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Yeomen defence mauls Gryphons

By John Boudreau

A strong defensive display, coupled with an offence that managed to put enough points on the scoreboard led the Yeomen to a 13-8 football victory over the Gryphons Saturday at Gryphon Stadium in Guelph.

Played in perfect football conditions, the game was not in the bag for the Yeomen until linebacker Elviro Marsella pounced on a Gryphon fumble deep in York territory with 32 seconds remaining in the game.

The play depicted the fierce hitting of York's defence who held the Gryphons to 190 yards offence. York's offence on the other hand racked up 350 yards, split evenly between the rushing and passing attack, but the Yeomen ran into difficulties once inside the Guelph 30 yard line.

The Yeomen fell behind quickly when Gryphon running back Ron Lively victimized the punt coverage team and scampered 55 yards for a major with just 2 minutes gone in the first quarter. The convert was good and York trailed 7-0.

However, it seemed to be just a matter of time before York would hit the scoresheet. After several punt exchanges York QB Mike Foster hit wide receiver Les Huggins for a 70 yard pass and run play which brought the Yeomen

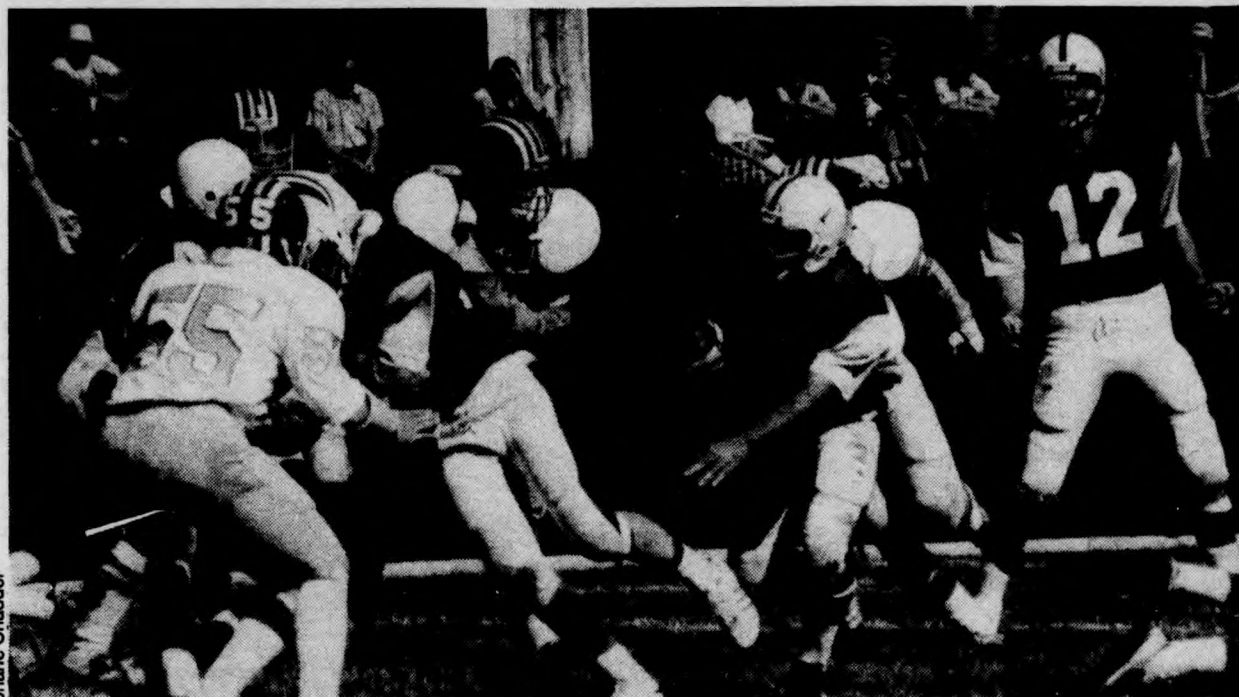
down inside the Guelph 20 yard line. Guelph toughened up and York settled for a 16 yard field goal from Craig Clydesdale.

