

SPORTS and RECREATION

Lose in final play of game

Yeomen snatch defeat from jaws of victory

By FRANK GIORNO

The York Yeomen held victory in the palms of their hands but like quicksilver it once again slipped through their fingers at the last minute. The McGill Redmen scoring a touchdown on the final play of the game, robbed York of what appeared to be their first victory of the season.

The final score was 16-14 in favour of McGill.

Coach Nobby Wirkowski placed the responsibility for the loss squarely on the inability of York's offence to generate any kind of attack.

"The offence couldn't control the game. When the defence is out on the field for a long period of time the other team is bound to get a few breaks and score," said Wirkowski.

The lack of an attack was apparent in the first half when McGill controlled the ball for most of the thirty minutes. A valiant effort by the Yeomen defence limited McGill to a pair of field goals by Dan Castellani, and at half time, McGill led 6-0.

In the third quarter York took the lead on a 12 yard pass from Doug Kitts to flanker Bill Hatanaka, after Kitts had replaced injured Paul King in the second quarter. Keving Beagle converted the touchdown.

A few plays later Hatanaka scored his second touchdown of the game, sprinting 97 yards on a punt return. Beagle again added a convert and the Yeomen were ahead 14-6 going into the fourth quarter.

With the exception of a few series of plays, the last quarter was played exclusively in Yeomen territory. The Redmen were inside the Yeomen 20, three times.

On their first venture the Redmen stalled on the Yeomen 5 yard line, when an illegal procedure penalty nullified a McGill touchdown and clipping penalty on the next play moved them back to the York 25. Castellani kicked his third field goal to salvage three points.

Hemmed in their own end, York was forced to punt the ball away on the next series of downs, but McGill blocked the Ray Fox punt and recovered on the Yeomen 15.

Luckily for York Doug Ward tipped the ball away from a Redmen receiver on a third and four gamble to thwart a second scoring chance.

For a while, it looked like lady luck was finally riding with the Yeomen, and when late in the quarter Ray Fox unloaded with a 55 yard punt putting McGill on their own 25 yard, Yeomen looked like sure winners.

Then trouble began. A series of



Yeomen defensive linemen rush McGill quarterback, during Saturday's game. York lost their third straight on the final play of the game.

Kevin Smith swing passes to his excellent stable of receivers advanced the ball to the York 45. A face mask penalty on York's Boris Barniak and a piling on penalty against Tony Iordanis gave McGill a first and goal on the 7. With time running out Tom Barbeau carried the ball to the York 2. On the next play, the final play of the game, Smith hit Colin Boyle in the endzone to sink the Yeomen. Castellani's convert was good.

It took a moment for reality to register, but when the sock had subsided it spelled defeat for the Yeomen.

Statistically the Redmen dominated the game. They had 27 first downs to York's 10. In net offence McGill gained 368 yards compared to York's 150. Kevin Smith completed 25 of 35 passes for 245 yards while York's two quarterbacks (Paul King and Doug Kitts) only managed 95. King was 0-2 while Kitts was 6 of 21.

Bill Hatanaka was York's leading receiver catching three

passes for 58 yards. The Yeomen were only able to muster 58 yards on the ground, mainly on the efforts of Danny Bertolo who rushed 12 times for 37 yards.

LET'S BE FRANK: The fans were treated to another exciting, albeit frustrating, game of football on the grassy knolls of Watsamatter U, Saturday. Some could well ask Coach Nobby what is the matter with this year's squad. They should be 3-0 but through some devilish twists the Yeomen find themselves mired in the division basement with an 0-3 mark.

After the game Joe Rocha, a sizeable offensive guard, jokingly asked if anyone could recommend a good shrink for the team. Someone replied that perhaps a priest would be more appropriate.

What a lovely day for an exorcism. Coach Wirkowski, though, will not subscribe to either of these. There has been a rumour running round that Danny Nykoluk was sent to Kenya with a case of Labbat's 50 to buy the ser-

vices of a witchdoctor. These rumours are false. Seems that the witch doctors are not in demand since they failed to win the pennant for the Baltimore Orioles.

