

Coach Aldridge reviews the season

Yeomen finish winless against Waterloo

By WALTER RIGOBON

York Yeomen ended their dismal football season without a victory as they dropped a 6-1 decision to the University of Waterloo Warriors in what may have been Dick Aldridge's last game as head coach.

The game followed the usual Yeomen pattern. The defense once again came up with an inspired performance but were let down by an offence that moved the ball in spots but produced nothing when the chips were down late in the game.

The York defence limited the Warrior to 68 yards passing and 192 yards net offence. In addition they blocked a punt, recovered three fumbles and intercepted one pass.

The Yeomen offence outgained the Warriors' as they produced 198 yards total. Their lone point was a first quarter single from the foot of Kevin Beagle. Waterloo responded with a field goal in each of the second and third quarters.

With a score of 6-1 in Waterloo's favour and the game winding to a conclusion the Yeomen had two glorious chances to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat.

Twice in the last three minutes of the game the York offence scrimmaged inside the Warriors' ten yard line. Each time York lost the ball on downs and with it an opportunity to cap disappointing

season on a positive note.

I talked with Aldridge last week and he paused to discuss the past season and his future plans. On his reasons for applying for the head coaching job at York, Aldridge said, "I couldn't understand why York couldn't field a better team. I love challenges and in the back of my mind I had always wanted to coach university football. I think I have something to offer the kids."

Aldridge mentioned the fact that he didn't know what to expect when he assumed the job and that he had no idea of the people who were coming to York and the veterans who were returning.

The walking out of several players during training camp caused Coach Aldridge to reassess his attitude towards the job. "I had to ask myself why these players quit. It bothered me. I had to ask myself, is it me? In talking to the ball players who didn't quit I think I came up with the answers. From what I could tell it wasn't me or my staff but rather that these kids had been through the frustration and they didn't want to go through it another year."

The loss of Paul King put a damper on the Yeomen effort this year. Aldridge reflected on this turn of events. "I was very sorry to see King go because if King had of stayed here I think we would have had two maybe three wins. His loss

put a lot of pressure on Mike Foster."

"This tradition of losing football here at York is one I want to change. I've got to change this attitude of losing. I think more than anything that York has not done a good job of recruiting. You've got to get out to the high schools, talk to these ball players and show them the good program that there is up here at York.

If you don't have the horses to do the work for you no matter what you do you are going to have problems. I found myself working with a great bunch of guys who were lacking in basic football fundamentals. I figured by the time the players got to university they should know the roots."

Asked about his future with the Yeomen Aldridge replied, "I would say that I will be sitting down and talking to the Chairman Frank Cosentino in the next few weeks. I think there are certain things that I would be looking for to be added to the complex here. You take a seven man blocking sled. I don't think the one we have is adequate. I don't think the weight facilities here are any good.

I think to be fair to the guys it would help if I had a job where I would finish at 12 or one. If I had not gone up to Alliston to teach, this would have helped. It's been a very frustrating year. I'll know in a couple of weeks my intentions."

So caps another unsuccessful York football season, but only in the won and lost statistics. Coach Aldridge sees this from a different angle, "in the losing aspect there is a learning aspect not only for the coaches but also for the players. There is always some way to improve but you've got to be fair and

to be willing to accept criticism."

"I think if there is anything that I would have liked to have changed it would be the fact that I took the job in July. If I had of taken the job in May it would have been a lot easier to contact high school coaches and players and sell them on York university football."

York pummels Guelph

By ROBERT EASTO

The hockey Yeomen administered an 11-1 drubbing to Guelph University last week at the Ice Palace in an exhibition game marred by 167 penalty minutes and six game misconducts. That last season's upset playoff victory by the Gryphons was responsible for York's elimination from the title hunt, may have contributed to the ill-feeling between the two teams which climaxed in a bench-clearing brawl late in the second period.

Nine Yeomen minors and outstanding goaltending by Guelph's Barry Ashby kept York off the scoreboard in the first period. Tom Gastle counted the period's only goal on a power play to enable the Gryphons to take a 1-0 lead into the dressing room.

