

Winless drought for footballers continues

by Daniel Naccarato

The York Yeomen football team saved the best for last.

Despite finishing with an 0-7 record for the third consecutive year, the Yeomen went out on a somewhat positive note last Thursday, losing to the McMaster Marauders 33-19.

With a bit of luck and a stronger start, they might have won the game.

York coach Tom Arnott said afterwards he was satisfied with his team's effort.

"This team never quits. I have 50 kids who want to play football," Arnott said.

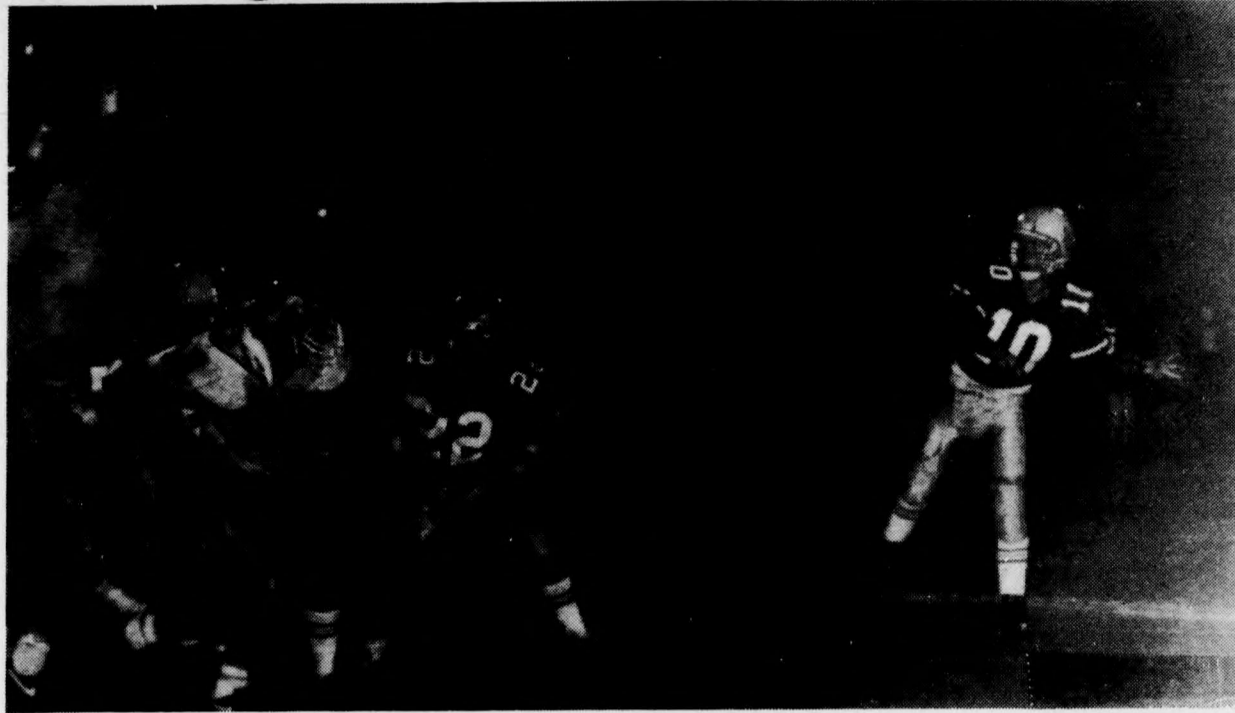
Arnott also said he's happy with the way his team moved forward this season.

"We've progressed well all year. What the team lacks in ability and physical presence, they make up for in commitment," Arnott added.

The Yeomen's effort was evident throughout. Led by quarterbacks Marcello Lio and Perry Apostopolous, the Yeomen had a solid 211 passing yards and managed to run for another 98.

But it was McMaster who came out flying, with tailback Tony D'Agostino rushing for 15 and 27 yard touchdowns on the Marauders first two possessions of the game.

The 14-0 lead remained until early in the second quarter, when a 48 yard



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YEOMAN QUARTERBACK Marcello Lio tosses the ball over some McMaster lineman during OUA A football action last Thursday. The Yeomen extended their winless streak, getting

punt return by Yeoman Paul Hilario put York on McMaster's 25 yard line.

Two plays later, starting quarterback Marcello Lio connected with Hoveg Keshishian on a 25 yard touchdown pass that cut the Marauder lead to 14-7. Still, another McMaster

dumped by the Mauraders 33-19. The loss capped their third straight 0-7 season. They haven't had a regular season victory since 1988, but coach Tom Arnott says he'll stay on.

touchdown gave them a 21-7 lead at the half.

The biggest single blow against the Yeomen, however, came on their

first drive of the second half, when a Lio pass was picked off by the Marauders and returned to York's 12 yard line.

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After Manitoba took the second game as well, the Yeowomen had their backs to the wall. When Manitoba went up 8-1 in the third and potentially deciding game, it looked as though all was lost.

But the Yeowomen staved off two match points to win the game 16-14.

