

ATHLETICS

(By Corpl. J. HEWITT)

Brawn, typified by eleven good men and true from the 67th Western Scots, triumphed over brains, disguised as the 88th Fusiliers, for the second time in the City Soccer League series on the oval last week-end. The score, one to nil, would give the impression to one who did not witness the one-sided argument that it was a hard, close game, but it was far from so. The Scots were all over their opponents from start to finish, and though they did not beat the able 88th custodian till the last half minute of the game, they were entitled to half a dozen goals on the run of the play. The opposing goalie pulled off some truly wonderful saves, and he had a lot of good luck as well. Once in the first half it appeared that the Scots scored when the ball slipped through the goalie's fingers and he had to turn clear around to pick it up in order to relieve. But the referee ruled otherwise, and so it was not till just at the end that Allen managed to send the ball into the net during a scrimmage in front. The Scots had a patched-up team for the occasion, with four of the regulars missing, but they performed wonderfully well under the circumstances and kept the Fusiliers penned up inside their own territory for practically four-fifths of the time.

It is all over but the shouting in the City League series now. The Thistles dropped a point to the Wests last week-end, and now the Jacksons are sure champions. They are entitled to the honors, too. The Western Scots will finish up in third place. For a time they had bright prospects, but two successive defeats by the Jacksons killed their chances.

With two victories to its credit and no defeats, the Machine Gun Section is showing the way in the Battalion Soccer League. No. 3 Company, led by Lance-Corporal Cunningham, aided and abetted by Corporal Fenton, tried to bar the victorious progress of the gunners on Wednesday, and went down before them by the score of one goal to nil. The gunners actually scored twice, but Cunningham talked too fast and furious for the referee when the first shot from Geordie Nichol, the fair-haired pride of the Gun Section, beat Goaltender Hazel, and so the goal did not count. But there was no mistaking the second goal, which Pte. Duggan scored. Duggan, by the way, is a youth of undoubted promise, and should in time, by careful application to the pastime, develop into a really great footballer. He did not do anything on Wednesday other than score this goal, but being of a modest and retiring disposition, he apparently thought this was sufficient. Finnigan Flynn, the Fort George thunderbolt, provided the thrills of the day by his brilliant work in goal. He now ranks with Duggan as the world's greatest goalies. Neither has been scored on in a game so far, and their fielding average, as the baseball fans put it, is perfect to date. Crozier was another star uncovered by the Gunners, while "Nellie" Kenny and Lieut. Okell both played their usual heady effective games. The losers evidently suffered from over-confidence, at least, that was the opinion to be derived from Cunningham's remarks before, during, and after the conflict. They had their strongest team out, but they could not stand up under the pattering of the Machine Gunners, who kept up an incessant fusillade that palpably upset the men of No. 3.

The rugger enthusiasts have not been very enthusiastic of late. Surely Captain Meredith does not intend to let the record of one game played, one lost, stand forever.

The sergeants of the Battalion have an idea they can play soccer, and they have arranged to give a demonstration of their skill on the oval this afternoon in competition with the representative league team of the Scots. There promises to be some game. It will be one time the rank and file will have an opportunity to tell the sergeants what they think of them, individually and collectively, without fear of C.B., and for that very reason there will probably be a large attendance when Referee Walter Lorimer, now of the 88th, blows the whistle for the commencement of the exhibition. Here is the sergeants' line-up: Goal, Burton; Backs, Masterton and Roxburgh; Halves, J. Smith, Hughes and Pugh; Forwards, Johnstone, Gray, Allan, Haines and McPhee. Reserves, Howard, Watson, Williams and Morton.

The Vancouver Island Amateur Athletic Association entertained a contingent from the Western Scots right royally at the initial entertainment in its new quarters in the old Victoria West Athletic Club Hall on Wednesday night, when the prizes

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