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UPJ's Bill Wilson carries the ball against the Johnstown-Beaver Valley Rugby Club. Wilson scored UPJ's first goal.

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Rugby Players from UPJ (light, single-striped jerseys) and the Johnstown-Beaver Valley Club leap for a throw-in from the sidelines.

Ruggers Swept In Season Finish

By PAT JACKSON

Pitt-Johnstown's Rugby Football Club finished its season November 15 with a 38-8 loss to a combination Johnstown City Barracudas and Beaver Valley team. The game was held on UPJ's intramural field.

The first score of the game for UPJ was attributed to senior Bill Wilson. The second goal for UPJ went to Bob Potter, a junior.

Only one injury was suffered in the contest, that being a minor shoulder injury to senior Shawn Brennan.

Despite the loss, Wilson, rugby club treasurer, said, "The starters and backs were much better. I think it's been the best game so far."

Yet, Wilson added, "This is a new game to us. Physically, we are big enough. It is just a matter of experience. We need to play a few more times."

Wilson also announced that he was working on a rugby yearbook for the team. It will consist of the history of rugby and explanations of the positions, plays, and scoring techniques. Wilson said, "The

book will definitely be out for the spring."

The rugby club will begin playing in the spring. According to John Mountford, rugby club match secretary, "Since school ends in April, we will be lucky to get in at least two games. If weather is really bad, we may not play at all. We usually don't play after June."

Because of the weather crisis, Mountford said, "Tentatively, we might combine with the Johnstown City Club for the spring team."

Teams that they may be playing against in the spring consist of Penn State, Charleston (West Virginia) City Club, California State, Juniata, and South Hills (Pittsburgh) Houlicans.

Wilson expressed the team's need for players by saying, "We're looking for rugby players all the time, regardless of experience."

Wilson concluded, "We thank all the people who came out to watch us this season. They were great."