

Our bungles, injuries helped Windsor

York's Yeomen drop opening game 19-7

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With the game only moments away, a silent tension appeared to grip an untested Yeomen team, on which half of the players had yet to taste college play; in fact, the team had never played an inter-squad game.

Rumors were going around that the inter-squad game was cancelled because of fears that possible injuries might cripple a less than complete team before the season began. These rumors were briskly denied by the Yeoman coaching staff, who insisted that there was plenty of depth in the Yeomen, but gave no explanation for the absence of the customary inter-squad tussle.

Physically the team appeared light but fit, and when Mert Prophet, the trainer, was asked if any members of the team would be working under some minor affliction, he lyrically replied, "Nope! Nope! Everything's alright."

With the opening kickoff, a sudden eruption of spirit and desire welded the Yeomen's faces into

hungry expressions of "Kill! Kill!", as a York steam-roller began to rumble over a surprised Windsor team.

Quarterback Larry Iaccino executed a pair of lightning plays featured by a good pass to end Ray Kaake which brought York to the Lancer eleven yard line, from where Rick Frisby, a first-year man alternating with Iaccino in the quarterback spot, ran a sweep to the right for six points. The convert was good, and with seven points on their side, the York horde mercilessly pounded the Lancers with massive tackling and hitting, causing Windsor to fumble and surrender the ball.

After a blunted drive into Windsor territory, John Reid attempted a field goal which hit the left upright, and as the ball tumbled to the field without three points written on it, the sense of infallibility and victorious destiny in the York team seemed to wane. Suddenly John Maniezzo was coming off with a sore neck, and half-back Dave Anderson was wincing with

a knee injury. Just as suddenly, Windsor, under the cool guidance of veteran quarterback Andy Parichi, was charging to York's doorstep where full-back Tony D'Aloisio zipped in for six points.

A violent rush by York deprived the Lancers of the convert point, but the damage was done as mistakes, little and not so little, began to waste several good drives by the Yeomen, and permitted Windsor to pick up another 6 points before half-time.

In the second half, the Yeomen generated an initial spurt of good football until Lancer George Short intercepted a York pass on York's 50 yard line, allowing Parichi to lead a solid Windsor drive for another 7 points.

Not giving up yet, the Yeomen offence, led by Iaccino, launched an inspiring drive with 2 passes to end Jimmy Miller and some good running by Fred Yurichuk, which brought the ball to the Windsor 23 yard line, from where full-back Dickie Dickinson made a beautiful run to the Lancer ten yard line,

only to have the ball knocked out of his hands and recovered by Windsor, ending York's major threat of the second half.

After this heartbreaker, even though a few pretty plays were made before the end of the game, the steam appeared to ooze out of the York machine, which never died, but seemed to lie down on the job as the game dragged to a conclusion.

In evaluating the Yeomen's debut performance, it can be said that they appeared as a good team in need of considerable polish. An obvious weakness in the team was the hesitation of the defensive linemen to hit hard and hit first. Too often they would wait for Windsor to take the initiative and this permitted the Lancers to establish a running game up the middle, after which they could strike easily with short passes to the flanks, which Parichi did very effectively.

After the game, Gino Fracas, the Lancers' coach, said that the establishment of a ground game up the middle was made easier by what he called York's "6-1 umbrella" defence, which left the Yeomen's defensive middle linebacker on his own against the pressure up the middle. The middle linebacker Ken Dyer who aptly showed that he can crack skulls with the best of them, too often found himself being trampled by Windsor's concentrated stampede over his lonely post.

When informed of Gino Fracas' comment York's associate coach Clare Exelby violently pronounced a statement which unfortunately is unprintable, and Nobby Wirkowski humbly submitted that Gino Fracas was wrong and that York was playing what he called a "pro 4-3" defence which just looked like a "6-1" defence.????

