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Second consecutive OUAA crown

Rugby rookies outkick Waterloo to win title

By ANDREW GUIDO

York's rugby Yeomen successfully defended their OUAA championship status last Saturday, as they defeated first place Waterloo Warriors by a score of 9-0 in Waterloo.

Although it took a number of games for the team to regain their poise of last year, coach Mike Dinning is to be credited for moulding ten rookies into a cohesive unit that was able to peak in time for the final.

Played under cold and snowy conditions, the game was dominated by the forward pack as the weather made it difficult for the backs on either team to manoeuvre.

In the first half, Bruce Matheson's penalty kicks gave the team a psychological lift. Right off the opening kick the forwards pressed the attack in the Waterloo end and set the tempo of the game.

Team play was the key factor in the win, but sparkling individual performances were also put in by many of York's veterans. Domenic Scuglia played well as the Yeomen hooker while the ubiquitous Wally Urbanski turned in another inspired performance.

After the intermission, the Warriors were able to stage a comeback of sorts, but were repelled repeatedly by the

Yeomen defence, despite injuries to key men, Ian Brennan, Fraser Cattel, and Mike Steiger.

Adverse weather conditions forced the Yeomen into a kicking game, a situation that both Ev Spence and Bruce Matheson were able to capitalize on. Spence's kicking brought the Yeomen out of any potential danger while Matheson's three penalty kicks gave York the nine point lead and the victory.

Spectator support of the York side was surprisingly strong with close to 100 fans showing up to cheer them on to their second consecutive victory. Coming from Mac, Western, Guelph and Waterloo, the onlookers spared no effort in cheering, despite the snow and cold.

A Western fan offered that, "York played in a lot smarter way than Waterloo who were more robot like". "Wally Urbanski played a hell of a game too," he added.

After receiving the trophy for his team, captain Ev Spence commented, "It was a great game regardless of the weather. The forward pack played their best game of the season and the spectator support gave us a big lift too."

Wally Urbanski echoed Spence's comments, adding, "everything just clicked, it was the best effort



York rugby coach Mike Dinning smiles over his veteran Yeomen following Saturday's 9-0 win over Waterloo. From left to right are Dudley Carrothers, team captain Ev Spence, and Dave Hobbs.

Wally Urbanski echoed Spence's comments, adding, "everything just clicked, it was the best effort of the season."

This makes three times out of the last five trips to the final that the Yeomen have been able to take the title. The last two titles were both achieved under the coaching of Mike Dinning.

York puckmen shut out Ottawa

By WALTER RIGOBON

York Yeomen opened their hockey schedule with a 7-0 victory over the hapless University of Ottawa Gee-Gees at the York Ice Palace last Saturday afternoon.

York completely dominated the Gee-Gees who probably were still suffering the after-effects of an 8-3 loss to the University of Toronto Blues the night before. Only the inspired play of Ottawa goalie Bill Thompson kept the Yeomen from

racking up a score in double figures as York outshot Ottawa 54-16.

Gee-Gees obviously missed the services of their top defenseman Jim Kirkpatrick who sat out because of an injury. The former Toronto Marlboro stalwart would have added a measure of stability and finesse to a defense that seemed unable to execute basic skating manoeuvres.

Finding the mark for the

Yeomen were Ron Hawkshaw with a hat-trick, Romano Carlucci with a pair and Bob Wasson and John Fielding with a goal each.

Hawkshaw continued to show his mettle around the net displaing heads-up, hustling hockey. The line of Hawkshaw, Brian Burch and Peter Ascherl were also impressive with their aggressive forechecking and tenacious work in the corners.

Steve Bosco earned the shutout for York, although he barely worked up a sweat. Very few of Ottawa's 16 shots gave Bosco trouble. Most of them were weak dribblers which Bosco turned aside with relative ease.

Ottawa's ineptitude made it difficult to really assess the Yeomen's performance for, although York looked awesome the distinct lack of polish shown by the Ottawa side helped York immeasurably. Several times Ottawa players were unable to handle passes that would surely have sent them into the clear.

The absence of the truculent Chris Meloff, who will not see regular action until January, was barely noticeable, due to the Gee-Gee shortcomings.

Defencemen Gord Cullen, Roger Dorey, Dave Clement, Chris Kostka and Dave Chalk were easily able to take up the slack.

The three stars of the game were Ron Hawkshaw, Romano Carlucci and Gee-Gee goaltender Bill Thompson who is probably still suffering from shell-shock.

The worth of coach Chamber's crew will be more severely tested in a home and home set with their old nemesis the U of T Blues. These two games should be a better indicator of how good a team York has. Talk of a national championship is gaining impetus among the York faithful but national championships are not won in November and rating the Yeomen after six fairly easy pre-season victories and one regular season would be premature.

