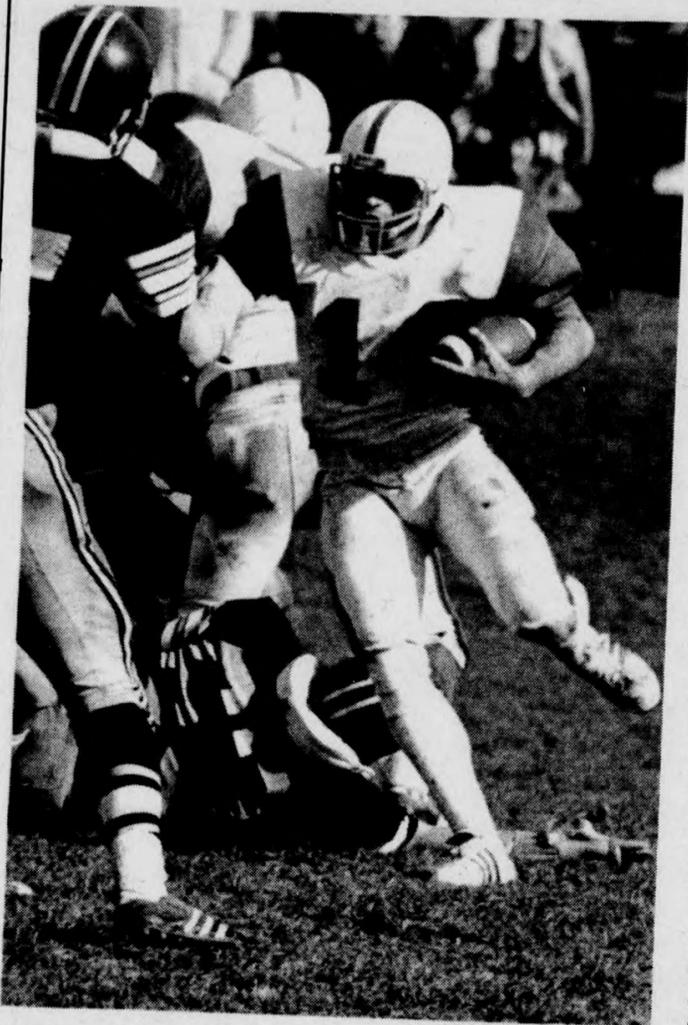


Bye bye playoffs

York beats its Waterloo



The Yeomen won the battle, beating Waterloo 24-1, but lost the war, missing out on post-season play.

Walter Weigel Jr.

It's a shame that a team of York's calibre, a team that could have been undefeated this season, will not even make the playoffs.

Hampered by an Ontario University Athletic Association decision, which stripped them of a 15-0 win over Guelph, the Yeomen were forced to pin their hopes on McMaster upsetting Guelph, in order to keep York playoff hopes alive. But Guelph had plans of its own, thrashing McMaster 45-3.

Consider the season: York lost by 6 to Wilfrid Laurier, by 7 to Western, and by 2 to U of T. All were games that York could have won.

Talking about what could have happened is often useless, but one must stress how well the Yeomen played despite not making the playoffs. The Yeomen have continually proved themselves and last Saturday's game against the Waterloo Warriors was no exception.

Revening last year's two losses to Waterloo, York beat the Warriors 24-1.

The game wasn't much of an offensive battle as York managed to accumulate 283 yds while holding Waterloo to only 124 yds offensively.

Through the air, Mike Foster completed 13 out of 24 attempts

for 155 yds and one interception. Two of his completions were a 13 yd touchdown pass to Keith Vassalo and a 65 yd touchdown pass to Mark Hopkins.

Waterloo completed 3 out of 19 for 21 yds, with one interception by York's Greg Timmons.

While the running game of both teams wasn't exactly thrilling, York's Maher Kassis, carrying 11 times for 90 yds, did roll up some impressive yardage, including a 95 yd punt return in the second quarter for a major.

The Yeomen conclude the season with a game against McMaster in Hamilton.

Pre-season blues

Neil McKay

University of Toronto Blues scored four goals in the third period last Thursday to defeat York's Yeomen, 6-2, in the first pre-season game of the year.

Before a small crowd at the Ice Palace, both teams used the game to take a look at the large number of rookies vying for positions on their respective teams.

The Yeomen had 20 skaters and three goaltenders in uniform but it will be at least another week before coach Bruce Reier, recruited from Elmira of the Southern Ontario Jr. B. League, and his assistant, Chris Kostka, make their final cuts.

U of T opened the scoring at

3:09 of the first period when Phillips beat last year's starting goaltender, George Darnowski, with a hard 30 foot slapshot high over his glove hand.

Veteran Paul Johnson evened the count for York at 16:59 when he took a rink-wide pass from Jeff Black and broke down the left side, before banking a twenty foot shot off the post and into the net.

The second period was almost a repeat of the first as the Yeomen continued to control the play but were unable to produce any goals.

Instead, U of T went into the lead for good with a deflected shot from the point finding its way through a maze of legs and

past goaltender Steve Ross.

Despite the 6-2 defeat, York held a 27-18 advantage in shots on goal.

Alf Beasley, last year's most valuable player, put in a strong two-way effort and made a couple of sparkling defensive plays to prevent Blues from adding to their total.

Tony Pallante, Barry Crump and Tony Robinson are also returning and, along with the other veterans, will be expected to carry much of the load in the upcoming season.

York meets U of T again tomorrow night at Varsity Arena in the opening game of the annual U of T mini-tournament. Game time is 5:30.

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