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In the dungeon

Yeomen lose to last

By ROB ROWLAND

A helmet was thrown in the air and a muddy player leaped off the bench and ran to embrace a teammate at center field. The uniform, seen dimly through its coating of grime was, however, white and gold and blue.

There was no joy in the Muddville back of the arena Saturday as the Yeomen had struck out. Their final time at bat for the 1970 Central Canada Intercollegiate Football Conference season saw them bombed, 28-1 by the Laurentian Voyageurs.

The game fought Saturday was to decide which team, either York or Laurentian would rest in the CCIFC's dungeon.

The whoop's of joy came from Laurentian because they had finally broken out of an almost three year winless streak. The Voyageurs' previous wins came in 1968 when they downed the new born York Yeomen in an exhibition game and then in the first game of the season defeated the Windsor Lancers.

York's only CCIFC victory came last year when they defeated Laurentian 19-6.

As in every game this year York let the breaks get to them. A couple of fumbles and an interception again hurt the Yeomen. Laurentian seemed to have more determination than the Yeomen to break out of the winless jinx.

The Yeomen were also without fan support. Twenty-four fans started the game and about forty were present at the end, most of them from Sudbury.

The York team was without some key men Saturday as Ken

Dyer was sidelined with an injured knee and John Harris was ill. Ron McNeil, the Yeomen's tough little halfback, started the game off for the Yeomen with a 21 yard romp but two plays later his leg was broken as a Laurentian tackler smashed into him.

McNeil's run set up the opening score, a 29 yard single from the toe of Dickie Dickinson.

After the single the Voyageurs marched from the 25 to the 52, briefly gave up the ball and then started off again when the Voyageurs picked off a pass from Larry Iaccino. Pete Schopfer returned the compliment to Jack Hurst in the endzone.

Schopfer's key interception only delayed matters as York punted and Laurentian returned the ball to the Yeomen 33. Quarterback Hurst relied on Russ Steel going up the middle and in four plays Steel went in for the opening major from the York 13. Doug Radwick kicked the convert.

After the kickoff both York and Laurentian gave up the ball. On the Voyageurs' kick the ball squished out of the hands of the Yeomen receiver and Laurentian recovered. Wally Schpitzar smashed in for the touchdown from the eight on the first play. The convert was called for illegal procedure and at the end of the half the score was 13-1 for the Voyageurs.

allowed only small gains and plays stopped when the ball carrier lost his footing on the swamp called the York football field. At one point Larry Iaccino slipped and fumbled. Bob Ley recovered for Laurentian. Don Woddell hit his

way in this time and Steel kicked the convert to make it 20-1 as the third quarter closed.

In the fourth coach Nobby Wirkowski alternated quarterbacks Rick Frisby and Larry Iaccino, which helped York's offensive somewhat. The Yeomen were stymied, however, by the mud and the rough defense of the Voyageurs. Street-fight play characterized much of the quarter and at one point fighting broke out after a piling on at the York bench. Later, another scuffle broke out on the field and double roughing was called. The red and white was then called for objectional conduct toward a referee and the Voyageurs got a ten yard edge for a first down the York 38. Hurst passed to Guy Vetrie in the endzone from a second down on the York 34 and then hit Vetrie again for a two point convert, making the final score 28-1.

One difference was apparent between the two cellar dwellers on Saturday. The Laurentian team was alive throughout the game. They came on the field determined to win that football contest. York, on the other hand, came on rather unsure of themselves and wondering if this wouldn't be another loss. It was.

It is said that an expansion team just can't win. Several years ago the New York Mets were a big joke but because they were the Marvelous Mets of the Miracle they won the World Series in '69. It should be sunny and warm 294 days from today when training camp opens for the Yeomen's third season. Perhaps, next year will be different.



Coach Nobby Wirkowski advises mud-spattered quarterback, Rick Frisby, on his next play late in the third quarter of Saturday's game. But York fell to defeat 28-1 at the hands of Laurentian and their own mud-laden field.

Rugger Yeomen finish second

By COLIN MEADS

The York Rugger Yeoman completed their last week of league play with a win and a loss. At Trent on Wednesday, under the lights, the Yeoman played a hard game in which neither team managed to score a try. Territorially it was York's game and the forwards worked well keeping the pressure close to the Trent line. With hard hitting from both sets of backs, however, neither side had the penetration needed to score. This has been a recurring problem in the York team, who otherwise have worked well with good spirit and determination. A penalty kick from Doug Major gave York a deserved victory and the game ended at 3-0.

On Saturday York travelled to Kingston to meet the league champions, Queens, in a contest that was to have no influence on the final standings. The atmosphere was therefore somewhat relaxed before the game and York, whereas they threw themselves

into the muddy battle with their usual zest, seemed to lack the fire that would have characterized a critical game. The experience of the Queen's team quickly became apparent and they soon found York's weaknesses and piled on seventeen points.

Finally let it be said that the spirit of Rugger is far from dead. Tonight the Rugger Club present "The Jock Strap Ensemble" in concert at the Green Bush, while the Rugger Club Ice Hockey Society is welcoming challenges from any similar amateur club. There will also be rugger in the spring so if you would like to pursue this call Mr. Nancekeville at 3818.

