

## York in four-way tie for top spot after 18-14 victory

By DAVID BUNDAS

The football Yeomen have moved into a four-way tie for first place, guaranteeing themselves a spot in the playoffs for the second year in a row. They accomplished this with an 18 to 14 victory over the McMaster Marauders before a vociferous homecoming crowd at North York Stadium.

Defensive game star Paul McWhirter credited York's improving defence on the shoulders of coach Nobby Wirkowski. "Noby puts a great deal of time on the films, and two nights a week, we all go over the key areas," McWhirter said. The staunch defensive squad has yet to allow a rushing touchdown in five games, and held Mac running back Steve Malizia to 68 yards. The Yeomen proved their strength against the run by not allowing a first down on the ground all day.

McMaster opened the scoring on a tricky option play with Malizia throwing to a wide open Kevin Reid for a 24 yard TD. Joe Pariselli then returned the ensuing kickoff 100 yards to tie

the score. It was his second TD return of that distance this season. Greg Ebel furthered York's lead to 14-7 when he hauled in a 70 yard TD pass from Tino Iacono. York punter Alan Meyers booted a single point for the Yeomen before Mac closed the margin on the scoreboard to 15-14 on a 24 yard TD by Clorindo Grilli. That's the way the score stood at the half.

York kicker Mike Boyd did all the scoring in the second half, booting a 20 yard field goal to make the final 18-14. Both offences sputtered in the half, with most of the action taking place at, or around midfield. York switched QB's late in the third quarter, bringing in second year man Glenn Humenik to replace starter Tino Iacono. Iacono finished the day 10 of 20 for 120, while Humenik contributed 3 of 7 for 42 yards.

Sitting in the stands, it was easy to recognize a change in the attitudes of the spectators of the game. Alumni, and former CYSF president Mike Fletcher recalled the days when "We used to attend homecoming games to watch York get a single point on the board." Now it seems like the fans aren't satisfied with anything less than a blowout in games where York is leading against a lesser opponent.

One facet of York's game which has yet to improve from the season's start has been untimely penalties. York racked up 114 yards in negative yardage, and halted two potential scoring drives on penalties. Back Joe Pariselli, who was 14 for 59 on the ground, agreed adding, "We seem to be the one's hurting ourselves."

There were several controversial calls in the game, most of them by a referee who didn't appear to be on the ball all game. The first occurred on a pass to Steve DelZotto who seemed to pull in the ball cleanly, but the ref said the ball hit the ground; The second one, on a pass to Mac receiver Andre Shadrach, which appeared to hit the ground before he scooped it; and the last a pass interference call on Paul McWhirter for bumping a receiver after the ball touched his hands.

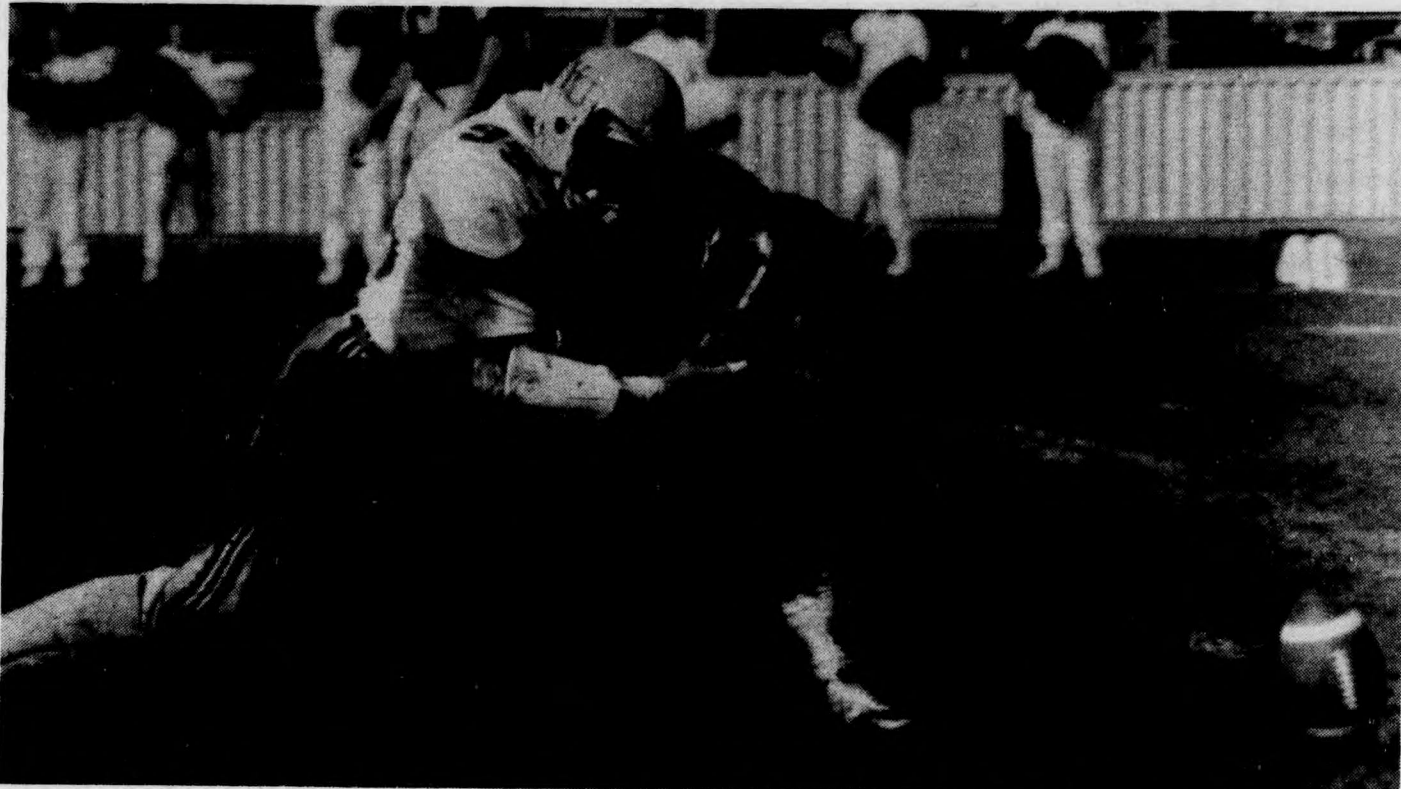
A Point After:

