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EDITORIAL :



SURPRISE!.....SURPRISE ! Once again we make a step forward in improving our paper by introducing a fully illustrated paper, which we hope will add more life to the "Rag". Let us know what you think of it chaps.

Articles are starting to creep in from the Central West, and we believe that Bill (Jazzer) Ryan is going to be a regular subscriber to our paper. This issue brings back memories to the older members when he reminiscences about Carnivals in the years gone by.

We appeal to everybody who wants to put articles in the paper to have them in not later than the Saturday before publication. If they are not in by then it makes it very hard for us to arrange for them to be printed.

The past fortnight has been a rather disappointing one both sportingly and financially with the N.S.W. State Championship Carnival being abandoned last week-end by bad weather. I am sure many people were disappointed (besides us) especially the country teams who had come a long way for one or two games. The N.S.W. Association seems to be jinxed as practically every Queen's Birthday week-end it has rained heavily. I think the dance was the only bright event of the week-end.

So, after our holiday, let's back to the toil, on with the game and

Play the whistle,

THE EDITOR.

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S P O R T S N E W S .



1ST. GRADE

This grade continued their winning run by defeating Moorebank-Liverpool 4 goals to 2. The game was keenly contested and young Moorebank side were to be congratulated on their performance; they were holding Glebe until a penalty bully given against their goal-keeper was converted by H. Wark. This demoralised the opposition and Glebe attacked and notched up 3 more goals, but then they lapsed and the 'Pools scored their two goals. I thought that our defence played badly, as the score indicated - also the opposition forwards were allowed too much room to move and it was only some very fine saves by the goal-keeper, R. Payne, that prevented more goals against. You are on top now, boys, so no more risks. Anyone seen out of position next Saturday will be given 3 hearty Bronx Cheers ; and receive a blast from the press.

2nd GRADE

Well, the script has been changed - the boys got really stuck into it, they downed the 'Pools 5 goals to nil. I think it must have been the team talks, Captain Max Jeffs must have really had something to say. Well, keep it going fellows. You may have to change your meeting place as the Fivedock people want to have some sleep this week, they did not appreciate the finer points of the game early in the morning. By the way chaps, the milkman plays Football, that's why he would not play goal-keeper when asked.

3rd. GRADE

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This team returned to the winning list with a 5 goals to nil win over Moorebank-Liverpool and at no time was the result in doubt. The team played well, and the forwards had a field day. Right - Oh, boys, let's keep it that way - you need all the points, you are still dragging the chain, but here's hoping.

4th. GRADE.

This team played in top form in their match against Randwick to win with 3 goals to 1. Every member played keenly and well. You're well up on the Score Sheet - so keep those goals rolling in, Fourths.

JUNIORS.

In the Sydney Under 16's Carnival the Glebe Police Boys played excellent games and eventually won the Finals against St. James with a score of 3 x 1, after playing extra time.

We would like to give our congratulations to Brian Howe on his selection to represent in the N.S.W. Schoolboys' Team to go to Adelaide.

At the same time we would like to tender our praise and congratulations to all the Juniors in the Club; it was reported to us that the Juniors comprise approx. 95% of the members who turn up for training on Wednesday nights. Watch out Seniors - with this record for training against your very poor appearances at training, you'll be fighting to keep the kids out of the major teams shortly.

N.S.W. CARNIVAL at Wentworth Park.

Well, what a bad old show - It looked as if the Sydney Team were all set to take it out, this year, after they defeated Crookwell in the first game and also Bathurst. They were going very well when the game was abandoned on the Monday. The Challenge Side also won their game. Also, the Colts won both games and their manager H. Wark, was all set to send them on their way on the Monday. A very disappointing Week-end was had by all.

All must congratulate V. Westacott in gaining selection in the Senior State team to travel to Perth, also, R. Fox, who was selected for the N.S.W. Colts Team. Well done, fellows.

The ladies committee have asked us to express their sincere thanks to all those supporters who donated finance and also cakes and scones towards the catering effort at the week-end; and they would like anyone reading this to convey these thanks to the people deserving them.

FOXHALL CUP GAME - at GOULBURN.

A Sydney team travelled to Goulburn to play this Annual Event but the trip was in vain, the side being beaten 3 x 2 by Goulburn. The game was very closely contested till half-time; but according to the umpire the game was too even so he relieved Sydney of one of its members, which gave the opposition an advantage and they banged in a couple of goals. Bad luck, fellows, but you can't help the team when you're on the sidelines (What???) It has been reported that D. Wise, as a result of the game, finds that he has two broken ribs - hard luck, Dessie.

