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Rugby Yeomen on top



Ball was in the right hands at last Saturday's game.

Steve Church

"I have the utmost respect for York. They are, indeed a force to be reckoned with and, now, are the team to beat."

This comment by Queen's rugby coach, Dave Cooke, has become a common adage that other teams in the OUAA have also accepted.

Saturday's game at York, which saw the Yeomen defeat Queen's Golden Gaels 12-10 in a storybook finish, provided spectators with prima facie proof that York is a formidable power.

In the first half, Yeomen found themselves constantly being pinned in their own zone, due to frequent penalties being assessed against them. Also, Queen's won a lot of ball in the forwards and transferred this possession to their backs, who were slipping by the Yeomen defence quite handily.

Despite the abundant possession and threatening field position that Queen's had in the first half, all they could manage were two penalty goals in six attempts. Fortunately, for the Yeomen, York was only on the short end of a 6-0 count at half-time.

In the second half, the Yeomen started off by getting "quick ball" off rucks and mauls, with the forwards moving the ball constantly into Queen's territory. It was early in the second half when Jonathan Bell

chipped in a drop goal to reduce Queen's lead to 6-3.

But shortly after the Yeomen scored, Queen's began to re-apply strong pressure and scored a converted try minutes later, making the score 10-3.

With fifteen minutes to go, Lloyd Lewis narrowed the gap to 10-6 with a forty metre penalty goal.

The play of the game occurred with only a few minutes remaining. Outside centre, Lewis, received a pass and spurred for about thirty metres after head-faking and side-stepping two Queen's backs. Nearing the Queen's goal-line his motion was impeded and, when it appeared that he couldn't go over for the try, out of nowhere came lock Gord (Fingers) Ohm. With great tour de force, he ripped the ball from Lewis and skydived over the equalizing try. The convert by Lewis won the game for York.

Yeomen coach, Mike Dinning, commented: "Above and beyond the fact that we are a strong team, we had to rely on a bit of luck being endowed upon us today."

In the second game of the day, Yeomen II lost to Queen's II by a decisive score of 24-0.

Next game is Saturday on the York rugby pitch when the Yeomen host the cellar-dwelling Brock University squad. Kick-off is at 12:30. Come out and support the Yeomen in their quest for the OUAA title.

Volleyball victory

Sandy Simonits

York showed why they are considered the premier men's volleyball team in the OUAA, as they won the Brock Invitational tournament over the weekend. They accomplished this with a record of 12 wins and 0 losses.

In the divisional round robin games they defeated Laurier 15-0, Laurentian 15-9, 17-15; and Waterloo 15-13, 15-6.

York crushed Brock 15-6, 15-5, in the quarter-finals of the playoffs, and easily defeated last year's OUAA East division champs, Queen's, 15-8, 15-6.

In the championship match, Yeomen met the Scarborough Satellites club team and dominated both games, 15-5, 15-8.

According to coach Wally Dyba there is no question this year's team is tops in the OUAA, and one of the top university teams in Canada. Last year they ranked 10th in the nation and 3rd in Ontario.

Members of the team are setters: Dave Chambers, Al Riddell, Brian Rombough, defensive specialist: Doug Misener, spikers: Mark Ainsworth, Jim Claveau, Franco Girardo, Lino Girardo, Doug Kennedy, John May, and Larry Simpson.

Game stats show Riddell as top server with a rating of 55 per cent (team rating of 36 per cent), Simpson as top serve receiver with a rating of 88 per cent (team 79 per cent), and Kennedy as top

attacker with a rating of 74 per cent (team 68 per cent).

May kept the opposition frustrated as he racked up 35 of the team's 171 kills (a kill is an attack scoring a point or sideout). When Chambers wasn't setting he contributed to humiliating the opponent's defense with the best kill percentage of 57 per cent (team 49 per cent).

The major problem the team

has right now, according to coach Dyba, is keeping their concentration and discipline at all times during the games.

However, Yeomen have the ability to come from behind as in the second game against Laurentian. Losing 10-3 at one stage, they eventually won 17-15.

The Yeomen open their league schedule by hosting University of Toronto, Friday Oct. 26 at 7 p.m.

York stung by Concordia



Neil McKay

The all-out effort by York Yeomen in their victory over U of T Blues last Friday night ultimately led to their defeat at the hands of Concordia Stingers in the final of the annual U of T mini-tournament.

"We just didn't have the legs tonight," said coach Bruce Reier following the 5-3 loss to

Concordia Saturday night. "We're not in shape yet, but that will change," promised Reier.

A league rule prohibits practising before October 1 and the team's lack of conditioning was evident Saturday night. The opening game of the tournament, however, saw yet another classic confrontation between York and U of T. Al Sinclair dealt

the death blow to the Blues by scoring his second goal of the night from a scramble in front of the net, just 13 seconds into overtime, for a 6-5 Yeomen victory.

The fact that York was even in a position to win the game was due largely to the work of goaltender Steve Ross, who played an outstanding game, turning aside 37 of 42 shots. York managed only 22 shots at the U of T net.

The Blues were in control for much of the match, but York made the most of any opportunities handed them. Coach Reier often used five forwards on the power play and the tactic resulted in 3 goals.

Rookie Frank McCarthy had a big night, scoring two goals, including the one at 18:00 of the third period which sent the game into overtime. Blues appeared to

be on their way to victory before McCarthy found himself alone in the slot and snapped a 25 foot shot into the top right hand corner, after taking a pass from Jeff Black.

U of T resumed the attack in the last two minutes and Ross once again rose to the occasion, making two clutch saves, including one off the stick of Blues captain Doug Gaines.

Saturday night the star of the show was again a York goaltender. Veteran George Darnowski turned in a solid effort, despite allowing five goals. Defensive lapses led to all five scores, and Darnowski had no chance on any of the goals.

Yeomen scoring was handled by Beasley, Sinclair and Black.

York opens the regular season next Thursday at Guelph. Their first home game is on Saturday, November 1 against Waterloo.

Cosentino content—well almost

Bruce Gates

York Yeomen's 21-19 come-from-behind victory over McMaster in Hamilton last Saturday, still results in York's missing the OUAA playoff cut.

With a 4-3 record, York would have squeezed past Windsor (3-3-1) for that final playoff spot on the strength of their 22-14 victory over the Lancers on September 22. But that possibility evaporated when York's 15-0 win over Guelph was reversed by the OUAA.

So much for boardroom football. All the same, York did prove something to themselves and to their fans this year by

playing well against some of the top-ranked teams in Canada.

"We were in every game we played," said coach Frank Cosentino after the McMaster game.

Two converted touchdowns in the second half proved to be the Yeomen's margin of victory, as McMaster had missed the conversion on one of its touchdowns, and again failed to make good on a two-point conversion attempt after another major.

It was Mike Foster's five-yard strike to receiver Mark Hopkins that pulled out the victory for York. Maher Kassis and Keith Vassallo scored the other

Yeomen majors.

"It wasn't one of our better games," Cosentino conceded. "It took us the better part of the first half to get into the game."

But the coach was pleased with the way his team played this year, "other than the fact that we should have been in the playoffs."

Besides being pleased with how his players had improved, Cosentino noted how the league was more evenly matched this year: Laurier, the runaway winners at 6-0-1 and McMaster, the runaway losers at 0-7, were the only extremes.

Said Cosentino, "It was a surprising league this year."



Bryon Johnson