

S P O R T S

Offence reborn as Yeomen eye U of T Blues

By DAVID BUNDAS

With a gutsy display of determination, the York Yeomen defeated the Guelph Gryphons Saturday at Alumni Stadium to halt their winless streak at three games. York won the game 26-17, and was finally able to display their potential on the football field. Penalties which had hurt them in the past were nearly nonexistent as York was only penalized twice for twenty yards.

Up to now the offence had been sputtering, scoring only two touchdowns in their first three games. On this day they surpassed their season total with three offensive touchdowns. On defence, the Yeomen intercepted three passes and gave the ball to the offence in good scoring position for them to capitalize on the Guelph miscues.

The sign of a good team is one that makes you pay for your mistakes, and York did exactly that, salting the Guelph wounds while they were still open. Two Yeomen interceptions led to touchdowns. The first came from linebacker John O'Brien who played a standout game, also being responsible for what might have been a game-saving tackle. He decked back Darrell Skuse for a four yard loss with Guelph gambling on third and

one at York's one yard line. Bill Johnston picked off another Randy Walters' pass and returned it to Guelph's six yard line to set up the games winning touchdown. On the very next play quarterback Adam Karlsson hit a wide open Pat DiCosmo in the end zone to make the score 23-17. York kicker, George Valentzas (filling in for an injured Allan Meyers) iced it with a 26 yard field goal with just 3:35 left in the game.

Despite throwing three interceptions veteran QB Walters was able to finish the game 15 of 22 for 215 yards and teamed up with his favourite target, receiver Al Anonech almost at will. In a span of three minutes with time running out on the game clock, Anonech collected seven of his thirteen catches of the day. But, for the second time in the game the York defence stifled the attack inside their own five yard line. Anonech totalled 172 yards on his receptions.

Rookie Yeomen return specialist, Tom Kapantrias continued to shine. He sparked York's offence into action returning his first punt for 79 yards to set up a Valentzas 13 yard field goal to give York an early 3-0 lead.

At a pre game press conference for

Thursday night's (October 9) annual Yeomen—Blues city domination grudge match, quarterback Karlsson discussed his team's aspirations for a playoff spot. "We're going in as underdogs but anything can happen. Two years ago Guelph lost their first three games (one of them to York) and went on to win a National Championship. If we can win against U of T, and Waterloo, then the final game against Laurier becomes very important in the hunt for the final playoff spot."

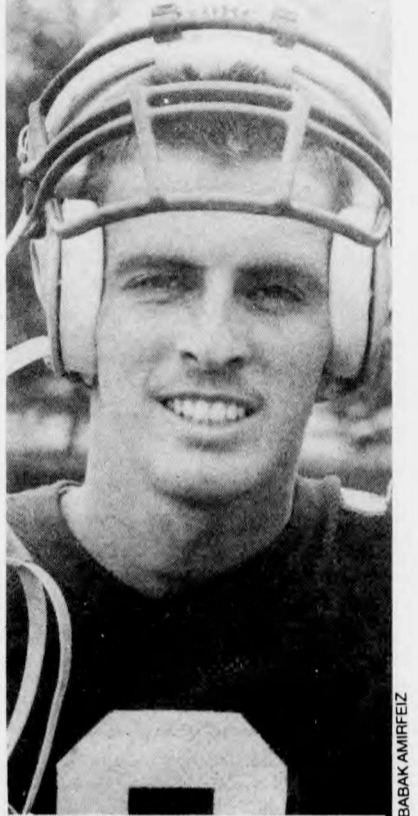
The conference was sponsored by Labatts, Q107, and hosted by Hannibals Restaurant. Defensive head Nobby Wirkowski praised his team's effort against Guelph and confidently predicted a York victory over U of T. The game, slated for 7:30 p.m. at Varsity Stadium, has been billed this year as "Football Mania" featuring the Yorksters vs. the Bluessters. To titillate your ears at half-time they've brought in the University of Michigan Marching Band, along with 290 friends from across the border.

Q107's Morning Zoo Keepers, Gene Vilitas and Jesse Dylan emceed the press conference introducing U of T coach as, Doug 'the Hulk' Mitchell and dubbing York

coaches as, Frank 'the Charmer' Cosentino and 'Rowdy' Nobby Wirkowski. "The Charmer" dismissed any rumours about wrestling "the Hulk" who has a background in the sport.