Nobby has his own solutions. Drills to sharpen the offensive line's quickness off the snap. Wirkowski feels they were too sluggish off the line in the Waterloo and McGill games. Another remedy might call for Frank Subat to start at quarterback. Wirkowski was not impressed with the work of King and Kitts.

Sports in Brief

While disregarding the large number of swarming mosquitoes, the York track and field team made an impressive showing at an early season meet in Windsor, Saturday.

In the women's running events; Karen Merrick placed first in the 200 metres and second in the 400 metres. Margot Wallace placed third in the 400 metre race. The relay team of A. Olds, V. Babin, Wallace and Merrick came in second.

In the men's events, Wayne Daniels came in first in the long jump and third in the triple jump. A. Silis placed second in the high jump, Steve Karpick finished fifth in the 3,000 metre long distance race, and Peter Hosiak and Roger McEachern both finished in 8th spot in the 100 and 400 metre events, respectively.

Last Saturday, York Women's tennis team, playing without a full compliment of players, fared reasonably well at the University of Western's Invitational tournament.

Next Saturday, October 4, the full team will represent York at a Varsity tournament in Guelph.



Dr. Labib squash tips

Footwork

Footwork is perhaps one of the most neglected aspects of the game of squash, yet it is crucial to the game. More often than not, a shot is missed not because of what you do with your hand and arm in guiding the racket, but what you didn't do with your feet.

Because of the speed involved in playing squash it is almost impossible to improvise your foot movements, hence, every shot should incorporate a prescribed set of foot movements so that they eventually become habitual.

When corners are not an impediment, you should hit the forehand and backhand shots with the same foot movements employed in tennis.

The forehand should be approached with your left foot forward, pointing perpendicular to the direction you are going to hit the ball. As your racquet swings into action, your weight should shift from the back right foot to the front left.

The backhand shot, requires completely the reverse foot movements. This time your right leg should be forward and point perpendicular to the direction of your shot, and your weight should be shifted from

the back left to the front right foot.

The only time this rule does not apply is in situations when you are retrieving a ball near the back corners of the court.

Because following the normal rules of footwork would only cause you to bury yourself in the corner and make a shot impossible you should open your stance on such shots.

A shot from the back-right corner, should be approached with your right foot, forward, and left foot, back, thereby opening up your stance. Weight should still be transferred from back to front.

On a shot from the back-left corner, the same rule applies, only now to open your stance your left foot is forward and right foot back. Again your body weight should be transferred from back to front.

Shots in the near corners are executed the same way as when the corner is not a factor — with a closed stance.

If you consciously apply these rules to your game, you will get to the point when they become part of hitting a shot, and you will execute the correct foot movements without thinking about them.

Soccer team ends streak whips Brock to even record

By MYLES DAVIS

Last Sunday afternoon, under ideal playing conditions, the York soccer Yeomen evened their season record to two victories and two defeats when they defeated Brock University 6-0 in front of a sparse hometown crowd.

After losing games to the Varsity Blues and Guelph (1-0 and 4-3 respectively) in the previous four days, the Yeomen cashed in on several defensive errors by Brock for a relatively easy victory.

Although Lucio Perfetti scored four goals to spearhead the York offense, Elio Scopa and Herb Dubsky were the key men for York.

Scopa, the pivot man on the York offense, scored a goal and assisted on two others, while providing good mid-field ball control for the Yeomen. Dubsky, on the other hand, was the defensive stalwart of the game as he played a key part in holding the Brock

side to only five shots on net.

Unfortunately, the game was marred by poor refereeing and tempers began to flare in the closing minutes. With two men ejected on fouls, the Yeomen finished the game with only nine players. However, their shutout was never seriously threatened.

Goaltending still looms large as a problem for the Yeomen. Sunday's goaltending duties were shared evenly by Kazimir Kwietniowski, a newcomer, and Roland Schrauth, usually a forward. If the Yeomen are to make a serious bid for their division championship, a capable goalie must be recruited immediately.

Last week's losses were York's first defeats in two years of regular season play.

The next scheduled game for the Yeomen will be on Wednesday, October 1, at home, against McMaster.