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York dumps Oakville for third win

By David Crocker

York University won their third football game in a row, Saturday night, when they out-

scored the ORFU junior Oakville Colts 33-25.

It was a loosely played contest with numerous pass interceptions and fumbles. A Colt fumble re-

covered by John Abbot on the Oakville 5 yard line set up York's first touchdown. On the next play quarterback Larry Iaccino scored to give York a 6-0 lead.

Oakville countered on the next series; quarterback Ed Thompson threw to Bill Spurgeon from the 4 to cap a 43 yard drive. John Abbot, the opportunist once again, blocked the convert and the score remained tied 6-6.

The Colts took the lead for the only time in the game later in the quarter when an Iaccino pass was intercepted by Bill O'Conner and taken to the York 20 yard line. A Thompson to Savin pass made the score 12-6 for Oakville.

York took the lead for good late in the second quarter. Tom Hogg recovered an Oakville fumble on the Colt 15 yard line. Two plays later, Iaccino hit Steve Clark for the major score. Dick Lochan's convert was good and York led 13-12 at the half.

In the second half the teams exchanged touchdowns before York could pull away. Iaccino counted York's TD on a 20 yard option play. After a roughing the kicker penalty and a 15 yard pass to end Ray Kakke set up the major. The convert was no good; York led 19-12.

Oakville's Bill Spurgeon got that one back on a 10 yard pass from quarterback Thompson and reduced York's lead to a slim one point.

York then scored two unanswered touchdowns to put the game out of reach. Angie Barbis scored on a 5 yard plunge after Art Morris had recovered a York punt, fumbled on the Colt 33 yard line to start the march. Shelly Pettie got the last York touchdown on a 10 yard pass from Iaccino.

John Abbot set up the TD with another one of his timely interceptions; this one came on the Oakville 30 yard line.

Lochan got both converts to give York a 33-18 lead.

With less than a minute to go in the game, Bill Spurgeon scored his third touchdown. York took holding and talking penalties to move the ball to their own 8 yard line. Spurgeon caught a pass from there for the score. The convert was good but York had a final 33-25 win.

As the score indicates, this was a wide open affair. The breaks made the difference. John Abbot's fumble recovery and pass interception, both deep in the Colt end, set up two important touchdowns. The fumble Tom Hogg grabbed set up a third touchdown. On two or three occasions Colt penalties kept York marches alive.

Foot (ball) Notes:

York showed Oakville a strong running game. The work was divided among Art Morris, Dan Gryte, Shelly Pettie and quarterback Iaccino, who was outstanding. . . . The offensive and defensive lines handled the bigger Colts more than adequately. . . . The hitting displayed by York's defense was far better than anything previously seen. . . . David Anderson has become a valuable addition to this team, playing defensive corner as well as seeing some action at flanker. . . .

Bob Campbell stopped Oakville's first march with a fumble recovery of his own. . . .

Next game is Saturday afternoon, 2:00 p.m., at Birchmount Stadium, Scarborough.

by David Henry

Speaking on sport

Skyscrapers and jets are hard to come by in Canada. Skyscrapers like Lew Alcindor and jets like O. J. Simpson or Leroy Keyes, that is. The proper mixture of feed and breeding needed to grow these phenomena has not yet been invented in the land of the Eskimo.

In the US, however, athletes like these sprout up annually from coast to coast. And each spring hundreds of hungry college coaches pounce on fresh-faced high school athletes hoping to find among them the answer to their dreams, the super-star.

US college coaches spare no expense in recruiting. Free tuition, books, room and board, cars and pocket money are the bait used to lure the athlete to "the college of his choice."

But in Canada this is not the case. The strict code of the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union forbids such outright "enticement". Scholarship, in connection with athletics, is a dirty word. A Canadian coach cannot contact a prospect before the player indicates his desire to attend that university. Simon Fraser is the only Canadian college which offers full athletic scholarships, US style, and the only one which has been ousted from the CIAU.

Is this situation despicable? The directors of athletics at two of the three universities in Toronto think not.

U of T's Warren Stevens feels that mere discussion of the matter is "opening an old can of worms". Athletic scholarships are not needed in Canada and have no place in college sport, says Stevens.

Ryerson's Gerry Fullerton agrees. He feels that there are enough ways to gain financial assistance in attending universities without adding grants on the basis of athletic ability. Many coaches and administrators feel that the use of athletic scholarships would be a perversion of the aim of the university.

On the credit side, York's Dr. Bruce Taylor favours an athletic grant-in-aid scheme. Far from being a "scholarship" this system would allow athletes who can meet entrance requirements but lack the financial means, to get an education while playing a college sport. More than one university in Canada and several in the US such as Yale use this system at present.

How do coaches get around CIAU prohibition? Many large Canadian universities have sizeable alumni groups who are interested in the image of their alma mater. The recent, evident upsurge of Canadian college sport and the signing of a ten-year contract by the CBC and the CIAU to televise college sport on a national basis will intensify this desire.

Alumni groups, being outside the university, are often used by coaches to supply the scholarship that the CIAU denies. And there is no doubt that several Canadian colleges offer under-the-table deals to young athletes.

This fact obviously places young universities such as York and small ones, like Ryerson at a disadvantage.

Should the system be changed? The majority of college athletic departments say no. This writer agrees.

What this country really needs are better coaches and better facilities for players and spectators. There is enough talent in Canada to create exciting and excellent college sport. The money that is available to the college athletic departments would be best put to use in hiring top-flight coaches and building good stadiums, arenas and field houses. York has taken a step in the right direction by hiring Nobby Wirkowski, a CFL veteran coach and player as head of inter-university athletic.

On the other hand U of T's basketball team has been playing in an antiquated and pint-sized gym at Hart House for so long that basketball is on the decline at that school.

There are 42 different ways for students to gain financial aid toward attending university. Scholarships are not the answer. Good coaching and spectator facilities, however, will sell themselves to the athlete and will eventually pay back with dividends the initial expense by creating a better brand of college sport and therefore drawing the interest of the public. It is an enigma that such action has not been taken sooner.

U of T Blues showed power in defeating McMaster 42-8 last weekend. Eric Walter's three touchdowns paced the Blues first big offense of the season. The slow starting U of T squad can still win the division title. They play league-leading Western next week.

York's infant football team ran its win string to three last weekend beating the ORFU juniors Oakville Colts 33-25. A. B. Larry Iaccino ran for two TD's and passed for two more. York has beaten Muloch Cup champs Victoria College and Scarborough College.