

sports and recreation

Canadian champions!

The York Yeomen soccer team emerged from last weekend's playoff action as Canadian champions.

They proved themselves to be the finest university soccer club in the nation by first defeating Dalhousie University from Halifax 4-3, in the open round on Friday, then the University of Manitoba Bisons 2-1, in the semi-finals on Saturday, and finally the Concordia Stingers from Montreal 2-1, in the final on Sunday.

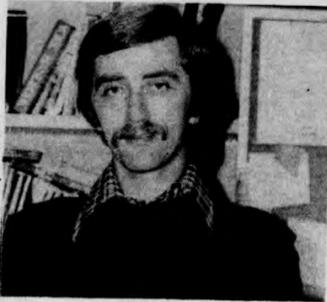
The opening game against Dalhousie was played on a greasy pitch in a snow storm. Despite the conditions both teams performed impressively and the scant crowd was treated to a wide-open, hard fought game, which after the regular 90 minutes of play went into a 30

minute overtime, after which there was still no score.

The outcome was decided by each team taking 54 penalty shots of which York converted 4 and Dalhousie only 3, the last York shot not being necessary.

In the semi-final game on Saturday against the University of Manitoba Bisons, the York team once again allowed the opposition to score first and as usual this galvanized the Yeomen into equalizing. Mike Burke, who had an outstanding series, scored with a thundering header from a Peter Landy corner kick.

This put the game into overtime for the second day in a row, and once again Burke came to the rescue, and in the manner which has made him a Canadian national



Coach Eric Willis

contender, drilled a scorcher in from the edge of the box.

By that time the Yeomen had played almost 3 complete games of soccer in 2, and were the next day to face Concordia who won their single game against Waterloo in regular time.

The final game was a classic between two talented, hard playing, and well-coached teams, and Concordia Stingers from Montreal, last year's national champs, were in no mood to relinquish the title lightly. In a game reminiscent of many of the Yeomen's earlier tussles this year, the York squad, despite outplaying the opposition, went into the dressing room at half time a goal down as Pasquali E'Tolo had put the Stingers one up on a shot from close range, one minute from the end of the first half.

However, the Yeomen are used to coming back from such situations and in the measure of true champions had gone two goals ahead within minutes of the opening of the second half.

First, Peter Kovacs, who was a standout throughout the tournament, placed a perfect corner to the foot of Captain Nick

Plessis who climaxed the superb season by rocketing a fierce cross drive into the back of the Concordia net.

Seconds later with a small but enthusiastic crowd of York Phys Ed women and friends and family of the players chanting, "magic, magic, magic", Peter Kovacs again placed a perfect high cross from a corner kick to which 'Magic' Mac Dusaby soared and nodded in the winning goal, which could be the only thing left for him to do at the end of a remarkable University soccer career.

A committee of independent judges from CIAU selected him as most Valuable Player in the series, a selection incidently, which was endorsed by every one of his team mates.

Coach Willis had moved Peter Landy from his customary full back position to outside right and filled the gap with Vic Mandatori. This ploy gave more width to his offence, a very necessary tactic, as the centre field was a veritable quagmire.

John DeBenedictis, who played all three championship games, was truly outstanding and often his raw courage and agility prevented Concordia scores. The mid-field excellence displayed by Plessis, Musaby, and Kovacs was the key to the York victory, in concert with the resolute "they shall not pass" attitude of the back-field of Cameron, Buckley, and Mandatori, all under the direction of Paul D'Agostino, who is easily the finest centre midfielder in the elague.



Puckmen defeat Guelph...

By Paul Stuart

The hockey Yeomen hauled themselves up from the brink of disaster and defeated the Guelph Gryphons 7-5 in Guelph on Saturday night.

The Gryphons, who recently took a 10-2 drubbing from U of T's Varsity Blues, were good and psyched up for the game. They tore into the Yeomen and netted five goals in the first 15 minutes of play.

"Guelph produced scoring opportunities through our silly mistakes," said Assistant Coach Larry Sadler on Monday.

"In fact two goals were more or less given away."

But when the Yeomen's bus-ride sluggishness wore off—and they got over the depressing atmosphere in the Guelph arena—they got down to playing serious hockey. Bob Schnurr got two goals in quick succession late in the first period and gave the guys the spark they needed.

