

S P O R T S

Grid Yeomen win with vastly improved second half 7-6 after 30 minutes, 34-9 after 60

By DAVID BUNDAS

York got more than they expected from the Waterloo Warriors leading only 7-6 at the half, but eventually went on to win 34-9. The Warriors played tough defense and surprised York with a capable running game.

Waterloo received admirable contributions from linebacker Brian Kaban, who booted field goals of 43, and 13 yards, as well as intercepting one of Tino Iacono's passes. York opened the scoring on a 65 yard TD pass lofted into the hands of receiver Greg Ebel, who beat his man on a middle post pattern. Up to this point it looked like it would be just a matter of time before York finally put together all aspects of their game.

In the second half, York began to capitalize on their opportunities. A short punt afforded the Yeomen excellent field position at the Warrior's 39 yard line. Pariselli then took over, gaining nine yards on a quick pitch, before breaking loose for a 30 yard TD up the middle. A mishandled convert snap then turned into a two point conversion, with spotter Dom Cugliari throwing to receiver Ebel alone in the corner of the end zone, to make the score 15-6.

York linebacker Bill Docherty was directly responsible for the next four points that the Yeomen put up on the board. His first sack of the third quarter pushed the Warriors back to the one yard line, where they elected to concede two points rather than punting deep in the end zone. The next Warrior possession looked like a replay with Docherty manhandling Warrior QB Mike Wright, again on second down, for a loss which forced them to concede two more points, and push the score to 19-6.

Waterloo added a 22 yard field goal before Joe Pariselli exploded on the ensuing kickoff for a spectacular 100 yard TD return. The play seemed to knock most of the steam out of the Waterloo team, who up to this point were still very much in the game. Pariselli, crediting his team mates for the long gainer which pushed the score to 26-9 said "Greg Ebel made an outstanding block on the play which gave me the opportunity to break loose." Pariselli also led all ground gainers with 115 yards on just 11 carries, mentioning that he felt comfortable running out of the fullback spot for the first time.



KAPOW: Waterloo Warrior slot back Dean Cebulski makes the pass complete but that's about it. Yeomen defensive back Dominic Cugliari was on the scene to make sure that the Warrior got no further. York led 7-6 after the first half but put the game out of reach by the end, 34-9. York goes against Laurier this weekend at 2 p.m. at North York Civic Stadium. U of T is just a week away.

Mike Boyd added a single point on a wide field goal of 27 yards before an interception by Chuck Thomas gave the Yeomen the ball at the Warrior 35 yard line. Glen Humenik took little time in lighting up the scoreboard on a 12 yard TD strike to Andy Douglas deep in the end zone. That made the final 34-9. Humenik, who wrapped up the game as QB, finished 3-3 for 53 yards.

Coach Cosentino suggested that after the

first half of play the Yeomen realized that they would have to execute more efficiently. "It seemed as though all facets of our game came together in the second half," Cosentino said, adding, "any time a team scores 27 points in a half, you have to be impressed."

A POINT AFTER: The Yeomen face the Laurier Golden Hawks in a battle of undefeated teams. The game will be played at North York

Stadium at two o'clock, and should decide first place in the standings. York defeated Laurier at the same time last year 16-0, but should face a tougher team this year. Devon Hanson had a brace fitted for his injured knee and should be ready for Saturday's game.

BUNDAS'S ODDS: Home field advantage gives the Yeomen an edge this week, and they are favoured by a field goal. Take York -3.

York prof reinstated as coach of national team . . .

By LORNE MANLY

York University professor Marina Van der Merwe was reinstated late last week as coach of Canada's national women's field hockey team by Otto Jelinek, Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport. The move went against the wishes of the Canadian Women's Field Hockey Association (CWFHA) and several national team players.

Van der Merwe, whose contract was not renewed in June following complaints from some of the senior players, reapplied for the job in August and was chosen by the CWFHA's selection committee, only to have the association's board of governors refuse to ratify rehiring. To solve this impasse, Jelinek appointed a four-person committee on September 5 and last Thursday Jelinek announced that Van der Merwe has been given a one-year contract to coach the national team with the stipulation that during the year there will be a formal reappraisal of Van der Merwe's performance.

"I am very reluctant," Jelinek said, "to become involved in the day to day affairs of any sport governing body but I was asked by Jan Meyer, president of the CWFHA, to help resolve the impasse which has existed . . . following the expiry of Ms. Van der Merwe's contract in June.

"Recognizing the constraints under which the committee had to work and the sizable financial investment (\$460,000 from the federal government) in the national team program and athletes, this decision will put the team back on track," Jelinek added.

"Canada will be playing host to a World Cup Competition . . . next July and it is imperative that the national team be prepared and trained for this Olympic qualifying event. I believe the decision today will allow this to happen," Jelinek concluded.

Van der Merwe, who has been coach of the national team since 1976, taking the squad from 16th in the world to one of the world's

best, was "quite delighted and thrilled" with the announcement and very optimistic about Canada's chances next July. "We have quality athletes to be a viable contender internationally," Van der Merwe said.

Van der Merwe had felt that the decision could have gone either way but she believes that "the work ethic has been rewarded. There was a suggestion that there was an easier way—this is incorrect. There are no shortcuts, no free lunches. It takes skill, talent, and tremendous determination to be an Olympic athlete," Van der Merwe added.

However, the reaction on the part of the players and administrators who had combined



Van der Merwe

earlier this year to have Van der Merwe removed from her position, was not one of joy.

Phyllis Ellis, a national team member for the last five years and a major figure in taking the player's complaints to CWFHA president Jan Meyer, said that "many individual players are going to have a lot of soulsearching about this. You have to weigh your love of the sport and competition against how much one individual can affect you."

CWFHA president Jan Meyer is very concerned with the decision as she feels that it will cause some national team members to leave the team and several board members to abandon the association. As Meyer said: "I think many of the players will be disheartened by the decision. Players have told me they will leave."

Whether these players do leave will be known within the next week as all the players are obliged to state to the national field hockey association their intention to continue with the team.

. . . but final decision still pending

In a bizarre postscript to the national field hockey team saga, Jan Meyer, president of the CWFHA, stated yesterday that she has no intention of rehiring Marina Van der Merwe, despite Otto Jelinek's decision.

"If Otto Jelinek and Sport Canada want Ms. Van der Merwe as coach of the national field hockey team, they can pay her," Meyer declared.

Meyer, adamant that she won't sign Van der Merwe to any contract on behalf of the CWFHA, objects to this government interference. Meyer was the person who asked Jelinek to solve the impasse in the first place.

Van der Merwe, when contacted yesterday, commented that anything the CWFHA does no longer surprise her. "The more responsible the decision making is expected to be from the board of governors, the more irresponsible it gets," Van der Merwe said.

"The peculiarity of the association is becoming more and more evident," Van der Merwe added. "They are assuming a role that is not theirs. I don't try to be the president and Meyer shouldn't try to be the coach. She is making tactical decisions and it's going from bad to worse."

Otto Jelinek was unavailable for comment before *Excalibur* went to press yesterday.

Stay tuned—more to come...

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