

# Yeomen tennis team shelved for year

By MARK ZWOLINSKI

Several members of the York Yeomen Tennis team are at odds with the athletic department over an alleged "money issue" that has led to the cancellation of their team from the men's Ontario University Athletic Association (OUAA) circuit this year.

The men's tennis program, which would have begun Sept. 16 and run through a two week season, matched York against its two east division rivals—Queens and U of T—with the champion representing the east in the OUAA finals against the western division winners.

Men's Athletic Co-ordinator Knobby Wirkowski, who also serves on the eight-member OUAA athletic council, said that the tennis program would get the same treatment from administration as would any other program and that the reason for it being shelved was based strictly on their short season.

"Money has nothing to do with the situation," Wirkowski said. "It would be ludicrous from an administration standpoint to have a York team participate in league play and then fold after that period of time."

Team member Mitch Goldhar, an OUAA finalist in 1982, is concerned with the team's cancellation this year and feels they were a victim of a "numbers game."

"We have 20,000-plus students at this university and we don't have an athletic department willing to put five guys on a court to represent this school," he said.

"I think the majority of the people at York play tennis and they would like to see a tennis team—it's an unpopular decision."

Goldhar, 22, has been with the Yeomen for the past three seasons now and has seen the team endure what he calls a "bush" situation at York—having no coach to represent

the team and no uniforms to tell anyone they were from York.

Last season Goldhar and fellow team members paid more than \$75 each from their own pockets to attend the OUAA finals in Hamilton.

He had made a proposal this year, offering to represent the team as their coach and to again negotiate the necessary financial arrangements with team members to keep the team alive.

Goldhar's proposals were met with some indifference by Wirkowski, who must remain the middle man between his administrative body (York intersarsity teams) and the OUAA council.

"We in the OUAA tried to get an early start to the season and bring it indoors with the finals taking place in December. Then it would be a season," Wirkowski offered. "But at the meetings it gets voted down."

"Hey, I'd love to see a tennis team at York," Wirkowski added. "In the 1979-80 season we had an ex-Davis Cupper, Brent Makin, put in a lot of time to coach the team, but he ended up quitting, calling the entire program a waste of time due to the two week season."

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"I kept the tennis team going though, and tried to get an extended season in the OUAA. But convincing the other athletic directors is another thing," he said.

"Their argument is that some teams in the OUAA league are not under the direction of any particular department in the athletics. The kids simply show up for practices, without a coaching staff, and just go for it," said Wirkowski.

"We (the OUAA) think that for a

program to be valid, that is to have a regular season (like the women's) with coaching, then and only then would the players benefit," he said.

The men's team is not as big as the women's outfit, having only four members compared to the seven that are on the women's team. The women's season also runs into November.

And even though the Yeomen are a winning team, having placed second to U of T in the overall team standings last year, there doesn't appear to be anything that will save their season this year.



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Parisselli screen with a Mike Joyce pass-and-run play over the middle to take the ball down to the Western seven-yard line. From that point

York went into a tight-end offense with O'Neil hitting Disosomo with a perfect spiral for the go ahead touchdown.

It appeared that York would take their 16-13 margin to the final buzzer until Rossitt erased any such notion with a 45-yard strike to Scott Callaghan all the way down to the Yeomen 25-yard line.

Byrne again, this time with runs of five and sixteen yards, marched the Stangs down inside the five-yard line. An infraction (holding) took Western out of a first and goal

situation, moving the ball back to York's 14-yard line.

However, Rossitt took advantage of a Yeomen outside linebacker blitz, rolling to his right and finding Jim Kardish all alone in the end zone for Western's first and most timely touchdown of the 1983 season.

"They made it tough to get at him (Rossitt), with seven blockers," Pickett offered. "By sending our linebackers after the passer, the secondary was left thin. We had to put pressure on them, though, and as a result they were left with a man open."

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