

Rugby All-Blues open vs. Denver

The newly formed Academy Rugby Football Club will open its season Sunday, as they meet the Denver Highlanders.

The All-Blues, as the team is called, will be led by co-captains Les Dyer and Roy Coppinger.

The team will be competing against eight other clubs in league play, seeking the coveted Coors Cup, won last year by the Colorado School of Mines.

Other teams in the Colorado League are Colorado University, Denver University, Colorado State, Colorado College, Regis and the Denver Barbarians, a powerful independent.

Game time will be 1:45 Sunday afternoon, behind the cadet gym.

Immediately following the Highlander game, an informal scrimmage will take place between the All Blues "B" team and Denver University.

Falcon Ruggers Top Highlanders

Cadets Roy Coppinger and Les Dyer led the Air Academy Rugby Team to a surprising 29-0 shellacking of the Denver Highlanders Sunday afternoon at the Air Academy rugby field.

The game marked the fall season inaugural for both teams in the recently formed Eastern Rockies Rugby Football Union (ERRFU), which is currently composed of nine teams from this general area.

The Air Academy, in playing its first sanctioned game, astounded the experts by scoring eight tries (equivalent to touchdowns) against the more experienced Denver Club, which has been competing for many years.

Of interest to the many Colorado Springs sports fans, particularly those who have never seen Rugby, the next local meet will pit the Air Academy against Colorado College next Sunday at 1 p.m. at the CC soccer field.

Rugby Club wins 29-0; Colorado College next

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with perhaps the most outstanding run of the day, as he took a long line-out and ran through the Highlanders for a 50 yard score.

Immediately following the Highlander game, the Academy "Silver" team played a mixed Denver University team to an 8-8 tie in an informal game. Scoring twice for the Academy was Al McNear. One of the scores was a 75 yard run after picking up a loose ball. Jim Miller converted one of the tries.

The All-Blues continue the competition for the Coors Cup by playing Colorado College Sunday, at 1 p.m. on the CC campus. Sunday, CC was downed by the Colorado School of Mines, 11-3.

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RUGBY GAME

The AFA Rugby Club opens its fall season this Sunday, September 29th at 1345 hours, behind the gym.

Come out and watch this newly formed Club play its first game against the experienced Denver Highlanders. Immediately following that game, there will be a scrimmage between the Falcon "B" team and Denver University.

THE MISSION OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY is to provide instruction, experience and motivation to each cadet so that he will graduate with the knowledge, character and qualities of leadership essential to his progressive development as a career officer in the United States Air Force.

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	try	rugkick	convert
Highlanders:	Chase-1-3	Westmoreland-1-3	Dyer-1-2
	Fenwick-2-6		
	Keith-1-3		
	Bewers-1-3		
	Johannes-1-3		
	Bennett-1-3		
	Coppinger-1-3		
Denver	McNair-2-6		Miller-1-2

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Formation of USAFA Rugby Football Club

CDOPA

1. This letter is to request that the USAF Academy approve the formation of a Rugby Football Club.
2. Rugby is a popular sport around the world, and presently there are over 500 teams in the United States. Within Colorado there is a strong league, the Eastern Rockies Rugby Football Union (ERRFU), and at the Air Force Academy, rugby is an active sport in the intramural program. Because of its popularity, a number of cadets have shown a strong interest in forming a Rugby Club to play other clubs within our area and, if the opportunity presents itself, teams out of our area. At least 50 cadets have responded to an organizational meeting and the first practice sessions. At these practices, the cadets have shown the ability and determination needed to make a good rugby club.
3. The OIC for the Club is the undersigned: Captain Alan M. Osur, FR76150, DPH. The CIC is Cadet Second Class Angus MacDonald, CS-07, 702771K.
4. The following refers to questions which might arise about the Club:
 - a. Coach: I will be the coach as well as OIC of the team. I have played rugby in England, New York and Colorado and am very familiar with the sport. Moreover, I am on the Board of Governors of the Eastern Rockies Rugby Football Union (ERRFU) and recently represented our Union at a conference with representatives of two Unions from Utah. I will also be able to get help in coaching from friends at the Academy and in the Union. A typical rugby club usually has only one coach.
 - b. Fields: Presently we are using free intramural fields for our practice sessions, which are on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. For our games we will utilize fields 46 and 49, which will be vacated soon by the Freshman Football team. Games will be scheduled so that they do not interfere with any other scheduled athletic activity with regard to the use of playing fields.
 - c. Equipment: If the Rugby Club is accepted, I hope to obtain money from our submitted budget to buy some equipment for the Spring season. For the Fall, however, it will be necessary to use that equipment which the cadets have and I have in our possession. I have access to some balls, and the cadets have athletic clothing. No other special equipment is absolutely necessary, so we will be able to get by. I might add that one of the features of rugby which is making it more and more popular is the fact that teams can get by with minimum costs. However, one problem we might have this fall will be the lack of a uniform jersey for all the players; this, however, can be worked out.

d. Trainer support: None will be necessary for games.

e. Medical support: Arrangement will be made to have an ambulance at all home games.

f. Costs: This is a great variable. The Club could get by with a minimum collection of one dollar per member for the first session. This would cover officials, administrative costs, and some equipment, and would be all that we would need for the first season. No extra money would be needed for trips since our games will be played in the local area. However, as the Club grows, more money would be necessary; this would be for items such as matching jerseys and socks, new balls, and return matches with teams such as Brigham Young University. The main point to make about costs is that, in the beginning we could get by with our own resources, but as we grow and prove ourselves worthy, then the Academy should provide some money.

g. Season: For this year I envision an informal status in the Fall and "on-season" in the Spring. This Fall, I would be able to organize and manage an active club with practices and games during cadet free time--Friday, Saturday and Sunday. For the Spring, I will request "on-season" status to allow time for more practices, since there are at least twice as many games then. Rugby in Colorado is a two season sport, and I would eventually like to see two "on-seasons."

h. Membership: Membership in the Club will at first be restricted to 50 cadets. The cut-off point will be the Friday before the first game of each season. However, as the Club and schedule grow, it will be possible to expand membership.

i. Schedule and Opponents: The Academy is fortunate in having a number of clubs within easy traveling distance. They are: Colorado University, Colorado School of Mines, Denver University, Colorado State College, Regis College, Colorado College, the Denver Highlanders and the Denver Barbarians. Scheduling of games with these teams will be through the ERRFU. A meeting will be held soon to arrange the Fall schedule. At this time, it looks like the Academy will be playing a league game on every weekend from September 29 to November 17, with the exception of October 12-13, for which no game will be scheduled. Moreover, teams from outside of the state have shown an interest in playing the Club: Brigham Young University on November 1, and the Old Blues of New York in the Spring. Both would travel to the Academy.