The Colt team fared better, winning their game by the odd goal; congratulations, boys. It has been rumoured that the manager had backed the side to win and he always has good information - what about a few tips for Saturday nights, Manager, share your wealth???

MANLY CARNIVAL.

As per usual this Carnival resembled Aquatic Sports - and we would like to thank all those braves who once again turned out to be in the swim. Under the capable captaincy of Greg Harris the team looked like a certainty to win to win their division, having paddled their way through to a good lead. However, conditions once again prevailed and the aquatics were cancelled. The boys wish to thank Grocer Kellahan for the lift home.

It has been rumoured that Jack Thompson, on his trip home from Goulburn,, a couple of weeks ago, found the roads so slippery that he decided to skid home on the roof of his car - much to the consternation of his passengers, who "HIT THE ROOF" (and went through it). Maxis Jeffs, Roker Fox, Jack Thompson, George Collett, Bill Stubbs and Pat Allsops were all very badly shaken, and were taken to hospital for a day (Was the Operating Table very hard for a bed, Pat?). We are sorry to say that George Collett was rather badly hurt, having part of his ear nearly cut off. We all wish George a speedy recovery, and hope to see him doing battle again soon.

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S O C I A L N E W S.

I think we all agree that the dance last week was a howling success and everybody who attended seemed to enjoy themselves. The Goulburn Boys put on a Singing and a gymnastic-jitterbugging exhibition and really put their hearts into it. The beer was flowing freely and certain members who were well-soaked before the dance began, were seen to have it running from their eyes - and, were told that their cars found their way by instinct. We were honoured by visitors from Newcastle, Goulburn and far-off Dubbo, who all had a good time and were ~~very~~ sorry the night was over. The orchestra were to be congratulated on the stirring service throughout the night - it was overheard that J.C. Taylor's Saxe was full of grog - he was sucking instead of blowing. Congratulations to the Ladies Committee on a very fine night and we only hope we have many more of them. Also, thank you for the supper, girls, it was extra good.

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THE C A R N I V A L T R I P S.

The Club has ventured near and far in quest of Carnival Honours. Some trips have been without incident, but there are three which must stand out in the minds of those members who were fortunate or unfortunate enough to make the trips, and no doubt where those travellers meet there is still plenty to talk about as the incidents are recalled. One such trip was that to Moss Vale, the other two were to Goulburn - one by truck (with Captain J. Kenny), the other by bus, which could be known as the snow-fight trip, but, firstly Moss Vale.

A band of happy, enthusiastic Glebe pothunters set out one early Sunday morn for Moss Vale, where two teams had been entered for the Berrima Hockey Carnival - little realising the obstacles which lay in their path.

The trip was uneventful to Camden where word had got around that a landslide rendered Razorback impassable, so the tour organisers got together for detour plans. The main convoy decided they would turn right and head towards Berrima via the Valley, whilst one care decided to go to the left, which was quite a good decision as the only difficulty in their path lay in fording a small creek. One of the happy band in this car instructed the driver to drive straight on. He refused, so the bright one said: "It's not deep, I will walk through it, so just follow on". In a matter of 6 seconds only his hat was visible. But they reached their destination on time.

The main convoy ~~looked~~ as if they were on skis as they slid off the road every 100 yards and the laughter could be heard all over the valley as the boys thought it quite humorous to see the car in front slide off the track, but then the smiles changed when the same thing happened to their vehicle.

The mud was ankle causing one brave to step right out of his shoes. This was only mild to the next obstacle - a truck right in the middle of the road. Traffick-man Murray asked the driver to shift his truck and make way for this important convoy as the time was now running out. A smile for the driver soon showed that he was not at all keen and told us in no uncertain terms that the truck was staying where it was, as one turn of the wheels on the slippery surface would find it over the side. A working bee was organised - tearing down trees, lifting out stumps until a track was built around the truck - this set us on the road once again and with only minor slides we reached the Highway.

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A quick meeting; the decision - to muster all the No. 1. team in the fast cars as they had to play at 9 a.m., this done, one of the unhappy ones said "We'll never make it" - to which the driver was heard to say: "Hang on to yer 'at". The police failed to book any of the cars for flying low and Moss Vale was reached amid cheers from the boys. Our Hockey Administrators at that centre just simply told the No. 1. team that as we arrived 5 minutes late the game was forfeited. Of course, there is a sequel to this, which may be read at a later date. Do you remember the trip, boys?

