

accorded to him. What a powerful charm his sweet language and his regard for plain truth exercised upon our mind that one and all wished heartily to avail ourselves of another opportunity of listening to him !

The meeting dispersed with the usual vote of thanks to the chair.

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FOOT-BALL.

The hard fighters of the last year, the boys of the 2nd year and 4th year classes, showed an unusual enthusiasm when the College opened after the vacation. As the foot-ball season was already well in advance, forthwith a select body of men were formed, under the general supervision of Prof. Panchanan Mitra of the College-staff as Vice-President, to organise the games and to select the teams. A new departure was made this year as Saileswar Bhattacharyya and Manindranath Ghosh, two students from the 2nd year class, were called upon to do all the organising work as Joint Honorary Secretaries and a student of the 4th year class, Makhnallal Roy, acted as captain, it being decided also that two students of the 1st year class would be selected as Assistant Secretaries and one from the 3rd year class as Vice-Captain, thus representing all classes as much as possible.

Owing to the lack of a foot-ball ground of our own and the insuperable difficulties of obtaining a suitable one in Calcutta, we had to rest content with entering for a large number of competitions. And this year, besides the Elliott and the Hardinge Shields, the Bankimbehari Shield, the Shyamsundar Challenge cup, the Lakshmi-bilas Shield and the Coronation cups got in our names as competitors.

But the Elliott was a name to conjure with and owing to our hard bid for it for the last three years, we started in right earnest to see if luck would turn in our favour this year, much encouraged by the cheering optimism of our sanguine Principal. But though

we put in pluck enough, to deserve the trophy, luck proved too hard a nut to crack and for the third year we were doomed to run up to the semi-final and then to lose to the holders of the year.

Elliott Shield.

First round.

Bangabasi (2) vs. Kidderpore Training Academy (0).

Our first game (on the Gymkhana ground) did not prove at all a tame affair and it roused our spirits not a little when we came out of the ordeal with flying colours. In the first few minutes the signs were ominous as we were being hard pressed by our opponents who had won the toss but we warded off the danger and invaded their goals. Our players proved themselves quite skilful individual players but a strange lack of combination made us lose many chances of materialising our efforts. Hazra as usual was prominent by his nice little centres from the left wing and though Suryya was not quite in his top-form, he was never seen flagging. The game was quite an up-and-down one. Both the goals were scored in the second half. The first goal was headed in by Hazra and the second goal was scored from a penalty. Sukumar scored with a hard shot. Asu Ray, Sukumar, Biswanath and Makhan were playing fine game all through. Our team was as follows :—

Goal :—Kanai. Backs—Makhan & Sailen.

Halves :—Sukumar, Asu Ray, Jayetish.

Forwards :—Hazra, Bagala, Suryya, Biswanath.

Second Round.

Bangabasi (2) vs. City College (1).

As in the last two years our opponents for the second round proved to be the City College and we expected a very hard fight when we met them on the Presidency ground. Our goal was attacked strenuously but our backs proved equal to the occasion, and soon we had a goal in our favour beautifully scored by our centre-forward, Tarapada. But ere the half-time was whistled our opponents had equalised and in the next half after many trying moments in front of our goals and unlucky misses by our forwards,

Hazra put an end to all suspense by netting another goal for us, and we qualified for the semi-final, winning by 2 goals to one.

Our sides were :—

Goal :—Kanai. Backs :—Makhan and Sailen.

Halves :—Sukumar, Asu Ray and Jayetish.

Forwards :—Hazra, Asu Ghose, Tarapada, Bagala and Biswanath.

Semi-final.

Bangabasi (0) vs. Victoria College, Cooch Behar (2).

The fateful semi-final came off on the Mohanbagan ground before a large crowd. The visitors from Cooch Behar had already made a name for themselves in their easy wins in the previous rounds and in their display of fine tactics. Their very name proved a great damper to our players and it was a surprise how even some of our best players became nervous. In the first few minutes our opponents had a very hard time of it and we were very near scoring but their right back and-goalee stood then, as throughout the game, as insurmountable rocks. Soon after when their tricky and very swift forwards with their fine passing tactics got the ball, we seemed to be out-played in every part of the field and but for our backs and centre half we would have lost by a heavy margin. We had also not a little attacking but we missed some open nets and beautiful openings and it is very doubtful what the results would have been if we could have scored first of which there was a good chance. All our players were straining every nerve to win but the depressed spirits made defeat a foregone conclusion and we had one goal against us in the first-half and another more in the second-half. Our goal-keeper made a very fine save and Asu Ray, Hazra, Suryya and Tarapada rendered very good account of themselves.

Our team was :—

Goal :—Kanai. Backs :—Makhan and Sukhamay.

Halves :—Sukumar, Asu Ray, Radharaman.

Forwards :—Hazra, Suryya, Tarapada, Bagala and Rahaman.

Hardinge Birthday Challenge Shield.*First Round.*

Bangabasi (2) vs. St. Xavier's (2).

