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Rugby Yeomen scuttle Brock



York's rugby Yeomen clinched first place against Brock

Mary Doll

Steve Church

On Saturday past, the Yeomen Varsity Rugby team defeated a stubborn Brock team by a score of 20-3. This clinches first place for York and assures them of home field advantage for the OUAA final on Saturday, November 10 versus either Guelph or Queen's. This will be the sixth time in eight years that the Yeomen have been in the final.

In the game, York scored three of their four tries in rather rapid fashion. The first of these was scored, after ten minutes of play, by forward Bill Johnston, as the result of a pass off a loose ruck from about fifteen metres out.

The second and third tries were very similar in nature. Both were scored by fly-half Jonathan Bell and both tries were the ultimate result of a series of rucks that the Yeomen had gone the length of the field to score upon.

In the second half, the Yeomen, in a state of complacency, played a defensive, sustaining type of game. With the relative ease that they enjoyed in the first half, there was no real attempt to

run up the score on Brock in this half. The only points scored were by Johnston, with his second try of the day, on a twenty-metre scuttle, and a penalty goal by Brock, rounding out the score at 20-3 for York.

Other notable occurrences in this game were the critical loss of two Yeomen players. Doug Austrom was sent off the field late in the game and will have to sit out the match against R.M.C., although, luckily, he will be back for the final.

The other loss of a player occurred after fifteen minutes of play when winger Steve Dunn made a diving tackle at a Brock player's knees and suffered a slight concussion in the process. "Can't say how it exactly happened. It made me very foggy, though," said Dunn, in a state of lapsus memoriae.

In the second game, the Yeomen II finally broke the ice! — they won their first game of the season, in rather convincing style, by defeating Brock II 14-0.

Actually, this score was misleading. Because York won most

of the ball throughout the game, and Brock was constantly making errors in ball handling, the score could have been considerably higher. With the aggressive leadership displayed by Alan Voves, in the forwards, and slick, fluid play-making by scrum half Mike Dinning, this Yeomen II side was blessed with talent that they perceived to be incredible. Says Dinning, "I'm simply astounded that I survived the game. It is just like a second childhood!"

Points scored were tries by centre Lee Colby, on a twenty metre dash, and player-coach Voves, as the result of a push-over try, in the first half.

In the second half, Steve (Sam) Sneyd catapulted over for a try to cap the scoring.

Other strong performances came from Basil Tambakis, Joe (Captain Coma) Mucci and Pete Salome.

Next game is Saturday when the Yeomen travel to Kingston to encounter R.M.C. in the final regular season match.

Hit men kill Blues

Jonathan Mann

Last Friday night, York's Volleyball Yeomen easily defeated University of Toronto Blues in three straight games of competent but uninspired play. With more than fifty in attendance, York beat U. of T. 15-8, 15-8, and 15-11, in a string of games aptly described by York Coach Wally Dyba as "slow."

The tone of the Tait McKenzie contest was one of confidence. York's squad, going into this season opener with a record of twelve pre-season wins and no losses, was rarely challenged in the course of the evening.

Hitter Mark Ainsworth found that the lack of real competition was a major factor in the

Yeomen's unexceptional performance. Remarked Ainsworth, "The game was pretty hard to get up for. We're a lot better than U. of T., and we would have played better against a better team."

Coach Dyba's outspoken remarks after the game best reflect the team's optimism and high morale. Declared Dyba "We're awesome! We walked all over U. of T. We're a notch above everybody in the league."

Blues' player-coach Tiit Romet did not seem particularly surprised by the evening's defeat. (U. of T. hasn't beaten York in four years.) Romet blamed his team's inexperience for their fate at the hands of the

Yeomen. A squad of eleven with seven rookies, Romet felt the Blues were at a definite disadvantage because of York's "wealth of experience." "York," explained Romet, "is a little steadier than we are, and their serving is a lot better than ours." When asked about his team's chances this season, he replied, "We'll be competitive."

