all over them from start to finish, and it was only on very rare occasions that the 88th was able to press home an attack. One of these was in the first half and resulted in the Fusiliers being awarded a penalty kick. The kick was taken all right and the ball went straight to the corner of the net, but in their eagerness some of the Fusiliers wandered across the line and so the ball was rightly called back by the referee. The next attempt was not so good, and Goaltender Riley cleared only to have one of the half-backs handle the ball inside the dreaded area again, with the result that the Fusiliers were accorded a third chance to score. This time the ball sailed high over the crossbar, and the Scots' rooters were able to give the Fusiliers the hoarse chuckle. After that the Fusiliers were seldom very dangerous, and when they were, the Scots' defence proved invulnerable. The Scots broke through the Fusiliers' defence on a number of occasions but had hard luck with their shots, the ball twice striking the crossbar and the goal-fender making some very creditable saves of other efforts that were headed for the net. Once in a scramble in the goal-mouth the ball lodged behind the goalie, but as it went off Dakers' fist and the official saw it, there was no score. The teams crossed over without a score, and about twenty minutes of the second period elapsed before Dakers located the net for the first goal of the game. It was a fine effort, and Dakers took his time, when in position to make sure of it, after getting the ball from Dagg. Patterson scored the second and best goal of the game on a beautiful bit of work some time after. Shortly before time Dagg put on the last. The Scots forwards were swarming down on the Fusiliers' goal all the latter part of this period, but they were over-eager to make certain of netting the ball, and usually held on too long before letting drive. The Sixty-Seventh team shaped up very well all through the game, the forwards doing particularly good work. Riley was back in the net, and went through his second game without a score against him. The backs were very steady. The halves can do better work, but they did not let the team down any. The attacking division was strong and used good judgment. Plump, at outside right, put up a splendid article, although Dakers, at inside left, was the pick of the quintette. If the same team can be kept together the other teams in the league will have ample reason to fear the Scots during the balance of their engagements.

Thistles are still leading the senior league with an unblemished record, having taken the measure of the Wests last Saturday by a score of two goals to one. The Jacksons and Western Scots are tied for second place with two wins and a loss each, the Jacksons having beaten the Fifth last week by two goals to nil. The Wests are in fourth place, while the Fifth Regiment and the Fusiliers are bringing up the rear of the procession with a solitary point apiece, which they managed to extract from each other in their opening game of the season, when they played to a scoreless draw. Neither seems quite up to the strength of the four other clubs, but as they have to play each other again during the schedule, both clubs can reasonably hope to add to their quota of points in the league table. Here is the standing, compiled to date:

|                      | Won | Lost | Drn. | Pts. | Goals |       |
|----------------------|-----|------|------|------|-------|-------|
|                      |     |      |      |      | For   | Agst. |
| Thistles .....       | 3   | 0    | 0    | 6    | 8     | 2     |
| Jacksons .....       | 2   | 1    | 0    | 4    | 9     | 6     |
| Western Scots .....  | 2   | 1    | 0    | 4    | 7     | 6     |
| Victoria Wests ..... | 1   | 2    | 0    | 2    | 4     | 4     |
| Fifth Regiment ..... | 0   | 2    | 1    | 1    | 0     | 5     |
| 88th Fusiliers ..... | 0   | 2    | 1    | 1    | 1     | 6     |

Games today: 88th Fusiliers vs. Thistles; Sir John Jacksons vs. Wests; Western Scots vs. Fifth Regiment.

The Western Scots will put a team in the second division of the league. They played their first game against another junior aggregation, the Congregationals, at Beacon Hill Park

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