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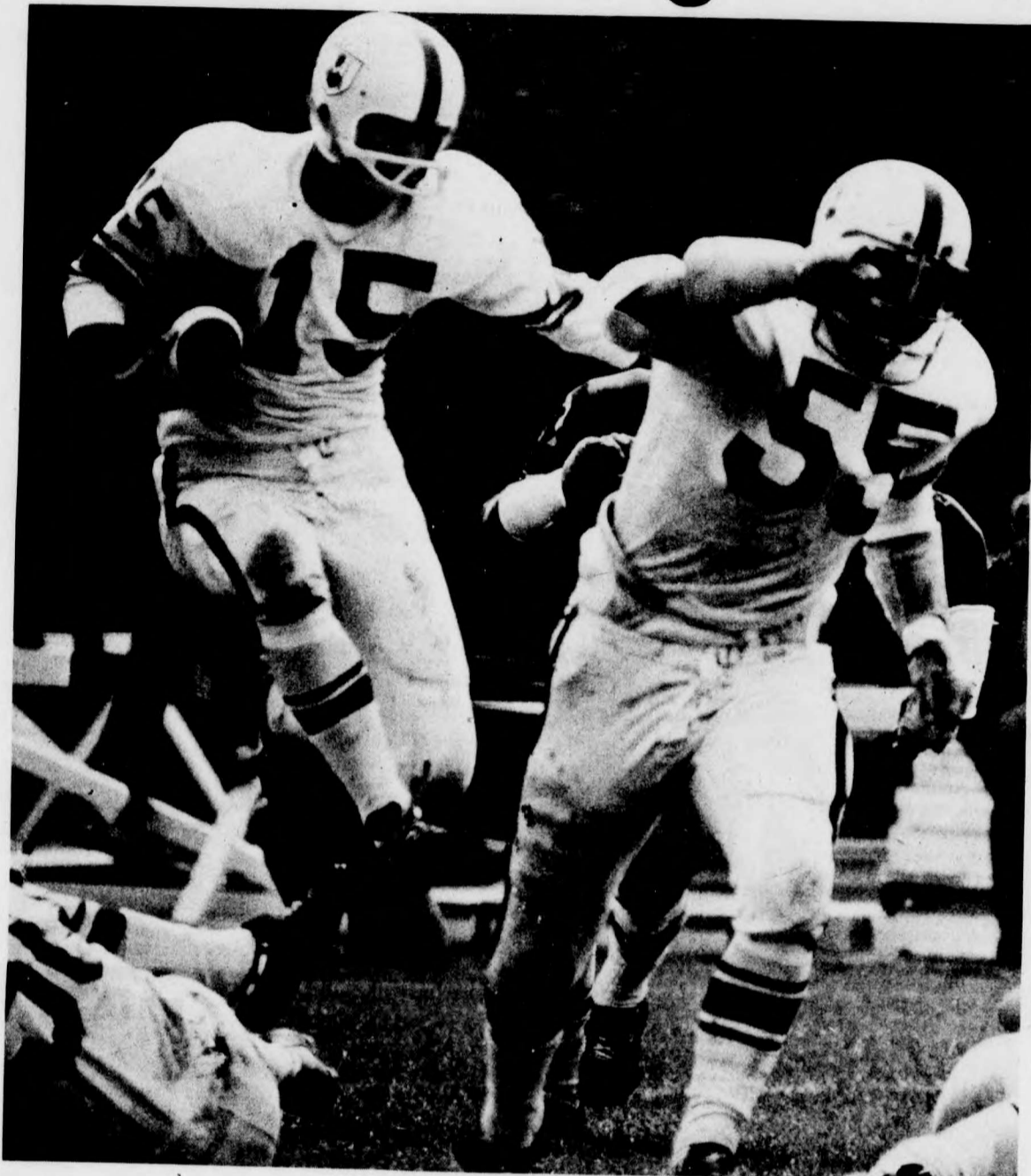
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## Guelph 24 - York 0

# York looks good despite shutout



Guard John Fitzgerald pulls out to block for Yeomen halfback Don Gilpin against the Guelph Gryphons.

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By ROB ROWLAND

**GUELPH** — The York Yeomen clicked for the first time Saturday putting up a valiant effort against the Guelph Gryphons. The final score was 24-0 in the first game of the Central Canada Intercollegiate Football Conference season played at Guelph's new Alumni Stadium.

The Yeomen held the Gryphons scoreless for the first half and the Gryphons had to work hard and have a little luck to score against the tough Yeomen squad in the second half. The Yeomen team that faced the Gryphons was vastly improved over the team that played U of T last week.

Although there were still some defensive mistakes, and the offence was lacking the finishing touches, the team had tightened up considerably. The York offence had the edge in statistics with a total of 298 yards; the defence kept Guelph down to 189 yards.

