

# Sports

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Mainly because of the meat

## York football rookies put talent on the line

BY ALAN RISEN

When the York football Yeoman opened their training camp last Monday something was wrong.

Despite several seasons of losing football, during which time they became the butt of every college football joke, the Yeomen's current preseason camp is full of optimism.

This optimism stems from the arrival of a large number of all-star highschool linemen. "This is the best personnel we've ever had at training camp," confided line coach Mike Kirkpatrick.

"Both lines look good, the offensive backs are the best I've seen since I've been here and we've got a better crop of rookies than in the past."

Head coach Nobby Wirkowski was quick to agree. "We've always had quantity," Wirkowski said indicating some 80-odd players rigorously going through drills in the 100 degree heat. "But this year we've got quality as well."

"Look at this fellow Bob Palmer, for example," said the coach.

"At five feet, 11 inches 205 pounds he looks like a lineman but he's a halfback who transferred here from Drake University in the States. And he can move. He does the 40 yard dash in 4.7 seconds. He's got huge arms, lots of power and when he runs he can pick 'em up and lay 'em down."

Add to the backfield returnees Bill Hatanaka who had an impressive rookie season at halfback last year plus the hard hitting Bob Love at fullback and it appears that York's running game is set.

"But the big improvement over last year is along the line," Wirkowski pointed out. "Last year we had a total of nine linemen, five on offense and four on defense. This year we have 31."

Wirkowski's eyes popped with anticipation as he rhymed off the names of several giant young men pounding the earth a couple yards away:

"Craig Lorimer is an all-star defensive tackle from Erindale Collegiate who is six feet five inches tall and weighs 270 pounds."

"Norm Lightbound, a defensive end from York Mills Collegiate is six

feet two inches, 240 pounds. Jerry Gregoriwicz from Clarkson Secondary stands six feet one inch, 215 pounds."

And the list goes on: Paul La Fontaine from Clarkson, six-one 194 pounds, plays linebacker; Paul Sheradon, a six-three, 212 pound all-star lineman from Downsview Collegiate; Steven Glenn, five-ten 225 pounds from Agincourt Collegiate; Greg Braithwaite, at five-nine and 190 pounds the smallest of the group, but strong and quick and was an allstar at Alderwood Collegiate; and Wayne Simons, a six-one 210 pound all-star from U.T.S.

To add to this impressive crop of rookie linemen are several strong transferees such as Ken Corfield, a six foot two, 230 pound tight end from Downsview Collegiate who played varsity ball at Waterloo Lutheran last year, and Rick Sliptcz, a six foot one, 225 pound linebacker offensive guard from York Memorial who played on a scholarship at Memphis State last season.

Of the quarterbacking candidates, rookie Dave Langly from Earl Haig appears to have the best chance at beating out the incumbent Gerry Verge for the first string berth.

At five-nine and 190 pounds he has the physical equipment to do the job and he's also the fastest man on the roster, having been clocked at 4.4 seconds in the 40 yard dash.

Chris Darcy is another man who will require a close look.

Darcy, who transferred here this year after two years of varsity ball at Waterloo was York all-star receiver Steve Ince's quarterback at Lawrence Park. Coach Wirkowski seemed enthusiastic about the possible reunion of this all-star combination.

The depth of this year's squad is again reflected at the kicking specialist post where no less than six players are vying for the berth including incumbent Bob Cole.

Cole, who was also a starter at defensive halfback last year is part of a veteran core around which Wirkowski hopes to mold this year's team.

The rest of this "nucleus", as

Wirkowski calls it, consists of Bob Panzer who enters his fifth year at linebacker; Hatanaka at halfback; Gus Banka, a second year defensive end; Luigi Battiston, an offensive lineman; Ince, an all-star receiver; Frank Zinner, a third year middle linebacker; Ted Abbot, a linebacker; and Love at fullback.

Abbot, Zinner and Love were co-captains last year.

