

ATHLETICS

(By Corpl. J. HEWITT)

Today is the red letter day of the present soccer season so far as the Western Scots are concerned, for the Battalion representatives will take on the unbeaten Thistle team at Royal Athletic Park. The league standing shows three teams tied for first place with six points apiece, the Jacksons and Western Scots being on even terms with the Thistles. The latter, however, have a game in hand, their fixture with the 88th Regiment, scheduled for last week-end, having been called off because the grounds were not properly marked off. Thistles have a powerful defence, having had but two goals scored on them in three games, and they have a formidable attack which has managed to gather goals at the rate of almost three a game. Nevertheless the Battalion rooters will be keenly disappointed if the Western Scots fail to take the measure of the Victoria Scots this afternoon. The Sixty-Seventh team is going along splendidly now, and the players should render an excellent account of themselves today. It was perhaps fortunate for the Western Scots that they were given four games in which to find themselves before being called upon to meet the Thistles, for a lot of experimenting has had to be done. But now the team has had several real games as a whole, and they are beginning to work together as they should. Last Saturday the Western Scots had a delightful little workout against the Fifth Regiment team at Beacon Hill Park. A one-sided game ended in a three to one score for the Scots, the event being notable only for the fact that the Fifth managed to get a goal, their first in four starts this season. The other league game last week was between the Jacksons and the Victoria Wests, and resulted, after a rather ragged exhibition, in a score of four goals for the Jacksons to one for the Wests. The league standing is appended:

	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points	Goals For	Goals Agst.
Thistles	3	0	0	6	8	2
Jacksons	3	1	0	6	13	7
Western Scots	3	1	0	6	10	7
Victoria Wests	1	3	0	2	5	8
88th Fusiliers	0	2	1	1	1	6
Fifth Regiment	0	3	1	1	1	8

Although the attendance was not what had been expected, the boxing tournament held under the auspices of the Battalion Sports Committee in the Horse Show Arena last Tuesday evening was a splendid success in every other respect, and as a result it is quite probable that the Western Scots will be treated to other similar events in the near future. The feature event between Seaman Russ Leighton, of the Royal Canadian Navy, and Pte. McHugh, of the 67th draft, better known as Cyclone Scott, resulted most satisfactory from a Battalion standpoint, for the navy representative was declared the loser after the affair had gone the limit of twelve rounds. The bout, while hardly a good exhibition of boxing, was interesting, and, as is generally the way after a bout where both boxers finish on their feet with no great damage done to either, there was the usual criticism of the referee's decision. The Leighton supporters contended that their representative should have been awarded a draw, mainly, apparently, because of what he ought to have done instead of what he actually did. Leighton looked big enough and strong enough to annihilate Scott, and appeared to have something in reserve at all stages. But he overlooked the all-important fact that it is action that counts, and for practically all the distance he let Scott set the pace. After being clearly outpointed through the first eight rounds Leighton woke up and began to do some of the leading himself. But he started too late. He held his own in the ninth round, which was marred by reason of foul work by both principals, Leighton trying to wrestle Scott to the floor and Scott replying by butting, and then went on and had a margin in the next two sessions. In the final session both boxers tried hard to put over a finishing punch, but their efforts were wild, and the finish found them still at it, with the margin of points still on the Scott side of the ledger. The bout was under straight Marquis of Queensbury rules, as in vogue across the border, with the boxers permitted to hit at all times and

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