The Gryphons experience allowed them to capitalize on York's mistakes. At times the Yeomen seemed to be surprised by their own play, and lacking confidence and experience, choked up on the play. Yeomen coach Nobby Wirkowski was pleased with the teams performance. "They're finally a football team," he said. "It was a great game, despite the scoreboard."

York established themselves Saturday as a team that will be a contender in future years. Nobby Wirkowski expects a much better season this year. Any team with championship hopes that thinks York is a push-over will be shocked.

The Yeomen's inexperience is still the greatest problem with many rough edges to be smoothed out. Some of the Gryphon's greatest gains, including their first touchdown, came on punt returns.

Defensively, York had improved a great deal but is still weak against the ground attack. Offensively, blocking and getting the receivers free needs improvement. Play was erratic, both ragged and smooth flowing. York has two weeks to get in better shape before meeting the Ottawa Gee Gee's at the York football field.

Poor officiating was one of the Yeomen's greatest problems. Calls were often made long after the infraction had occurred and the linesmen disagreed on some. Pass interference on York was missed three times and both coaches felt the officials had done a poor job.

York had the ball for most of the first quarter, marching with Rick Frisby at quarterback from their own territory to deep in Guelph's half of the field.

In the first half Guelph was unable to move the ball as York held them to small gains.

York's offensive attempts in the second quarter were stymied by a toughening Guelph defense, an interception of a Frisby pass by defensive back Dave Clarke and bad calls, which also hurt Guelph.

The half ended in a wild punting exchange as each team tried to get points on the board but neither

team was successful.

Rob Panzer kicked off in the second half for York and the York defence kept Guelph down to a one yard gain. Gerry Organ punted for Guelph and gave York a first down on their 24. Shelly Pettie was hit for a one yard loss and on second down Frisby was thrown back three yards.

Dave Clarke caught Don Gilpin's punt and got away from the faltering York punt return squad and returned the ball 56 yards for the first touchdown. Gerry Organ added the convert and sent Guelph ahead 7-0.

York was forced to give up the ball and Guelph then returned the favour to give the Yeomen possession on the York twenty. On second down Rick Frisby was caught on a blitz and tackled on the eleven yard line. Sometime later, before the whistle had gone, the ball popped loose and Guelph Linebacker Paul Zvonkin recovered. Quarterback Bruce Ravensdale was unable to connect for a Guelph touchdown and Gerry Organ kicked for three points to send Guelph further ahead.

Penalties again kept both York and Guelph down to short yardage during the remainder of the third quarter.

At the beginning of the final quarter Guelph had the ball but fumbled. York recovered but then on the play Mark Conacher fumbled and Guelph recovered. Ravensdale used Bud Folusewych to reach the York twenty five and then passed to Steve Stewart. He went twenty five yards down the sidelines for the Gryphons' second touchdown. Organ converted to make it 17-0.

York received the kickoff on the thirty-seven. Larry Iaccino, replacing Frisby, handed off to George Kovar twice to get a first-down on the Guelph 46, but gave up the ball on a third down gamble. Guelph was held for a small gain and had to punt. Iaccino was not able to get the offense going.

Again the punting team was unable to stop Dave Clarke as he returned Gilpin's punt to the York twenty-eight. Ravensdale passed 28 yards to Wayne Cook for a touchdown on the first play. Organ added the convert and the score was 28-0.

After the kickoff, Iaccino fumbled on the York nine. The Gryphon coach sent in Brad Hall at quarterback but a goal line stand by the Yeomen kept the Guelph team from scoring.

York led in first downs by 9 to 8. They had 72 yards on the ground compared to 82 for Guelph. The Yeomen had a better passing game than the Gryphons with 222 yards; Ravensdale got 107 for Guelph. Frisby was 7 for 15 for 111 yards and Iaccino was 7 for 14 for the other 111.

Gryphon coach Dick Brown complimented the Yeomen for their play. Brown, who hopes to win the CCIFC championship said, "I'm glad we played them now and not later. They're a tough team."

## No stadium planned yet

The appearance of the new 4,000 seat Alumni Stadium at Guelph again raised the questions from both players and fans at the game on when York will have its own football stadium.

York's stadium, however, is still distant. A spokesman for campus planning director, A.R. Dawson, who is at present on vacation, told EXCALIBUR that the campus planning department knew of no plans for a stadium in the near future.

Alumini Stadium was built with the help of a development fund loan for six hundred thousand dollars. The seats are prefabricated aluminum on concrete supports. The stadium is also equipped with team rooms, a women's change room, storage area, a trainer's room, a meeting room and a sauna bath. On the second level is an area for several sports.

The loan will be repaid through gate receipts and donations.

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