

## Last minute goal has no effect on soccer standings

by Paul Brooks

he soccer Yeomen played a strong game against the UofT Blues this past Saturday at York, yet came out on the short end of a 1-0 score as UofT's Pat Cubellis scored with a minute left

The Yeomen learned a painful lesson in this match, namely that 89 minutes of strong defence is not enough, especially when playing the defending national champions.

"I thought we played well," said York head coach Eric Willis. "The kind of goal we gave up at the end is just one of those things that happens. But that doesn't detract from the way we played. The effort is there. You can't be critical of anything we did except for one breakdown at the end."

On that play, Cubellis was able to get behind the Yeomen defence, deep in York territory. A nice feed from Guido Geisler left him one-on-one with the Yeomen netminder and, after hesitating for a moment, Cubellis drilled a shot into the back of the net for the winner.

It was a shocking end to a game that, for the most part, had been dominated by the Yeomen. From the opening whistle, UofT was on the defensive and the Blues goal-tender had to be careful on shots in close from Dacbang and Lopez.

York continued to press throughout the first half, controlling the ball and taking the play to a sluggish UofT team. However, the Yeomen were unable to finish their plays. The half was controlled by the speedy and aggressive home side as play was contained almost exclusively in the Blues end. UofT's single threat came from a shot from Moubatidis late in the half.

About 10 minutes into the half, the Yeomen were awarded a free kick. M. Mazza ripped a shot that seemed headed for the low left corner of the net, but the Blue's netminder made a spectacular div-

ing save to keep the game scoreless.

From this point on, both teams played cautiously, concentrating on defence. UofT's Cubellis came close with about 10 minutes left but his shot was wide. The match seemed destined to end in a scoreless draw until Cubellis again found himself alone in front and this time made no mistake.

Despite the last minute letdown, Willis remained optimistic. "Well, I've got to be happy with our play, especially since we're missing two starters and then lost two more in the game. But actually we've pretty well assured ourselves of finishing third, so this game didn't have any effect on the standings."

The Yeomen's record drops to a still impressive four wins, two losses and four draws. The Yeomen will finish third regardless, and will play either Laurentian or meet the Blues again in the OUAA East semi-finals, scheduled for October 31.





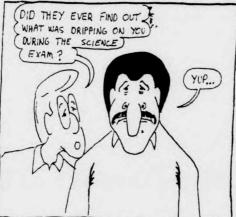




















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