5. Rugby in Colorado is a growing sport and presently almost every major college and university has a club. The USAF Academy does not, yet at the Academy there is a group of young men who are willing and able to put in their own time to organize a club which will be representing the Academy in a vigorous, competitive and fast-moving sport. Rugby is an active, dynamic sport that easily fits into the Academy character-building program. The Academy will benefit with a Rugby Club, just as rugby in America will benefit by the formation of this club. I firmly believe that with the spirit already shown, the Rugby Club will be a growing organization.

ALAN M. OSUR, Captain, USAF
Instructor, Department of History

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DENVER UNIVERSITY

RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

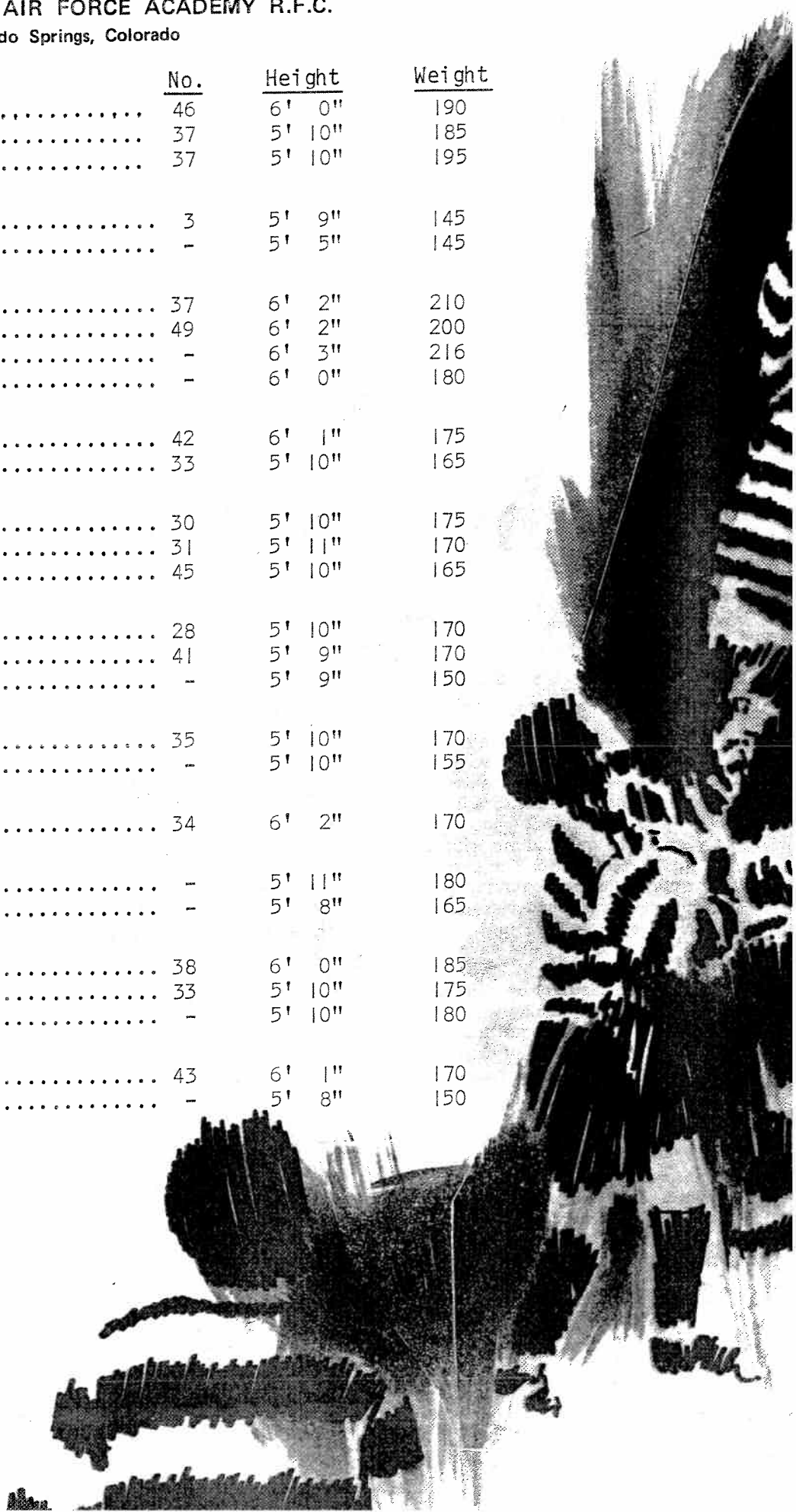
1968-1969 SEASON

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY R.F.C.

Colorado Springs, Colorado

<u>PROP</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Weight</u>
Roy Coppinger (Captain).....	46	6' 0"	190
Mike Beezley.....	37	5' 10"	185
Dick Haines.....	37	5' 10"	195
<u>HOOKER</u>			
Jeff Bowers.....	3	5' 9"	145
Tom Pillari.....	-	5' 5"	145
<u>2ND ROW</u>			
Les Dyer (Captain).....	37	6' 2"	210
Tom Westmoreland.....	49	6' 2"	200
Norm Sorensen.....	-	6' 3"	216
Carl Yakabowskas.....	-	6' 0"	180
<u>LOCK</u>			
Steve Connelly.....	42	6' 1"	175
Dave Baumann.....	33	5' 10"	165
<u>WING FORWARD</u>			
Angus MacDonald.....	30	5' 10"	175
Lindsay Fenwick.....	31	5' 11"	170
Harry Laws.....	45	5' 10"	165
<u>SCRUM HALF</u>			
Bill Johannes.....	28	5' 10"	170
Bob Bennett.....	41	5' 9"	170
Dave McDougall.....	-	5' 9"	150
<u>STAND OFF</u>			
Alan Osur (Coach).....	35	5' 10"	170
Frank Mitchell.....	-	5' 10"	155
<u>INSIDE CENTER</u>			
Ernie Skinner.....	34	6' 2"	170
<u>OUTSIDE CENTER</u>			
Ole Olson.....	-	5' 11"	180
Bill Zedaker.....	-	5' 8"	165
<u>WINGS</u>			
Al McNear.....	38	6' 0"	185
Dave Keith.....	33	5' 10"	175
Denny Kosich.....	-	5' 10"	180
<u>FULLBACK</u>			
Gary Schmidt.....	43	6' 1"	170
Marty Martin.....	-	5' 8"	150

