

The Graduate Gap is filled

Volley ball Yeomen: The top is where they belong

Eric Meslin
Watching teams like the NFL's Dallas Cowboys, the NHL's New York Islanders or the NBA's Boston Celtics, one often wonders how a team can be consistently motivated to stay on top. "What's there to

motivate?" asks Wally Dyba, Yeomen Volleyball Coach of seven years. "There's nothing better than being number one, and if you can't motivate yourself, then you don't belong at the top."

The top is where the Yeomen have

stayed, winning the OUAA Championship for three consecutive years and ranking in the CIAU top-ten for the last four.

It isn't new playing styles or the introduction of different techniques or strategies that have changed the

Yeomen, but the departure of two of the mainstays at York--perhaps the real cornerstones in York's rise to provincial and national prominence--five-year veteran and Captain, Larry Simpson, and four-year man, Mark Ainsworth the team record holder in virtually every statistical category (blocks, attacks, kills, and service aces). Ainsworth and Simpson provided the leadership for the Yeomen in the past and Dyba is sentimental about their graduation: "I really notice that they're not here. It's the little things that you don't appreciate while they are here that you miss. There is definitely a gap to fill and we have guys who can do it: it'll just take time."

With All-Canadian setter Dave Chambers, and OUAA all-star power hitters, John May and Dave Samek returning, you can bet that it won't take long to fill the gap. The person who may go a long way toward providing the necessary leadership,

both on and off the court, is newcomer, Hernan Humana. Hardly a rookie at 29, Humana has played with the Chilean National Team and with York's 1980 Ontario AA Championship squad. Humana, arguably the finest middle blocker in Ontario and perhaps the country, is here to stay and to play, which couldn't make Dyba happier: "Hernan is one of those all-around players who contributes as much off the court as he does on it. His age and experience are an asset; it's like having an extra coach on the court."

Dyba also has high hopes for high-school recruits, Bryan Davis and Steve Burtch, whose athletic abilities will be conducive to the sophisticated offense that the Yeomen run. Add all this to the return of veterans Ray Lamey, Walter Zanel and Peter Campbell and it appears that Dyba and his coaching staff have every reason to believe that on top is where they belong.

QB shines as Yeomen Trounce Windsor

Chris Dodd
The yeomen football team regained their form with an impressive 35-5 rout of the Windsor Lancers last Sunday night in Windsor. The victory squared the Yeomen's record at 2-2.

The Lancers jumped out in front 3-0 as a result of kicker Zoran Miljkovic's field goal, but the Yeomen were able to take a 7-4 halftime lead after Tino Iacono's touchdown pass to George Ganas.

The Yeomen never lost their lead.

After a sluggish first half, a rejuvenated offence took to the field led by rookie quarterback, Paddy O'Neill, who threw 3 touchdown passes to ensure the victory.

The O'Neill play greatly impressed Head Coach Dave Pickett, who inserted O'Neill to get the offence in gear. "We just felt that we needed a change to stir things up. Now and then you have to go to the bullpen."

O'Neill in only his second game of intercollegiate action, sparked the York attack with a 54 yard pass to

Neil Dalgarno and 37 yard strike to rookie running back, Darrell Sampson, for touchdowns.

"You have to be pleased any time you win by 30 points," said Coach Pickett in summary. His offence produced 279 yards of net offense.

With just three games remaining in the regular schedule, the Yeomen remain in the hunt for a playoff birth. York's next encounter will be the latest battle in the York-U of T rivalry as the Yeomen meet the Blues on Friday night.

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