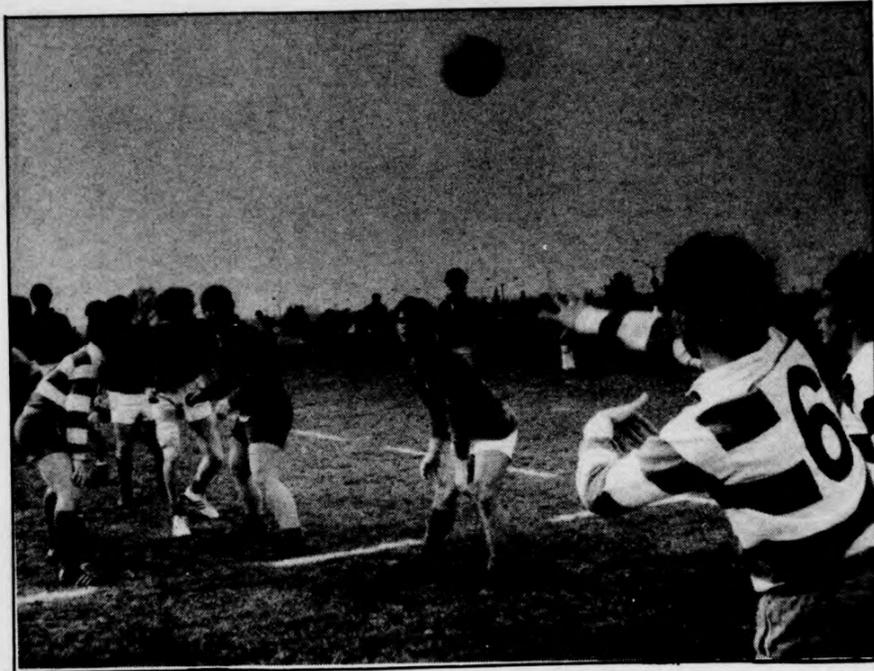


Yeomen Rugby Team quietly collects OUAA title



GRAHAM THOMPSON

By LISA LYONS

Employing their patented second half comeback York's rugby squad squeaked past the Queens University Gaels 12-9 last Saturday in Kingston. York earned a berth in the finals by defeating Western 15-9 after being behind by six at the half, last Thursday.

Undoubtedly the unsung heroes of the current athletic season, the rugby team has lived in the shadow of the football team for the past two months.

Amidst the furor of football fever the rugby team has gone virtually unnoticed. While the football team was out Blues Busting, the rugby team was out bruise-busting every other team in its division. They ended their regular season in first place in the Eastern division with a seven and zero won-lost record.

Approximately 24 die-hard York fans made the journey to the finals in Kingston. A \$5.00 ticket got the fans a bus ride, five beers, a horn and a band-aid reading "York Rugby" that you were expected to wear across your nose.

York opened up the scoring with a three point kick by Mark Whitfield. By the half, however, Queens had gone ahead to make it 6-3. York's assistant coach Steve Church said the "tight five," a key unit of forwards, was shaky in the first half, but managed to put it together in the second half unfortunately not before Queen's scored again.

Roland Saunders brought York closer with a penalty goal making it 9-6 but it was a converted try by Demech Kokinakis in the last

20 minutes that put York ahead 12-9.

It seemed that Kokinakis' conversion had insured a York victory but with less than two minutes to go in the game a York winger tried to kick the ball out of bounds with his wrong foot.

Queens recaptured the ball and scored a try which would have made the score 13-12. The referee, however, did not know it had been cleanly pushed down for the score, but thought the ball rolled in so Queens was not awarded any points. At the end of the game York had squeezed by with a 12-9 victory, enough to capture the OUAA Rugby Championship.

The game didn't end on such a good note for kicker Mark Whitfield. An over-zealous spectator jumped on him in an attempt to congratulate him but Whitfield ended up with torn ligaments.

The 1984 Yeomen rugby team then had an undeniably successful season. Assistant coach Steve Church says that York can be proud of the rugby team both on and off the field this year. Despite concerns about the unruliness of rugby players in the past, Church says he is as proud of the demeanor of this year's team as he is of their winning the championship.

The good news is that none of this year's players are graduating so there are high hopes for next year as well.

York's incredible season has also placed them in the record books. The Yeoman rugby squad has become only the second team in OUAA league history to go undefeated during both the regular season and playoffs.

Yeowomen ice hockey team 'nets' exhibition crown

By MICHAEL BYRAM

The York Yeowomen ice hockey team defeated U of T, the pre-tournament favorite, 3-2 in the weekend's York Invitational held at the Ice Palace.

Although U of T (last year's Ontario Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Association (OWIAA) Champion) was clearly the team to beat, the Yeowomen simply could not be overlooked. In pre-season action thus far York has given clear signals that it will be a serious challenger for the OWIAA title by demolishing every opponent they have faced.

This domination continued right into opening round action on Friday night as the Yeowomen handed the John Abbot Islanders (a team from Quebec) a 12 to 1 drubbing.

The Islanders, outshot 49-21 by the Yeowomen, were clearly outclassed in every department. Kim Downard and Kelly Van Dentillard led the way for the Yeowomen, netting three goals each. Downard, who also picked up an assist, opened the scoring at 8:43 of the first period, setting the stage for an almost uninterrupted barrage of York goals.

Also shining for the Yeowomen was Barb "Shotgun" Boyles. Boyles, whose awesome shot seemed to intimidate the Islanders, also collected four assists and scored York's final goal with six seconds remaining on the clock.

Coach Al Taylor, who shares the coaching chores with his wife Rhonda, was hard pressed

to find fault with his team's performance.

