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Yeowomen roll to 4-game sweep

By ELISSA S. FREEMAN

The Yeowomen field hockey squad emerged as the "beast of the East" as they went undefeated in last weekend's Ontario Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Association (OWIAA) Part I tourney.

York swept all four matches, routing Queens 9-0, thrashing a hapless Trent team 13-0, squeaking by Laurentian 1-0, and overcoming McGill 5-2.

The first game against the Laurentian Veas was bluntly labeled "pathetic" by York Coach Marina Van der Merwe. Some players were quick to agree.

"We played just awful," moaned four-year defensive veteran Mary Cicinelli. "Nobody was awake. We just stood back and waited for them to get the ball."

"We seemed to have our defensive heads on but not our offensive heads," added goalkeeper Debbie Lamb.

However, the team made an abrupt about-face in the game against Queens. The style of play opened up considerably as the offense got back on track beating Queens to the ball on numerous occasions and moving it up field.

The offensive pressure was enormous, thanks mainly to the superb play of Cicinelli and Laura Branchaud.

Cicinelli was one of the main reasons why York was able to control play in Queen's territory. Playing with extreme aggressiveness, she continually thwarted Queens' attempts to sweep the ball out of their end by easily outmanoeuvring her opponent and driving the ball up to the forwards—usually to Branchaud.



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Branchaud's booming drives spell trouble for any goalkeeper. The 5' dynamo scored the lone goal against Laurentian and against the Golden Gaels she pocketed five goals from the field, and a sixth resulting from a penalty corner. Sandra Mayberry, Beth Macaskill, and Mary Jane Galaski rounded out the rest of the scoring.

Perhaps the toughest game of the weekend was against McGill. York needed two hours plus overtime to win.

York had many opportunities to score but was unable to penetrate McGill's defense. Also, failing to capitalize on numerous penalty corners put a wrench in York's scoring punch.

In the second half, Liz Kunkle, normally a goalkeeper, was put into

the offensive unit. Kunkle's presence added speed to the right wing. "Liz is very agile," commented Van der Merwe, "she can go on defense or attack."

Despite excellent playmaking efforts by Fiona Reid who often flew past McGill's defense in her effort to move the ball upfield, the Yeowomen continued to come up empty-handed.

Ironically, it was McGill who took advantage of one of their few penalty corners that put them ahead 1-0 at the mid-point of the second half.

However, McGill's goal lit a spark of desire for the Yeowomen. Some strategic play forced a penalty corner in McGill's end. Cicinelli drove the shot to Branchaud who charged the net and managed to tie the score at 1-1.

The score remained tied through the two overtime periods which forced the penalty stroke situation. At this point, Van der Merwe chose Branchaud, Kunkle, Mayberry, Galaski, and Macaskill to take the shots, while net-minder Debbie Lamb faced McGill's players.

"When it comes to penalty strokes, either you're the hero or the scapegoat," Lamb solemnly explained.

As it turned out, Lamb was the heroine as she only allowed one goal. She expertly "read" the tactics of the four remaining shooters by cutting off the angle and easily driving away the ball. York connected for four of five tries and won 5-2.

Van der Merwe was extremely pleased with Lamb's play. "Debbie shows excellent leadership in defense

and as per last year she has repeated a display of her experience. Penalty strokes don't faze her at all. She sees it as a challenge."

The last game of the tournament saw York walk over Trent 13-0. Once again Branchaud came up big

adding five goals to the tally, followed by Kunkle with two goals, Galaski with three, while Mayberry and Macaskill pocketed one apiece.

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Part Two of the Eastern Division tourney doesn't take place until next Friday when York travels to McGill. However, the team will play several exhibition matches. Branchaud was chosen as the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union's Athlete of the Week.