Next Issue — Captain Kenny and his merry crew travel to Goulburn.

BILL ("JAZZER") RYAN.

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H A L F B A C K P L A Y.

The final responsibility for results lies in the forwards; yet poor half play can ruin a brilliant forward line. Similarly, the final responsibility for preventing scores lies with the backs and the goalkeeper; yet, their job becomes impossible with a poor half line in front of them.

The halves are, therefore, the backbone of any team. They must be physically fit, possess excellent stickwork, be thoroughly unselfish, become masters of good positional play, develop first class anticipation; and above all else, be good in the art of passing and trapping the ball.

Theoretically, the right half marks the left wing; the centre half marks the centre forward; and the left wing marks the right wing.

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this reason the two wing halves must not stay in the centre of the field, thus leaving their wings unmarked, as well as cramping the centre half or the inside forwards tackling back. The centre half should stay in the centre of the field, and although he enjoys more freedom than anyone else, he must not regard this as a license to wander everywhere. Many good centre halves spoil themselves by trying to do the job of their wing halves and inside forwards.

Marking has a very important bearing on positional play in the half line. A centre half marking the centre forward really means that he should endeavour to cut the centre forward right out of the play by intercepting all passes directed to him. He should place himself between the centre forward and the man with the ball on the direct line of the pass. Should he miss the ball, he must try to overtake the centre forward, tackle or harry him, and so spoil his progress.

For wing halves, the interception of the pass is based on the same principle. The wing half should station himself on the seven yard line between the wing and the full back, leaving sufficient distance between himself and the wing to be able to trap the ball and pass it comfortably. On the other hand if there is a chance of a pass from the centre to the wing, the half must move slightly infield to cover this line; And so the halves must always be on the move, ever changing their positions according to whoever in the opposition may receive possession of the ball.

In field play generally, when the opposition has the ball, the halves should cover each other by forming a diagonal line across the field. If the ball is out on the opposing right side, the left half will be the most advanced half, the centre half a few yards back covering the centre of the field, and the right half on his side a few yards behind the centre half.

Now - what about defensive play in the circle? If the backs look like obtaining possession of the ball, the halves should slip into positions enabling easy pushed passes to reach them, and should try to get themselves unmarked so they can be as constructive as possible. But, if the backs are beaten, and are left standing, the halves must get right back into the circle and try to tackle as quickly as possible. They must support the backs right back to the goalmouth and take their fair share of desperate circle work.

In attack, the halves must follow their forwards upfield and be ready to intercept clearing hits. Their job is to keep their team on the attack by keeping their forwards supplied with the ball, delivered in such a position where it is easy to pick up. The centre half should follow his forwards to such an extent so that when they penetrate the circle he will be within a few yards of it and in a position to slip into the circle and have a shot at goal. In my opinion, the left half should not followup quite as far as the right half. He has to cover the more dangerous of the wing attacks, and should be conscious of the risks involved when the right wing gets under way from a surprise clearing hit.

I mentioned previously that I regard full backs as attacking players. How much more true is this of the halves. They must be ever watchfull of a quick pass to an unmarked forward. They should pass immediately and not hang on to the ball. Also, they should rarely, if ever dribble, the exception being to get clear of a ruck in order to place an accurate pass. Undue dribbling invariably results in forwards being caught off-side.

