

OUR FOOTBALL CLUB.

In our last issue we promised to give a further account of our football activities after the fateful Elliot Shield Final. There is however very little to record. After the Elliot Shield Final our players were so much disheartened that it was impossible for us to put in our regular eleven in any match of the Inter Collegiate Football League. We lost to the Scottish Churches by four goals to one ;—nothing better could be done with a scrappy eleven many of whom were mere spectators in a show. Then the Inter-Collegiate League matches came to a sudden close by an order of the Committee, and we had to remain satisfied with the third position in the League. With a little more energy on the part of our players we might have annexed the Sir Ashutosh Mookerjee Challenge Shield this year. But it is no good crying over spilt milk.

In the Wheeler Memorial Shield our luck was no better. We drew with the Bengal Technical Institute in the first round of the competition on the Mohanbagan ground. The re-play was to take place on the Presidency College ground by mutual agreement, but the Technicals did not turn up, and we thought they had withdrawn from the competition, and wrote to the authorities at Berhampore accordingly explaining everything. For a few days no answer came, and when it came at last we were surprised to learn that we were to play against the Technicals again where their whim would carry us. We strongly protested against this arbitrary decision of the Committee, but to no purpose. The result was that we were compelled to withdraw from the contest. I do not think any self-respecting team can play under a committee that after promising all facilities to foreign teams wilfully go back upon those promises. It was only out of respect for the late Principal Wheeler who was sometime a Professor of English in our College that we entered the competition at all, and I

leave it to my successors to decide whether it is at all advisable to enter the competition managed by men from whom no justice can be expected.

After the collapse of the Berhampore Exodus our Principal very kindly allowed us to have a trip either to Benares or to some other centre of learning in the province of Behar and Orissa. But it was already late, as the Puja holidays were drawing near, and repeated telegrams to some of these places only elicited the reply that they could not arrange any game with us before the Pujas.

It now remains for me to record the results of the G. C. Bose Challenge Cup which is an inter-class competition. But for the strenuous activities of Professors J. N. Chakravarti, and P. C. Ghosh, two of our worthy Vice-Presidents, and their ready co-operation it would not have been possible for me to draw this competition to a close. My thanks also go to those students who co-operated with me in running the competition. Space does not permit me to dwell at length on each game. A brief glance at the following Table would enable my readers to learn the results.—

FIRST ROUND.

1. 4th year B. A. defeated Amherst Street Mess by three goals to one.

SECOND ROUND,

1. 4th year B. A. drew with 1st year B on the first day, each side scoring once.

On the 2nd day 4th year B. A. defeated their opponents by five goals to nil.

2. 4th year B. Sc. defeated 1st year C by 6 goals to one.

3. 2nd year A defeated 2nd year B by a goal to nil.

4. Canning Hostel defeated III B. Sc. by four goals to one.

5. 2nd year E defeated 1st year D by four goals to two.
6. College School defeated 1st year A by a solitary goal.
7. 2nd year C defeated 2nd year D by five goals to two.
8. 2nd year F defeated 3rd year B.A. by five goals to love.

THIRD ROUND:

1. 4th year B. A. defeated 4th year B. Sc. by two goals to nil.
2. Canning Hostel defeated 2nd year A by three goals to one.
3. 2nd year E defeated School by three goals to nil.
4. 2nd year F defeated 2nd year C by five goals to one.

SEMI-FINAL

1. Canning Hostel drew with 4th year B. A. on the first day each side scoring once.

In the re-play the Hostel men defeated 4th year B. A. by three goals to one.

2. 2nd year F defeated 2nd year E by three goals to nil.

FINAL.

2nd year F vs. Canning Hostel.

The final was to take place on the St. Paul's College ground. Prof. Dharendra Krishna Mookherjee M. A. kindly consented to preside. But the Canning Hostel team withdrew most unsportsmanlike at the eleventh hour when all arrangements for the game had been made, and invitation cards had been sent. Prof. J. N. Chakravarti, however, arranged a friendly game between 2nd yr. F and a representative team, on the conclusion of which the trophy was awarded to the 2nd Yr. F men who had a brilliant record throughout the competition. It is to be deplored that many of our players lack what is known as the sportsmanly spirit. A player is punished for the sake of discipline, and immediately his so-called friends raise the hue

and cry. One team loses the game, and immediately lodges a protest on most flimsy grounds. I hope the day will soon come when players will take a defeat in a right sportsmanly temper and shake hands with the victors.

In conclusion I beg to thank the Bhowanipore Club, the Presidency College Club, the St. Paul's College Club, the Secretary of the E. B. Ry. Manson Institute Club, and the Rector of the Collin's Institute, Beliaghata, for their kindly lending us their grounds for use without which we could not draw the competition to a successful close. It is sad to reflect that the Shibabaran Memorial Competition, though begun in right earnest, could not be finished for want of playing grounds. I hope my worthy successors will try their best to secure a permanent ground for the College. Our attempts have failed but we hope theirs will be crowned with success.

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