



# SPORTS



## With a loss to Laurentian they're **OUT OF THE RACE**

by Riccardo Sala

A promising season was brought to earth as the soccer Yeomen were defeated by Laurentian 2-0.

Played in Sudbury Tuesday, the game was a must win situation for the Yeomen. Two consecutive losses, first to U of T, then to Laurentian on Saturday, meant that York needed a victory here to stay in the playoffs.

That win didn't materialize. In reflection, York coach Eric Willis felt that his team was snake-bitten.

"We just couldn't put the ball in the net even though we dominated territorially," Willis said.

There were only ten minutes remaining in the game when Laurentian scored their first goal. "A blatant foul," Willis called it, as the York goalie was pushed down from behind and the ball went in the net.

The incident was seen by officials but there was no foul called. The goal was allowed to stand.

The second goal followed with two minutes left. Trying for the equaliser York was playing forward when Laurentian slipped in and scored.

Acrimony surrounded the first goal and it was reflected in the talk of Willis and the Yeomen.

The officiating at Laurentian has always been a sore point with York. That this call happened during a crucial game only heightens the animosity.



LAST TANGO: York's Alwyn Fredericks goes for the ball in a match against Trent. The Yeomen were eliminated from playoff action with a 2-0 loss to Laurentian.

As assistant coach Norman Crandles pointed out though "we should have scored 4 or 5 goals," against Laurentian. Officials may have supplied some nails but the Yeomen built their own coffin.

By failing to get the ball in the net when they could have, York laid itself open to a Laurentian squad that was inferior on the

field but scored when it counted.

York's lack of scoring was a deciding factor in the games against U of T and Laurentian.

"Up until two games ago we were the highest scoring team," Crandles said. "And then that touch abandoned us."

York tallied 28 goals in their first eight games. In their final

five, the squad could only muster a mere three. The scoring touch was even more absent in their last three matches, as the Yeomen were shut out.

Despite the loss both Crandles and Willis had nothing but positive words for the team.

"Last year we had an idea that we were on a certain level," Willis said. "This year we know that we are better than many teams."

The statistics bear this out. UofT and Laurentian are the strongest teams in the province and both have won the national title. The Yeomen defeated Laurentian 2-1 in regular season play.

York outplayed both Laurentian and UofT in post-season play. There is a difference though between having the ball and putting it in the net, as York painfully discovered these last two weeks.

The season is all over for the Yeomen. During the winter the team stays tuned by playing indoor soccer and participating in tournaments.

During the summer, many of the players will be playing for clubs. Some, such as Dominic Giorgi, are on the national team.

Willis is optimistic that York's search for a provincial title will stay alive for next year.

This year's squad, with few exceptions, intact for the 91-92 season, there is hope that the title they looked for this year will be their's the next.

York Sports For week of  
November 5 to 10

Tuesday November 6

#### Basketball

Yeomen at Brock-8 pm

#### Hockey

Yeowomen vs Toronto-8:30 pm at Ice Palace

#### Volleyball

Yeomen at Ryerson-8:30 pm  
Yeowomen at Ryerson-6:30 pm

Friday November 9

#### Basketball

Yeomen at Queen's (Sat. also) for Frank Tindall Tournament

#### Hockey

Yeomen vs Laurentian-7:30 pm at Ice Palace

#### Volleyball

Yeomen at Queen's-8 pm  
Yeowomen at Winnipeg Invitational (Sat. also)

#### Waterpolo

Yeomen at Ottawa for Cross Over Round Robin II (Sat. & Sun. also)

Saturday November 10

#### Badminton

Men and women at Queen's (Nov 10 & 11) for OUA and OWIAA East Sectional II.

#### Cross Country

CIAU championships at Ottawa for men and women

#### Gymnastics

Yeomen at McMaster Invitational

#### Hockey

Yeomen vs RMC-2 pm at Ice Palace  
Yeowomen at McMaster-7:30 pm

#### Volleyball

Yeomen at RMC-1 pm

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