Looking at the York team from a positive point of view, it must be said that they demonstrated more

poise and talent than most people, including this reporter, expected to see. Halfbacks John Reid, Angelo Barbisan, and Fred Yurichuk played the ball well, showing a running ability which helped pile up 136 yards rushing to Windsor's 114 yards.

Guards John Fitzgerald and John Maniezzo played very strong games, with Fitzgerald making a number of key blocks and Maniezzo doing some ferocious hitting and even picking off an interception.

The two alternating quarterbacks, Frisby and Iaccino, both played with a professional authority which made it difficult to understand why York wasn't piling up the points.

With the potential and spirit the Yeomen obviously possess, they could be winners when, and only when, they reduce the number of silly blunders, such as the laterals into thin air, which they manufactured for the benefit of the Windsor Lancers.

In short, the game gradually developed into a battle of mis-



Excalibur — Tim Clark

A lot of work for a field goal that didn't . . .

1969 Football Schedule

- Sat. Sept. 27 At Laurentian U. 2 pm
- Sat. Oct. 11 Waterloo Lutheran 2pm
- Sat. Oct. 18 At U. Ottawa — 2 p.m.
- Sat. Oct. 25 At Carleton U. 2pm
- Sat. Nov. 1 (Festival) U. Guelph 2pm
- Sat. Nov. 8 Playoff — CCIFC vs OSLA
- Sat. Nov. 15 Playoff — Nov. 8th Winner vs. Maritimes

takes, and the Yeomen made a few too many. With the next game against Laurentian this coming Saturday, it will be interesting to see whether the Yeomen have learned their lesson and come of age.

STATISTICS	YORK	WINDSOR
First downs	10	15
Fumbles	3	3
Fumbles lost	2	1
Interceptions	1	1
Total Yards rushing	136	114
Total yards passing	74	125
Passes attempted	19	22
Passes completed	6	8

Some hangups, but York squash is OK

Things look bright in the squash world this year. All of last year's successful team that had a sixty-fourty win average and ranged as far afield as Harvard are back. The courts are under siege (watch out and book if you are going to play at a peak hour), and those Osgoode would-be lawyers will soon be panting down towards the Tait Mackenzie to demonstrate that they have that indispensable lawyer's ability — to wield a squash racquet.

Yet York, with perhaps the finest squash facilities in Toronto, still has one or two hangups.

Asked to pinpoint these, Colin MacAndrews, the squash coach, pointed to two problems. York does not attract the quality squash players, as U of T or Western or McGill do. Our kids are usually new to the game and so have to think in terms of development over a

period of years. Nor does York have a regular squash coach on staff. Somebody on the Physical Education side, for example, who is available to teach squash at all levels for maybe two hours a day. This, MacAndrews points out, is essential when you are building a team. The first-year student who comes fresh to the game and plays ladder squash the first year will with a little help, perhaps be ready for team play in his second or third year. Consistent coaching builds up strength in depth and this is the key to developing a strongly competitive sport.

But, in spite of these hangups, squash looks good this season. Besides himself, MacAndrews has lined up three other coaches to come in at various times to instruct at all levels and provide a wide range of play. John Hunt from the Carlton Club is up next Saturday and for most of the second term; Sharif Khan, the no. 1 world player, will be instruct-

ing at all levels on Friday throughout October and November, and Bill Noyes, an ex-Canadian-champion, will be up twice a week throughout the year. Bookings can be made at Tait McKenzie.

The University team will be playing in various invitational tournaments throughout the year as well as matches with U of T, Western and McGill. The Harvard trip is scheduled for February and it is rumoured that York will be taking on MIT as well that weekend. There is also a Toronto B league team every Wednesday from late October, and York is expected to do well in that pretty tough competition.

Last year York squash came from nowhere to finished ranked fourth in the country behind McGill, Toronto and Western. They were also the only other team, next to McGill, to be invited to Harvard. This year it looks like there will be no stopping them.



Sharif Khan, North American Open Squash Champion, will be coaching at York every Friday in October and November.