

# SPORTS and RECREATION

Footballers beat 41-9 by WLU

## Yeomen try for respect: new coach hopeful

By IAN MULGREW

The York Yeomen, perennial losers in the Ontario-Quebec Intercollegiate football Conference's West Division, are facing the new season with a rookie coach.

Dick Aldridge, who replaced Nobby Wirkowski as head coach on July 3rd, spent ten years in the Canadian Football Conference as a linebacker: nine years with the Toronto Argonauts and one year with the Hamilton Tigercats.

The Yeomen have been a joke around York since their inception six years ago and last year was the worst of their history: they were blitzed a total of 157-0 in their last three games.

### FOUL AIR

"We won't be bombed this year," said Aldridge. "We're striving for a new image at York. For some reason, there seemed to be something foul in the air during the last few years. I aim to change this."

Aldridge does not expect the Yeomen to be champions overnight, so, he has set other goals for this season.

"I want my players to be consistent. I don't want them to play badly one game and then play well

the next and then play badly again," said Aldridge. "I want the kids to have pride in their team, even if they lose. I want respect from the opposition. Win or lose, I don't want any more jokes about York Football."

### LAST PLACE

These would appear to be very realistic goals since the Canadian College Football Yearbook predicted York would finish last in their division this year. York lost their first game of the season 41-9 last Saturday at the hands of Wilfred Laurier University.

"That was our first game," said Aldridge. "We're a team consisting mainly of rookies and that first game means a lot. We made major mistakes, but they were basic mistakes and can be corrected. And even though they lost, I thought, there was a lot of pride in that dressing room. They were proud that they'd given their best."

Aldridge and the four other coaches had problems recruiting a team this year with only 50 students out of a population of 14,000 day students vying for the team. Aldridge offered several reasons for the lack of response. "Canadians are scared of hard work. We're just

a very fat country. Some people in this university who could be helping our football team are just lazy."

Aldridge also added some students feel it's easier to "belt back a few in one of the school's pubs than to slug it out on the field."

### QB'S QUIT

Last week Paul King and Frank Subat, last year's quarterbacks who were fighting for that position this year, quit.

"They went through a lot of aggravation last year and they probably didn't want to go through the same thing this year when they could be improving their studies," speculated Aldridge.

Aldridge, like the other coaches, is only a part-time employee of the university. He plans to commute daily from Alliston, where he will be teaching physical education at Banting Memorial High School.

Although this is Aldridge's first year as a university football coach, he is no stranger to college sports. Between 1961 and 1966 he was captain of the Waterloo University's football and basketball teams.



Dick Aldridge

## New co-ordinator and coaches join athletics department

By KEITH NICKSON

The Department of Physical Education and Athletics this month appointed Dr. Norm Gledhill as coordinator of the new graduate program in physiology and psychology, Byron Macdonald, coach of the men's swim team, and Wally Dyba, coach of the men's volleyball team.

The two year graduate program will focus on stress from a physiological and psychological viewpoint while another overlapping section will bring the two streams together. Maximum enrollment in the program is limited to twelve students, although so far only three have been admitted to the course.

In the lower echelons of the Department of Physical Education, the new swim coach, Byron Macdonald will aim for a program of excellence. Macdonald has won numerous medals in the Pan Am, Commonwealth and World University Games. He hopes to combine the nucleus of veterans from last year's team with three top CIU freshmen and as many recruits as possible to create a winning outfit.

Macdonald believes the future in Canadian swimming is at the collegiate level. He said, "I feel fortunate in being allowed in at the ground level and hope York will become potential CIU champs and place many swimmers on the Olympic squad".

### FIGHT MAC

York was fifth last year in the OUAA but Macdonald is optimistic. "York will be fighting for a position against McMaster, Waterloo and Western and with added depth we should be able to move into second place." The roster thus far includes Neil Harvey, Olympic trials finalist, George Skene, an Olympic pentathlon competitor, and Mark Langdon, the former Canadian record holder.

Wally Dyba intends to transform the volleyball team into a serious contender by building a strong team around a core of proven

players. He said, "There has always been an eligibility problem. Players for the Ontario Volleyball Association could not play for York and in the past many of York's finest players have opted for the Association."

In order to improve York's team, Dyba hopes to eliminate this problem and strengthen the ties between high school teams and York's outfit. To achieve this latter goal, Dyba has organized the York University High School Volleyball Classic and invited the best 50 high school teams in Ontario. Dyba expects the response to be positive enough for a 20 team tournament to convening on October 16. Dyba believes, "This way I'll be able to meet coaches and set up communication lines for a better liaison".

### JUNIOR NAT

Janis Ozolins, who played on the Junior National Team which

recently qualified to enter the World Championships in Brazil in 1977, is one of the veterans on the team. Al Riddell of the medal winning Scarborough Kings may also play for York.

With the aid of talented recruits, Dyba said, "I can't see York not doing well in the near future and in fact, we may pull off some surprises. My personal goal is to definitely make the playoffs."

Dyba's successful coaching career with the championship London Junior Junos, among others, prompted him to add, "I have never coached a losing team. In all tournaments except one we've gone to the finals. I would like to continue that streak."

Tryouts for the volleyball team continue all this week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4-6 pm and Tuesday 6:30-8 pm. The first meeting of the swim team is on September 20 at 3 pm beside the pool.

## Sports briefs

York Women's Varsity Athletic teams will be having their first practices this month. The Yeowomen's field hockey, track and field and tennis teams have begun practising this week but are still welcoming any interested players.

York has 13 Varsity teams competing in the Ontario Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Association and are looking for women athletes for all of their teams. Basketball, gymnastics, speed swimming, synchronized swimming, and volleyball are all holding their first practice on September 20th. All women wishing to take part in these or other sports events or wanting further information, should call 667-2289 or visit the Tait MacKenzie building.

Students at York can look forward to a new sports club on campus this year that is, of course, if they like jumping from parachutes.

For sixty dollars, the Parachuting Club will provide the equipment, instruction and transportation for those who want to learn the sport. The first jump is also included in the fee. Additional jumps will cost \$4 for free fall and \$10 for static line.

Why have a parachuting club? "Why not", says Dave Tompkins, coordinator for the club. "All the other universities have one." For more information phone 661-8526.

Competitive sailing for undergrads begins this weekend with a two days regatta in Kingston. Each university is eligible to send a team of four; two skippers and two crew for racing in 420 class dinghies. A meeting of those interested will take place Friday at 12:00 in Curtis Lecture Hall D.



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