

# SPORTS

## Fereday and Co. too much for Yeomen

**Mike Leonetti**

It's do or die for the York Yeomen football team.

Last Thursday's 39-9 loss against the University of Toronto Blues has left Dave Pickett and his crew in a must win situation. If the Yeomen have any hopes of making the play-offs this year they have no choice but to win their next three games, including the one against the CIAU tenth-ranked Guelph Gryphons this Homecoming weekend.

Despite the one-sidedness of last week's final score, the Yeomen were very much in the game.

Before 5,140 fans at Varsity Stadium York trailed only 10-7 at the half and 18-8 at the end of three quarters.

A fourth quarter onslaught by the Blues put the game out of York's reach. Varsity had to rely on what they do best, namely having Dan Fereday fire the football all over the stadium. Fereday completed 23 of 34 for 330 yards and two touchdowns as the Blues turned to the passing game after finding it futile to try to establish the running attack against the Yeomen. However, the Varsity passing game eventually wore down the stubborn Yeomen as the Blues raised their season record to 3-1, while York dropped to 1-3.

York opened the scoring in the second quarter. Led by the brilliant running of Nord Williams (16 carries for 142 yards on the game), the Yeomen drove to the Toronto two-yard line with George Ganas taking it over for the touchdown. Larry

Aicken converted to give York a 7-0 lead. But the Blues came right back on the very next series to score a touchdown to tie the game when Fereday connected with Bill Mintsouls for a 39-yard touchdown pass. Blues kicker Dean Dorsey converted and added a 17-yard field goal just before the half to give Toronto a 10-7 lead.

As the second half opened the Yeomen had an excellent opportunity to take the lead as the defence held Varsity deep in its own end. But the York offence sputtered at the Blues 35-yard line. A single by kicker Angelo Ionnides was all York could get, narrowing the score to 10-8. However, after Varsity scored a single off a missed field goal, Fereday hooked up with his usual favorite target, receiver Mark Magee for a 38-yard touchdown pass with Dorsey converting.

York took the ensuing kickoff to open the fourth and drove down the field, but Toronto held the Yeomen back. A single, off a missed fieldgoal attempt by Aicken, brought the score to 18-9.

That was as close as York would come. The Blues broke up a close game with three converted touchdowns. Rookie running back Donovan Hasfal scored two of the touchdowns for the Blues in the fourth on runs of 54 and six yards. Back-up quarterback John Finlayson hit Mintsouls with a 64-yard strike for the other major.

It was a hard loss for the Yeomen to swallow after playing so well for three quarters and who had to once again overcome



The Yeomen hung on for three quarters, but finally succumbed to U of T 39-0.

the injury bug which keeps plaguing the team. Linebacker Mike Leger broke his leg while starting defensive back Dan Koenig and centre John Ponzi also succumbed to injuries.

Yeomen coach Dave Pickett was disappointed with the loss and the final score, but thought the team played well for three quarters.

"I thought we played well. The defence was tremendous for three quarters. We did a good job on their passing, but we could not hold it," said Pickett.

Defensive stalwart Elviro Marsella felt that the defence suffered too many mental breakdowns.

"We thought we could win this game," lamented Marsella, "but

the momentum seemed to turn around. The score is really not indicative of the abilities of the two teams. We're going to have to keep the same intensity level throughout the whole game."

There were bright spots for the Yeomen. The play of the defence was stout for three quarters including many jarring hits at the Blues, before wearing down in the later stages of the game. Offensively, running back Nord Williams has developed into one of the most exciting runners in the league with Mike Joyce and George Ganas complementing him well.

Quarterback Tino Iacono certainly has the physical tools to create an effective passing attack; he just needs more work

on execution to realize his full potential.

On special teams, punter Angelo Ionnides improved his kicking greatly against Toronto getting off several booming punts. Kick returner Joe Paraselli showed he has the ability to make game-breaking returns. He had a 47-yard return against the Blues in the first quarter.

**Notes:** The win by the Blues was their 10th straight over York against no losses or ties...Guelph comes into Saturday's game with a 2-1-1 record. They lost their first game last Saturday to Western, 22-18. Guelph is ranked tenth in the country.



The York moonballers look very much in control here, but they eventually lost this event. York lost the challenge against U of T.

### Yeah...well...we had a bad headache

The 1st annual York - U of T challenge of challenges was a roaring success — especially from a U of T standpoint.

After all the points had been tabulated, and the final tally reached, the University of Toronto emerged victorious.

According to CYSF President, Greg Gaudet, the highlights of the challenge were the moonball event and the cheerleaders' strip race. Both events were won by U of T.

York was victorious in the sack race and the "put a football in the most visible place in the city" contest.

For the latter event, Gaudet

had attempted to have a photograph of a football published in the Toronto Sun, but he didn't succeed. He then tried to have a football televised on the six o'clock CITY-TV news. That attempt also failed. He had to settle for a football on top of the "FANVAN" but since U of T couldn't come up with a better place, York won that challenge.

Gaudet claimed that the challenge score was very close, but because the football game figured in the scoring, it was the deciding factor.

As leader of the losing school, Gaudet was the recipient of the proverbial pie in the face.

## York gymnasts Moscow bound

**Marc Epprecht**

Two of York's top gymnasts have qualified to represent Canada at the World Championships to be held this November in Moscow.

At last week's third and final trials to pick the eight-man team, Dan Gaudet tied for first (109.65 points with compulsory and optional exercises) and Frank Nutzenburger came sixth (107.70). Dave Arnold, a Seneca

College student who trains at York, narrowly missed a berth on the team by placing ninth (105.05).

York's two coaches, Tom Zivic and Masaaki Naosaki, were named as two of the Canadian team's coaches. The whole contingent will depart Nov. 13 for a week's training camp in Moscow prior to the competition.

At the last World Championships, in which Gaudet competed, Canada placed 11th. Russia is heavily favoured to repeat its 1979 victory at this year's event.

Gaudet and Nutzenburger will still be here however, to compete in the Yeomen's first meet of the year, Sunday, Nov. 8 at 2:00, York will play host to the Universities of Michigan and Toronto.



You'll probably be seeing a lot more of this vehicle. This is the new York Fan Van, brain-child of CYSF president Greg Gaudet and MIAC president Jeff Carmichael. The idea behind the Fan Van is to promote what at best could be called York's sagging school spirit. The van will be used throughout this year in order to advertise campus events. So next time you hear a funny horn followed by a streak of red and white follow it. It's the Fan Van on its way to another exciting York spectacle.