Peter Noble - Referee





UNIVERSITY OF DENVER R. F. C.
FALL SCHEDULE 1968

Sat., Oct. 5	Colorado University	(Home)
Sat & Sun., Oct. 5 & 6	Aspen Ruggerfest	(Aspen)*
Sat., Oct. 19	Air Force Academy	(Home)
Sun., Oct. 27	Regis College	(Away)
Sat., Nov. 2	Colorado School of Mines	(Home)
Sun., Nov. 10	Denver Highlanders	(Away)
Sat., Nov. 16	Colorado College	(Home)
Sun., Nov. 24	Colorado State College	(Away)

*Teams from Salt Lake City, Utah; St. Louis, Mo.; and Kansas City, Mo.

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The second half was dominated by the Blue as they scored 3 tries for 11 points. Norm Sorensen (from Uruguay) put the game out of DU's reach by taking a pass from Jeff Bowers early in the half and going over for the score. Les Dyer again converted. Later in the half, as DU started to feel the strain of hard tackling and running, Bill Johannes kicked ahead and Jeff Bowers picked up the ball and dove over for the try. The final score came ~~from~~ from the scrum half Bob Bennett who took the ball from the scrum and ran in ~~from~~ from 5 yards out. These late scores were helped by the fact that DU was playing one man short due to one of their players leaving the game after ~~receiving~~ receiving a rather hard tackle (there is no substitution in rugby). DU's only score came on a 50 yard drop kick by the fullback, Tom McNichols.

1st	try	Convert	2nd	Penalty
	Westmoreland 1-3	Dyer 2-4		Metzler 1-3
	Sorensen 1-3			
	Bennett 1-3			
	Bowers 1-3			

All-Blues top Denver 16-3; two games away from title!

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In the Silver game, the Academy made it a clean sweep by defeating DU 3-0. The only score of the game came on a 25 yard penalty kick by Doug Metzler during the first half.

In both games the Academy showed the experience and effort needed to take them to a successful season. If they defeat Regis (Nov. 3) and Mines (Nov. 10), they will qualify for the championship playoff against the winner of the Northern Division.

At this time, CU and CSC look like potential winners of that division. Colorado State College is the next opponent for the Blues tomorrow as they travel to CSC for a game at 2 p.m.



GET HIM! — A host of Denver University tacklers converge on the Academy's Jeff Bowers in Saturday's Rugby Club game at Denver. The All-Blues took the contest 16-3 and moved one step closer to winning the Rugby League championship.

All-Blues meet DU tomorrow in rugby match

The Air Force Academy Rugby Club takes its undefeated team up to Denver University tomorrow, to meet the DU squad at 2:30 p.m. in DU Stadium.

The All-Blues have a 2-0 record so far this year, with consecutive victories over the Denver Highlanders (29-0) and Colorado College (24-10), while DU has suffered one loss, that coming at the hands of Colorado University, 17-3.

High scorer for the Blue is co-captain Les Dyer, but a total of nine other players have put the Academy on the scoreboard.

Immediately following the game, the Academy Silver team will take on the DU "B" team.

Cadet Rugby Team Defeats Denver, 16-3

DENVER — Air Force Academy defeated Denver University, 16-3, Sunday afternoon in a rugby match.

Leading scorer was Les Dyer with four points on two conversions.

The Cadets had a slight edge in the first half and held a 5-0 lead at intermission. DU couldn't keep up with the Cadets in the second half.

Air Force will play at Colorado State College Saturday afternoon.

Falcon Rugby Team Downs Denver 16-3

Scoring three times in the second half, the Air Force Academy Rugby Club defeated the Denver University Club 16-3 this weekend to remain unbeaten.

The first half saw only one score, by Tom Westmoreland, late in the half. Les Dyer converted the try to make the score 5-0 in favor of the Falcons at midgame.

Apparently because of superior conditioning the Falcon's dominated the remainder of the game as Norm Sorensen, an exchange student from Uruguay; Jeff Bowers and Bob Bennett scored for Air Force. Dyer made the conversion of the Sorensen score for a total of 16 points.

Denver's lone score was on a 50-yard drop kick by fullback Tom McNichols. This was the second straight loss for Denver, who have an 0-2 record.

The B game was also won by the Falcons 3-0, the only score coming on a Doug Metzler penalty kick. The Falcons A team is now 3-0, and will place its perfect record on the line against Colorado State College this Saturday at Greeley. The rugby club's next home game is November 1 against Brigham Young at 3:40 p.m.

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RUGGERS DOWN CSC
Face ~~by~~ BYU AND REGIS NEXT

Last Saturday, the Academy Rugby Club faced its toughest opponent to date and just managed to keep ahead of Colorado State College, 8-5. The game well-fought, fast and in doubt until the final whistle as CSC made numerous penetrations into the Blue half of the field late in the game. One of these was stopped by the outstanding defensive play of the game when Gary Schmidt dove on the ball and stopped 5 opponents from kicking it over for the score. The situation was the same for the first 15 minutes of the game as the Blue got off to a slow start. CSC made a many attempts to run the ball over from within the Academy* 25 yard mark, but each ~~ee~~ time good hard tackling ~~prevention~~ prevented it. Co-captain Les Dyer ~~etter~~ was the outstanding player in this defensive stand.

