

SPORTS

Soccer Yeomen dumped in tight season opener

By "HOWIE" MARR

The soccer Yeomen are a better team this year, which is good news, considering last year's team made the playoffs for the first time in 10 years.

"The overall level of the team is very high this year," says Coach Eric Willis, who was satisfied with an effort last year that saw York edged out 3-1 by Toronto in the Eastern Division semi-finals. But this year Willis feels that his team can go further based on a good crop of fresh faces.

In the competitive Eastern division York is going to need an edge. Last year the four division playoff spots were closely contested by Carleton, Toronto, Laurentian, Queen's and York. This year even more is on the line because the winner of the division will receive an automatic bye to the national finals at the University of British Columbia.

In their pre-season match against the Ryerson Rams the Yeomen demonstrated something they thoroughly lacked in 1987.

Scoring.

The Yeomen routed the Rams by a 6-0 margin in a game that was played almost entirely on the Ram side of the field. Goalie Steve Johnston was rarely tested by the overmatched Ryerson squad.

Laurentian 3 York 1

Scoring for the Yeomen were Nick Proskos and Mike Mazza with two goals each and Gino Pallestrone and Jim Kapogianis with one apiece. York jumped out to a 4-0 lead at half-time and finished the game with two more in the second period.

The Yeomen have a solid core of returning players in Tony Oliver, Kevin Boyle, Rob Berardi, Jeff Buchanan and Mazza, but they expect to be even more powerful because of some of their new additions. Added to the squad are Frank Lofranco of the Canadian Soccer League's (CSL) Toronto Blizzard and Tony Rignatielli, who is a midfielder for Canada's national team.

Last weekend the Yeomen travelled to Sudbury to play Laurentian

in the season opener for both teams. The rest of the OUAA will begin playing this weekend.

For York the game resulted in an unexpected 3-1 loss. But Laurentian was a strong team last year and home turf allowed the Voyagers the advantage of playing on a small field which emphasizes the team's height and strength.

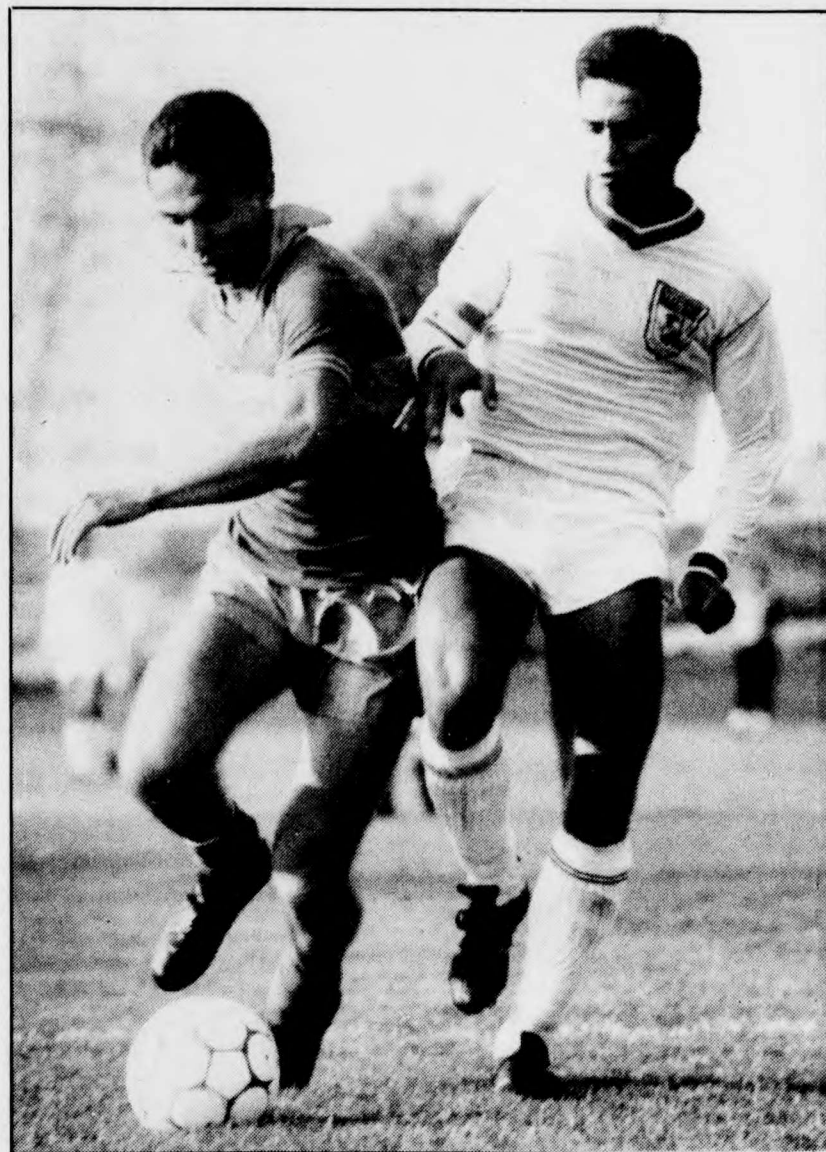
"We're disappointed, but not depressed," said Willis after the game. Willis' team was without Lofranco, whose foot will be in a cast for the next two to three weeks. Coupled with a few nagging injuries the Yeomen fell victim to a Laurentian team that is almost the same as last year's squad with the exception of an extra year of experience.