The rest of the half was hard hitting defensive ball with York being continually hampered by a sputtering offence, while Guelph fared no better in contracting many stupid penalties.

A 20 yard pass from Foster to Huggins left the Yeomen in excellent field condition. Late in the second quarter, the offence faltered again, bringing Clydesdale out for his third attempt of the game. He had missed a 41 yarder earlier in the second quarter but made no mistake on this 14 yarder with 20 seconds left in the half. York entered the locker room trailing 7-6 at the half.

York displayed much more confidence in the second half and behind the strong running of Larry Sturino and Keith Vassallo wore down the Gryphon defence until Foster hit Rick Dilena for a major with 5 minutes gone in the third quarter. Clydesdale kicked the convert and York was in front to stay.

Guelph managed a single with 10:20 left in the game on a wide field goal attempt but the York defence blunted the Gryphon attack all afternoon. Guelph QB Dale Cowan managed to complete only 3 passes in 13 attempts while having two picked off; one by Ron



Running back Larry Sturino churns out some tough yardage in 13-8 victory over Guelph.

McIntyre and another by Brian Bird.

Mike Foster was successful on 9 of 14 for 177 yards with Les Huggins grabbing 5 of those for 109 yards. Huggins was also the Yeomen's leading rusher, with 4 carries for 65 yards while Keith Vassallo had 10 carries for 54 yards and Larry Sturino toted the ball 18 times for 53 yards.

Guelph travels here Saturday for a game slated for 2 p.m.

Soccer split

By Greg Saville

The Yeomen soccer team is definitely improving, according to coach Eric Willis after losing one game and winning another this past weekend in Kingston.

After the Queen's loss on Saturday Willis said it was a hard fought match but Queen's aggressive play gave them the win. "It showed our team that every team in the league must be taken seriously," said Willis.

The Yeomen, last year's Canadian soccer champs, won their first match of the 1978-79 season by beating Royal Military College 3-0 on Sunday. Mike Burke came through with a hat trick for the Yeomen and John Debenedictis registered the shutout with strong defensive support from Tony Baldassare and Bruno Maggiacomo.

Willis says this year's Yeomen are experiencing "mental lethargy" and in order to expect a successful team they will have to "go through a stage of adjustment."

In comparing last year's national champions to this year's team Willis said, "It's not the same as last year, a new mix has to evolve."

Willis is confident, however, that the Yeomen will be in the playoffs.



Bodies lunge and glide at last Saturday's game.

A rugby rowdies' roundup

By Karen Sharpe

York's varsity rugby team was trounced on home turf by the Western Mustangs to the tune of 13-0 last Saturday.

The rough and tumble contest resulted in a series of injuries for both sides.

It wasn't until the latter half of the game that Western began to pull away when a high-tackling penalty attributed to Yeoman Paul Douros put York a man down.

Bruce Olmstead and John Spanton stood out on the York team as playing an effective and hard-hitting game of rugger.

Following the varsity game York's second team was also trampled by the Mustang second stringers 14-0. This Saturday at

1:30 p.m. the Yeomen will be playing the Guelph Gryphons here at York.

York was the site of more than just varsity rugby last weekend, as the Yeomen rugby club rubbed noses with the Balmy Beach rugby club.

A reunion-like atmosphere prevailed, as some members of the York Club (as opposed to the varsity team) travelled from out of town to attend the proceedings. A wine and cheese party was held on Friday night and Saturday afternoon was devoted to the varsity and club games.

An apres-game reception and dinner dance was followed the next day by an old-timers' games on Sunday afternoon.

Cross country team fares well

Four members of the cross country team ventured to London on Sunday to participate in the Eleventh Annual Springbank International Road Races. The competition always attracts top international competitors and this year's was no different.