"I was disappointed we allowed one goal," Taylor said. "Seriously," he continued, "I was very pleased with our team's play tonight. We executed the routines we've been practicing very well."

In their semi-final match on Saturday, goaltender Connie Wrightsell kicked out 15 shots to lift the Yeowomen to a 6-0 victory over Queen's.

Their victory was actually a much closer contest than the score would suggest. York actually enjoyed only a slight 21-15 edge in shots on goal. In fact, without stellar goaltending from Wrightsell, especially in the first period, the score could have been much closer.

In the final it was a stronger York team that eventually won out. York beat their downtown rivals 3-2 to capture the tournament's title. York's offensive punch was provided by Kelly Van Dentillard and Annabella Mezerra, who netted two goals.

What is most impressive about this York squad is the depth of their offensive firepower. With the exception of goaltender Wrightsell, every Yeowoman on the roster collected at least a point or more in the first two games of the tournament.

In the consolation final McMaster University defeated John Abbot College 10-2.

York's first regular season match is today at home against Guelph.

CIAU title slips away



MARIO SCATTOLONI

By DEBORAH KIRKWOOD

They came so close but the York Yeowomen field hockey team lost a heartbreaker on the weekend in BC at the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union (CIAU) championships.

They dropped a 1-0 decision in the finals against the Victoria Vickettes.

That they made it into the finals was a bit of a surprise, for going into the contest, the Yeowomen were seeded third nationally behind Victoria and UBC. But following last week's victories at the OWIAA championships the Yeowomen arrived in British Columbia believing they could take the championship.

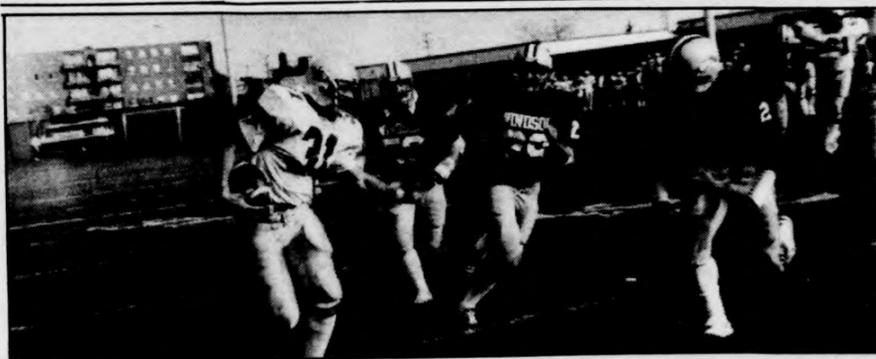
In their opening round match York defeated Atlantic Conference Champion University of New Brunswick 3-1 on goals

scored by Karen Hewlett (2) and Sharon Creelman.

York's second match was an exciting affair. Regulation time ran out with the game tied at 1-1. York then went on to defeat UBC, the number two rated team in the country 3-2 on penalty strokes—the field hockey equivalent to ice hockey's penalty shot with one forward pitted against the goaltender in one on one confrontation.

In the finals York and Victoria battled back and forth in a scoreless draw for 64 minutes before the Vickettes' Eiko Tabata scored the decisive goal.

Yeowomen Karen Hewlett, Sharon Creelman, Sandra Levey, and Sharon Bayes, were named Tournament CIAU All-Stars.



GREG GAUDIER

After great season Yeomen come up empty in playoffs

By DAVID BUNDAS

After the most successful year in the team's history, the football Yeomen were ousted from the playoffs by a spirited Western team.

York fell behind in the second quarter and trailed at the half 24-7. Despite this, York rallied in the second half before falling to the Mustangs 30-25.

It was a game like many others this year, with York refusing to give up, providing the fans at J.W. Little stadium in London with entertaining football.

This York team may be as good as any team in the country, and coach Cosentino said he feels that perhaps the accomplishment of his players would be felt in the years to come. "It's

always tough breaking new ground," he said. We made the playoffs for the first time, and Western's been there before, but I'm very proud of what the team has done." Cosentino also remarked that York was capable of reaching even loftier heights.

Standouts for the Yeomen this week were Bob Harding with six catches for 107 yards and a TD, Phil Honey with five receptions and a TD, and Joe Pariselli with 10 carries for 91 yards.

The Yeomen remain intact for next year, which should prove that this year's team wasn't a fluke. They placed four players on the first all-star team and two on the second team. Heading the list were centre Graham Catt, fullback and OUAA rushing leader George Ganas,

kicker Mike Boyd, and noseguard Dirk Leers. Defensive back Donovan Brown, and line-backer Avril Wray rounded out the second team.

This year's team has shown an abundance of character. After having been delivered a serious blow to their offence with Terry Douglas' injury, Joe Pariselli picked up the slack in admirable fashion. And Desai Williams, who joined the team late in the season, should turn a few heads next year, having provided the coaching staff with a small example of his talent.

Darryl Sampson, used last year mainly as a utility man in the offence was switched to defensive back and played impressively through-

out the season, showing great personal dedication from the first day of training camp.

Eligible for this year's collegd draft are George Ganas, Mike Boyd, Dave Cynamon, Dominic Cugliari and Norbie Wirkowski. Drafted last year were Mike Chesson, Dave Maganja and Dirk Leers, but should these players not sign with the teams they were drafted by before the Grey Cup game, they would then become free agents.

The players and coaching staff will meet this week to discuss their future. Hopefully they will remain together and help stabilize a team which has the potential to improve, and now that York has had a taste of a winning season, perhaps this could be the start of a new dominant force in Ontario university football.