

# SPORTS and RECREATION

## York rugby team battles back from deficit to capture championship before 300 fans

By MYLES DAVIS

The York rugby Yeomen came up with a brilliant second half effort Saturday to defeat Queen's Golden Gaels 13-9 and take the OUAA championship for the second time in three years.

Yeomen coach Mike Dinning

credited his veterans for their outstanding play contributing to the win. Dinning was himself a key man in the victory; he performed as strenuously on the sidelines as many of his players did on the field. His yells of "Boogie, boogie, boogie" spurred the Yeomen on to their finest effort of the season.

Playing in a wind gusting up to 40 m.p.h., the Yeomen and the Gaels battled furiously in what proved to be one of the most exciting games of the OUAA season. About 300 spectators turned out for the match, most of them partisan York fans, and none were disappointed.

In the first half, the game belonged entirely to the Gaels, as the Yeomen hardly managed to run with the ball, let alone score a point. Three costly penalties put York in the hole early as Queen's kicker Peter Kopp hoofed all three penalty kicks through the uprights to give the Gaels a 9-0 lead. The Gaels "B" team had defeated Western 24-3 in a previous game and spirits on the varsity squad were lifted immeasurably, when they learned of their counterparts' victory.

In the second half, however, the shoe was on the other foot as the Yeomen took early command. Paul Madonia scored quickly on a 10-yard jaunt and Queen's lead was reduced to five points.

The Gaels then toughened up on defence and thwarted several running plays by the York forwards.

With about fifteen minutes



With the championship at stake, the action was rough at York, Sunday, as this Queens player can testify. A few minutes later, though, he was back in the game.

remaining, Paul Madonia again broke through to pounce on a loose ball over the Queen's touch line and thus, reduce the deficit to a single point.

Then came the most controversial play of the game. Bruce Matheson, attempting the convert

kick, booted the ball at least six inches wide of the goalposts, however the goal judge signalled it good.

The Queen's players, rather than protesting the call, merely grabbed the ball and resumed play. Matheson later kicked

another penalty right through the heart of the uprights to wipe out any idea of protest which the Gaels may have had. The game ended 13-9 in York's favour.

Dinning paused only to utter the word "beautiful" about the victory, before joining his troops in the post-game celebrations. Veteran Woody Knight praised the fans for their support, saying, "You see those guys on the sidelines, and you know you're ready to die for them."

### Langley miss costs Blues

For the first time this season, Dave Langley, quarterback of the Varsity Blues, made a glaring mistake and ended up being the goat, as the University of Ottawa Gee-Gees defeated the Blues 14-7 to advance to the finals of the OUAA football playoffs.

On a third down, short yardage play, Langley missed a hand-off to Libert Castillo by turning the wrong way and was quickly tackled for a loss by the Ottawa defence. The Gee-Gees, holding a 14-7 lead at the time, maintained control for the rest of the game and walked off with the victory.

The game was hard struggle from beginning to end, but in the end, it was the inconsistency of the Blues' offence which cost them the win. Langley completed only five of 16 passes for 46 yards.

Toronto's star running back Mark Bragagnolo was out with an injury, and head Coach Ron Murphy felt his absence chopped 40 to 50 yards off the Blues' ground attack.



### Dr. Labib Squash tips

#### The volley

Now that we've discussed the basic components of your game, we'll move on to a shot which most players seldom or never play — the volley.

The volley in squash is the shot which involves returning your opponent's shot before it hits the ground.

Although it is a difficult shot to play, its advantages are many and you should try to play it wherever and whenever you can.

The volley shot can be played with either a backhand or a forehand stroke and should be executed with same stance as you would employ on a regular return. Try to remember that the volley is intended, primarily, to keep your opponent off balance, rather than to gain a quick point.

Keep in mind also that you should not over-extend yourself for the sole purpose of playing a volley shot; don't try to set up this shot, the chances to play it will arise more frequently than you expect.

In playing the volley, try to hit the ball hard enough to propel it off the front wall and bounce back deep in the court.

For the forehand volley, face the side wall and move your arm in a sweeping motion out and towards the right corner of the court. Make sure your arm is only slightly bent and keep your wrist cocked.

On the backhand volley, simply reverse the motion but remember to shift the bulk of your weight to the right foot.

When your opponent's shot is coming over your head, try to make contact with the ball before it is directly above you. Waiting until the ball is directly above your head, will distract your vision and make it difficult for you to keep an eye on your opponent's position on the court.

The next time you play a match, use the volley shot as often as you can and watch how quickly your opponent tires himself out.

### Yeomen beat Concordia, but fall short of Blues

By TONY MAGISTRALE

The York hockey Yeomen split their final two exhibition games of the pre-season defeating Concordia 7-3 and losing to the Varsity Blues 8-5, at a four-team tournament at U. of T., Friday and Saturday.

In the first game Friday, the Yeomen were pitted against the Concordia Stingers, who will be a force to be contend with in this year's OUAA competition. The Stingers kept within one goal of the Yeomen in the first two periods before York scored three unanswered goals in the final period to walk off with the victory. Ron Hawkshaw, who went on to lead the series in scoring, potted two goals for the Yeomen in the win.

Saturday night, however, York

met their nemesis, the Varsity Blues, who had previously disposed of Waterloo, 4-2.

In the final, the Yeomen ran into the hot goaltending of Mike Logan who completely stumped York shooters, stopping 16 of 17 shots in the first period. Throughout the game, the hard hitting and tenacious checking of the Blues kept the Yeomen off-balance, as they ran up a total of eight goals against York goalie Peter Kostek.

York's one bright spot in the tournament, Ron Hawkshaw, who was acquired from Waterloo Warriors in the off-season, led the scoring with four goals in the two games.

York begins its regular season, Saturday, when they travel to Sudbury to meet Laurentian.

### Basketballers

#### open with win

The York basketball Yeomen opened their OUAA season at home, Saturday, defeating Laurentian University, 69-58.

The Yeomen scored 31 points of their total in the first half, holding on to a narrow 31-27 half-time lead. In the second half, York again outscored the Voyageurs, 39-31, to come up with their nine point victory.

Ed Siebert led the Yeomen with 20 points, Ted Galka scored 18, and Rome Callegaro netted 17 points as well as snaring 10 rebounds.



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