The Blue soon recovered, however, and scored 8 points by the end of the half. The first ~~came~~ from a good movement on the part of the backs from a 5 yard scrum and Phil Krasnicki dove over for the score. Near the end of the half, Coach Osur caught CSC napping and ran the ball in from 10 yards out as the opposition was arguing among themselves over a referee's call. Les Dyer converted to make it 8-0 at half-time. The second half saw CSC make their comeback and score on a 40 yard run by Glen Davis; it was converted to tighten up the game, but they could not score again.

In the second game, the White team(changed from Silver due to the acquisition of white jerseys) completely dominated CSC's B team and handily won 17-0. Many players put on outstanding performances, including Henry Raab playing his first game at fullback and Marty Martin at scrum-half. White scores came from Jim Chase, Ole Olson, ~~He~~ Harry Laws, Chris Joy and Marty Martin; Laws also converted one of the tries.

All-in-all, the day was an outstanding example of what rugby games should be like- fast moving, hard tackling, and good sportsmanship both on and off the field.

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Try
Krasnicki 1-3
Osur 1-3
Convert
Dyer 1-2
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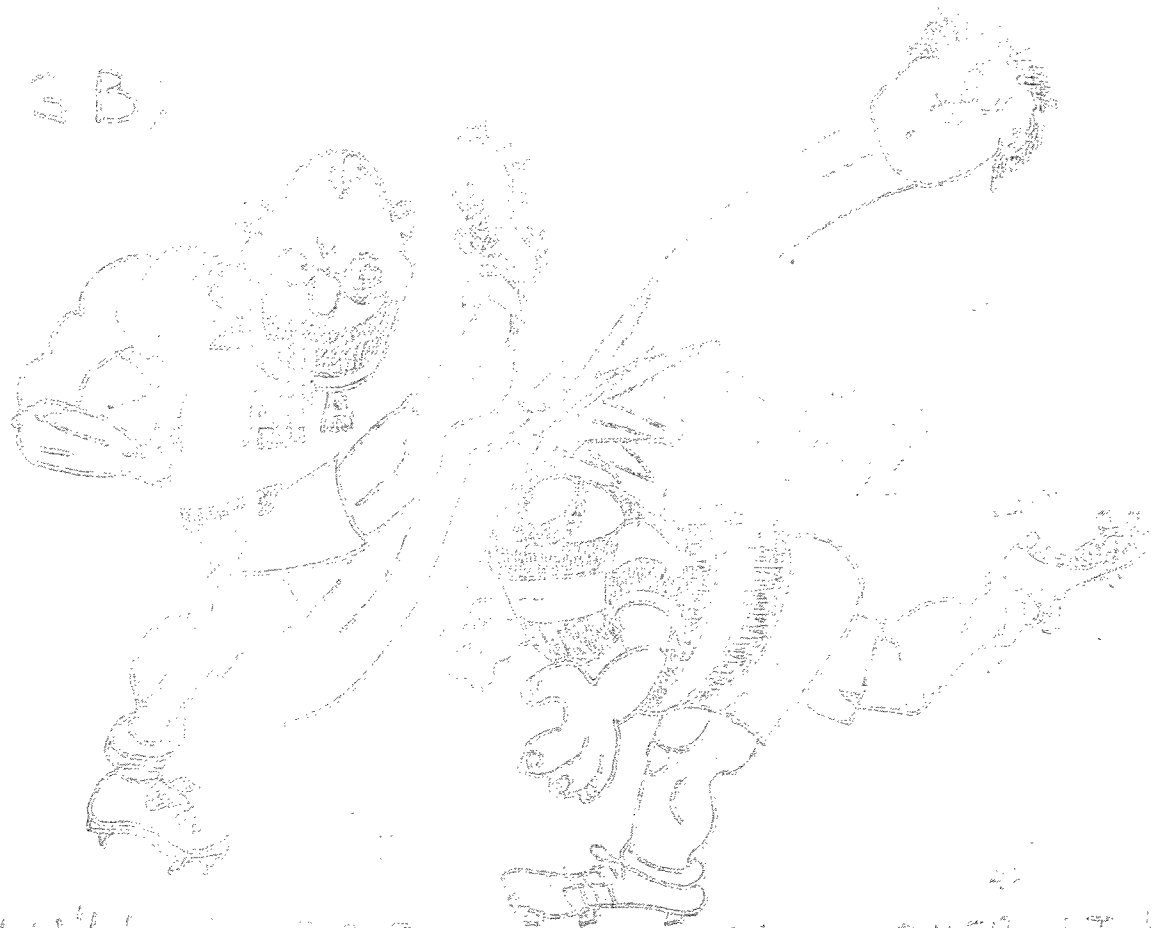
GREELEY — Pete Krasnick and player-coach Al Osur scored in the first half, with Wes Dyer converting after the second try, as Air Force defeated Colorado State College, 8-5, in a rugby match Sunday.

The Air Force used its 3-0 lead in halftime to withstand a score and conversion in the second half by CSC. The Bears pressed in the Air Force late in the tight game.

Air Force will host Brigham Young Friday at 3:50 p.m. and Regis Sunday at 1 p.m. Both matches will be played behind the Cadet Gym.

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YOU'LL WAGSE YOUR HEAD OVER IT!

USAF ACADEMY

VS.

COLORADO COLLEGE

SUNDAY, OCT. 6

1 P.M.

AT COLORADO COLLEGE FIELD

Fall '68

RUGBY CLUB TAKES COLORADO COLLEGE- 24-10

The Air Force Academy Rugby continued in winning form by downing a stubborn Colorado College team 24-10. Co-captain Les Dyer led the Blue scoring with 12 points.

The All-Blues completely dominated the first half by outscoring CC, 21-0. Roy Coppinger led the way with a 25 yard run after taking the ball from a line-out. Dave Keith and Tom Westmoreland soon followed with short runs from a scrum and line-out and Les Dyer converted both and then scored on a penalty kick. The foot of Les Dyer proved true on the mark later in the half when he converted after Bob Bennett scored on a 10 yard run.

The second half was an entirely different game a CC started to play good ball and the Blues proceeded to sit back on their laurels. Two outstanding runs by Hershberger and Miller, both converted by Haedani put CC on the scoreboard, but the Academy held firm and Les Dyer again kicked a penalty to finish the scoring at 24-10.