Still, Manitoba's experience showed. After losing the third game the way they did, they just shrugged it off and went on to take game 4 (and the title) by a 15-8 count.

Afterwards, Mosher was pleased with his team's performance.

"The Bisons are a very experienced team. This is the best team you are going to see in the country. The [Yeowomen] coming back the way they did in game three was a good sign."

Another good sign is that all three times the Yeowomen have been in pre-season tournaments this year, they have been finalists.

But with the loss of two key starters from last year's OWIAA gold medal-winning squad, the Yeowomen would

On the very next play, McMaster quarterback Tony Alfano fooled the entire York defence with a fake handoff and ran the ball into the end zone himself.

The touchdown seemed to wake up the Yeomen, who then controlled play the rest of the game.

Later in the third quarter, Yeomen defensive back Chris Shelton picked off an Alfano pass and brought it back to the McMaster 25. Just a few plays later, Neil Denton, who has been the cornerstone of York's offence all year, barrelled into the end zone from the 6 yard line.

The Yeomen cut McMaster's lead to 32-19 in the fourth quarter when Dwayne Paul's 5 yard touchdown catch capped a 63 yard drive. A single by the Marauders rounded out the scoring.

Afterwards, Arnott confirmed he'll be staying on next season, and said he's looking forward to the challenge.

"The program's goals are to keep the kids in school, develop them physically, continue creating quality freshmen and really work with the players, especially the young ones," Arnott said.

So, until next year....

not appear to be as strong for the 1991-92 season. However, with 5 returning players, three strong rookies and the return of former OWIAA all star Bente Rasmussen (who was also named to the tourney's all-star team), they expect to be competitive, to say the least.

"I feel our team should win the OWIAA. After this tournament I don't think we should be ranked any less than third in the country," said Mosher.

The Yeowomen have a chance to flex some of their muscle November 5 when they host the Ryerson Rams.

Now you see 'em now you don't

by Josh Rubin

Some people would consider Graham Wise an optimist.

Despite the fact his Yeomen hockey team was scheduled for just two regular season home games before Christmas, Wise isn't too worried.

"You have to turn a positive into a negative. In January and February, guys will be able to rest more because they won't have to go on these long trips," Wise said.

On the flip side of the coin, the Yeomen will also be playing their tough Quebec opponents in a two weekend stretch in November, when the York side will still be relatively fresh.

"It's nice to be able to get them out of the way early," said Wise, adding "I'm glad it's November and not January or February."

Despite Wise's relatively positive outlook, it is no secret he would have preferred a more balanced schedule.

But as a bittersweet coincidence, Wise's wife Sue went into labour when this year's OUA A schedule was being drawn up. With Wise away, his team was left at the whimsy of the league officials assembled.

The Yeomen's second—and last—home matchup before Christmas is coming up this Sunday when they take on the Guelph Gryphons in a 3:00pm start at the Ice Palace.

While the past two years have seen a marked improvement over Guelph squads of yesteryear, Wise says they'll be even stronger this season.

"They've got a good-sized, physical team and they've also got some players who can put the puck in the net," Wise said.

There will likely be some tough objects between Yeomen attackers and the Guelph net, namely Gryphon defenders Steve Perkovic, Craig Kapson and Paul O'Hagan.

To beat the Gryphons, Wise says his team needs nothing more than a solid, consistent effort.

"We've got to come right out and play the whole 60 minutes. We can't

afford to have any little five minute lapses," Wise said.

York students hoping to see the Yeomen meet the Gryphons, whom Wise says are being touted as one of the top teams in the OUA A West, can leave their wallets at home. Admission to the game is free for all students with valid York ID.

York Varsity Athletics Schedule Oct. 30 - Nov. 5	
Wednesday October 30	
ICE HOCKEY	Yeowomen Exhibition, Ice Palace - 7:30pm
WATERPOLO	UofT at Yeomen
Thursday October 31	
BASKETBALL	Yeomen at UBC
Friday November 1	
BASKETBALL	Yeomen at Victoria Invitational (Friday-Saturday)
Yeowomen at Laval Invitational (Friday-Sunday)	FIELD HOCKEY
Yeowomen at CIAU Championships, St. Mary's (Friday-Sunday)	ICE HOCKEY
Yeowomen host York Invitational SOCCER	Yeowomen at OWIAA Championships, McMaster (Friday-Sunday)
SWIMMING	Yeomen at OUA A Relays, Brock University - 6:00pm
TENNIS	Yeomen at OUA A Individual Championships, Western (Friday-Saturday)
VOLLEYBALL	Yeomen at Ryerson Invitational (Friday-Saturday)
Saturday November 2	
FIGURE SKATING	Yeowomen at Waterloo Invitational
TENNIS	Yeowomen at OWIAA Individual Championships, McMaster
Sunday November 3	
BASKETBALL	Yeomen at Simon Fraser - 3:00pm
HOCKEY	Guelph at Yeomen, Ice Palace - 3:00pm
Tuesday November 5	
VOLLEYBALL	Ryerson at Yeowomen, Tait Main Gym - 6:00pm
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