Saturday homeopener

Yeomen soccer team walk away with 6-0 shutout

Peter Ferentzy

In Saturday's home opener, the Yeomen soccer club easily defeated the Royal Military College Redmen. Al Riha, Steve Robins and George Katarus scored two goals apiece, leading the Yeomen to a 6-0 rout.

Early in the game Yeomen centre Riha had a break that could have resulted in a goal had he been able to see Paul Berkhuysen, a spunky little left-striker who was all alone on the wing. A few minutes later Riha atoned with a point-blank goal, just three feet from the goal-line. Around the middle of the first half, he scored again, making it 2-0.

A stylish effort by defenseman Steve Robins' gave the Yeomen a three goal lead at half-time.

The second half was much the same. George Katarus scored twice, followed by Steve Robins' second goal, which enabled the Yeomen to walk away with a scoring spree as well as a shutout.

Despite the easy victory, it would be difficult to assess the Yeomen on the results of a game played against a very disorganized team. Take the Yeomen defense for instance. It made few serious mistakes, but the Redmen forwards do not know how to force mistakes. Those scoring chances the Redmen did have were the results of individual bursts of speed, here and there. Strictly hit and miss.

One notable aspect of the Yeomen style was their use of left and right wingers on the attack. This would indicate that Head Coach Norman Crandles belongs to the older school of soccer know-how. Or perhaps, to be fair, the new school of the 1980's. Though the method proved effective against the Redmen, a true test will require enemy defenders who are able to force an outside striker off to the corner and out of play. Before the game Crandles was asked about last years loss to R.M.C.: "I wasn't there," he said. "I had nothing to do with it."

York runners sweep top spots in York invitational

Elissa Freeman

York's Nancy Rooks and David Reid both ran to first place finishes at last Saturday's York University Invitational Cross-Country Meet.

In the women's division, Rooks ran the 5,600m course in a time of 18:46 to take top spot. Her closest competitor was Guelph's Janet Pegrum, who finished a distant second with a time of 20:13. Other Yeowomen finishers were first-year runner, Katia Bottos, who placed 22nd and Maureen Coley who finished 38th,

The men's race saw first place honours go again to York, as David Reid finished the 11,000m course with a winning time of 32:04. Queen's Steve Boyd and Alan Hugley placed second and third respectively.

In the seventy-eight man field, York was well represented. Freshman Jamie Black was 21st, Joel Alegretti placed 29th, Dan Gormley finished 36th and Don Kimmer was 52nd.

Cross-country Coach, John Millar, was especially pleased with his first-year runners (Reid, Black and Bottos). "They did extremely well considering that it was twice

the distance that they have been used to in high school meets. Eventually, after a few more races, they'll be able to adjust."

For their first meet of the season, Millar felt the team put in a good overall performance. At next week's Invitational in Guelph, he expects that, "there will be higher placings and a bigger improvement as the year goes on."