Following this game, a "Sevens" game was played against CC's "B" team and was won by the Academy 28-0. A Sevens game consists of seven men on each side playing two seven minute halves. Bill Zedaker scored 3 times and Harry Laws, Al McNear and Dave McDougall made one try each. Jim Miller converted 3 and Al McNear and Dick Haynes each converted one.

This week the All-Blue take a rest as they go to Chicago (a rest?) to support the Football team. They will continue their competition for the Coors Cup on October 19 against Denver University in the DU stadium.

1st

try	drop kick	convert	Penalty
Coppinger 1-3		Dyer 3-6	Dyer 2-6
Keith 1-3			
Westmoreland 1-3			
Bennett 1-3			

7th

30-0 vs 28-0

try	convert
Zedaker 3-9	Miller 3-6
Laws 1-3	McNear 1-3
McNear 1-3	Haynes 1-3
McDougall 1-3	

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ACADEMY RUGGERS SPLIT

The Academy Rugby Club suffered its first defeat last Friday, November 1, by losing to a hard-hitting Brigham Young University team, 16-0, but then bounced back on Sunday to easily defeat Regis College, 41-0. The Academy played well against BYU, matching their hard tackling and fast movements, but made several mistakes which their experienced opponents exploited to their advantage. The entire game was well-played by both teams, but BYU rightfully deserved the 8 points they scored in each half. Scores came from a penalty kick early in the game, 3 tries and 2 conversions. The All-Blue certainly did not do bad in losing 16-0; their scrum, although out-weighted, won more than their share of loose and set rucks and BYU experienced some particularly hard tackling. The Blue was often deep in their opponent's territory and came close to scoring a number of times. Also, last year BYU was rated the 15th best rugby team in the nation by RUGBY USA.

In the B game following the main contest, BYU and the Academy fought to a 5-5 draw. Gary Schmidt scored the ~~White~~ White team's only try by kicking the ball 70 yards up the field and then out-racing everyone else to make the tally; Harry Laws converted. BYU, however, scored their try and conversion soon after to tie up the game.

On ~~Sunday~~ Sunday, Chris Joy was the high scorer as the All-Blue made 9 tries against Regis College to win 41-0. Joy ran one over and converted 7 for 17 points. Other tries came from Marty Martin(2), Bill Zedaker(2), Dick Dysart, Carl Yakabowskas, Bill Simmons, and Channing Morse. The hard-playing and conditioning of the Academy proved to be too much for the newly-formed Regis team, as they were unable to even come close to scoring.

The All-Blue is now 5 and 1 and plays its next game on Sunday at 1 PM against Colorado School of Mines in Golden. This is a very important game for victory will mean that the Academy will ~~go to~~ play in the Colorado Rugby ~~&~~ championship game ~~to be~~ on December 7th.

Regis Try

Conversion

Martin	2-6
Zedaker	2-6
Dysart	1-3
Yakabowskas	1-3
Simmons	1-3
Morse	1-3

Joy - 1-3

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Ruggers whitewashed by Brigham Young, 16-0; take out frustration on Regis College, 41-0!

The Academy Rugby Club saw its hopes for an unbeaten season vanish Nov. 1, as they dropped a 16-0 decision to Brigham Young University, the nation's 15th ranked rugby contingent, according to Rugby USA, the sport's official publication.

The All-Blues took an unblemished 4-0 record into the BYU contest, held on the Academy turf, looking for their fifth in a row and the upset of the year.

In their first season of competition, the All-Blues were over-matched with the bigger, more experienced BYU squad, but it didn't stop the Academy representatives from making a good show of it, and giving BYU all they could ask for and then some.

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BYU tallied eight points in each half, with all of their points coming on three tries, two conversions and a penalty kick.

The All-Blues made a good showing for a new team, with their scrum winning more than their share of loose and set rucks, even though outweighed per man.

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Sunday, the Blue got back on the right track, smothering Regis College 41-0 in another home contest.

Chris Joy was the high scorer for the Academy, as he made nine tries against Regis, running one over and converting seven for a total of 17 points. Other tries came from Marty Martin (2), Bill Zedaker (2), Dick Dysart, Carl Yakabowskas, Bill Simmons and Channing Morse.

The hard-playing and conditioning of the Academy proved to be too much for Regis, as they were

unable to come even close to scoring.

The All-Blue now sport a 5-1 record for the season, and will play again Sunday at 1 p.m. against Colorado School of Mines in Golden.

This is the big game for the All-Blue, because a victory will mean that the Academy squad will play in the Colorado Rugby championship game Dec. 7.



NO PADS — Rugby is a lot like football without pads. Here, a member of the Academy's Rugby Club is hit by a host of Brigham Young tacklers in their 16-0 loss to BYU.

Falcons Drop 1st Rugby Tilt to BYU; Top Regis

Air Force dropped its first rugby game of the season Friday night when nationally ranked Brigham Young defeated the Falcons, 16-0.

Sunday Air Force got back on the winning track by trouncing Regis College of Denver, 41-0. Chris Joy had 17 points for the Falcons. He scored one try and seven conversions.

Next game for the Falcon ruggers will be Sunday at Gol-

AFA Rugby Team Routs Regis 41-0

Air Force Academy Rugby players suffered their first defeat Friday but rebounded Sunday to bring their season record to 5-1.

The loss was to Brigham Young, who was rated 15th in the nation last year, by a 16-0 score. The Falcons won their fifth game Sunday by routing Regis College 41-0. Chris Joy was the high scorer for Air Force scoring a try and making seven conversions for 17 points.

The team's next game is on the road against Colorado School

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Rugby Club upsets Colorado College

The Air Force Academy Rugby Club continued in winning form Sunday by downing a stubborn Colorado College squad 24-10. Co-captain Les Dyer led the Blue scoring with 12 points.

The All-Blues completely dominated the first half by outscoring CC, 21-0. Roy Coppinger led the way with a 25-yard run.

Keith and Tom Westmoreland soon followed with short runs from a scrum and line-out and Les Dyer proved true on the mark later in the half when he converted after Bob Bennett scored on a 10 yard run.

