

#### EX-ZOOMIES STAR IN ENGLAND

The first time Milt Bennett and Roy Coppinger played rugby together was their senior year at the Air Force Academy. Since their graduation in 1969 they have had diverse rugby careers, occasionally crossing paths but always on different teams. Milt captained the Denver Barbarians in 1976 while Roy held that post for Boston. Milt was delighted to be asked to join Boston for their fall '77 tour of England and Ireland. In the second game of the tour the two former classmates took the field as teammates in a match especially arranged to celebrate the centenary of the Cockermouth Rugby Club.

It seemed as if the entire population of this quaint village in the Lake District of England had turned out for the game. The sidelines were thronged from end to end to see this American team face the local heroes. The Boston team soon won their favor with a wide open running game. Roy, a wing forward, scored the opening try and the hosts answered with a goal to lead 6 - 4. Milt surprised everyone by kicking a 35 yard dropgoal from his center position. Cockermouth opportunistically scored two more goals, one on an intercepted pass and another on a long kick beyond the defense.

Trailing 18 - 7 at half time, Roy, as captain, exhorted his team to a higher level of performance for the second half. He followed his words with action as he chased a center break up the middle to score a try between the posts 10 minutes after intermission. Milt converted easily and added a penalty to close to 18 - 16 with 15 minutes to play. Boston pressure finally forced a penalty with two minutes remaining and Bennett's foot was again true on a 45 yard kick from the right touch line.

This 19 - 18 Boston victory was the first of the tour coming the day after a 10 - 10 tie with the Gosforth Gaffers and a good showing in the Northern seven's. The two former cadets from the Air Force Academy beamed as they left the field, elated at once again joining forces. With the rest of the touring party they enjoyed a banquet followed by drinking and singing with their hosts, long into the night.

To appreciate the anomaly of these two again playing together, one must look at the paths they have followed. Milt completed his Air Force service in Colorado Springs and went to Law School at American University in Washington, D.C. He then returned to Colorado and is now an attorney in the Colorado Springs area. Roy completed his service in Washington and began his own seafood business in North Carolina. When this proved unproductive he returned to the business of computer science and is now a communications engineer in Boston. Both have kept their rugby careers active, in fact, both played on the Potomac Union side but at different times. Presently Milt plays for the Eastern Rockies while Roy is on the New England side.