

# SPORTS and RECREATION

## York virtually out of playoffs

# U. of T. Blues grind Yeomen into the Varsity turf

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The York Yeomen were singing the Blues last Friday night to the tune of 56-0. Before the first quarter was over York was so far down it looked like there was no way up. They trailed 21-0 after six minutes of play.

"We got ourselves into a hole early in the game and never came out," said York centre Greg Braithwaite.

The victory was especially sweet for three ex-Yeomen who now play for the Blues. Dave Langley did not hide his obvious ecstasy after leading the Blues to a 35-0 lead at the half. The former York quarterback made no bones about his dislike of Yeomen coach Nobby Wirkowski. Langley left York to pursue a football career at U of T because Wirkowski preferred a dropback quarterback; Langley is a scrambler.

"I loved every second of it," Langley gloated, "I showed Nobby something out there tonight".

Steve Ince and Paul Forbes were slightly more subdued in their comments. Said Ince, "I have a lot of friends at York and had nothing to prove to Nobby." Forbes likened the game to a pickup match. "It was like playing on a vacant lot with friends because I know so many of York's players."

Langley connected with Ince on a 61 yard touchdown pass to give Toronto a 21-0 lead. Earlier in the first quarter, Libert Castillo scored two touchdowns on runs of one and 17 yards respectively. Langley later tossed a 66-yard bomb to Brent Elsey making the score 28-0

in the Blues' favour.

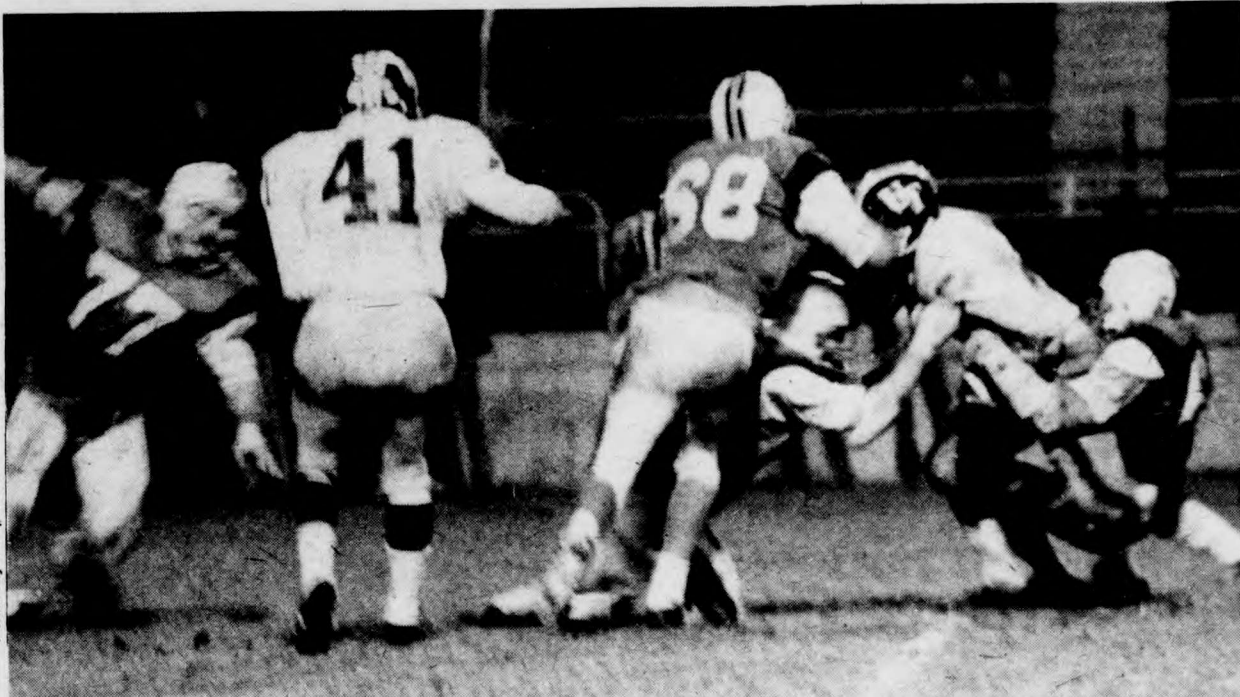
The Blues resembled a well-oiled steamroller as they grinded the Yeomen into the turf of Varsity Stadium. Their offensive line charged into the York front four like crazed bulls, as the Blues' thoroughbred Mark Bragagnolo and plowhorse Libert Castillo galloped for 346 yards on the ground.

Blues' quarterbacks Langley and Al Brechly threw passes like Olympian thunderbolts while their receivers resembled the sure-handed Greek god Hermes, amassing a total of 349 yards in pass completions. The Varsity defenders were like greedy misers' unwilling to give the humble Yeomen a single point.