The second half was an entirely different game as CC started to play good ball and the Blues proceeded to sit back on their laurels. Two outstanding runs by Hershberger and Miller, both converted by Haedani put CC on the scoreboard, but the Academy held firm and Les Dyer again kicked a penalty to finish the scoring at 24-10.

Following this game, a "Sevens" game was played against CC's "B" team and was won by the Academy 28-0. A Sevens game consists of seven men on each side playing two seven minute halves. Bill Zedaker scored 3 times and Harry Laws, Al McNear and Dave McDougall made one try each. Jim Miller converted 3 and Al McNear and Dick Haynes each converted one.

This week the All-Blues take a rest as they go to Chicago (a rest?) to support the football team. They will continue their competition for the Coors Cup Oct. 19 against Denver University in the DU stadium.

What's a Scrum?

During the half of the Prep School game, we went over to watch the Rugby Club work out.

The Club is made up of a group of cadets who are spending their time and energy in practice for weekend games, while playing in local rugby league.

We're not rugby-orientated yet, so we really don't know what's going on, but it's a mixture of football, soccer and a free-for-all, with a lot of good rough action for whoever shows up to watch.

We're not sure, but we think a scrum is when both teams get in a pile and start a tug of war, the referee drops the ball into the middle of that mass of humanity and then the fellows jolly well have at it.

Good show, as they say across the Atlantic.

Air Force Outlasts CC In Rugby Match

A superlative first-half performance by the Air Force Academy rugby team almost came to naught yesterday afternoon at Washburn Stadium, but the Falcons weathered an exciting resurgence by Colorado College to outlast the Bengals 24-10.

"I wouldn't say C.C. dominated the second period in the same fashion we dominated the first," said Capt. Ozur, the Academy Coach after the game. "I'd prefer to think our boys just became a little complacent after leading 21-0 at intermission."

A dazzling run by Tiger ace Hershberger of 75 yards was the outstanding play of the game which, with another try by Steve Miller and two conversions by Haedani, provided the ten CC points.

The Falcons were led by co-capt. Les Dyer whose 12 points on two penalty kicks and three conversions was high for the day. Roy Coppinger, Dave Keith, Tom Westmoreland, and Bob Bennett aided the Academy cause with one try each.

AF Rugby Club Defeats Tigers By 24-10 Count

Air Force's Les Dyer scored 12 points Sunday as the Cadet rugby club defeated Colorado College, 24-10, on Stewart Field.

Dyer tallied on two penalty kicks worth three points each and three two-point conversions.

Other AFA tries were scored by Roy Coppinger, Dave Keith, Tom Westmoreland and Bob Bennett.

The Cadets held a 21-0 lead after the first half but CC scrambled back to score ten points in the second half.

Colorado College will play in the Aspen tournament this weekend. Entered are 12 teams from Kansas, Utah and Colorado.

Good Show II

Speaking of good shows, we happened to be in the vicinity of the Field House Friday afternoon, so we stopped by to look in on the Rugby Club as they took on Brigham Young University.

Now that is quite a game. Our experience with watching rugby consists of about one hour on a national TV show, so we were curious to see what it was all about.

Fantastic! That's about the best way to describe it. If we had about 37 pages we'd touch some of the finer points of the rules, but space permitting all we can do is describe the action.

Take about 40 frustrated football players, the ones who think pro ball is for sissies because they wear all those pads and unnecessary items, get them fired up, give them a slightly more inflated ball, one referee, tell them what the other team has been saying about them and let them have at it.

It looks like semi-organized chaos, but if you like fast, exciting and hard-hitting action, then it's the sport for you.

It was strange to be freezing in the chilly late afternoon and watch these fellows in their abbreviated rompers running around oblivious to any sort of discomfort, revelling in sticking someone good, and having a wonderful time.

We used to be devoted to Deacon Jones, and the rest of the Fear-some Foursome because of their magical mayhem, but they've got nothing on these rugby players.

RUGGERS DOWN MINES
GO TO COLORADO FINALS

The Academy Rugby team clinched a position in the Colorado championship game and brought its record to 6-1 by downing the Colorado School of Mines 21-8 in a game played in freezing weather on a snow-covered field in Golden. Both teams played rather sloppy due to the conditions and Mines got off to an early 3-0 lead as the All-Blues took some time to settle down. But once they did, they kept on rolling and by the end of the first half the game was no longer in doubt. Superior conditioning and ball pursuit won the game for the Academy since they ~~won~~^{earned} very few line-outs or scrums.

Al McNair and Jeff Bewers scored for the Blue in the first half by taking advantage of bad ball handling by Mines and them going over for the scores. ~~Al~~ McNair also converted Bewers' try to make it 8-3 at half-time.

In the second half, the Academy came on strong and scored twice during the first 15 minutes. Doug Metzler broke up a Mines play, picked up the ball and dove in for the try. He was followed by Bob Bennett who took the ball from the scrum and ran it in; Chris Joy converted. Mines did manage to get a score and conversion late in the half, but Doug Metzler dimmed their hopes of a comeback by running the ball in and converting his own try.

In the B game, the White team easily won over Mines, 18-0. Burr Crittenden and Bill Zedaker scored tries while Gary Schmidt converted twice and Zedaker converted once.

Tomorrow, the All-Blue take on Colorado University in Boulder before the football game and at the same time, start preparation for the Colorado championship game to be played on December 7th.

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McNair	1-3	Crittenden	1-3
Bewer	1-3	Osue	2-6
Bennett	1-3	Zedaker	1-3 1-2
Metzler	2-6	Schmidt	2-4
Joy	1-2		

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Ruggers smash Colorado Mines 21-8; play for State Championship Dec. 7

The Academy Rugby team clinched a position in the Colorado championship game Sunday, by downing the Colorado School of Mines 21-8 on a snow covered field in Golden.

The win, played in freezing temperatures, moved the Blue record to 6-1.

The sloppy field conditions forced both teams into mistakes early in the contest, with Mines jumping off to a 3-0 lead.

But the All-Blue squad settled down and fought back to take the lead, which they never relinquished.