And in the stifling heat at York's practice football field this blend of

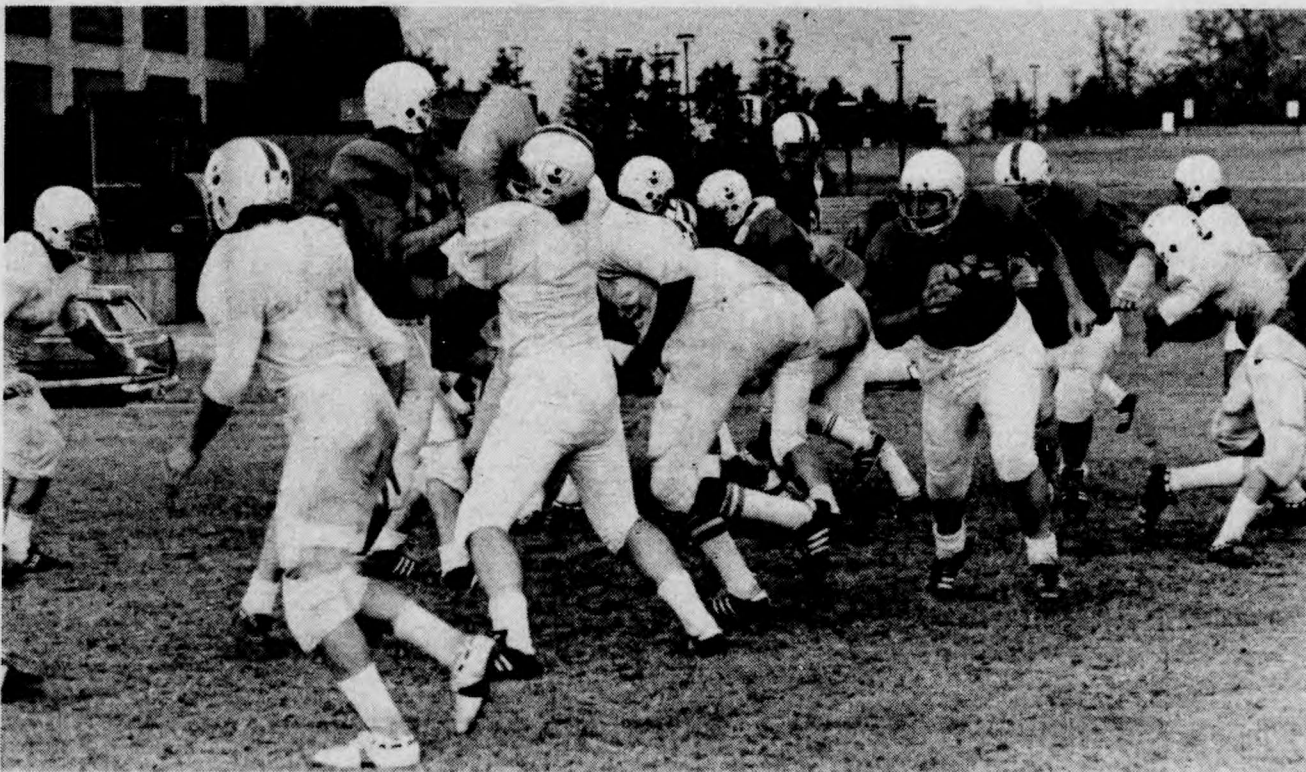
rookies and veterans were all working fiercely towards the 1973 season. Of the 80 hopefuls, only 34 will suit up for the league opener Sept. 11 at Ottawa.

As one veteran confided, "The competition's so keen at every position that no one is assured of a job this year."

Gone is the memory of seasons past when York lost almost as many football games as presidents. Gone is the memory of a feud

between players and coach over training methods and 'lack of rapport'.

This year everyone's attitude is fresh. The coaches speak highly of the players. The players speak respectfully of the coaches. For a team that finished 2-6 last year the atmosphere is definitely wrong. For the sake of all those football fans with 'Red and White' in their eyes let us hope it remains 'wrong' all season.



The York football team was run through its rigorous training drills in last week's heat wave in preparation for their coming OUA A gridiron campaign. The arrival of talented new faces to the roster, especially along the lines, has given

rise to optimism in the Yeomen camp about the coming season. The Yeomen open their season on the road Tuesday night against the University of Ottawa Gee Gees.

## York summer seminars expand, attract over 1500 participants

BY ED PIWOWARCZYK

Over 1500 people from across Canada and from parts of the United States participated this summer in York's series of sports seminars, a self-supporting enterprise which administrator Dave Smith describes as "the only program like it for amateur sport in North America."

Originating in 1967 with five seminars — Canadian gymnastics, modern gymnastics, field hockey, volleyball and contemporary dance — the seminars this year expanded to encompass rugger, basketball, badminton, table tennis, synchronized swimming and athletic injuries. In addition, two special training camps, one for elite gymnasts, the other for figure skaters, were held for three-week periods.

And there's no end in sight. "The whole thing keeps snowballing," said Smith. "Other amateur sport bodies want to get involved. We'll probably add three more seminars next year."

Smith envisions soccer, football, swimming, the art and science of coaching, figure and power skating, track and field and hockey as likely areas of interest to be covered by future seminars.

When the first series of seminars met with success, York's physical education department decided as a matter of "policy that it would work willingly with any amateur sport group for the betterment of the sport as long as this was compatible with the educational philosophy of the university."