Bundas' Odds: U of T has a 2-2 record and comes into the game featuring a hot-handed Rod Moors who has completed 63.2 percent of his passes. His best receivers are Paul Shorten, Rob Crifo and Talbot Imlay. Andy McVey is enjoying his best season, rushing for 407 yards with a lofty 7.0 yard average per carry.

York has won the contest two years in a row and sees the game as the second of four obstacles which must be overcome to reach the playoffs. Karlsson has settled in nicely into his starting role and mixed the offence well against Guelph. He completed 14 of 22, hitting Mike Petro five times. The York defence has intercepted five passes in the past two games and must slow the U of T running attack to win the game. Toronto is favoured by a field goal with home field advantage and a better record. Take York -3 and hope Nobby's "bend but don't break" defence, doesn't break.



LOOKING SMUG: QB Adam Karlsson has looked impressive the past two games.

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KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE BALL: Anya Liaw lost her first match of the year at a tournament at Mayfair West last weekend.

JAMES HOGGETT

Tennis Yeowomen hope to bounce back next week

By CHRISTINE GOMES

There was some good news and some bad news about the Ontario Women's Inter-University Athletic Association that unfolded this past weekend. The good news was the play of a couple of Yeowomen, and the bad news was that they placed last in the three-team competition.

Western's Lady Mustangs came out on top of the Yeowomen and the host team, the U of T Lady Blues. York's top seed, Debbie Gonsalves, proved to be a bright spot in the gloomy situation, however. A strong and aggressive player, Gonsalves plowed through her singles matches in straight sets.

Second seed, Anya Liaw, split her two matches, losing the first, but faring better against her U of T opponent in a lengthy, hard-fought second. Liaw's patient and accurate style complemented Gonsalves, when they teamed up for doubles and stole both of their matches.

Not so fortunate were the other Yeowomen who lost all their singles

and doubles matches. Despite the bleak outcome, Coach Dubrakov (Duby) Petrovich remained optimistic about his players' performances. He was pleased that Gonsalves and Liaw have improved their chances to make the playoffs. His optimism lies in the fact that the whole team is fairly new to tennis and shows potential for improvement.

As a member of Tennis Canada, Petrovich brings to his first year at York over 10 years of experience. Declared an "easy to talk to" but "serious coach" by his players, Petrovich expects that the team will take "a couple of years, maybe two or three," to build enthusiasm.

The team will have one last chance to reveal at least a little glimmer of their future potential. The final tournament of the season will take place at Laurier October 18 and 19 where York will face Waterloo and Windsor. The championships take place at Brock the very next weekend at the White Oaks club in St. Catherines.

YEOPEOPLE THEME SONG CONTEST

Excalibur is holding a contest to find a theme song for the Yeomen-Yeowomen. The song can be totally new or an adaptation of an original. We hope to achieve a tune that reflects life at York. Hopefully one day the song will be associated with York as easily as we associate "Sweet Georgia Brown" with the Harlem Globetrotters. The selection committee consists of Dr. R. Seaman (assoc. dir., physical education), M. Lyons (coordinator, women's athletics), D. Chambers (coordinator, men's athletics), T. Meininger (Provost), Nobby Wirkowski (assoc. coach, football), D. Bundas, (Excalibur) The winning entry will receive a Yeomen Football sweater—and a hat! The deadline for handing in entries to Excalibur (111 Central Square) is October 23.

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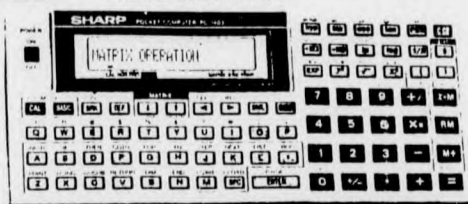
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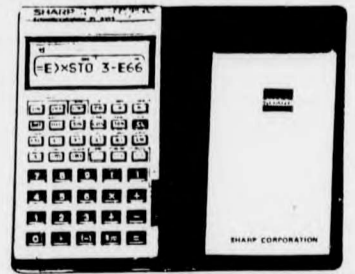
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