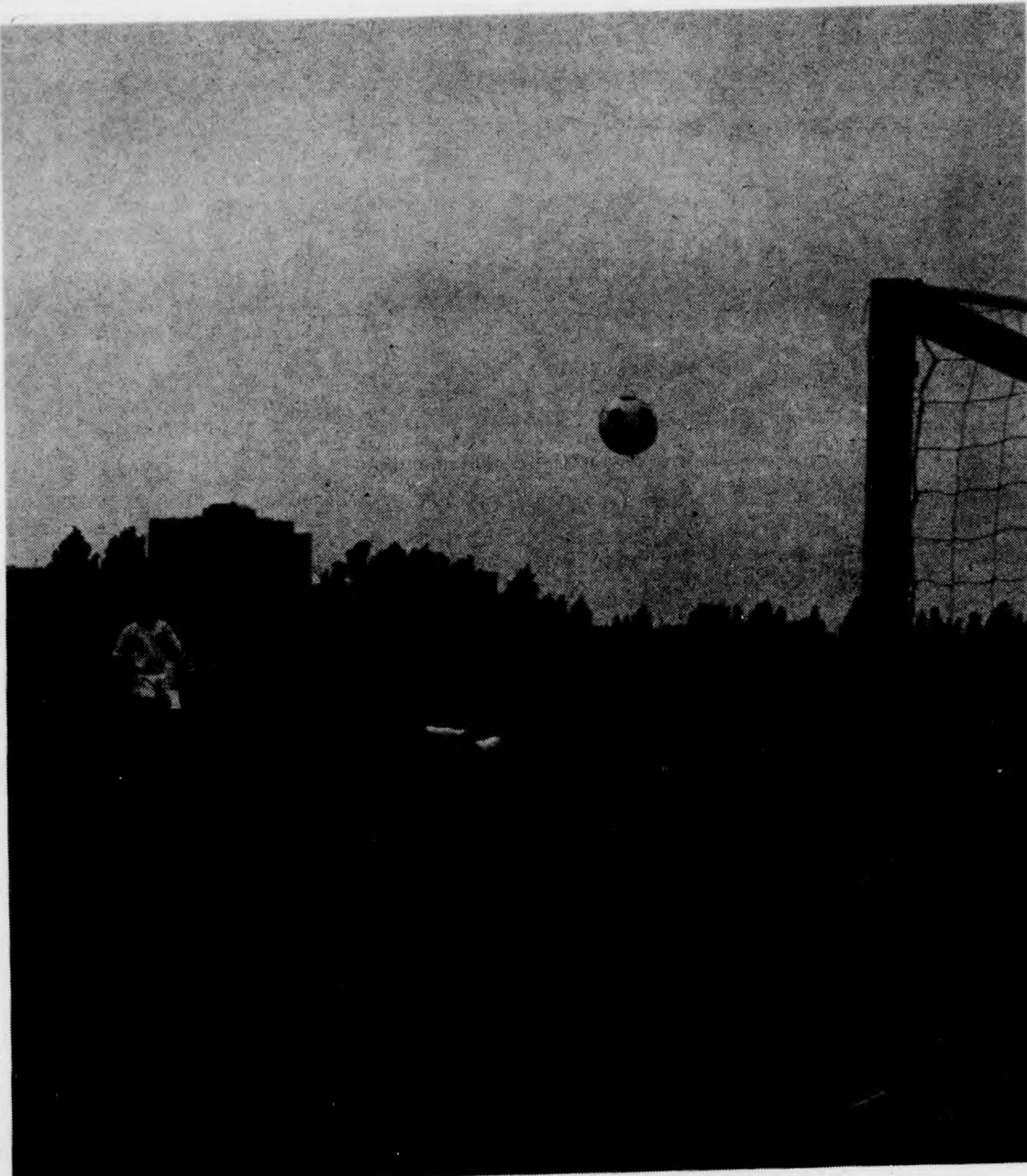


Sports



York goalie Glen McNamara missed this one, but the Yeomen came out on top 4-3.

Gryphons storm Yeomen

Elliott Lefko

A comedy bowl featuring funny man John Candy was scheduled for Convocation Hall last Saturday, but nobody said anything about one being performed up at York. Yet, according to Yeomen Quarterback Mike Foster, last Saturday's season opening football match between the Yeomen and the Guelph Gryphons did turn out to be just that—a comedy of errors.

In a tradition that has yet to be broken the Yeomen lost their season opener 33-31. But Coach Frank Cosentino and his hard working gang are not discouraged.

"We got beat by the weather, not by our opponent," said veteran Quarterback Mike Foster, referring to the pouring rain and mud of Saturday's mess.

The Yeomen committed a miserable eight turnovers, beginning with an interception thrown by the usually reliable Foster. "We were not sharp. We have a lot of things to improve," Foster remarked.

Disappointment registered on Cosentino's face, when asked about York's performance Saturday. The team is coming off the best season in Yeomen history. Hopes were high that they would challenge for first place. The Guelph opener was to be a stepping stone on their climb upwards.

"The spirit on this team is good," observed Cosentino eyeing his men running through a warm Monday afternoon practice. "I'm disappointed that we lost, but I felt that it could have gone either way."

