

Nose dive number 13 for Grid Yeomen

Embarrassing loss of 49-7 to U of T knocks York out of playoffs

By PETER BECKER

"They out-played, out-hit, out-muscled and out-coached us," said Yeoman football coach Dave Pickett. "What else can you say?"

York lost a big contest by a big score. They were trounced 49-7 by a U of T Varsity Blues football team that came to play.

This massacre took place on a cool, 'football weather'-type evening in front of a crowd of 6,300 fans. Thursday, October 6 will go down in York football history as the unofficial end to their 1983 season.

With their record now a dismal 1-4, their chances at a playoff spot range from nil to none.

York's only points came in the second quarter. The Yeomen defense forced the Blues to fumble, and Norbie Wirkowski recovered on the York 46-yard line. The offense took over—runningback cum quarterback George Ganas passed to Dave Cynamon who took it in for the touchdown. The play covered 64 yards, with Mike Boyd converting.

The Blues got on the board with two of Lance Chomyc's seven single-game record-setting field goals. Chomyc's field goals were from 39, 30, 18, 31, 29, 42 and 44 respectively. Chomyc also converted all of U of T's touchdowns, making a grand total of 25 points for the night.

Varsity quarterback John Finlayson contributed two touchdown passes. One went for 24 yards to Adam Papadakos, the other five yards to Steve Howlett. Finlayson went 15 for 20 for 151 yards (along with the touchdowns before). Rod Moors came in late in the third quarter to replace Finlayson.

One of the other majors Toronto scored came on a one-yard plunge by running back Lui Iafrate. While a reverse option provided the other wide receiver Steve Howlett threw to fellow wide receiver Andy Filipiuk for the five-yard score.

"I felt no pressure," said Blues coach Doug Mitchell, walking away from a lopsided victory. "I enjoy intercollegiate rivalries."



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While the Blues felt no pain, it was a different story on the other side of the field. Many of the Yeomen players felt this game would turn the season around, make it respectable and send them flying high into the playoffs. But it did just the opposite. The best record they can now hope for is a 3-4 effort, but more likely they will finish with a 2-5 record, identical to last year's result.

The Yeomen coaches were perplexed about what to do to stop the U of T tide.

"I thought we were up for it, I know they were up for it. They came to play. I don't know if we gave 100 percent," said Pickett.

With Blues allstar running back Trevor

Miller not playing due to bruised ribs, the Yeomen really had a solid chance at winning. The Blues now have a 12-0 record against York.

"Can't make any more excuses. With Miller out we had a good chance, said noseguard Dirk Leers. "Some players are not willing to give their all, 100 percent of the time."

"There was a total breakdown by everybody. I was up for it but sometimes it doesn't matter what you do—things just go wrong," said quarterback Tino Iaconi. "Our team didn't quit."

"We really thought we could win it," said

offensive tackle and special teams stand-out Mike Chesson. "We (the offense) didn't get a chance on the field and when we did we couldn't sustain a drive."

Many players were so upset by the loss that they didn't want to talk after the game. One of them, linebacker Casey Cotter (who intercepted a pass off of Moors), just hung his head in silence.

What now?

"We'll play our last games to develop our young players and pay respect to our graduating players, still looking to win. It's going to be tough playing meaningless games again and salvage pride," said Pickett.

Weekend losses to Laurentian and Queens leaves Soccer Yeomen in do or die situation

By CRAIG DANIELS

The Yeomen soccer team dropped two back-to-back games over the Thanksgiving weekend which could undermine their hopes for a playoff birth in the Ontario University Athletic Association (OUAA) East division.

Although the score doesn't indicate it, York was by far the dominating of the two teams in Saturday's rain-soaked 4-1 loss to the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union's (CIAU) fourth-ranked Laurentian Voyageurs.

Down by a goal, the hometown Red and Blue came out strong in the second half, tying the game at one on a near perfect crossing by Danny Rita from right corner to striker Danny Vuckovic, who neatly headed the ball past the Laurentian goalkeeper.

The Yeomen continued to press Laurentian, breaking up the Voyageur attack before it could cross mid-field, with aggressive play and hard tackling. However, Laurentian managed to put three unanswered goals past York net minder Glen McNamara before the final whistle, two of which were the result of awkward bounces. In fact, Laurentian displayed little of the form that carried them to first place in the OUAA East.



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The Laurentian Voyageurs and the Queens Golden Gaels rolled over the Yeomen by scores of 4-1 and 3-1 respectively. York dropped to fourth place in the OUAA East Division.

"A game like that is a tough one to lose," said York head coach Norman Crandles. "We needed the win and gambled a little bit in the second half in order to generate some offence.

But it wasn't as if we were caught out of position on the Laurentian

goals—they got some very lucky breaks, and that happens sometimes.

"Our lads really wanted this one. We played tough soccer and showed that we were the better team in spite of the score," said Crandles.

Defender Nick Gregco and midfielder Steve Robbins played a strong game for the Yeomen. Centre-forward Dave Gutscher of the Voyageurs led his team with two of their four goals.

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In York's second game, sixth-place Queen's Golden Gaels surprised the Yeomen in a 3-0 upset played Sunday on the York pitch. "It was one of the worst games we've played all season," said Crandles. "No one was motivated. In fact, it was as if the whole team was let down after the loss to Laurentian the day before."

Only the top two teams in each division qualify for the OUAA playoffs. The weekend's results leave York in fourth spot, five back of first place Laurentian and three behind U of T who hold the lock on second place.

While the Yeomen have not been statistically eliminated, their hopes for post season action have become, as Coach Crandles points out, "something of a numbers game," as only three games remain in the Yeomen schedule.

Hall of Fame

By ELISSA S. FREEMAN

Pomp and circumstance will prevail at tomorrow night's Sports Hall of Fame Dinner, organized by the Yeomen and Yeowomen alumni.

The event, which recognizes men and women who have contributed to York athletics, will kick off the University's Homecoming celebrations.

York men's gymnastics coach Tom Zivic, the University's first national gymnastics champion Susan Pierce, and graduate football/rugby star Robin Panzer will be the honored inductees.

Zivic, who has guided the gymnastic team to 12 straight provincial titles and one Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union (CIAU) title finishing first all-round. She's also credited with leading a York squad to the 1971 and 1972 Ontario Championships.

Robin Panzer, currently an urban planner in Sarnia, will be honored for his outstanding efforts as an outside linebacker for the gridiron Yeomen and as a member of the 1976 Ontario championship rugby squad.