With a four team traffic jam in first place, the playoff picture, with regards to home-field advantage is up in the air. As it stands York will have to win their final two games against Windsor Saturday, and Western next week. Individual performances worth mentioning include Douglas, rushing for 53 on 10 carries, Ebel hauling in 3 passes for 86 yards and a TD, and a trumpeter in the stands who kept the crowd lively on a warm Autumn day.

Bundas' Odds:  
York goes into Windsor Friday night and should be well rested for Saturday's game, (not having to make the bus-ride on the day of the game). On account of this the spread is 13 for York. Take Windsor -13, as the Lancers were impressive against Laurier on the road last week.



MUDDY FIELD, Forced converts kicked from end zone.



GET OFF MY BACK: Yeomen Cornerback Carl Brillinger pops the ball out of the hands of a McMaster player. York's win puts them in a four-way tie for first place. The team travels to Windsor this weekend to play the Lancers.

## Playoff losses have Yeowomen looking to '86 season

By MANOJ PRAJAPAT

The York Yeowomen soccer team could not carry their good regular season performance into post-season play and as a result were eliminated in the first round of the OWIAA playoffs in St. Catharines this past weekend.

The Yeowomen were in Division A along with Western, Waterloo and McMaster. The teams were to play each other once. The two teams with the best record would then advance to the next round against the two top clubs from Division B.

York lost its first match to Western 5-0, in what head coach David Bell termed the "Water Bowl."

"The field was in terrible shape," Bell said. "There were at least five inches of water on the field. Western did a much better job adjusting. I guess you could say that we're not very good mudders."

York won their next match 1-0 against Waterloo. Mary Sweeney's goal with just 30 seconds remaining in the game, gave the Yeowomen the victory.

This put the Yeowomen in a must-win situation against McMaster. A win would have advanced York into the next round. However, McMaster scored with just two minutes remaining for a 2-1 victory. Shelley McNichol scored the lone York goal on a penalty shot.

Although the Yeowomen had a terrific regular season, the performance over the weekend left Bell a little disappointed with the squad.

"I'm sure the weather and playing conditions had something to do with our play," Bell said. "But we just weren't sharp. There was no crispness to our play. We seemed rusty."

The Yeowomen's last regular season game was played October 8 as a match October 15 was defaulted by McMaster. The layoff between games was a definite factor in the

team's poor performance over the weekend.

"We needed to get that loss (October 8 against U of T) out of our system by playing a game," Bell continued. "We practiced but there's no substitute for the real thing."

Bell admitted, though, that as a

whole, the season was a success and is optimistic about next year.

"There was a magnificent improvement from the year before," Bell said. "Beating Queen's (who were previously undefeated) was one of the highlights. I'm looking forward to next season. Pretty much the

entire nucleus is returning."

The Yeowomen should only be losing two starters for next year's squad. Bell hopes to be able to land some practice time at the Track and Field Centre over the winter to try and keep his players sharp and together.

"I hope we can arrange something with them (Track and Field Centre)," Bell said. "That would help immensely. But even if we only show half the improvement next year that we showed this year, that would be great."

## Rugby team pummels hapless Trent Nationals

By MANOJ PRAJAPAT

If there was ever a time for the York Yeomen rugby team to look ahead and maybe discount an opponent, it was Saturday.

The hapless Trent University Nationals were in town to face the undefeated Yeomen. York closes out the regular season this Saturday with a game in Toronto against the U of T Blues—a game which could decide first place in the eastern division.

The timing was perfect for Trent to walk away with the upset of the season. The Yeomen weren't cooperating though, as York pummeled the winless Nationals 46-6.

"Actually, I was concerned about us taking Trent a bit too lightly," Yeomen head coach Mike Dinning said. "We weren't great out there but we did score 10 tries and that's something against anyone."

York was never able to "let loose" with its running game due to numerous stoppages and penalties.

"The referee took the game away from the players," Dinning added. "There were just too many unnecessary calls—against both sides, not just ours."

The victory could prove costly for the Yeomen as Gary Kalk was ejected on a controversial call for kicking an opponent. This means that Kalk, who has been a standout for the Yeomen all season, must also serve a one-game suspension and so will not be available Saturday

against the Blues.

Dinning was visibly upset at the call. "There was absolutely no reason for Gary to be thrown out," Dinning said. "Now we can't use one of our best players in a vital game. There was just no reason for that call."

Dinning, though, is confident that

the Yeomen can finish the season undefeated even without Kalk.

"We should still be able to beat them (U of T)," Dinning said. "If we play our game we'll win."

The Yeomen spread out the scoring against Trent with seven different players registering ties. Scott Switzer and Rowan Saunders led

York with two tries each. David Skuy, Spencer Robinson, Mark McCauly, Andy Woolford and Bruce Kierstead each had singles. Saunders added two conversions while Daryl Cook had one.

A victory Saturday would give York its second straight undefeated season.



THE A-TEAM: York's rugby team wiped out Trent 46-6 to run their consecutive win streak to 17-0. They are only one win away from their second undefeated season.