Major and match penalties to Jeff Woodyatt for spearing defenceman Chris Kostka gave the Yeomen the opportunity to establish their superiority. Roger Dorey's power play goal evened the score and at the 11:12 mark Ron Hawkshaw neatly steered Dorey's shot past Ashby to put the Yeomen in front to stay.

Shortly after John Fielding's power play marker extended the home side's advantage to two goals, a seemingly innocuous scramble around the Guelph net transmogrified into a many-evented battle that resulted in banishments for Guelph's Ashby and Hugh Mitchell and York's John Goodish and Bob Grisdale.

In the third period, the Yeomen

fattened their offensive statistics at the expense of substitute goalie George Berrett. Bob Wasson scored thrice; Ron Hawkshaw added his second of the game and Peter Ascherl, Romano Carlucci, Brian Burtch and Chris Kostka contributed singles. During the deluge, Chris Meloff was expelled for talking to the referee in a manner that the official found objectionable.

The lopsided score inaccurately reflected the relative merits of the two teams. Guelph was in the thick of things until Ashby's expulsion and York's margin of shots was only 49-43. Both Steve Bosco and Peter Kostek turned in excellent performances in the York net.

The atmosphere on the ice spilled into the stands as a boisterous crowd set up a continual din. Unfortunately, the liberal use of various intoxicants led to a few excesses most of which were merely harmless annoyances. Indeed, one inebriate's willingness to take on the Zamboni one on one provided one of the evening's few occasions for evity. Not to be condoned, however, was the mindless launching of a beer can in the direction of Guelph players in the penalty box. The projectile hit a linesman in the shoulder.

This weekend the Yeomen travel to Columbus, Ohio for two games against the Ohio State Buckeyes. The regular season begins in the Ice Palace against Ottawa on November 13.

Rugby team edges Queen's

By DUDLEY CARROTHERS

Friday evening the York rugby team travelled to Kingston for an important game. Both sides needed a victory in order to stay in contention for a berth in the O.U.A.A. Final.

The game, played on Saturday in fine weather, saw two well-matched and determined teams take the field with high hopes.

The Yeomen forwards started off somewhat apprehensive in the face of the large and experienced Queen's pack. However, as the game progressed the York scrum began to dominate.

Fifteen minutes into the game Paul Douros broke through a lineup on the Queen's 10 yard line and drove in to score a try. The conversion was missed. The remainder of the first half was a see-saw battle for possession of the ball and position on the field.

With 3 minutes to go in the half, Queen's hit on a penalty kick making the score 4-3 for York.

Right from the second half kick-off a well placed kick and an opportune bounce allowed Queen's to breakthrough the York defence and score a try. The conversion was made from a difficult angle and Queen's led 9-4.

Instead of becoming downhearted the York fifteen became even more determined and began to take the game to Queen's. Despite having five rookies, the 8 man York pack began to assert

itself, giving good ball possession to the attacking backline.

Repeatedly the York team drove at the Queen's line for a score. Bruce Matheson connected on a penalty kick to narrow the margin to 9-7. Continued hard drives kept the Queen's team off balance.

On separate occasions Bruce Olmstead, John Spanton, Wally Urbanski and Paul Ambrose were stopped just short of the line by the stubborn Queen's defence.

The constant pressure by the York forwards and hard running by the backs finally paid off, as in desperation a Queen's player made a blatant late tackle on centre Dave Hubbs. From the ensuing penalty kick, Bruce Matheson scored the three points necessary to put York ahead 10-9.

With five minutes left in the game Queen's came storming back and pressed for another score. However, York was not to be denied their well earned victory by this late flurry by Queen's. Some hard tackling in the backs and a counter attack by the forwards put the play back in the Queens end of the field where the game finally ended.

It was a hard fought game with the score not really demonstrating the dominance of the York forwards who began playing as a unit for the first time since the 16 to 6 win over Guelph three weeks ago. The new cohesiveness bodes well for the rugby squad near the end of the season as they continue their drive towards the finals.

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