

Soccer Yeomen remain atop the East Division

By GARRY H. MARR

The undefeated Yeomen soccer team suffered their first loss at the hands of the Laurentian Voyageurs last Sunday.

The Yeomen hoped to maintain their first place position in the Eastern division, but the Laurentian Voyageurs had different ideas as they defeated York 1-0 on Sunday. The previous day York managed a come-from-behind 2-1 decision over the Carleton Ravens.

The game against Carleton was a re-match of the previous week's game which York won 4-3. Carleton's coach, Arthur Grainge, commented that "revenge would be sweet... the Eastern division is very competitive this year." He likes his team's chances, and says that Carleton has "improved in the last couple of years. Last week we contributed to our own downfall."

For a while it looked like coach Grainge's optimism was right on track. The Yeomen could not get anything by Carleton's goalie in the first half, despite ample opportunities. The first half was a different story as Carleton seemed to take control of the play. The result was a goal by Paul Vidovich giving Carleton a lead late in the game. Goalie Dave Ashfield was beaten to the ball and it was tapped over his head. "I was playing aggressive all day and when I went for the ball it

held up in the wind before I could get to it," Ashfield said.

Ironically, the goal by Carleton seemed to ignite the Yeomen. Tony Oliver blasted home a shot with five minutes left Oliver described it as, "a perfect shot to the upper left hand corner." On the sidelines, former head coach Norm Crandles could be heard screaming "let's not play for a tie." Crandles turned into a prophet when forward Hunter Madeley headed in a ball to make it 2-1. Madeley had been the recipient of a perfect cross-over pass from Oliver. "It was a planned play from practice," Oliver said.

The game was marred by excessive rough play by both teams and resulted in the issuance of four yellow cards by referee Peter Jolly. "Carleton committed the original fouls and York was just retaliating." On a positive note York received some solid defence from players like Carl Koteff.

York's defence continued to play well throughout Sunday's encounter against Laurentian, most notably Murray Speers. Unfortunately for York the Voyageur have a very impressive defence as well. They have not given up a goal all season, and coach Greg Zorbas understandably sees goaltending and defence as his team's strong point. Before the game he revealed that his game plan was definitely centred around stopping Madeley and Oliver.



ALL THE RIGHT MOVES: York Yeoman Tony Oliver puts a move on a Voyageur in Sunday's game, while teammate Kevin Boyle warns Oliver of an oncoming attack. Oliver was key in York's 2-1 victory over Carleton, scoring the tying goal and setting up the winner.

The Voyageurs mustered up enough offence to produce one goal scored by Neil Rainford. Rainford's goal was not a pretty one as it dribbled by Dave Ashfield into the net. The Yeomen tried to storm back, as in the game against Carleton, but they

were met by a much tougher defence. Despite constant pressure the Yeomen were unable to tie it up.

After the game York head coach Eric Willis said it was a "bad goal that came off a mistake." He said that he was satisfied with his team's

performance, but felt they were "just not finishing plays up. We need the killer instinct to finish." He does feel that he has a good squad and is confident that "we will be in the playoffs."

Field hockey Yeowomen off to impressive start

By PAUL CONROY

The York Yeowomen field hockey team have started their 1987 season in excellent form, picking up where they left off last year. Opening week action saw the team host Toronto and Waterloo, and take to the road for games against Guelph and Western.

In the season opener against Toronto, the team showed a lot of spirit but could not manage a great deal of offence and ended up on the losing end of a 1-0 shutout. Much of the game took place in the home side's zone and if it were not the excellent goaltending of York's Sharon Bayes, who made several key saves, the final tally would have been worse. The only goal of the game was scored by Tina Chumak who popped the ball into an empty corner of the York net during a goalmouth scramble.

Sandra Levy was not the sole offensive threat for the Yeowomen but the stiff Toronto defence thwarted all attempts to get near their net.

Weekend action saw the Yeowomen turn things around, starting with a 5-0 thrashing of Western. In this contest it was York's turn to be the aggressor, giving goaler Bayes an easy outing. Sharon Creelman led the team in offensive output with three goals, Sandra Levy and Joel Brough counted once each.

The game against Western was an excellent tuneup for the team which faced much stiffer opposition in their second showdown of the day versus Guelph.

The Guelph team, which has been strong in recent years, was the only squad other than U of T to manage to defeat the Yeowomen last year in OWIAA action.