The three games were surprisingly free of tension or suspense. The Yeomen had set a pre-game goal of holding the Blues to eight points a game, and were disappointed only once. Key men in this effort were Mark Ainsworth and spiker Lino Girardo. Ainsworth led the team in serves (tying Brian Rombough with a rating of 58 per cent), kills (12), and serve receiving (with an exceptional rating of 96 per cent). Girardo was the evening's best attacker (with a rating of 82 per cent), and had a kill percentage of 82 per cent, the team's highest.

York's finely-honed fighting machine will play next on Saturday November 3 at Waterloo.

Women spikers team to beat

Gary Cohen and Sharon Clayton

The Yeowomen Volleyball Team, Ontario's number one ranked university squad last year, seems to have picked up from where it left off. The women took the opportunity to display their abundant talents by registering impressive performances at their first two competitions of the year.

On Oct. 10 the team sojourned south for the Michigan State University Invitational Tournament (Oct. 11-13). Despite the fact that the competition marked the first time that the team had played together this season the players distinguished themselves by advancing to the semi-finals, where they finally met defeat in a close match with Kellogg Community College.

Last week (Oct. 21) the Yeowomen once again took their show on the road, this time to the Brock Invitational, where the team successfully defended its title. Even without Marla Taylor, the team's starting setter (she was competing at the OWIAA track and field championships), Yeowomen were able to completely dominate the tournament, with rookie setter Jane Young doing a splendid job replacing Taylor in her first start of the season.

York went undefeated

through the round-robin segment of the tournament, beating Guelph 15-3, 15-7; Queen's 15-1, 15-12; Buffalo 15-3, 15-12, and Brock 15-9, 15-6.

In the semi-finals the team was led by veteran hitters Ellana Mckendry, Fiona MacGregor and Kim Ronson, as York's offense demolished McMaster 15-2, 15-3.

The final, against the Scarborough Titans, saw York fall behind 6-0 in the first game before rallying to win 15-10. The second game was never in doubt as York won 15-4, capturing the match and the tournament title.

Coach Merv Mosher, former assistant coach of the Canadian national women's volleyball team, is approaching the season with a sanguine outlook. "We have a good team," said Mosher, "comprised of a keen bunch of kids who are working hard. We'll be facing tough competition in our division this year, but I feel we are still capable of finishing at the top in Ontario."

In analyzing the competition Coach Mosher cited two formidable opponents. "Ottawa should be very strong this year. They have recruited five players of senior and junior national calibre. And Western should continue the consistently strong

play they have shown over the past few years."

Compared to their two principal rivals, the Yeowomen exhibit one glaring weakness, their lack of size. But Coach Mosher contends that his team,

built around a solid core of six veterans, will be able to compensate through the stress that he has placed on defense.

The team's first home game will be against Ottawa on Nov. 16 at 7 pm

Soccer hopes get the boot

Gary Cohen

Coach Eric Willis and his Soccer Yeomen are looking forward to next season. Unfortunately, after Sunday's 2-0 defeat at the hands of Western dashed York's playoff hopes, that's all that the team has to look forward to.

Yeomen entered the weekend facing two must-win situations in their home matches against McMaster and Western. On Saturday the team rose to the occasion, scoring a decisive, in-the-clutch 3-1 victory over McMaster. York scorers were Paul Berkhuisen, Ernie Cicchi and Enzo Casullo.

But lightning was not to strike twice. Sunday's crucial loss to Western was marred by controversy and inopportunism. Yeomen played valiantly, but a missed penalty kick and a disallowed goal, which left Coach

Willis fuming, combined to seal their fate.

The loss left Yeomen in fifth place, only one point behind Queen's, who captured the final playoff spot. Ironically, the Yeomen had defeated Queen's during the course of the season, making one reflect upon which

team rightfully deserves the playoff spot.

Nonetheless, the team's performance this year marked an improvement over last year's sixth place finish. And, with a large group of returning veterans, circumstances auger well for the team's future.



Soccer Yeomen fall short of playoff in Western game

Mary Doll