

Footballers trampled

Goldenhawks hand Yeomen 90-15 drubbing

By FRANK GIORNO

It was strictly no contest last Saturday as the Wilfrid Laurier Goldenhawks trampled the hapless Yeomen 90-15.

Wilfrid Laurier continues to amaze the football establishment in the O-QIFC. Total enrolment at the university does not exceed 2,500, and they continually field competitive teams. They won the Canadian College Bowl in 1972 when they were known as Waterloo Lutheran, and they repeated the feat last year.

The Goldenhawks are currently in second place in the O-QIFC Western conference, having lost only once (to the University of Western Ontario, 24-22). They have an excellent chance of capturing their third Canadian University Championship in a row, a feat accomplished by only two other teams in the history of Canadian university play (U of T and Queens have both won it four years in a row.)

The only difference between last year's team and the current Laurier squad, according to coach David (Tuffy) Knight, is the lack of consistency which has plagued his men. The team has been riddled with injuries to key personnel including fullback Chuck McMann who was re-activated for Saturday's game after missing the previous two, including their loss to Western. The

secret to Laurier's success, Knight added, is their depth. "The depth is so deep that occasionally I can afford to use Mike Weiler. I put him in the game and the kid carries the ball twice, and what do you know, he's gained 102 yards."

The only apparent weakness on the Laurier team appears to be its defensive secondary. York was able to score its two touchdowns with the aid of the pass, one coming off a 61 yard pass play from Gerry Verge to Rick Dilena. A 38 yard pass to Paul Forbes set up York's other TD, which was eventually scored on a one yard plunge by Gerry Verge. However, once York's strategy became obvious, the Laurier defensive wall went to work and put tremendous pressure on quarterback Verge.

The only other weak point in the explosive Laurier offence is their passing. They only managed to accumulate 122 yards through the air — but with a devastating ground game, who needs passes? Weak passing has been a Laurier tradition; last year (as this year) they had the worst passing record in their conference.

The other ingredient in Laurier's winning formula appears to be its outstanding reputation as a football power.

"We get a lot of good kids who come to us and really work at foot-

ball," said Knight. "It used to be that if a kid wanted to play college ball he would attend either U of T, Queens or Western, and we would fight to fill our roster. Now that we have developed a reputation as a fine football school, we have kids calling us."

In the past, this reputation was responsible for landing players such as Larry Uteck (now with the Argos). More recently they attracted Chuck McMann, the Humber College graduate now in his second year with Laurier.

On Saturday, McMann rushed out of the Laurier wishbone for 220 yards on 13 carries, and scored five TDs. Last year, McMann finished second to Dave Lane (Guelph) in rushing. This year, due to injuries, he is having an off year.

His mates in the Laurier backfield were not to be outdone. Rick Chalupka (brother of Tiger-Cats Ed Chalupka), rushed for 141 yards and two TDs, Rick Haswell gained 73 yards and one TD, while quarterback Gord Taylor ran for another 84 yards, also scoring a TD. Mike Weiler, the back-up man for McMann, managed 102 yards on two carries. One was for 93 yards and a touchdown, the longest from scrimmage via the run this season. The earlier mark of 92 yards was set by Ottawa's Bill Harrison, and was also



Gerry Verge (9) hands off to Kevin Beagle (not seen at right) as Goldenhawks look on.

scored against the Yeomen.

The other Laurier TD was scored by Johnny Wintermyer. Collectively, Laurier rushed for an incredible 637 yard, another season high.

Wintermyer, the former placekicker for the Queen's Golden Gaels, joined Laurier after an unsuccessful attempt to crack the Philadelphia Eagles' lineup. He kicked one field goal and nine converts. Laurier also scored three two-point converts.

Coach Knight was especially sensitive to charges that he had run up the score against the Yeomen. Several Yeomen were incensed by the fact that even when the score was 75-15, Laurier still persisted in going for the two point convert. The Yeomen felt that this was like rubbing salt in their wounds. Coach Knight, however, did not see it quite that way.

"I have taken a lot of abuse from York that I don't deserve. I didn't tell my players to run up the score; as a matter of fact, I gave them hell on the bench after the last conversion. I didn't send the plays in; the players called it themselves.

"You have to consider the fact that I used all my players, some of whom haven't seen too much action as regulars this year. They were out to score; they want to make an im-

pression. I can't tell these boys to fake it.

"I bring in Mike Weiler and the kid collects 102 yards. I can't tell him to let up. The guys have had two bad games in a row and I'm sure they were out to make up for them."

York scored their other points on a two-point safety conceded by Laurier and a Kevin Beagle convert.

The yeomen play their final game this Saturday against the equally impotent Waterloo Warriors in the battle of the bottoms. Waterloo is one point ahead of the Yeomen. The Yeomen could end their season out of the familiar cellar with a win (since York has scored more points than the Warriors).

The game starts at 2 p.m. at the CNE stadium. The Yeomen will be playing without Rick Slipitz and Gus Banka, both out with knee injuries.

Women on ice

Blades will glint and sparks will fly in the York University Second Invitational Women's Ice Hockey Tournament, November 8 at 6 p.m. and November 9 at 9 a.m., at the York arena. Six to eight university teams will be represented, and admission is free.



Rugby team clash on the fields of RMC: York topped the cadets.

Final unsure for rugby squad, Yeomen win one, lose one

Last weekend, the York rugby squad downed RMC 19-12 and lost to Guelph 13-9. The combination of wins and losses means that York might miss the final for the first time in three years.

Saturday the Yeomen started slowly against the cadets, and then broke out for a flurry of scoring before half-time to lead 19-0. Rookies Bob Smyth, Keith Hurd and Bill Currie tallied tries, with Mario Raponi adding two conversions and a penalty kick.

In the second half, York tried to sit on the lead and the RMC boys pressed hard, coming away with a converted try and two penalty kicks before the final whistle.

Sunday was much the same story, as York played with the wind in the first half and went ahead on a try by Ken Knights and a convert and penalty kick by Raponi. Guelph came on in the second half and were not to be denied, as they closed the gap to 9-6 before finally taking the lead with a late try and a penalty kick.

York and Guelph are now tied with four wins and two losses each, and if they go on to win the remaining three games, Guelph will go to the finals by virtue of Sunday's win. Rugby coach Larry Nancekivell was

disappointed with the loss, but even more upset by the OUAA scheduling procedures.

"You can not reasonably expect a team to play a body contact game like rugby in a highly competitive situation on successive days. Guelph did not play on Saturday, and even though we tried to be careful against RMC, we lost Joe Papik and Wayne Warren through injury. You don't see football playing back-to-back games like that.

"The other part of scheduling is the playoff system, or lack of one," he continued. "Only the top two teams get into a final, which means

that most of the teams are out of the picture before the season is halfway over.

"We have asked several times for the top four to be included, but we get the old story about lack of money. However, they expanded the football playoffs so that just about everybody gets in this year, and basketball and hockey have the top four teams get into their playoffs.

"I guess we'll just have to keep trying and hope they finally see the light."

The next game for York is on Saturday at 2 p.m., at home against the Waterloo Warriors.

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