

# Our football team is more than a success It's an experience

by Dave Crocker

When a rookie football team wins four games and loses only two, its first two, against sometimes stiff competition, its season must be considered a success.

A successful season is the result of many factors. Talent is important, team spirit is essential, leadership is required, desire and "heart" are vital. All these items were abundant around our football team and they were combined into a remarkable successful season's performance.

In assessing the talent present on the Yoemen this year, several names come up. It would be unfair to mention some at the expense of others. Let it suffice to say that the stars were there and they helped the Yoemen to win four games.

All the talent in the world will go to waste, however, if desire, spirit, and "heart" do not go with it. The Yoemen had plenty of these intangibles that mark a

winner. This desire to win, this competitive drive was their most outstanding quality. It grew with each game; it caught fire when the pride of winning became its reward. The spirit reached its peak in the dressing room after the last game. No team could have been happier at the end of a season. No team deserved to be happier than this one!

Beyond the list of intangibles that York owned was the one factor that created the list; leadership. Nobby Wirkowski and his assistants, Doug McNichol, "Uly" Curtis, Claire Excelby and Ken Ruddick deserve a great deal of credit for the team's great showing. These men treated the ball players like adults, with toughness tempered by respect; with the know-how of pros; with the desire of winners.

When a ball player who has had a great game says to you, "Don't forget to mention that the coach deserves all the credit because he really taught me," then you know that the coach has done a great job. The coaching staff did their jobs plus a great

deal extra. Their efforts are worthy of every accolade this reporter can throw their way.

The success of the coaching staff can best be seen by looking at two of the standout players on the team. These two boys show the improvement and maturity that result from good coaching.

A quarterback is the key to any offense and York had a dandy pivot. Larry Iaccino was a high school all-star. He came to York to play under Nobby Wir-

kowski. He learned his lessons very well. He took all his raw talent and became a thoroughbred. Iaccino could play for any college team in the country. This reporter calls him a better quarterback than Varsity's Vic Albioni.

Working in the backfield with Iaccino were some talented backs. The efforts of Shelly Pettle, however, must stand out. He too was a good student. He learned to use his speed and fol-

low his blocking. He developed a great change of pace to go along with his power. He wanted to win as badly as anyone on the team. These two boys exemplify the results of the fine coaching the team received.

Does York need a football team? Ask the players. Ask the fans. Ask anyone who listened to the cheers for the team. Ask the people who read the name "York" because of the team. Let Nobby Wirkowski convince you.

## Rugger team slacks off loses to McGill 22-16

Last Saturday, York wiped out in front of the team from P.Q. 22-16.

McGill seemed to have more of that desire to win than did the home team, and thus the upset.

At the half, York seemed to be coming back, as they fought off the early 11-0 lead of the bad guys, and almost evened up the score.

But in the second half York got in a quickie, and then backed off, leaving the hole open for McGill to walk all over the field.

The final score was indicative of York's effort. They tried, and then they slacked off. Naughty rugger team!

Those who scored did so with the screaming crowds behind them. Byron Southern and Terry

Hunter (Mr. Rugger) pulled in one try, and Tony Williams converted both, and followed up with two big penalty kicks.

The McGill scrum held an edge in weight, and thus could take tactical advantage, but the game was lost by the lack of that extra spirit by our guys.

Next Saturday, we send our team off to Kingston to walk all over Queen's. In their last match with the Red and Gold, York just slipped under a larger team, but now that York has pulled together, they should walk all over them.

Special footnote . . . be sure to watch the Rugger Choir perform their own special brand of music at the Variety Night to-night, and in the Cock and Bull Friday night for Festival.

## Uplift for men's athletics

York now has a men's intercollegiate athletic association that runs under the name of MIAC.

This motley crew is composed of the dregs of each varsity and junior varsity team, and there are at present about twenty heads in the crowd.

The purpose of MIAC is to promote interest and participation in athletic endeavours here at jolly old York.

The President is Dave Smith, VP is Gus Falcioni, and the publicity man is disguised as Don Irwin.

According to Irwin, they plan

to work "very closely" with the WAC's to see what can be jointly accomplished.

One of the members, Murray Young, will represent them on the Administration's sub-committee on athletics.

One of the first acts of this august group was to pick out a name from the thousands submitted for all varsity teams. So the next time you hear people screaming for the Yeomen, you know who to blame.

Let's hope that this council or committee or whatever they are will do something positive for sports here. The university needs them.

## Squash - it!

Things are moving on the squash front. A series of University matches are being arranged with places like Queens, Toronto, Guelph, Western, etc. starting in November.

In addition, York is putting in a team for the Toronto 'C' championship from Nov. 11 to Nov. 15, so watch for results. On the

books for later is intercollegiate squash.

And don't forget instruction. There's a pro teaching every Monday from 4:30 to 6 at the Tait McKenzie building. Just register your name - it's free.

The people to contact about squash are Nobby Wirkowski at the Tait, or Colin MacAndrews in Environmental Studies (635-3817).



## LETTER

The Sports Editor,  
Excalibur.

The members of the York Men's Tennis Team join with your talented reporters in congratulating their colleagues on the Women's Team for their outstanding success this fall. However, in view of their own accomplishment which has received no acknowledgement a feeling is beginning to creep in that the photogenic qualities of the ladies have caught the fancy of your staff!

It would be appreciated if you would announce the victorious record of the York Men's Tennis Team in the fall tournament at Laurentian. The team, composed of three singles players and one doubles team, swept their opponents from the rather chilly courts in convincing fashion, winning eleven out of twelve matches.

Peter McWhirter playing in number one position won two out of three matches -

Ryerson - (6-2) (6-2)

Osgoode - (6-2) (4-6) (6-4)

Laurentian - (2-6) (7-5) (3-6)

Ken Maksymetz playing second singles won

three out of three -

Ryerson - (6-4) (6-4)

Osgoode - (6-1) (6-0)

Laurentian - (6-3) (6-2)

Leon Wagschal in the number three position won three out of three matches, gamely fighting against the effects of a severe leg cramp in the final set of his match against Laurentian University -

Ryerson - (6-2) (6-1)

Osgoode - (6-2) (6-3)

Laurentian - (6-4) (2-6) (6-3)

Playing together for the first season, Paul Simon and Roy Fisher made a strong combination to vanquish all opposition in convincing fashion -

Ryerson - (2-6) (6-3) (6-0)

Osgoode - (6-4) (6-1)

Laurentian - (6-0) (6-4)

Renewed congratulations to the photogenic ladies - but hats off to the men who raised York's standard high in intercollegiate team competition for the first time in history!

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Coach, York Tennis Team.