It is not known what Coach Wirkowski said to his team at half time, down 35-0. Whatever it was it had little effect on the Yeomen's second half performance.

Starter Doug Kitts was replaced by Paul King who, in turn, was replaced by Frank Subat. None of the three was able to mount any kind of a threat. The York running game resembled a 1959 Edsel obsolete, as it sputtered for only 34 yards, barely a fraction of Mark Bragagnolo's individual total of 213 yards.

There were no excuses from the Yeomen players. A chastened Gus Banka summed it up, saying, "They were better than us. Did you notice the way they (U of T offensive line) came off the ball...like professionals."



Three Yeomen drag a Toronto player to the turf during Friday night's 56-0 loss. The Yeomen have won one game in four starts.

Some of the York players will have another chance next year against their arch rivals, in what has been termed the collegiate championship of Metro. However, for defensive captain Stan Kozik, who sat with tears in his eyes after the game, there will be no tomorrow. Kozik, a five-year man in his last year of eligibility, would have liked to end his career with a

victory over the Blues.

Reserve quarterback Al Brechly played the second half for the Blues and hit Steve Ince for his second touchdown pass of the game, a 60-yarder. Brechly also connected with Sam Sinopoli for a touchdown pass. Bragagnolo broke numerous tackles on a yard jaunt to the end-zone to round out the scoring. Blues place-kicker Mike

Sokovnin converted all eight touchdowns for the 56-0 score.

The loss all but eliminates York from playoff contention. The Yeomen, now sporting a one and four record, must defeat both Western and Windsor, and Western and Waterloo must both lose their remaining games in order for York to become a factor in the playoff picture.

## Stitting on top of league rugby team nears crown

The York Yeomen rugby team extended their undefeated streak to five games, Saturday, when they downed the powerful Queens Golden Gales 12-0, in front of a sparse hometown crowd.

Queens had been shut out only once before in the past 15 years, and that came three years ago at the hands of these same Yeomen.

Yeomen entered the Queens game high from Wednesday night's easy victory over U. of T. Blues, 24-6. The wins all but eliminated Toronto and Queens from the OUAA championship picture and left the Yeomen sitting on top of the league with a perfect 5-0 record.

The win against Queens was sparked by outstanding performances by Doug Austrom, Barry Beale, Ken Knights and John Spanton, but the way York kept Queens off the scoreboard needed a solid effort by the entire team.

Centres Paul Madonia and Dave Hubbs, fly-half Bruce Metheson, wings Steve Scott and Wally Urbanski and fullback Tucker Feller, were the defensive stalwarts in the game.

Spanton with a try and Metheson with a convert and two penalty goals supplied the scoring for the afternoon.

Coach Mike Dinnings, beaming after his team's fine outing, was confident about his team's chances.

"If anyone is going to win the championship, this is certainly the team that will," he said.



York's Wally Urbanski dives for the feet of Queens ball carrier and makes a shoe-string tackle. Everything York did turned up roses as they defeated Queens, 12-0.



## Dr. Labib Squash tips

### Return of serve

Last week we discussed how to use the serve as an effective weapon enabling you to take control of the "T" area, and of the game. Now we'll take some time to find the best way of negating an effective serve so that you, the receiver, will be able to place the server in a defensive posture.

The first thing to remember whether you are receiving the serve from the left side or the right, is to leave yourself enough room so you will be able to retrieve the serve no matter where it lands. The best position for returning a serve is about two to three feet from the side wall and two feet behind the service line.

If your opponent gives you a lob-serve, try to take it in the air because if it is allowed to bounce, the chances are that it will die in the corner making it difficult to retrieve and taking you out of the point.

On a drive serve, back off quickly turning towards the side wall (if the serve is between you and the wall) and take the shot

after it bounces off the wall. Not only does this take some steam off the ball, it will also rebound off the back wall with enough velocity for you to be in a good position to make a shot.

Whether you are receiving from the right or left wall, your aim should be to make the server run, so that you can take control of the centre of the court. The best return, not surprisingly, is the most difficult to execute. It involves driving the ball low and as close as possible to the wall where you are receiving, keeping the ball parallel to the side wall.

This will force the server to the opposite wall enabling you to take the centre of the court, ready for your next shot.

As in all aspects of your game, try not to become predictable by always using the same return. You will be more successful if you complement your regular return with a few less effective returns, thereby keeping your opponent off-balance.

The name of the game is to keep your opponent guessing.

## Sports in Brief

The York Golf team, possibly shivering in the cold October winds, had a disappointing showing at the National Golf Club near Woodbridge, Wednesday and Thursday, managing to place only one golfer in the top ten.

The winner of the OUAA championship was Bob Andrews of the University of Windsor with a 36-hole total of 160. Tied for second was Neal Mednick of U. of T. and Bill Stady of Guelph with a 161. York's Bill Christie was eight strokes off the pace with a 168 and place ninth in the meet.