

Sports and Recreation

Now that's cricket! York wins again



Tommy Astaphan

York University Cricket Club registered yet another victory in the fourth division of the Toronto Cricket Club by three wickets and in so doing confirmed their hold on second place in the race for the "Paris Cup", the trophy given to the winners of the division.

Malton won the toss and elected to bat in fine weather, but they were soon in the midst of a "storm" as they lost five wickets for twelve runs in eight overs. (An over is six balls delivered to a batsman.)

The initial damage was done by medium pacer William Ward who got the first two wickets, both caught by the wicketkeeper in his first two overs. Trevor Young, the other opening bowler, accounted for two more wickets, and then Ward countered with another.

All seemed lost for Malton, but sheer determination saw them to 27 runs for the loss of the sixth wicket. The seventh wicket proved to be, if not the saving grace, the only source of respectability for Malton batting. This partnership, which was the best of the day for either team, put on 34 extremely valuable runs.

At 61 runs, Brown, after a very patient knock worth 18 runs, was spectacularly caught by Tony Smitten at the second slip (the area behind the batsman, next to the wicketkeeper). This wicket signalled the beginning of the end for Malton. Soon after, the top scorer, B. Rodd, was beautifully bowled by Dwyer Astaphan with an unplayable in-swing (the equivalent of a curve in baseball) for 34 runs. The last three wickets fell for 20 runs and York was left with the task of making 82 runs for victory, with all the time in the world.

York started quietly. Thirteen runs were on the scoreboard before Smitten was bowled by E. Heron for eleven runs. With the total still 13 (unlucky?), Linton Baachus followed Smitten back to the stands when he was comprehensively beaten and bowled by Brown.

Astaphan was next out when he was caught at mid-on (left field) off the bowling of Heron. York was, at this point, 49 runs away from victory with seven wickets in hand.

What followed thereafter gave validation to the "Domino Theory". With the exception of James Subryan, who scored 22, and Young, who scored 25, the middle order collapsed in turmoil.

The seventh wicket fell with totals tied at 81, and excitement rippled through the small but appreciative crowd of spectators. Tension mounted as the incoming batsman took his guard with seven wickets down and one run for victory.

The seventh wicket fell as a result of the batsman attempting to steal the winning run, when Coris Young was run out. The new batsman, Tommy Astaphan, flicked the third delivery through midwicket (far left-field), and victory was York's.

The final game is against Overseas Cricket Club at King City Cricket Ground, Sat., September 29 at 1 pm.

Opportunities galore in women's sport

York's Interuniversity Athletic Program for Women offers competition in thirteen sports and the opportunity for athletes to compete against other university teams in the Ontario Women's Intercollegiate Athletic system.

The school of practices and competitions set out by the Women's Interuniversity Athletic Office allows the skilled athlete to achieve excellence under the direction of a highly qualified and enthusiastic coaching staff.

The women's interuniversity athletic program boasts a number of success stories. Last year, volleyball Yeowomen upset the University of Western Ontario to take the Ontario University Championships. They then proceeded to the Canadian University finals for a respectable showing. The Yeowomen gymnastics team, perennial Ontario champs, repeated their winning streak and finished third at National University Competition in Vancouver. Yeowoman Diana Dimmer ranked first in tennis and led her team to a fourth place showing in Ontario while rookie track and field star, Nancy Rooks, one of Canada's top runners, was named York's "Female Athlete of the Year".

The Field Hockey Team, which

benefits from the expertise of Marina van der Merwe, is presently ranked fifth in Canada. With daily practice at 7 am, the team hopes to rob the Ontario crown from the University of Toronto this season.

Although practices are already underway for such sports as tennis, field hockey, track & field, swimming, volleyball and basketball, a number of sports could use some new and exciting talent for the 1979-80 season.

Figure skaters can look forward to the help of new coach Mary Lou Howieson, who has an extensive background as skater, coach and choreographer. Prospective skaters should report to the ice arena on Tuesday, Oct. 2 at 7 pm for the first practice.