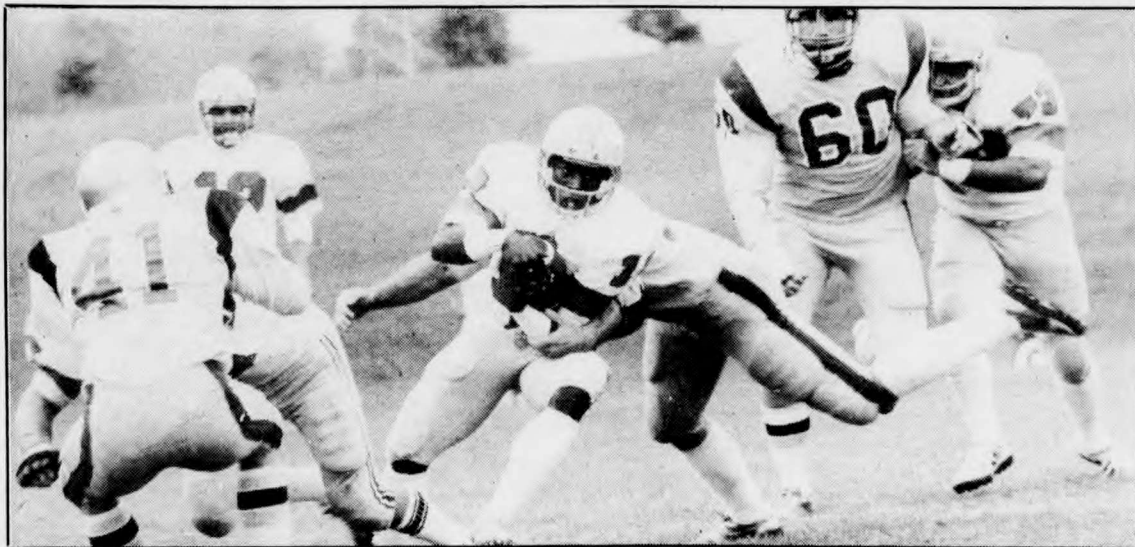


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Hawks prey on Yeomen

By PETER BECKER

The football Yeomen playoff hopes took a backward step as the nation's number two ranked Laurier Golden Hawks walked away with a 34-24 victory last Saturday afternoon.

A crowd of about 1,000 watched helplessly as York dropped their third game this year after leading at the half. The loss puts the Yeomen in a must-win situation going into today's "Bud-Grudge" showdown with UofT.

"We have three games left," coach Dave Pickett said. "We're in control of our own destiny."

York's offense seemed to be on fire as they moved the ball at will in the first 20 minutes of the game. The first quarter saw quarterback Paddy O'Neil engineer six first downs and 11 points on the board while the defense stymied the highly-touted Laurier running game.

The second half looked totally different, however. O'Neil was

into the third quarter to get the offense moving. Although they showed some life the effort was too little too late as the Hawks outscored York 23-10 in the final 30 minutes of play.

Terry Douglas, last week's Ontario Universities Athletic Association (OUAA) player of the week, ran and jolted the Hawks on the first play of the game when he broke an end sweep 84 yards down the right sidelines for the major.

Douglas continued on York's next series of play, spearheading a 57-yard drive with four carries, one a 37-yard gallop off left tackle to take the ball down to Laurier's 28-yard line. Mike Boyd cashed in one of his three field goals of the day to up York's lead to 10-0.

Laurier got rolling when Mike Wilson connected with Paul Nastasiak on a 75-yard pass-and-run play

for their first major. Wilson completed 13 of 27 attempts for 330 yards and two touchdown passes.

The tandem of Wilson and Nastasiak teamed up again in the second half, this time on a 90-yard bomb for a major. Nastasiak had three receptions for 167 yards and two touchdowns.

"The big play killed us," Pickett said. "It wasn't the best game of the year for the defensive secondary."

"We had breakdowns in the second half and they caught us with things they never did before. It's the best passing I've seen from Wilson in a long time."

Randy Rybansky bulled over the goal line on a five-yard run to round out the scoring for the Hawks.

York's other major saw Iacono march the Yeomen 85 yards on four plays, hitting Steve Delzotto with a 33-yard pass-and-run play to cap the drive off. Iacono completed 10 of 18 for 126 yards.

SPORTS OPINION

By CRAIG S. DANIELS

"Sport," writes part-time *Toronto Star* scribe Kevin Scanlon, "is not the real world... it is a world where one sees the full range of human emotions, from heartbreak to euphoria, without having to witness the tragedy of real life."

Periodically though, the tragedy of real life and the world of sport cross paths, and when they do there are no rule books prescribing a code of fair play. No one understands this better than cyclist Jocelyn Lovell. He now lies in a Toronto hospital paralyzed below the neck, a victim of a highway collision while cycling this past summer.

Stuart Robbins, Chairman of York University's Department of Physical Education points out, "The nature of sport involves injury from time to time, but is hard to fathom a tragedy greater than that suffered by Jocelyn Lovell."

Lovell represents of course one of this country's greatest athletes. As Robbins adds, "Not only was he a great athlete, but he was great in a sport that is more demanding, and more difficult to succeed in than most others." Pan American and Commonwealth Gold Medals, three-time Olympian and Canada's athlete of the year in 1975, testify to his championship status in the cycling world.

In a gesture that is as warm as Lovell's accident is tragic, a group of Jocelyn's friends have banded together and formed a trust fund in Lovell's name. The aim of the fund is to raise \$450,000 toward making Lovell and his family's life as comfortable as possible under what Trust Fund Administrator Peter Kent calls "exceptionally difficult circumstances."

"The idea," explains Cindy Campbell, "is to raise enough so that basically, he can live off the interest. While he is making important rehabilitative strides, it is unlikely that his condition will drastically improve, so it is important that there be a fund he can draw on as long as necessary."

"So far, the response right across the country has been terrific," says Campbell. "Individuals, corporations, clubs and cycling associations are all either contributing directly, or holding events to raise donations. If York students could contribute as individuals, or as a group hold a pub of the proceeds going towards Jocelyn's cause, it would really be a boost."

The list of distinguished patrons to the Trust Fund includes Lieutenant Governor John Aird, World Champion Skier Steve Podborski, New York Islander Mike Bossy, Director of Fitness Canada Abby Hoffman, and a host of others. If you would care to add your name to the list, be it through money, time or ideas, you can phone the Trust Fund at (416) 495-4141, or write The Jocelyn Lovell Trust Fund, c/o 1169 Bloor St. W., Toronto M6H 1M9.