

York runs record to 2-0 Soccer Yeowomen thump Waterloo 5-0

by Riccardo Sala

Car batteries should be as reliable. Over the years the soccer Yeowomen have made a tradition of strong starts, and this season looks to be no different.

Last Tuesday they beat the Waterloo Athenas 5-0 in exhibition play to kick off the 1991 campaign.

That victory came on the heels of a successful York road trip to Guelph the previous weekend where the Yeowomen swept two matches from the host Gryphons.

As the final score of Tuesday's game would indicate, the Yeowomen faced an Athena squad that was much weaker than York both on paper and on the field.

But the soccer Yeowomen are not known to lend a sympathetic ear.

So you could guess that Waterloo coach Bruce Rodrigues must be happy that as a West division team the

Athenas rarely see the East division Yeowomen during the regular season. Rodrigues explained the loss afterwards.

"They played far better than we did. They got two penalty shots and we committed three mistakes in our end. The result was 5-0," he said.

York coach David Bell didn't have to be as stoic as Rodrigues in talking about the Yeowomen win. The Waterloo game gave Bell a chance to use most of his players, and he liked what he saw.

The Yeowomen dictated the pace from the beginning, led by their characteristic hustle on offence.

But the Yeowomen weren't perfect and suffered from often poor setups in front of the net throughout the game.

The goal parade started in the first half, with Yeowoman Tanya Williams connecting with a cross to make it 1-0 York. Goals by Kristen McDonald

and Christine Dicks gave York a 3-0 lead at the half.

In fairness, Waterloo's players were simply outclassed by the Yeowomen, and the trend continued — if not worsened — in the second half.

Any Athena runs into York territory were usually stifled by a quick-footed York defence.

Melissa Blake and Blair McLean rounded out the 5-0 victory with single tallies in the second half.

Despite the lopsided final score, Bell said there are still some things he'd like to see improve in his club, particularly their passing and finishing skills.

York's next home game is Friday against Trent.

If last year's early season matchup is any indication, this one likely won't be a walkover. As Bell points out, last year's early season matchup was a tight 2-0 York win.

YORK VARSITY ATHLETICS SCHEDULE September 18-24

Fri. Sept. 20	Tait Playing Field
GOLF	1:00pm
Yeomen at Waterloo	SOCCER
Invitational	Yeomen at Laurentian
	1:00pm
SOCCER	Carleton at Yeowomen
Trent at Yeowomen	Tait Playing Field
Tait Playing Field	1:00pm
4:00pm	TENNIS
	Brock at Yeomen
Sat. Sept. 21	Tennis Centre
CROSS COUNTRY	11:00am
York at Western Invitational	Yeowomen at Queen's
FIELD HOCKEY	10:00am
Guelph at Yeowomen	
Lampert Stadium	
10:00am	Sun. Sept. 22
FOOTBALL	GOLF
Yeomen at Windsor	Yeomen at Queen's
2:00pm	Invitational
RUGBY	10:30am
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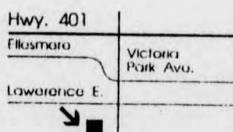
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