

# Yeowomen soccer develop "killer instinct"

by Gaye Elliott

The Yeowomen soccer team improved its record to 3 and 0 this weekend after beating Trent 5-0. York dominated the play from the whistle, and quickly put two goals away in the first half of the game. Rookie Sam Hellens scored the first goal on a through ball from midfielder Beth Munro, beating the Trent

defender for the score. Hellens was also able to nab the second goal after a smart offensive passing play from the Yeowomen's own 18-yard line.

Assistant coach Jeff Buchanan commented on the Yeowomen's style. "This team is beginning to develop that killer instinct, they are not letting up just because they are playing a weaker team." Buchanan, who spends much of

his time training Yeowomen goalie Cheryl Punnett, is also the goalkeeper for the men's varsity squad, and feels that, "There is enormous depth on this team, with respect to all positions."

This depth was demonstrated throughout the second half, as York continuously attacked the spirited yet inexperienced Trent side. Fullback Heather Gough scored the third goal from a corner kick by Kristen Bell with a beautiful header into the far corner of the net. York defender Allison McEnteer was able to put away the fourth goal of the game

off a quick pass from Monica Verronneau.

Head coach David Bell took advantage of this game, using the second half as an opportunity to see how some of the players reacted to different positions on the field. However, the backline remained the same. "They are the four positions on the field that never should be changed; you get used to playing together and when you take that away you make mistakes, and that's when they score," said Bell.

Despite the fact some players switched from their usual starting

positions, the Yeowomen did not sit back and relax. Not long after these changes, veteran striker Sue Gough broke away from a Trent defender for the fifth and final goal of the game.

Captain Monica Verronneau viewed the Trent match as a chance "to play our own game." However, she added "This team is not overconfident by any means. We know what we have to do to make the playoffs."

The Yeowomen's next home game is October 14 against Carleton at noon on the soccer field.

## Night moves

by Pamela Jarvis

Make it two in a row for the field hockey Yeowomen.

The Yeowomen braved the nocturnal conditions at Guelph last Friday and emerged with a narrow 1-0 victory.

"It was very much like playing in the Twilight Zone," observed York coach Marina van der Merwe. "Only the immediate field was lit. However, our team adapted well to the lights, the surface and the style of play."

The Yeowomen dominated play for most of the game, earning about 12 penalty corners. Despite the conditions of Guelph's grassy surface, York managed to capitalize. Joel Brough scored the eventual game-winner off a penalty corner ten minutes into the game. York converted another corner in the first half but the goal was called back.

"Our attack, especially on one side, seemed to draw penalties," commented van der Merwe. "The high ball call was inconsistent as well."

Shots on goal fell in York's favour, with goalkeeper Michelle Capperault registering the shutout.

"We were lucky to come out of it with a win because of the (grass) field and also because we were playing a team that crowds the

ball," said Brough. "It was difficult to see at either end." It was the team's last foray on the grass surface. "Now we're going to have to focus on our turf skills," predicted Brough.

The win was a pleasant surprise for the coaching staff. "The league is going to be stronger this year," said assistant coach Kathy Broderick. "Guelph played well... but our girls played with poise."

"In the past we have usually lost the first game (against Guelph) because that field is usually fast," said van der Merwe. "It was obvious that Guelph was comfortable dealing with the fast, bouncy ball... their trapping skills were good. As a result of their tactics though, we had more attacking opportunities and there was a more structured approach to the circle."

The coaching staff praised the two-way performance of converted right-midfielder Jackie DeGoeij. DeGoeij spent most of last season at winger. "She's aerobically sound and can attack and defend," said van der Merwe.

Rookies Ann Turrin and Sue Wright were also promising. "We have to knock the fear of failure out of them and build up their confidence," observed van der Merwe of her rookie charges. "The growth can be seen virtually seen virtually on a week-by-week basis."

## Yeomen soccer ties Trent: "team should capitalize on chances"

by Sydney St. Nicholas

The York Yeomen soccer team took its perfect 3-0 record up to Peterborough on Sunday to play Trent University. After beating Trent 5-1 in the season opener, one would have thought this game was in the bag but, without four starters, York only managed a 1-1 tie.

The Yeomen opened the game rather tentatively. They were not playing up to their potential as they were not aggressively challenging balls and not finishing off good scoring chances.

Erwin Banti was always a threat for Trent with each of his throw-ins. Twice in the first half, he set up potential goals with brilliant throw-ins, but miscues by York players negated each chance.

"At least we are creating a lot of good scoring opportunities," said York coach Eric Willis. But what York needed was a finisher.

York got exactly that early in the second half. Banti, with another beautiful throw-in, set up Tony Pignatiello in front of Trent's goal and Pignatiello made no mistake

tucking the ball past the Trent goalie. Pignatiello kicked the ball with his back to the net and over his head on a goal that has to be one of the prettiest York has scored all year.

After the goal, York forced the play into Trent's end and created a lot of chances. This style of play led Trent to take advantage of some sloppy defensive work by the Yeomen which would have resulted in a goal, if York's goalie, J. Buchanan wasn't sharp.

With about three minutes left, Trent took a long throw-in which almost resulted in a goal, but York's defence steered the ball out of bounds for a Trent corner kick. On the ensuing corner kick, Trent's Andre Schmidt was left alone in the box and he one-timed a perfect strike into the goal to tie the game at one apiece.

"It seemed like after Erwin (Banti) headed the ball away from the goal area, everybody sort of relaxed and forgot about the Trent player who scored," said Yeoman Anthony Daley whose sentiments were echoed by other players as well.

York had a chance with about a minute left when Carlos Banini broke down the wing all alone, but he put the ball over the net.

York's assistant coach Norm Crandles said, "After every pressure situation there is sometimes a psychological letdown." This was the case with the Yeomen. After the throw-in and the corner they let down their defence for a split second which resulted in the tying goal.

The Yeomen had a lot of bright spots to look at after the game. They played well without four starters and still salvaged a point. Fine performances by Tony Daley, Bryson Madeley, Greg Dac Bong, M. McGee, Carlos Banini, Alwyn Fredericks and Erwin Banti also give the team something to look forward to when they take on UofT on October 4. Hopefully, all the starters will be back and York can defeat the Blues.

"You've got to capitalize on your chances' is the lesson to be learned from this tie," said Crandles. Let's hope the Yeomen do exactly that and put the Blues away.

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