In the women's 4.5 mile (6.9 kilometre) race defending champion and course record holder Brenda Webb from the University of Tennessee defeated second place Nancy Rooks from York by thirty-eight seconds 22:59.1 to 23:37.2. Another American, Laura Craven of the

Scioto Track Club, finished third. Sharon Clayton and Brenda Reid both improved on their times of last year to place 25th in 26:03.2 and 42nd in 27:03.3 respectively.

The strong showing by the three York girls in the field of 251 runners carried the York team to a third place finish, the top Canadian team. Michigan State University won the team title with three runners in the top ten, and the Iowa based Kettering Striders placed second.

The men's 4.5 mile race was won by John Treacy of Ireland in a

close finish over Tony Staynings of Great Britain. The top Canadian in the race was a transplanted Scot, Paul Bannon who placed fifth.

York was represented by only one competitor, Farooq Shabbar, who placed 109th in the 308 man field with a time of 23:32.

In the men's twelve mile race, Ric Rojas of Colorado defeated Jerome Drayton of the Toronto Olympic Club.

Track Notes: A reminder that this Saturday York will be hosting the 12th annual York University Invitational Cross Country Meet.

Soccer star goes pro

By Marc Epprecht

This year one of York's top athlete's will not be competing for us. Twenty-two year old Paul D'Agostino, a fourth year Phys-Ed student who played on last year's national champion soccer team, is ineligible. The reason is that he played last season on the Memphis Rogues, a team in the professional North American Soccer League, and thus cannot return to play on a varsity team.

Paul's step up came last March when he took his agent's advice and trundled down to Memphis for a two week tryout. The owners of the expansion club, being suitably impressed, hired him to begin work immediately.

probably be a longer training camp before.

There is, however, a great deal of uncertainty about next year. The Rogues, while not about to fold, are changing management and no one, not even the coaches, know if they'll be asked to return. This state of confusion does not exactly worry Paul as his main interest still lies with finishing his B.A. here at York. "As far as I'm concerned," he says, "it was a kind of bonus, a lucrative summer job that I was very fortunate to land." He does not plan to build his career around soccer unless it can offer him a very secure, long-term contract. Only in that case would he consider it, but for now he wants to put in the two more years necessary to attain the security of his degree. He admits though, that his chosen field of interest, teaching, is not exactly booming with opportunity these days, so he may well have to fall back on soccer.

During the school year Paul lives downtown with his parents. In the summer he shared an apartment in Memphis with another player, where, he hopes, he'll return again this year. While he enjoyed it very much down there, he does have some regrets. "I'm sorry I won't be able to play for York anymore because I had lot of fun last year. Our team spirit was just great, and then, to top it off with the national championship as we did, well, it was one of my most enjoyable years."

Lately Paul has been unable to make many practices since he's still catching up on one course from last spring, but he does intend to start getting in shape again. He'll be concentrating primarily on regaining his cardio-vascular condition through many miles of running. The York squad, whose competition season is about to get under way, are now more interested in working on game strategy as dedicated by coach Eric Willis.

From what little Paul has seen of the team this year, he feels that, despite the loss of some of its most experienced players, it looks good. There's a lot of potential among its newcomers, though they'll be hard pressed to defend their national title. With alumni like Paul D'Agostino out to spur them on however, they certainly won't be lacking for inspiration.



Yeoman turned Rogue D'Agostino.

In a season that stretched from April to the beginning of August, he helped, from his position as sweeper or rover, the team to finish second last in its division, only two points short of a playoff spot. Not bad for his, and its first year.

Of course this meant missing the last three weeks of school. He had to arrange privately with his professors to return to write his exams at a time that accorded with his busy schedule. It included up to two workouts daily and two games a week. Much of his time was spent on arduous road trips across the U.S.A., on one of which he even managed to get up to Toronto in a game against our own former league champions, the Metros-Croatia club. This year he expects an even earlier start to the season as there will