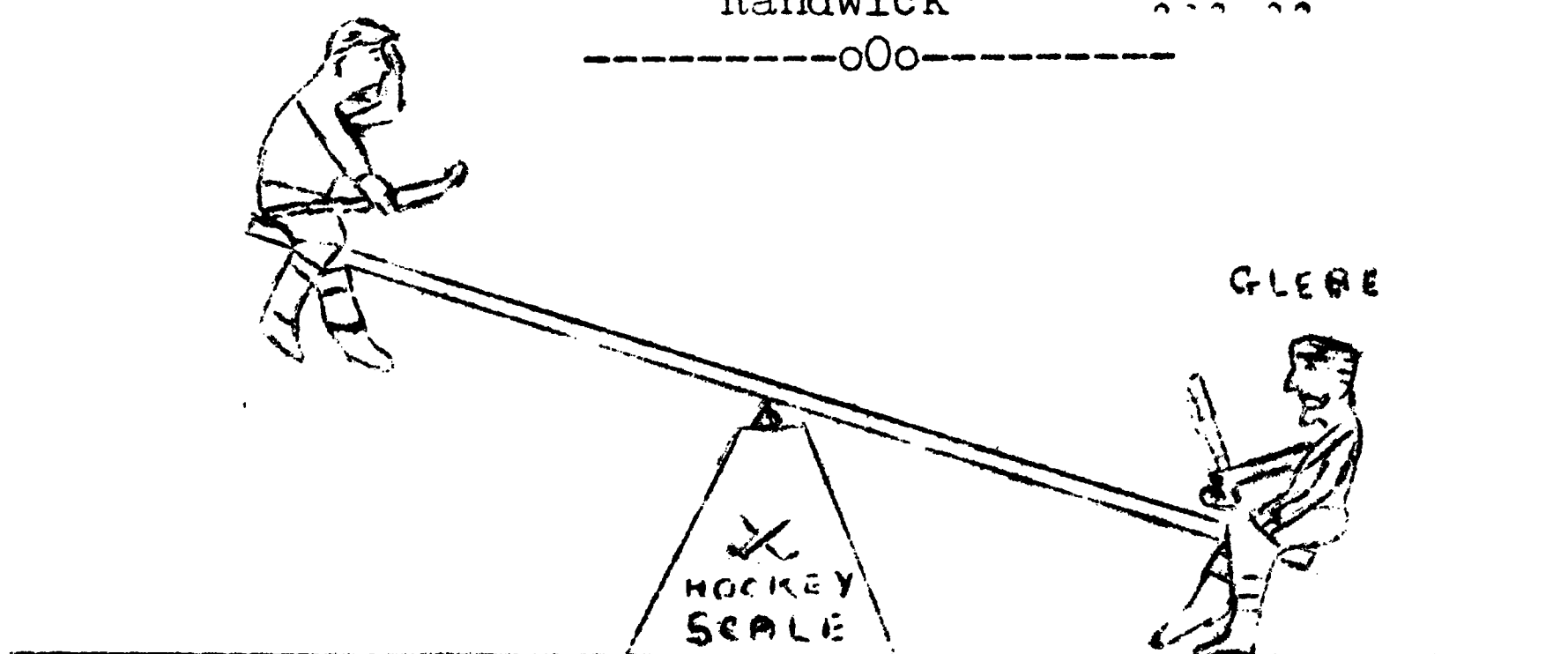
Half backs must feed their forwards - they must hand them the ball on a silver plate. The pass must go right on the forward's stick at just the right place, rolling smoothly along the ground. When passing into a gap, the half is generally giving his forward the opportunity of moving forward at full speed, thus gaining an advantage over the players marking the forward.

NOEL WALKER..

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	S C O R E T A B L E.				Goals		Points.
	Played	Wins	Losses	Draws	F/	A	
<u>1st. Grade :</u>							
Glebe	10	7	1	2	45	19	16
St. George	10	7	2	1	36	15	15
Ryde	10	7	3	-	25	15	14
Randwick	10	5	5	-	20	26	10
<u>2nd. Grade :</u>							
Glebe	10	6	-	4	30	13	16
Ryde	10	5	1	4	27	21	14
Easts	10	5	2	3	25	20	13
St. George	10	5	3	2	26	19	12
<u>3rd. Grade :</u>							
St. George	10	8	2	-	30	11	16
Ryde	10	5	1	4	21	12	14
Glebe	10	6	3	1	29	13	13
Easts	10	5	2	3	20	17	13
<u>4th. Grade :</u>							
Norths							14
St. George							14
Glebe							13
Gladesville							11
<u>CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP :</u>							
Glebe							93
St. George							85
Ryde							84
Randwick							66

