

# HOMECOMING NOVEMBER 8-9

## Football

### Another almost for York

by Dave Crocker

The rain fell relentlessly and the score was Guelph 23, York 3, yet no one's spirit was washed out. Two hundred or so York fans who turned up didn't feel the rain and ignored the score, and the football team gave one hundred per cent despite both.

It looked like it was going to be a dismal night for York when quarterback Larry Iacino's first pass was intercepted. Five plays later Jerry Organ kicked a field goal, putting Guelph ahead 3-0.

York's second offensive play was just as disappointing to York supporters; a second pass was intercepted. The defense held this time and York emerged unscathed; however, these two plays predicted a catastrophe.

The catastrophe, however, never developed. After the next York punt and the following offensive play the visitors counted

their first points. The defensive line dropped Guelph quarterback Bill Dempsey in his own end zone for a safety. Guelph's lead was now only 1 point.

The rest of the half was Guelph's. Halfback, Dave Montgomery scored on a reverse from 26 yards out; the convert was no good. Later in the half, Steve Clark's punt was returned 53 yards by Guelph halfback Steve Stewart for another major. The convert gave Guelph a 16-2 lead. Every time York got close, in this half, they were stopped.

York got its third point before the half ended. Ken Woods kicked a loose ball into the Guelph end zone. The ball was recovered by a Guelph defender and he was tackled on the spot. At the half, then, York trailed 16-3.

York's defensive team did the big job in the second half. It took until the seven minute mark of the fourth quarter for Guelph to cross the centre stripe. Once was

enough, as Guelph quarterback Ken Smith capped the march with a quarterback sneak for the final TD. The convert was good giving Guelph a final 23-3 win.

There were many bright lights for York in this game. The rain-soaked fans were one. It was good to see the spirit. The team also presented some encouraging signs. The defense played tough, smart football throughout. Middle-linebacker John Abbott picked off three Guelph passes to highlight the defensive effort.

The offense moved the ball well only on occasions, but they did manage to move within the Guelph ten yard line three times. Being shut out on these occasions tells the offensive story. They must learn to finish off their marches. The game slipped away from York because they couldn't score when they were close. The running of Shelley Pettle augurs well for the future.

It was York's team play in this game that impressed this reporter most. In two games the coaches and the ballplayers themselves have created that togetherness which highlights the play of any good team.

## Rugger

### York wins two games!

by George B. Orr

York's rugger team, easily the best team running out of the university this year so far, won its first two games last week.

On Thursday against Guelph, a tough team, they ran up a score of 13-9. Guelph has always provided strong opposition for York, but the depth of our team was too much for them.

Reports of the game are sketchy, mainly because they were so happy to win that they forgot exactly who did what. But from conversations with the players, it was evident that York is going to be the terror of the league, both on and off the field.

Scrum-half Terry Hunter, by his own admission, told this reporter that he was the standout of the game. Playing his usual brand of mayhem, he managed to set up the scoring plays for York. Don Irwin put two tries up for the red team, as did, I think, Rick Hodder. Hunter was adamant, however, that he was the pivot point for the team, and would not elaborate too much on who else even played.

He did concede that Murray Young and the Bell boys gave what they could in the team effort.

Sunday's game, another exhibition, was only slightly more settled and organized.

Once the game started it was apparent that nothing could stop

York as they quickly took one score missing the convert. Unfortunately, the bad guys, in this case the Barbarians, took a try and convert.

Thankful for the deadly toe of tiny Tony Williams, and the fleet feet of Andy MacLaughlin and Rob Lipsett, York squashed the bastards 16-5.

Again Terry Hunter claimed the glory, but by now there were other voices crying in their beer over their own heroes.

These first two games have given the team some experience working together.

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### Waterloo wins cross country

Last Sat. York played host at their first Cross Country meet of the year. The schools participating were Waterloo, Guelph, Ryerson, and York. A team from RMC was supposed to show up, but due to unknown circumstances never did. The outcome of the meet was a victory for Waterloo (in total points) followed by Guelph, then York and Ryerson.

Even though it was Waterloo who registered the victory, it was students from Guelph and York who received the honours of the day. L. McLere of Guelph was the first to complete the course with a time of 25.21 minutes. He was followed by D. Smith of York with a time of 25.24. And that's a close race. Summer and Northey from Waterloo finished next. And that gave the victory to the school that Seagram's built.

### Sportstorial

## Cheers for cheerleaders

Sports Editorial  
by Stew Smith

This week there are two points I want to say a few words about. The first concerns cheerleading, and the second, seating for spectators.

Last Tuesday evening I went over to the Tait McKenzie gym to watch some thirty-five or so girls learn the steps and cheers that are supposed to rally their fellows to the spirit of the game.

Some of the girls were experienced, and others were simply taking a crack at it. But the thing was that they were out trying.

The important thing here is that this practice was not organized by the administration or

faculty in any way. Nobody but the girls themselves, and, of course, those they will be cheering on, seem to care if we have a cheerleading squad or not.

If this place can put out all sorts of the hard stuff for its teams, why can't a bit be put aside to support these girls to some extent. They are as much a part of university sports as the teams themselves.

Cheerleading is a function of only limited glory. Why can't this school take some of the burden off these girls? Come on, Athletic Department, let's give them more than just a nod of approval.

Our hockey arena, lovingly called the practice arena, is the only ice facility on campus, next to the Versa-freezers. It is likely to be the only ice on campus for some years to come, other than the crap one slips on while walking around the campus.

In fact, a new arena, one with seats, will probably go into the works after, and only after, all colleges are built.

It is too bad that the students who go through the York system between now and the 1980's will not be able to sit comfortably in an adequate arena to watch York clobber the ass off other universities.

We are going to have a good team this year. It's too bad that not more than a few hundred of you will be able to see them. That is, not more than a few hundred at once.

If we turn out to the games, and support our teams, and boom our enthusiasm behind our cheerleaders, we'll show the province that our crowds are large enough to warrant more than just a 'practice arena', and we'll show the Athletic Department that the cheerleaders are a worthwhile project of support.

Sports Dept. Cool Move of the Week Award:  
To the guy who started the rumour about Homecoming.

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