However, Willis wasn't making excuses, admitting Laurentian was "a good team and deserved to win." The game was closer than the 3-1 score indicated. Laurentian jumped out to a 1-0 half-time lead and made it 2-0 in the second immediately after York failed to capitalize on an opportunity in close. but the Yeomen

came back to make it a 2-1 game until Laurentian scored with a minute left.

York will play RMC and Queen's this weekend on Saturday and Sunday. The Saturday game against

RMC will feature York Soccer Alumni against the University of Southampton, who are touring from England. The game will start immediately after the 1:00 Yeoman game.



Soccer Yeomen Mike Mazza battles for the ball during last week's match against Ryerson. York won that match 6-0

CYSF brings new attitude

By KARIM HAJEE

Someone is finally willing to take a chance on Canadian college sports.

Incoming students trust CYSF (Council of the York Student Federation) to show them what life at York is all about. Although CYSF has helped to fund athletics, in recent years it has failed to show these students how important athletics is to social life.

Last year Tammy Hasselfeldt was elected CYSF President. Anybody associated with university sports should stand and cheer as the new season begins. Hasselfeldt brings with her a new attitude — a welcome change after the Drew McCreadie era.

York's Athletic Events Coordinator Rob Martellacci calls this year's CYSF one of the most enthusiastic ever. If it can spread the enthusiasm, then we just might see people lining up to see a Yeomen game — which is something I haven't seen in a long time.

This weekend CYSF organized a

special package for the Yeomen football team's home opener against Laurier. For \$4.00, students will receive admission to the game, a Blue Jays ticket for University Day, a post-game barbecue (which promises to be easy on the wallet), and a post-game dance. CYSF will also provide buses to and from the game.

"What we're hoping from this event," said Hasselfeldt, "is if we start pushing athletics from the very beginning, people will get interested and then attend from there. We're not going to stop at football... we want to do it with a lot of other sports as well."

Most people expect CYSF to support men's athletics simply because they feel that the male — rather than female — aspect of sports is more entertaining.

"We're also concerned about supporting men's athletics as much as supporting women's athletics," Hasselfeldt said. "I think a lot of the time people focus on the men's athletics, which doesn't really give the women

a sense of pride and confidence. People aren't supporting them as much."

"In the past, CYSF has given \$10,000 towards athletics, saying, 'Here you go; promote yourself. Have fun,' and that was the end of it," said Hasselfeldt.

"We thought that we didn't want to do that again this year. We don't mind giving them the money but we want to get more out of it. We'll give money to clubs, but that money can only go so far without support."

"We decided to support athletics by giving them \$10,000 and coordinating some events around the athletics programme."

This year's support from CYSF will allow more students to get involved with something that is enjoyable and as much a part of university as cramming for exams.

How many people are expected to attend Saturday's game? Let's just say that if more fans than players show up, it'll be a success.

Football
Laurier
Saturday, September 17 (2:00)
Esther Shiner Stadium

Cross Country
Invitational
Saturday, September 17 (12:00)
York Campus

Soccer
RMC
Saturday, September 17 (1:00)

Alumni vs. Southampton (England)
Saturday, September 17 (3:00)

Queens
Sunday, September 18 (1:00)

Results:

Football
Guelph 44 York 11
Soccer (Men's)
Laurentian 3 York 1

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