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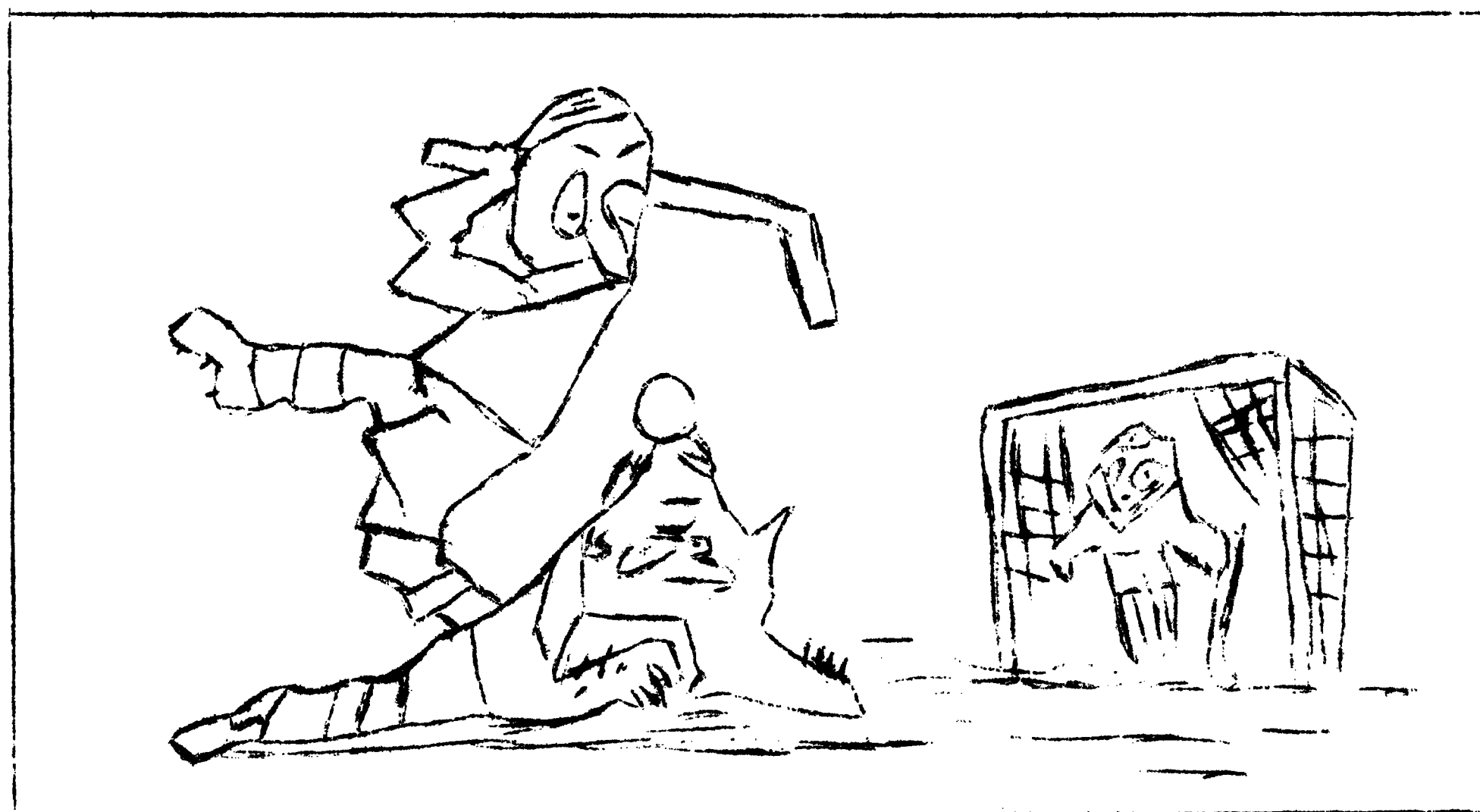
ANSWER to last week's problem -- Bully shall be played again (Rule 18d(2)).

This Week's Problem : A Full back takes a free hit from a point 20 yards from his goal line - he 'taps' the ball and it rolls only a few inches - seeing an attacking forward running in, deliberately hits the ball a second time towards his Right Wing,

Would you --

- (a) Award a free hit to his opponents,
- (b) Penalty Corner,
- (c) Take the hit again,
- (d) Penalty Bully,
- (e) Allow play to proceed, or
- (f) Give the player a 10 min. lecture on sportsmanship.

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"Proposed New Rule" To Take The Place of Short Corners (and liven up the game). If any player of the defending side commits a deliberate breach in the circle, the ball will be placed on his scone and the opponent will be given a shot at goal.

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A D V E R T I S I N G S P A C E .

It looks as though our advertising space is proving successful. J. McParland reports that, following our Robertson and Lansley's Advert. for Toolmakers with Hockey Sticks, a chap presented his card at the office the following Monday morning. It read -

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ANOTHER SCOOP FOR THE RAG ! ! ! At great expense we have retained the use of 'The Mechanical Brain'.

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THE EDITOR. PAUL ROGERS.