Al McNair and Jeff Bowers scored for the Blue in the first half by taking advantage of bad ball handling by Mines, and converting the steals for scores. McNair also converted Bowers' try to make it 8-3 at half-time.

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STOP HIM! — The All-Blue Rugby Club moved into the State Championship game Dec. 7, with a 21-8 win over Colorado School of Mines Sunday. Here, they show the tenacious defense that took them to the finals during a recent home contest.

Falcons' Rugby Squad To Meet CSC In Finals

The Air Force Academy Rugby team qualified for the Colorado State Rugby finals by defeating Colorado School of Mines 21-8 in Golden Sunday.

The Falcons will meet Colorado State College on December 7 for the state championships. Doug Metzler accounted for eight points on the ice and snow covered field to lead the Air Force scorers.

RUGGERS SQUEEZE BY CU IN LAST MINUTES:

EASILY DEFEAT EAGLES

Last weekend the Academy Rugby Club pushed its record to 8-1 by defeating Colorado University and the Eagles. The win against CU was a come-from-behind effort as CU on Saturday led 14-10 with 2 minutes left in the game. But Al McNair put the Academy supporters on their feet by breaking loose on a 60 yard^{run} and out-raced 3 CU defenders to the goal; Chris Joy converted to give the Blues the game right before the final whistle. It was the consistent kicking of Joy which proved to be the difference between the two teams in a seesaw battle in which CU scored 4 times, but only converted ~~one~~ once, ~~while~~ while the Academy converted all three of their tries.

The score, 15-14, was representative of the closeness of the playing by the two teams. Doug Metzler started the ball rolling for the Academy by breaking up a CU back movement and then running over from 30 yards out. CU came back 15 minutes later to make the score 5-3, but Bob Bennett gave the Blues a 10-3 half-time lead by running around the end for a 40 yard try.

In the second half, CU came on strong and went ahead on three scored. The last two, making the tally 11-10 and 14-10, came with 15 minutes left in the game. It looked as though CU would hold on to this lead until McNair and Joy teamed up for their 5 point play.

On Sunday, the Blue team had an easy time with the Eagles (a Fitzsimons/Lowry team) and handily defeated them 36-0. The Eagles have only recently been formed as a rugby club and could not stand up to the experience and conditioning of the Academy players. Dave Baumann was high scorer with 12 points coming from 6 conversions. Tries were scored by Marty Martin(2), Channing Morse(2), Dave Keith, Bill Zedaker, Tom Pillari, and Roy Coppinger.

This completes regular season play for the ruggers, but they will be playing off for the Colorado championship against CSC on December 7. The game will be played in Denver.

<u>CU</u>		<u>Eagles</u>		
Try	Convert	Baumann	Tries	Convert
Metzler 1-3		Martin	2-6	6-12
Bennett 1-3		Morse	2-6	
McNair 1-3		Keith	1-3	
Joy	3-6	Zedaker	1-3	
		Pillari	1-3	
		Coppinger	1-3	

Academy ruggers take two weekend wins; begin preparations for State title game

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Go, go, go!

All-Blue speedster Bob Bennett gains some yardage in the game against Colorado Saturday. The Rugby Club finished the year with an 8-1 mark, and will play the State Championship Dec. 7 in Denver.

AF Defeats Two Opponents

Air Force defeated Colorado University, 15-14, and Lowry-Fitzimmons Eagles, 31-0, over the weekend in rugby.

The Academy team will play Colorado State College Dec. 7 for the state championship.

RUGGERS COMPLETE SUCCESSFUL FIRST SEASON
PLAY OFF FOR COLORADO CHAMPIONSHIP

The Air Force Academy Rugby Club finished up its regular season last week with a 8-1 record; a rather respectable record for its first season in competition. The Clubs only loss came at the hands of Brigham Young University, ranked number 15 in the nation last year. The All-Blues defeated all of the local Colorado teams, with the exception of the Denver Barbos whom they did not play, and in most cases, dominated those games. The only close contests were against CSC and CU; CSC will have a chance to avenge their narrow 8-5 loss tomorrow when they take on the Academy for the championship. Also doing well was the White team which accomplished an undefeated 4-0-2 record. The two ties came against DU and BYU while victories were scored over CC, CSC, Mines and DU.

The All-Blues started the season with 3 easy victories over the Denver Highlanders, Colorado College, and Denver University. A total of 10 players scored during these 3 games and Les Dyer led all others with 18 points, all coming from kicks. However, the next two were more difficult as a victory was just ekked out over CSC and a loss was handed to the Academy by BYU. The remainder of the season saw 4 straight victories over Regis, Mines, CU and the Eagles. The victory over Mines sent the team to the Colorado championship and the victory over CU was accomplished by a 60 yard run with 2 minutes left in the game.

The Blue team has been well-balanced, but many individuals have consistently stood out. Co-captains Les Dyer and Roy Coppinger have been outstanding leaders and players on the field; Jeff Bewers (150 pounds), playing hooker in the middle of the scrum, has done an outstanding job getting the ball and has scored 3 times, an unusual achievement for someone playing his position; Marty Martin and Gary Schmidt have both come up with good defensive plays as fullback; Bob Bennett has provided the vital link between the scrum and backfield as scrum-half; and wingers Al McNear and Jim Chase are among the best of the league - both are noted for their hard tackling, as is Steve Connelly playing in the lock position. Other players who have put in good consistent performances are Mike Beezley, Chris Joy, Tom Westmoreland, Norm Sorensen, Doug Metzler, Angus MacDonald, Lindsay Fenwick, Bill Johannes, Dave Keith, Jim Miller, Ernie Skinner, and Dave Baumann, Tomorrow, the All-Blue takes on CSC at Regis College field. Game-time will be 2 PM. This game for the championship will be unique in that both teams have only recently been formed, the Academy starting in August and CSC last spring.

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CRUNCH! — All-Blue tackler Ernie Skinner puts the whammy on a Denver U. ball carrier in recent rugby action. The All-Blues finished their season with an 8-1 record, and will meet Colorado State College tomorrow at 2 p.m. at Regis College for the State Championship game.

State rugby title at stake tomorrow

The Academy Rugby Club will meet Colorado State College tomorrow at Regis College in Denver to decide the 1968 Colorado State Rugby Championship. Game time will be 2 p.m. on the Regis field.

