

COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Report of the College F. C.

Besides the Principal's Cup and Shibabaran Memorial Shield which are open to the students of our college alone we were allowed this year to take part in the following competitions :—

- (a) The Hardinge Birth-day Challenge Shield,
- (b) The Elliot Shield,
- (c) The Inter-Collegiate Football League.

The Principal's Cup, the Shibabaran Shield and the Inter-Collegiate League are not over at the time of writing this report. We shall therefore close our report with a description of our activities in connection with the Hardinge Shield and Elliot Shield competitions. Reports of the other competitions as well as of the Wheeler Memorial Shield in which the Canning Hostel boys have taken part and have won the first two rounds, will be published in the next issue of the Magazine.

HARDINGE BIRTHDAY CHALLENGE SHIELD

Our first match in connection with the above competition was with Ashutosh College. After one day's draw we defeated our opponents in the replay by a goal to nil.

We next met the Islamia College boys and defeated them easily by two goals to nil and qualified ourselves for the semi-final.

In the semi-final our opponents were the University Law College men. During the first half we had more of the game but our forwards threw away chances galore and failed to score. For the first ten minutes after half-time when the play was resumed we were all over our opponents. But bad luck and faulty play of our attacking line stood in the way of our winning the match. The Law College men now pressed hard

and tried to score from long range. At last their efforts were crowned with success. A shot from Dulal from a distance of 30 yards easily caught our goalie napping and found the net. At this our goal-keeper became so unnerved that he seldom made any attempt to save and the result was that when the final whistle blew we were defeated by four goals to love.

ELLIOT SHIELD

In the Elliot Shield our first game was with the formidable Medical College F. C. The ground was in a pool of water and the conditions were against good football and we lost all hopes of winning the match. What was our surprise therefore when we found our players unexpectedly adapting themselves to the conditions and playing a sound game right through? Almost all our players acquitted themselves creditably on this occasion. We defeated our opponents by two goals to love, and both the goals were scored by Premansu Sarkar of First Year B.

In the second round we met the Post-Graduates, and defeated them after two days' draw by a solitary goal scored in the first half of the extra time by Sailesh Chatterjee, our Vice-Captain.

In the 3rd round we met the Carmichael Medical College boys and easily defeated them by three goals to one.

Then came the Semi-Final, and here our opponents were the Law College men to whom we had lost in the Hardinge Birth-day Challenge Shield competition. It is to our credit that we drew with the Law College for two days and lost to them only on the third day when most of our regulars could not take part in the competition being on the injured list. It is a pity that a day before our meeting with the Law College F. C., N. Chakravarti, our crack left line, had his thigh bone disjointed in a match with B. N. R. in the Griffith Challenge

Shield. Had we not lost his services we might have defeated our adversaries on the first day of the Semi-Final when we had them completely in our mercy. Aswini Bardhan who was put in the left line in place of Nirmal Chakravarti missed an absolute sitter when he finely dribbled and had none but the goalkeeper to beat. Instead of shooting straight at goal, he simply rolled the leather into the goalkeeper's lap and thus lost the chance of his life. A minute before the close again another chance was lost, when a gentle tap at the ball would have left us victors; but Chandi Roy who ran for the ball leapt over it in his hurry, and thus missed a nice chance. It must be said to the credit of Law College men that they did their utmost, but our new goalkeeper, Gossain, was not to be beaten easily. Thus at the end of the first day's game there was no score on either side.

We met for a second time on the High Court ground, and the game again ended in a draw. Basanta Bagchi, our captain, sprained his ankle towards the close of the game, and he has not yet come round. The exchanges were fast and even on this day, though neither side scored.

On the third day of the Semi-Final the venue of the fight was shifted to the Town Club ground. Most of our regulars were wounded, and we had to put a scrappy eleven. Yet our boys scored first almost with the start, Chandi Roy being credited with the goal. Heavy pressure by the veteran players of the Law College soon saw us on the defensive, and our opponents soon equalised through Dulal, the renowned Indian forward. When the whistle was about to blow for half time our goalkeeper misjudged a shot from one of our opponents, and had to pay the penalty for it for the ball struck the right post and glided into the net. During the second half we tried our utmost to equalise, but all our efforts were frustrated by the opposing defence. Five minutes from the close a corner by Dulal beat our goalie and found the net quite unexpectedly. Thus our fate was sealed for this year. In conclusion we may add that

the Law College easily defeated the Scottish Churches College in the final by three goals to one, and thus held the shield for three consecutive years.

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THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

Our Summer Social :—Long before the Summer Vacation there was expectancy in every nook and corner of our College. That our students and professors would do something in order to refresh their energies and sweeten their monotonous routine life was evident on every face.

Our association too did not slumber so as to miss this happy opportunity.

It was a custom in our College to hold some dramatic performance or some selected scenes, comic-skits and some such things in the College-compound to amuse the students and professors.

This year we thought it proper to make a departure from this usual fashion and form a steamer party.

This proposal of a steamer party made by Pankaj Mukherjee was carried by a majority of the students and we were highly encouraged in this endeavour by Professors N. C. Banerjee, J. N. Chakravarty and S. N. Ray.

Although our College closed on the 12th April, we did not start for the trip on that day, but the date fixed was the 14th April, because it was the first day of Baisakh of the current Bengali San and our College proposed to observe the "Bengali New Year's Day."