We met our opponents on the Mchummadan Sporting ground. Both sides were not very well represented and though we played a better game right through and were allowed extra time the game resulted in a draw of two all. Hazra, Tarapada and Bagala played and the scoring was made by Tarapada who scored two goals in each half which were afterwards equalized by the opponents.

Our team was :—

Goal :—Kanai. Back—Makhan, Sukhamay.

Halves :—Sukumar, Sachin, Suryya.

Forwards :—Hazra, Asu Ghosh, Tarapada, Bagala, Gora.

First Round. (replay).

Bangabasi (2) vs. St. Xavier's (0).

The replay came off on the Gymkhana ground and resulted in an easy win for us by 2 goals to nil. Sachin and Makhan scored for us and Asu Ray, Bagala and Hazra were noteworthy for their display of fine game.

Our team was :—

Goal :—Kanai. Backs—Sukhamay, Ashan.

Halves :—Sukumar, Asu Ray, Suryya.

Forwards :—Hazra, Sachin, Makhan, Durga, Bagala.

Second Round.

Bangabasi (0) vs. Scottish Churches (1).

We met the Scottish Churches on the Gymkhana ground. From the start we proved to be the superior team and we had more of the attacking than our opponents. But our backs could not often clear the ball in right time and by a chance during the first-half our opponents scored one goal. In the next half we played with more zeal and continued pressing. Some very fine centres were made by Hazra and Suryya, sometimes there was a scramble in front

of the opponents' goal for many minutes but all these came to nothing. Luck from the very first, had set her face against us and when the whistle sounded we were found pressing as before but not being able even to draw level.

Our team was as follows :—

Goal :—Kanai. Backs—Makhan, Ashan.

Halves :—Sukhamay, Asu Ray, Sukumar.

Forwards :—Hazra, Bagala, Tarapada, Suryya, Radharaman.

Bankim Behari Challenge Shield.

First Round.

Bangabasi College F. C. (B) (o) vs. Port Commissioners F. C. (2).

The Medical College ground was the venue of the game. The Bangabasi College F. C. (B) which was very poorly represented got beaten by two goals to nil. There was no score in the first half when the College team had more of the game. But in the second half the Port team played a better game and scored two goals in quick succession.

Lakshibilas Shield.

In the First Round we drew byes.

Second Round.

Bangabasi College (3) vs. Greer Sporting (B) (o).

The above game was played on the E. B. R. ground.

The game resulted in a win for the College team by three goals to nil. The game started at 5-35 P. M. and from the beginning the college team got the upper hand and outclassed their opponents in all departments. Suryya who was prominent throughout, sprinted down the right and placed the ball nicely in front of the goal. Taraprasad who never misses an opportunity that comes in his way was not slow to take advantage of the centre. He sent in a powerful "grass-cutter" which gave the opposite custodian no chance. After a few minutes Taraprasad again got the ball, dribbled through the half backs and the backs and was about to shoot when one of the defenders handled the ball inside the penalty area. Consequently a penalty was given against them. Taraprasad scored with a powerful shot. The third goal was netted by Sachin a few minutes later. After the half-time the game was more lively. Both sides were attacking in turn. Both teams tried hard to score but the defence was so strong that the forwards on both sides found

it a difficult task to get through. No goal was scored in this half. For the college team all played well and the names of Makhan, Ashu Ray, Suryya Hazra and Taraprasad deserve special mention.

Names of the players :—

Goal :—Kanai. Back :—Makhan, Ashan.

Halves :—Sailen, Ashu Ray, Giri.

Forward :—Suryya, Sachin, Taraprasad, Radharaman, Hazra.

Third Round.

Bangabasi College F. C. (0) vs. City College F. C. (1).

On the Greer sporting ground the Bangabasi College F. C. met their old rival team the City College F. C. The game resulted in a win for the City College F. C. by a solitary goal to nil. This is the first time that the City College Foot-ball Club has been able to defeat our College team. It should be mentioned however that our team played a better game throughout but luck was against us. The forwards indulged in some unnecessary individual play. Combination was conspicuous by its absence. Our forwards had some moral certainties of scoring but bad shooting prevented them from netting a single goal. Ashu Ghose was the greatest offender. Thus after a hard struggle we lost by a goal to nil.

Names of the players :—

Goal :—Bose. Backs :—Makhan, Ashan.

Halves :—Bibhuti, Ashu Ray, Giri.

Forwards :—Bagala, Sachin, Taraprasad, Ashu Ghose, Hazra.

Shyamsundar Challenge Cup.

We were fortunate enough to draw byes and so had to meet the Eastern Association in the Second Round but our opponents not having turned up, we had an easy walk-over and qualified ourselves for the next round.

Third Round.

Bangabasi College (3) vs. Kamala F. C. (0).