The Academy All-Blues go into the title contest with an 8-1 slate, remarkable in the fact that this is the first year of competition for the USAFA squad. Their only loss came at the hands of Brigham Young, one of the top teams in the Nation.

CSC, their championship game opponent, is also a new squad, having been formed in April. In an earlier meeting between the two clubs, Air Force won 8-5.

The All-Blues opened the season with three quick wins, downing the Denver Highlanders, Colorado College and Denver University. In their next game, they squeaked by CSC, and then dropped a game to BYU.

Back on the winning track again, they took their final four contests, downing Regis, Mines, Colorado U. and the Eagles.

The win over Mines put them into the title game, and the wins over CU and the Eagles were just icing on the cake, though they had to score in the final two minutes to top CU.

Top players for the Blue were co-captains Les Dyer and Roy Copping, along with Jeff Bewers, playing hooker in the middle of the scrum.

Also in line for accolades were fullbacks Marty Martin and Gary Schmidt, scrum-half Bob Bennett, wingers Al McNear and Jim Chase and Steve Connelly in the lock positions.

The Academy White squad also ended their season, finishing an undefeated 4-0-2 year. Their two ties came at the hands of DU and BYU, while the wins were over Colorado College, CSC, Mines and DU.

Falcon Ruggers Battle CSC For 'Coors Cup'

The "Coors Cup", symbol of Colorado Rugby supremacy, will be awarded Saturday when the Air Force Academy, winner of the Conference Southern Division, takes on Colorado State College, Northern Division kimpin, at 2:00 p.m. The game will be played at neutral Regis College field in Denver.

This match is the culmination of a fiercely contested season that saw AFA post an outstanding record of eight wins against one loss, that coming at the hands of nationally ranked, non-conference foe Brigham Young earlier in the year.

Colorado State, 5-2, lost only to the Falcons and DU, both of the Southern Division, while handling the likes of Northern Division foes Colorado University, Denver Highlanders and Denver Barbos.

AFA and the Bears have met previously this year with the Falcons posing a narrow 8-5 victory in a game that was in doubt until the final gun.

Air Force Meets CSU In Rugby Play

Air Force and Colorado State will play Saturday for the championship of the Eastern Rockies Rugby Football Union.

The match will be at 2 p.m. at Regis College.

Air Force won the union's Northern Division with an 8-1 record. Colorado State was 5-2 to capture the Southern Division.

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CSC tops Ruggers; take state title

The Academy's All-Blue Rugby Club fell short of its goal in seeking the Colorado State Rugby Championship Saturday, dropping a 13-8 decision to Colorado State College in a game played in Denver.

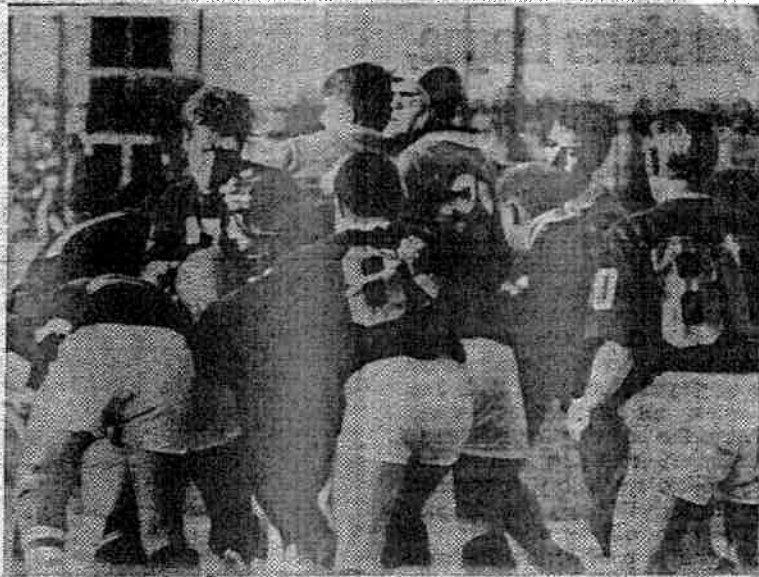
CSC jumped off to an early lead of 8-0, and the All-Blue fell short in their comeback attempt. Bob Bennett, the Academy scrum-half, made it 8-3 by taking the ball from the scrum and running it over from five yards out.

CSC got the score back, and held a 13-3 margin at half-time.

Roy Coppinger tallied the final Blue score, running in from 30 yards away, and Les Dyer converted.

The Blue threatened many times during the final stanza, but couldn't push a score across, and went down to defeat 13-8. The win for CSC avenged an earlier 8-5 loss handed them by the Blue squad in regular season play.

The game wrapped up the fall rugby season for the Blue with an 8-2 mark, and second place in Colorado. The Rugby team will begin spring action in February.



GANG TACKLE — Colorado State College handed the Academy All-Blue Rugby Club its second defeat of the year Saturday, and in the process took the Colorado State Championship. Here, a CSC runner is surrounded by his own men, as Blue tacklers fight to down him.

CSC Takes State Rugby Crown, 13-8

DENVER — Colorado State College won the Colorado rugby championship Saturday with a 13-8 decision over Air Force.

CSC's Jim Havill, a graduate student from New Zealand, paced the Greeley club.

Scoring for Air Force were Bob Bennett, Roy Coppinger and Les Dyer.

CSC jumped to an early lead. Although Air Force threatened to tie the score throughout, it never could get quite close enough.

Air Force finished with an 8-2 record. CSC is 6-2.

CSC Tops Falcons, Wins Coors Cup

Colorado State College defeated the Air Force Academy rugby team 13-8 to win the coveted Coors Cup in Denver Saturday. The cup is awarded each season to the championship team of the Eastern Rockies Rugby Football Union.

CSC jumped to an early half-time lead of 13-3. Although the Falcons repeatedly threatened in the second half, they were only able to score once more. Bennett and Coppinger each scored one try for Air Force, while Dyer converted once.

Although the Academy team was just organized this fall, they finished the season with an excellent 8-2 record, their other loss coming from BYU. CSC completed its season with a 6-2 record.

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