By the first intermission the score was 5-3. The Yeomen kept their spirits up and got two goals in each

remaining period. A dejected Gryphon squad, who had hoped to inflict a catastrophe on the Yeomen, watched their triumph vanish.

The final moments of the game saw Guelph make a frenzied attempt to salvage a tie, but by then the



Yeomen were in full flight and repelled the Gryphon assault with ease.

The game was an exhibition match which enabled Marshall to try

out all four of the team's lines. It also gave the Yeomen a chance to practise up on their goal scoring.

The line of Gary Gill on left-wing, Aiden Flatley at center and John Goodish on the right was especially prominent. Gill was the top Yeomen point-getter, with two goals and three assists. Goodish also got five points one goal and four assists. Flatley scored once.

Other Yeomen involved in key plays were defencemen Gord Borland who got one goal, and John Winder who was good for two assists. Left-winger Glenn Wagner picked up an assist too.

You can't blame goalie Glenn Weier if he's less than ecstatic about the team's performance. He played the first half of the game and had to fend off 14 close-range shots in the first period.

By the time the Yeomen climbed back on the York bus, they had been reminded of the old saw that a hockey game is 60 minutes long.

It's a lesson they were aiming to keep in mind as they prepared for last Tuesday's tangle with the Blues.

...Yeowomen top Blues

By George Trenton

The York Yeowomen ice hockey team posted their first win of the regular season November 8, defeating their arch rivals, the University of Toronto Blues, 5-3.

Goaltender Brenda Stewart was peppered with shots as the York team was outshot 13-18. A combination of some key saves by Stewart and some fine defensive plays by the Yeowomen defence kept the strong offence of the Blues from getting more than three goals.

"This isn't the same team we played last year," said U of T's coach after the game. "Brenda Stewart has developed into quite a goalie."

York coach Laura Smith said it was a necessary win for York. Goalie Brenda Stewart added that everything clicked for York, especially their defensive strategy, which managed to kill off nearly one and a half minutes while they had

York's offensive output was led by Dana Phillips, who thinks York's team can go all the way this year.

She scored two goals as she played on the penalty killing line and the power play as well as taking her regular shift.

Her first goal, which tied the score at 1-1 late in the first, was very impressive. After receiving a pass from Linda Berry in the York zone, Dana rushed end to end, faking out three of U of T players and finally taking a blistering slap shot to score from just inside the Toronto blue line.

Betty Ann Armstrong and Alice Vanderle also contributed to the York offence by scoring one goal each. Linda Berry set up three of the five goals as well as scoring one herself.

The next game for the Yeowomen will be next Wednesday, November 23 against Guelph at 7 pm in York's Ice Palace.

Spikers take tourney 2nd

By Jeff Raymon

The York Yeomen volleyball team placed second in their division at the pre-season tournament held last Sunday at University of Waterloo.

The Yeomen were tied for second with Queens, but York held the higher point ratio: 1:2:7, Queens 1:2:5, therefore taking the second place position.

The final standings were: the McMaster Marauders 1st, York Yeomen 2nd, Queen's Golden Gaels

3rd, Waterloo Warriors 4th, and the Laurier Voyagers 5th.

Last Thursday, the Yeomen hosted the Brock Badgers in an exhibition game in which the home team convincingly won the match 15:7, 15:7 and 15:9.

Team coach Wally Dyba was not pleased with the results of this year's pre-season games. He demands perfection from his boys and felt that on Thursday they were playing carelessly, and on Sunday they lacked consistency.

"At times we were right together, and at other times we just fell apart," he said. Dyba also felt that the team lacks a good power hitter.

Next Saturday marks the beginning of the university matches. York will be playing the Laurier Voyagers at Ryerson. The game begins at 2 pm.

Sunday the Yeomen will host Queen's Golden Gaels at Tait McKenzie. Game time is 1 pm. Coach Dyba is hoping for a large turn out, as it promises to be an exciting game.



Outdoors club

The Outdoors Club will meet today at five pm in Room 323 Bethune. The agenda: Christmas break and reading week activities; alpine skiing; cross country skiing (equipment purchases, clinics, outings and the University track course). All are welcome.