The only key requirement stipulated is that a faculty member from York must maintain a leadership role in the organization and administration of the seminar. This was to provide a permanency of operation and to allow the university to handle many administrative details because of the large executive turnover in amateur organizations.

The seminars are designed "to provide those who participate the opportunity of acquiring a body of knowledge in an activity of their choice."

Several objectives are aimed at by the seminars. They provide the opportunity to acquire specific knowledge: in a theory and practice of a particular activity; in fitness and conditioning methods; in developing skills and techniques in a particular activity; in care and prevention of injuries as well as safety techniques. They are also to provide the participant with an awareness of the broader values of physical education and sport.

World class coaches and assistants have been attracted as instructors at the seminars. This year's gymnastics seminar, for instance, featured Miroslav

Cerar, a 16-time Yugoslavian national champion, while the badminton seminar was headed by the English national coach Maurice Robinson.

The two special training camps held on campus concurrently with the seminars were also highlighted by world class instruction. The figure skating camp, held for the top six junior novice and dance pairs in Canada under the tutelage of a guest Russian coach, consisted of alternate dry land and on-ice training, something which Smith termed "a first."

For the elite gymnast camp, the York seminars, along with the Ontario and Canadian gymnastics federations, invited the top 30 women, the top 30 boys and the top 30 junior men to take part in the special session with Russian coaches and athletes.

The seminars have resulted in the publication of a unique set of books and instructional manuals. Olympic Gymnastics for Men and Women, for instance, published last year by Prentice Hall and co-authored by Dr. Bryce Taylor and Tom Zivic of York, along with Boris Bajin, was an outgrowth of the long-running gymnastics seminars.

York has benefited from sponsoring and being associated with the program. "Several students have enrolled at York because of their learning experiences at our seminars," states Smith. "And by continuing to provide this opportunity for amateur athletes and coaches to develop in specific areas, we familiarize the public with our facilities and resources."

"It's also been good for our staff and faculty," continues Smith. "The seminars have gotten them involved with amateur sport. We've been bringing in coaches from other parts of the world, so there's been a pick up and exchange of valuable information."

"People are beginning to look to York as leaders in this field and consequently are looking at us for doing research in these areas. The York staff is starting to get involved in the scientific end of things, with equipment, training methods and photo analysis."

How popular were the seminars? "We had a waiting list for most of them," replied Smith. "Take the gymnastics seminar for example. It was the most popular one. We had 501 people attending it. There was a waiting list of 150 for that one."

"We only had to cancel one of the seminars, one of the new ones, rugger, because of limited enrolment."

Each seminar lasted five days, and if a seminar showed a profit, the extra funds would go back into the sport in the form of new equipment.

## Score Board

### Men's teams hold first workouts

Five of York's varsity men's teams will be holding their first workouts on Monday Sept. 10. All those interested in participating are invited to attend these practices. The following is a list of the teams holding their practice sessions, along with the time and place: golf, 4 p.m. in the Tait McKenzie building; gymnastics, 4 p.m. in the upper gym of the Tait McKenzie building; rugger, 5:15 on the rugger pitch; soccer, 5:30 p.m. on the soccer field west of the arena; track, 5 p.m. in the classroom on the third floor of the Tait McKenzie building.

For further information the coaches of the respective teams should be contacted: golf, Ken Hopper; gymnastics, Tom Zivic, 667-3818; rugger, Larry Nancekivell, 667-3818; soccer, Fiorigi Pagliuso; track, Dave Smith, 667-3529.

### Women's teams hold tryouts

York's women's varsity tennis and track and field teams will be holding their first workouts on Monday Sept. 10. The tennis team will meet at 4:30 p.m. on the Tait McKenzie courts while the track and field squad will meet at 4 p.m. All those interested in trying out for these teams are invited to attend. For further information on the tennis team, contact coach Dellene Lackey at 421-4269; any queries about the track and field unit can be answered by coach Dave Smith at 667-3529.

On Tuesday Sept. 11 all those interested in playing field hockey on the intermediate and senior levels are invited to attend the team's first practice on the field hockey pitch at 4 p.m. For further information, contact coach Gail Wilson.

### Intercollege meetings slated

Organizer's meetings for the following intercollege sport activities will be held on Wednesday Sept. 12: flag football for men and women at 5 p.m.; men's soccer at 6:30 p.m.; co-ed tennis at 6:30 p.m. All meetings are to be held in the classroom on the third floor of the Tait McKenzie building and all interested are welcome to attend. For further information contact your intercollege athletic representatives or phone Lyn Strilchuk at 667-2289.