Yeomen 'merely average', win sleeper over Queen's

By ROBERT EASTO

The basketball Yeomen opened their regular season last Saturday with a 73-60 victory over Queen's.

Despite the victory, coach Bob Bain was not lavish with praise for his charges. In his opinion, the team's performance was merely "average". By the seven minute mark, the Yeomen had broken into an 18-6 lead and after that he said, "it looked like we were content to play just well enough to win."

Leading by as much as 16 points throughout the entire game, the Yeomen were nonetheless never able to break contact with the Gaels. Trailing 41-28 at the half, the Gaels battled the Yeomen on even terms in the final twenty minutes but on no occasion closed the gap to fewer than nine points.

The victory was accomplished in a manner indicative of what basketball fans can expect from this year's Yeomen. It was a total team effort. The Yeomen cannot rely on individual heroics; they must have everyone working together as a unit to succeed.

Against the Gaels, all five starters reached double figures. Romeo Callegaro and Chris McNeilly led the way with 13 points

apiece. Ted Kalka had 12 and Ed Siebert and Rob Pietrobon added 11 and 10 respectively. Harry Hunter contributed 9 points as Bain fully exploited the considerable depth he has on the bench.

The game's high scorer was Dered Swinard with 18 for Queen's. Henry Garbaty netted 14.

Also typical of York's style was the pressing, swarming defence that kept Queen's off balance all night. Their constant pressure resulted in countless blocked shots and intercepted passes.

When not actually stealing the ball, the Yeomen were forcing the Gaels into low percentage shots from outside which not only resulted in few baskets but which also kept Queen's big men from getting good position on the offensive boards. Thus the Yeomen were able to nullify Queen's height advantage.

Bob Bain, "expects a lot more from the team", than he saw Saturday night and he'll need it this Saturday as York faces its first real test of the season as Ottawa comes to Tait Mackenzie to take on the Yeomen. Last year, Ottawa eliminated York in the OUAA East quarter finals.

Wizards come of age

By IAN WASSERMAN

In their final game of the season the Yeomen Water Polo team put it all together to completely dominate RMC with a 13-3 win.

The win proves that this year's rookie laden team has come of age. Coach Kevin Jones is very enthusiastic about next year's prospects and adds "We have been doing a lot of work in the North York high school system and there are some good prospects coming to York next year".

Stars of the 13-3 win against RMC were captain Jamie Thomson who scored 6 goals (for a total of 8 in the 3 games played), Neil Harvet with a 4 goal performance, Gabor Mezo with 2 and Harry Shapiro with one.

While George Skeene, Rolf Renz and Joe Lamb were great on the defence. Goalie Herman Schindler was almost unbeatable in the nets. Solid performances were also

turned in by Chuck Gavallier, Brian Head, Dave Hughes and Des "Dirty Roadrunner" McHenry.

York's other two games ended in losses to the two eastern finalists. U of T dropped York 14-4 and Queen's won 13-2. Team experience made the difference in play.

Next year York will only lose the services of captain Jamie Thomson but the addition of extra players and swimmers from our strong aquatic team should allow the Yeomen to improve greatly.

The Yeomen will now continue in the City League after Christmas and are still interested in developing players. Anyone interested in joining the squad should contact Kevin Jones at 667-3282 or in Room 309 Tait McKenzie.

The OUAA finals will be played on November 27 at Queen's between U of T, Queen's, McMaster and Western.

Sports Briefs

In diving competition at Queen's last Saturday, York's men and women came up with another comendable effort. Lee Colby placed 1st in the one metre event and second in the three metre. John Filion and Dave Steeper placed fourth and sixth respectively.

Ann Filbert and Terry Duff both placed well, capturing seventh and eighth. Martha Halenda was eleventh in the one metre, while Pan-Am winner Jane Nutter placed first in both events.

The Basketball Yeowomen made the trip all the way to Montreal over the weekend to take on the top ranked Concordia team. Although losing by a lopsided 107-22, coach Skip Letheren was pleased with the girls effort, noting that the Concordia girls include three members of the national team. A game against McGill saw York lose 61-41.

A scheduling change has been announced by the Hockey Yeomen for their game with U of T on the 30th. Due to the Blues upcoming trip overseas, the game has been moved ahead to Wednesday, November 24th in the Ice Palace.

York will host an OWIAA-OVA volleyball tournament this weekend in Tait McKenzie. According to Yeowoman Rita Starr, the competition will include some of the best talent in Ontario. Top draw at the meet should be the UWO women's team who were twice Canadian champs and four time OWIAA champs in the last four years.

For all football fans who will not be able to get down to the College bowl on Friday night, the newly formed Canadian University Sports network will be broadcasting the game over CKRY-FM. Additional plans have been made by the CUSN to broadcast York home and away games and syndicate them for purchase to other universities in Southern Ontario. Game time is 8pm.