Though from the start we proved ourselves the superior team when we met our opponents on the E. B. R. grounds, the absence of several of our best players such as Suryya and Ashu Ray and the change of position of several of them from their usual places told heavily on us and when the half-time came, the score-sheet remained blank. When the old players were posted again to their wonted places in the next half, the results became marvellous. After a few minutes of 'give and take' play, Hazra sprinted down the line and sent in a terrific shot which found the net. The game now became very interesting. The Kamala F. C. was trying hard to equalise but the College

not offered a stubborn resistance. Taraprasad ran down and was about to shoot when one of the opposite defenders handled the ball near the goal. Consequently a penalty was given against them. Sukumar banged the ball into the opponent's net with a nice kick. Towards the close Bagala netted the goal for us and we thus won by 3 goals to nil.

Our team was as follows :—

Goal :—Tinkari. Backs :—Makhan and Ashan.

Halves :—Bibhuti, Taraprasad and Sukumar.

Forwards :—Bagala, Sachin, Sailen, Kunja and Hazra.

Semi-Final.

Bangabasi College F. C. (3) vs. Shasone Y. M. F. C. (0).

The above game came off on the E. B. R. ground and resulted in a win for the College team by three goals to nil. For the first 20 minutes our team played one short and during this period we scored 2 goals. The first goal was scored by Taraprasad and it was the result of a penalty. The second goal was to be credited to Bagala. After this our players did not exert themselves much. Only one goal was scored in the second-half. Taraprasad headed in the third goal. Our backs and halves played uncommonly well and never allowed their opponents to get in. The principal feature of the game was that our goalkeeper had not to handle a single ball during the game. It was purely a one-sided affair and needs no elaborate description. Thus our team defeated their opponents comfortably and qualified themselves for the final.

Names of the Players :—

Bose, Makhan, Ashan, Bibhuti, Ashu Ray, Sukumar, Bagala, Sachin, Taraprasad, Suryya and Hazra.

Final.

Bangabasi College F. C. (1) vs. Mohan Bagan F. C. (2).

at Baruiipur.

At last our team reached the final stage of the Shamsundar Cup. This time our opponents were the redoubtable Mohan Bagan Team, the far-famed holders of I. F. A. Shield in 1911. It was Saturday the 7th August. Some five hundred students including the players accompanied by our respected teachers P. Mitra, D. Chakravarty and R. Ghosh, started for Baruiipur by 2-20 train. We reached Baruiipur at 4-20. There was excellent arrangement of gharries at the station and we were immediately taken to the field. The ground was tastefully decorated, and the Baruiipur concert party was playing some selected tunes. Though the game resulted in a win for Mohan Bagan the spectators were satisfied with the exhibition of one of the finest of football games and even our opponents admitted our superiority and we lost as the Goddess of Luck—as usual was against us. Kanai our custodian was very

shaky. Makhan our right-back and Captain of our team, played a sound game, but his partner Ashan was not seen at his best. Bibhuty, Ashu Ray and Sukumar the trio-halves worked very hard and fed their forwards judiciously. Of the forwards Tarapasrad, Bagala and Ashu Ghosh played excellently well. These three forwards taxed the Mohan Bagan defence sorely. Tarapasrad was a class by himself and he scored the only goal for our side. He was perhaps the best forward on the field. Hazra our brilliant left-out was "off-colour" and he could not produce his usual form. Suryya missed a couple of moral certainties, once he had only the goal-keeper to beat, but he shot wide. The game started at 5.5 P. M. After 2 minutes Mohan Bagan scored a goal,—our goal-keeper did not try to save it. The shot came from a long distance and if he had tried he could have saved it easily. However our forwards attacked vigorously and some 10 minutes after Tarapasrad scored from a beautiful centre by Bagala and from now till half-time our team pressed their opponents hard. The magnificent shot by Tarapasrad was warded off by the opposite goal-keeper. When lemon-time came, the teams were on an equality. In the second half the pace did not slacken a bit, there was absolutely no mid-field play. The ball was travelling from one end to the other with lightning rapidity. Our team played with redoubled energy and continually troubled the Mohan Bagan defence. But alas! all our attempts ended in smoke. When the game was 15 minutes old a free kick was given against us and the Mohan Bagan scored another goal. Tarapasrad, Bagala and Ashu Ghosh tried hard to equalize but to no effect. A fine centre by Bagala was headed by Tarapasrad but the ball sailed over by inches. After these Suryya missed 2 certainties. Thus our hopes were gone and we retired beaten after a hard-fought game by 2 goals to 1 (one). After the game Mr. C. H. Bompas I. C. S. who was present delivered a nice short speech and gave away the prizes and we had to content only with the runners-up medal. We came back from Baruipur by 7-11 train. At the Sealdah station Profs. D. Chakravarty and R. Ghosh fed the boys sumptuously, which was very much liked by the students. We earnestly hope that in the future our learned Professors will encourage the foot-ball team in this way. We are confident that if our team gets such encouragements from them it would be able to give a better account of itself.

Our team consisted of—

Kanai, Makhan, Ashan, Bibhuty, Ashu Ray, Sukumar, Bagala, Suryya, Tarapasrad, Ashu Ghosh, Hazra.

SAILESWAR BHATTACHARYA,

MANINDRANATH GHOSH,

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