Because of the conditions, the York passing game was taken away and they were forced to try a running offense. Obviously it didn't work. "We've got to work on our offense," said a

determined Foster. "We know that we have a great defense, in fact in my opinion, they are the best in the country. However we have to work at establishing long offensive scoring drives."

Led by Captain Angelo Kioussis, an all-star last year, the Yeomen defense are indeed a formidable force. Yet they too will have to rise above past efforts if they are to steal a victory from next week's opponent, the Western Mustangs.

Western is the best team in the Western division according to Foster. "If we can beat them, and I believe we can, then I think the team's self-confidence will pick up."

Cosentino is in his last year as football coach. He's going on sabbatical next year. However he isn't overly worried about what will happen to the strong football program that he has built in his three years as coach: "I'm very concerned with what's happening right now, with today's practice and next Saturday's game. One of our team's problems is that we are looking too far ahead."

For now though the team wants to revenge the Guelph loss. "It's going to be physical game," predicted Foster.

Gridiron guts: Coach Cosentino predicted that a five win season would clinch a playoff position. But he noted that a 4 or 3 season was good enough last year...Next week's match with Western marks the first time the two teams have met since York almost pulled off an upset last year. The final score 16-9 although York led at halftime 9-0...The game will make the first time York meets one of the big four western powers: Western, Laurier, Toronto and Windsor...Kioussis hopes to have a good season and attract some CFL attention. He deserves it...See you next week.

David Himbara

Yeomen beat brits at their own game

David Himbara

The York University soccer team tasted a bit of international competition last Tuesday when it played host to England's University of Bristol soccer club. The match itself fell short of its international billing. Both teams were somewhat disorganized with numerous breakdowns in passing while ball control was

almost nonexistent. The Yeomen however managed to jump to a 3-1 lead before half-time. During the latter part of the second half, a last ditch effort by Bristol almost paid off when they scored two unanswered goals to tie the game at 3 all. The host club however managed to pump in one more goal to win the match by the score of 4-3.

Coach Eric Willis was pleased with his team's effort and said that this game provided the Yeomen with some friendly pre-season competition. Observers feel that this year's soccer Yeomen could possibly reach the form that won York the national title three years ago, if they put a lot of effort into improving their offensive game.

Expos closer to pennant and book publishing

Elliott Lefko

They were celebrating in Montreal last night. The Expos had finally won a series from the Pittsburgh Pirates. And now for the first time since their inception 13 years ago, the Expos just might win a pennant.

In Toronto a group of literary giants are celebrating just a bit more than the rest of us baseball zealots. They are the men and women behind Virgo Press, the publishers of last year's Brodie Snyder penned, **The Year The Expos Almost Won The Pennant.**

The Year was a diary of the most exciting season in Canadian baseball history. Only on the last day of the season did the Expos fall short of tasting victory champagne.

Snyder, who covers the Expos for a Montreal daily, continued to monitor the Expos this year,

and when by the end of Spring they had showed that they would again compete for the number one spot, Virgo realized that a



sequel to **The Year** should be considered.

Last month the Expos were still competing and a decision by Virgo was reached. If the Expos finish in first place, then a sequel would be published, that night. If not, then a small loss would be incurred and Snyder would wallpaper his house with his notes.

Well last night for the first time since May '79 the Expos won a series from the dreaded Pirates. The greatest obstacle had been hurred and the pennant became that much clearer.

There are still three weeks left in the season and although it's uncertain whether the Expos can maintain their hold on first spot, one thing is certain. If they do win, those men and women from Virgo will be in for some very late nights.

Cross-Country

The Yeowomen and Yeomen cross-country teams head off to two Ontario invitationals this Saturday. The women participate in the U. of Western Ontario Invitational and the men take part in the R.M.C. Invitational.

Shortstops

Yeomen Golf Team Hosts Annual Invitational Today

Coach Nobby Wirkowski and the Yeomen golf team, current Ontario university champs, host their annual York Invitational at the Westview Golf Club on Thursday, September 18. Tee off time is 10 a.m. On Monday, September 22, the Yeomen head to the annual U of Waterloo Invitational. The Yeomen won both invitationals last season as well as taking first place in the Ontario semi-finals and the OUAA championship final.

Rugby Yeomen Meet Western at York on Saturday

Undaunted by the fact that he's lost 11 players to graduation, Yeomen rugby coach Michael Dinning leads his team into the 1980 season against the visiting U of Western Ontario Mustangs on Saturday, September 20 at York's Keele Street Campus. Game time is 2 p.m. The Yeomen notched first place in the OUAA last season with a 6-2 record but lost the championship game to Queen's Golden Gaels.

Field Hockey

The Yeowomen field hockey contingent starts the new season with a visit to the Sauk Valley (Michigan) annual university weekend tournament. York head coach Marina van der Merwe and assistant Cathy Broderick, also coaches of Canada's national team, explain that this U.S. tournament provides an excellent opportunity to expose the Yeowomen to a high calibre of play ranging from world-class to teams composed largely of students on athletic scholarships. Other Canadian university entries include Toronto and Waterloo. In last season's visit to Sauk Valley, the Yeowomen pulled out 3 ties and 2 losses. In 1979 university play, the Yeowomen took second to the University of Toronto at the Ontario and Canadian championships.