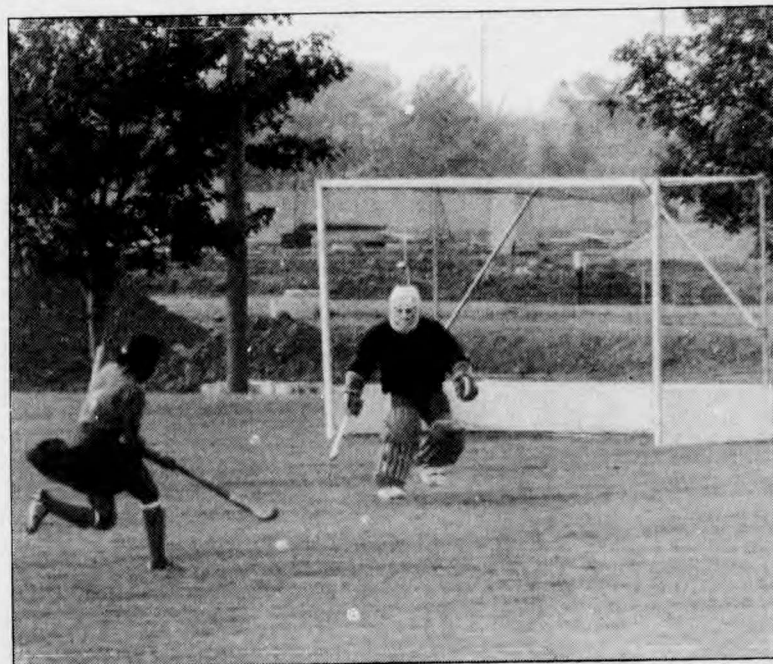
Fortunately the Gryphons came out slowly and the York side exerted early pressure and quickly built up a 2-0 lead on goals by Allison Kirk and Sharon Creelman. The home team eventually came to life and fought back gamely but they could not penetrate what has turned out to be a very solid Yeowoman defensive unit, and the early lead stood up throughout.

Sunday saw the Yeowomen back at home to host a late morning against Waterloo. In a decidedly one-sided contest the home side out-hustled the Warriors from the opening whistle and had built a 3-0 lead

by halftime on goals by Levy and Creelman, who counted twice.

The second half saw York coach Marina van der Merwe go with some of her reserves to give them some much-needed experience, and still the home side dominated, coming up with two more scores. Sharon Creelman scored once again, giving her a remarkable seven goals in three games, and Kathy Timmons rounded out the offensive output making the final York 5, Waterloo 0.

After the first week of OWIAA competition the Yeowomen squad can boast a 3 and 1 record, having outscored their opponents 12-2.



SHE SHOOTS, SHE SCORES? York's Sandra Levy moves in on University of Toronto goalie Wendy Baker. Toronto managed to shut out the Yeowomen in their home opener last week at York. The Yeowomen, who are ranked fourth in the country, have so far outscored their opponents 12-2.

York waterpolo team looked impressive in weekend tourney

By JOHN MAZZILLI

York's waterpolo team looks like it will be one of the top contenders for this year's Ontario University Athletic Association (OUAA) western division championships. This past Saturday saw the Yeomen team finish undefeated in the 10th annual York Earlybird Tournament, a pre-season round robin event that ran all day at the Tait McKenzie pool.

In past years, York's Earlybird has been used as a springboard to the new waterpolo season. And this year was no exception as eight of the nine competing OUAA schools took part with the University of Toronto Blues being the lone absentees.

The Yeomen initiated the tourney with a 6-3 win over Queen's, with second year player Mike Hickstein scoring twice. York then proceeded to put on a superb performance in game two, beating Royal Military College (RMC) 11-1. Stephane Collin had the hot-hand in that game, as he netted four goals for York.

For the final game, the Yeomen would have their hands full against Carleton, who are expected to challenge University of Ottawa this year for the OUAA Eastern division title. After having leads of 2-0, and 3-1 over the Ravens, thanks to goals by Ross McDonald with two, and Rich Wells, the Yeomen showed signs of fatigue and allowed Carleton to tie the score at three. The fourth quarter saw near misses and incredible saves at both ends of the pool, but no goals. The game ended in a hard fought 3-3 tie. Goaltenders John Dawson of York and the Ravens' Jim Pankiw were clearly the best players in the pool for this match.

York's assistant coach Bryan Robertson (who also doubles as the goalie of the National Waterpolo Team) said "John has improved

both his skill and confidence levels since last year." Head coach Kevin Jones, now in his 18th year of coaching at York, is happy with his team's performance, although he would like to see some of his injured players return. Last year, York finished a disappointing third in the OUAA West division, a far cry from the 1982 team that won it all.

"It (the tournament) offered a good look at some of our new players, and showed me that McMaster is still the team to beat," expressed Jones at the end of the tourney.

Last year it was the Ottawa's GeeGees who defeated the Marauders, although McMaster has been the dominant force in waterpolo, winning 17 of the last 19 annual championships. McMaster won all three of their games at the York Earlybird, finishing at the top along with York, Ottawa, and Carleton.

With the regular season opener set for next Saturday, the Yeomen should be prepared with a healthy starting seven, and enough substitutes to get off to an all-important winning start. The season runs to the end of November, when the top two teams of each division play off for the OUAA title. The Yeomen, barring any further injuries, should be involved.



John Dawson: York netminder.