Norm Dodgson will once again coach the Yeowomen pucksters and is anxious to see some keen ice hockey players at the initial team meeting today at 5 pm, Tait

McKenzie Building Classroom. Ice practice starts Wednesday, Oct. 3 at 6:30 pm.

The synchronized swim, fencing, diving and squash teams could also use new recruits for the coming season.

If you like activity, competition, good coaching and fun, join the Yeowomen now. Call the Women's Interuniversity Athletic Office at 667-2289 for further details on the 1979-80 schedule

Soccer Yeomen win

Ron Sherkin and Danny Pirnick York University Soccer Yeomen opened their 1979 regular season at home with a 2-1 victory over Queen's.

Peter Kovacs and Kick Plessas were the scorers who guided the Yeomen to their first. Although Queen's outplayed the Yeomen in the first half, they were held at bay by York's stellar goaltending.

After a scoreless but highly entertaining first half, York was able to break the deadlock in the 80th minute of play on a goal by Plessas. He was set up nicely by Kovacs, who scored a pretty goal himself (which proved to be the game winner) just three minutes later. Queen's countered with a



goal to spoil York's shoutout bid with only four minutes remaining.

York coach Eric Willis was pleased with the fact that

Yeomen were able to come back and continue playing with confidence after being thoroughly outplayed in the earlier part of the game.

Football transfer rule too vague



Lawrence Knox

The Ontario Universities Athletic Association has made some controversial policies before, but their latest, the new transfer rule, is one which they could not let fail.

That's probably the main reason the three-man judicial committee studied and reprimanded York University Yeomen, and the University of Western Ontario Mustangs football teams for using ineligible players in victories earlier this season.

The committee stripped both York and Western of these victories because of this new vague ruling.

The transfer rule, which applies to football, basketball and hockey, was introduced to stop student athletes from changing schools for the sole purpose of athletics. If a student is serious about

changing schools, he must prove it by sitting out a year of intercollegiate competition.

The players in question were York's Frank Raponi, and Steve Keating and Bob House of the Mustangs.

In the case of House, the committee had evidence that he had withdrawn from school last December, in which case he would be obliged to sit out a calendar year from the date of his withdrawal.

In another situation, Laurier Golden Hawks were found to be using an ineligible player in their first game — a 30-7 victory over Guelph, but were not penalized because the judicial committee had originally deemed the player, Jim O'Keeffe, eligible, even though he wasn't.

Raponi, who played football while attending the University of Toronto in 1977, sat out last year and decided to return to school, but at York instead.

York coach Frank Cosentino says he wasn't aware that the one-year sit out also applies regardless of how many years a student has been out of school

Another player who was being questioned was defensive back Steve Keating, but Cosentino didn't find out if Keating was accepted into York until a day before the ruling was made. Keating did not dress for any games.

"The intent of the rule is that there be a one-year delay when they transfer to another school," Cosentino said. "In Raponi's case, there would be a two-year absence and I don't think that's what the rule was intended to do."

After reviewing the rule and the judgments, it's easy to see that the ruling doesn't apply to Raponi at all. And to strip a team of a hard fought victory, as York's was when they outthusted the Guelph Gryphons 15-0 two weeks ago, is absolutely absurd.

Also, if you were to ask any player or coach of a team in the league, they would tell you that they would rather see a victory won or lost on the field, rather than by a handful of athletic administrators just looking for a chance to flex their muscles.

By stripping teams of victories in this way, the OUAA once again strikes another fatal blow to the quality of the university sports played in Canada. Even though Western used an ineligible player, to strip the whole team of a hard fought victory has a psychological affect on the players who were eligible.

Oh, it's true, the OUAA has everything to gain and nothing to lose by this ruling. After all, what do they care about the athletes. They're too worried about their image as a governing body.

It's not the first bad ruling by the OUAA, and believe me, folks, it won't be their last.