York runners train for league

CROSS-COUNTRY

In tuning up for this weekend's OIAA league championships the York cross-country team travelled to the University of Western Ontario to compete in their annual five mile Invitational Cross-Country Race. Although the teams from the OQAA were a lot stronger than the young York squad, Dr. Taylor felt that the experience gained from this meet would help them in their future races.

Leading the York squad was Dave Smith who broke the existing record for the five mile course by 36 seconds. This gave Dave an excellent second place finish only seconds behind the International cross-country runner Grant McLaren from the University of Western Ontario.

Ken Hamilton turned in a much improved performance and finished the five mile course in 27.37 minutes to take seventeenth place. Close behind Ken were Ashley Deans and Malcolm Smith who turned in good performances and finished in 28.23 minutes and 28.25 minutes respectively. John Blackstone and Greg Barnett added to the team with strong finishes in 30.15 minutes and 30.46 minutes.

The team is now into the final stages of training to defend their league title. The team has held this title for the last three years and will try to defend it on Saturday in High Park.

Oarsmen row in top waters

Anyone who knows anything about York's rowing history will know we are far from being well-known. That is why the crew was so pleased when they finished 2nd only to Brock at a McMaster University Regatta two weeks ago. Nine boats were entered in the race, with York having 2 crews. At the half way point, both York's crews were well back of the pack. But with 500 meters to go, York's heavy frosh, stroked by Peter Sparrow Short pulled up on the leaders and caught all but Brock. The light crew finished 8th.

After that race, the crew was confident heading into the OQAA championships on October 31. All last week they practiced twice daily for the big race - 5:30 a.m. on the water and 5:00 p.m. for calisthenics.

All year, York has done poorly in every class other than frosh. We just haven't had the experienced oarsmen necessary to compete in the Junior and Heavy Varsity races. It was the same on Saturday. York entered freshman crew against other schools with crews of 3 and 4 years experience. York placed last in both Junior and Heavy Varsity races.

The OQAA frosh race will undoubtedly remain in the minds of a lot of people for a long while. York placed 2nd to Western by one second in their morning heat. The crews that qualified for the 2,000 meter final were U of T, Trent, Western 1, Western 2, Brock, and York. York started the race well, staying about the middle of the pack. Then at the 1,000 meter mark, after lengthening out the stroke, and a number of hard sets called by coxswain John Douglas, York began to move on the leaders.

With only 200 meters to go, York had 2nd place clenched and was only one quarter boat length from Western and first place. Suddenly Western's coxswain steered a course directly across York's bow. York's boat was forced into a sharp starboard turn slowing the boat down immensely. York finished 3rd, about one foot behind Brock and one half a boat length behind Western. After the race, York lodged a formal protest against the Western crew and unbelievably, the officials called a re-race for 3:30 in the afternoon.

The second time around just wasn't the same for York. Right from the gun, Brock took the lead

and York had to fight it out with Western for 2nd place. Brock won the race by 3 boat lengths and York finished 3rd, half a length behind Western.

Like they always say: "There's always next year." Next year, York needs more support. This year's crew will be keeping in shape throughout the winter for next year's Jr. Varsity race, but we'll need at least a new frosh crew next year. So beginning next September, let's support York's rowing team.

Alumnis win 5-4

By PHIL CRANLEY

With only 1 minute and 21 seconds remaining in the game, Don Fraser of the York Alumni team scored his third goal of the night to snatch victory from the varsity Yeomen. The Yeomen did manage to put the puck in the net 30 seconds later, but the goal was disallowed by the referee, who ruled that the puck had been kicked. Fraser was the standout for the Alumni who were bolstered considerably by five members of the varsity team, including first string goalie Bill (Goldie) Holden. Holden played the first two periods for the Alumni and allowed three goals, but played extremely well in the first period to keep the varsity goal production down to one. He held the Alumni in the game by making numerous key saves as the Yeomen outshot the Alumni 20-6, in the period.

George Corn played well for the Alumni, bagging a goal and an assist. His goal was a beautiful effort on a penalty shot after he had been pulled down from behind while breaking into the clear. Jack Deline got the third Alumni goal on the assist from Corn.

The outstanding line for the

Yeomen was the new group formed this year by coach Purcell. Kent Pollard centres for right-winger Rick Bowering and left-winger Ron Mark, a new-comer who played for Harvard U. last year. Mark had a goal and an assist, Bowering a goal, and Pollard assisted on both of his linemates' goals.

Rodger Bowness scored an unassisted goal on one of his patented rushes, and Bob Modray made no mistake on a rebound after a pretty passing play with Steve Latinovitch and Murray Stroud. This line also produced the goal which was disallowed.

The Alumni game was an essential part of conditioning for the Yeomen, since they played the whole game with only three defencemen. Kosoy, Galipeau, and Bruce Penny played with poise, but they were justifiably exhausted at the final buzzer. Similarly Don West and Ed Zuccato, who played on the Alumni side, were put through the mill.

The reunited Yeomen now take on the Guelph Gryphons, in Guelph, this Tuesday (Nov. 3), in preparation for their epic battle with the U of T Varsity Blues at the York arena next Tuesday (Nov. 10), at 8:00 p.m.