

# S P O R T S

## Douglas' touchdown makes U of T sing the "Blues"

By DAVID BUNDAS

York's aspirations for a playoff position remain intact after last Thursday's thrilling 24-23 victory over the University of Toronto Blues at Varsity Stadium.

The Yeomen charged ahead to lead 17-5 at the half, only to see their opponents run off 18 straight points to move in front 23-17 with just over two minutes to play in the game. This set the stage for the last minute heroics of the Yeomen offensive squad.

Scrimaging from their own 35 yard line, with 2:12 left on the clock, quarterback Adam Karlsson hit his favourite target on the day, Mike Petro, for two quick catches to take them to U of T's 49-yard line. Tight end Pat DiCosmo then snared a pass at the 34 yard line, but two plays later the Yeomen were still there and it was "do or die" time on third down. Running back Terry Douglas then stunned the Blues, catching a screen pass, splitting a pair of defenders and sprinting unscathed in the end zone to give York the upset victory.

Backfield coach Dennis Laverty was exuberant after the game, praising Douglas, "We're all happy for Terry. . .he's worked so hard getting himself back into top form (after a knee injury sidelined him in the '84 game) and it couldn't have happened to a nicer guy."

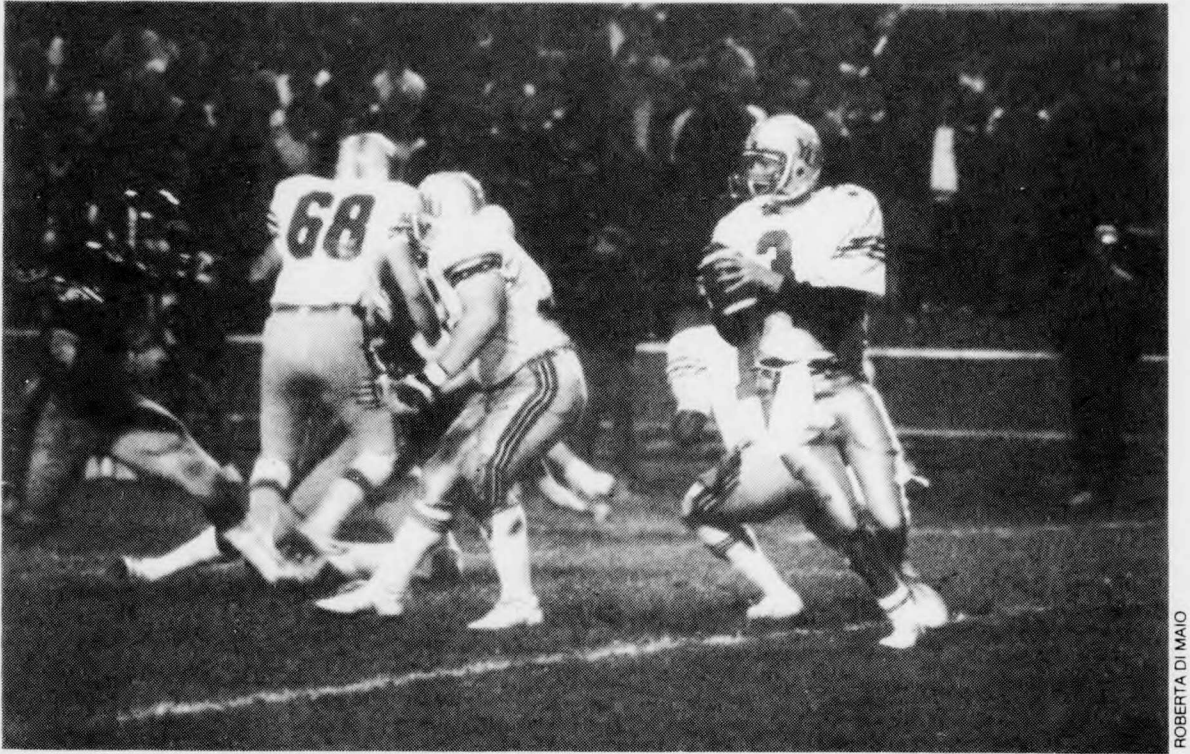
Karlsson (voted game's MVP by the Toronto Sports Writers) comple-

ted 21 of 32 passes for 349 yards and two touchdowns and played his best game to date. He spread out the Blues defence by passing short and long to seven different receivers. Petro led the charge with 7 grabs for 134 yards.

On the opposite side of the coin, U of T got strong efforts from Andy McVey who rushed the ball 22 times for 174 yards, and Rob Crifo who caught six passes for 87 yards. What seemed to hurt the Blues the most were inopportune miscues. Holding calls negated a Paul Shorten touchdown and another long gainer. On two other occasions, U of T receivers dropped passes right in their hands and Blues kicker Ron Dominico muffed two easy field goal attempts.

The win is York's third in a row over U of T and gives them possession of the Blue Bowl trophy. The Yeomen improve their record to 2-3 and face Waterloo at home next week before travelling to the twin cities to take on the Laurier Golden Hawks. A win against the Warriors will put York in a position to take the final playoff spot with a win on the final week of regulation play.

Head coach Frank Cosentino remained optimistic, but warned, "We don't want to look too far ahead (past the Waterloo game). . . we've got to concentrate on what's before us this week. It's in our hands now, two wins in a row and we're in the playoffs."



PICKING UP THEIR MEN: Yeomen line's protection help QB Karlsson chalk up some impressive numbers.

**Bundas Odds:** The Yorksters-Bluesters game was attended by 10,511 vociferous fans who were delighted to the tunes and actions of the Michigan Wolverine Marching Band. Things got a little out of hand after the game when overzealous types tried to tear down the goal-

posts. York's short yardage man, Frank Ammirato, had a perfect day scoring on a two yard touchdown pass the first time he touched the ball, and followed that with another touchdown on his second opportunity.

York faces the Warriors of Water-

loo in a must win situation for their homecoming game at North York Civic Stadium, 2:00 p.m. Saturday. York is favoured by 13½ points and should cover the spread. In last year's contest the Warriors held York to a 7-6 halftime lead, before crumbling to lose 34-9.

### YEOPEOPLE THEME SONG CONTEST

Excalibur is holding a contest to find a theme song for the Yeomen-Yeowomen. The song can be original or an adaptation, but should reflect life at York. Hopefully one day the song will be associated with York as easily as we associate "Sweet Georgia Brown" with the Harlem Globetrotters. The winning entry will receive a Yeomen Football sweater—and a hat! The deadline for handing in entries to the Excalibur (111 Central Square) is October 23. So, put on your thinking helmets, start tapping your feet, or we'll have to go with the one and only submission so far.

### CROSS COUNTRY

Ten competitors from York travel to Waterloo for the Women's Invitational on Sat. Oct. 18 at noon. The team is in a rebuilding stage and their hopes for success lie in the hands of people like Caroline Lee, Susie Long, and Kafia Bottos.

### YEOWOMEN BASKETBALL

The ladies begin their exhibition schedule this week facing McMaster on the road. Last year the team finished third in the league with an 8-4 record, and coach Bill Pangos is confident that his squad of veterans can further their success. The team is working hard in practice and features: fifth year OWIAA allstars, Anne Marie Phuss and Jean Graham (both Captains), fourth year Wanda Pighin, third year Michelle Sund, Liza MacDonald, Susan DeRyck, Cynthia Johnson, and sophomore Nicki Smith.

### MEN'S RUGBY

The Yeomen dropped a controversial game to the Varsity Blues last

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week by a score of 14-10. Six missed penalty kicks would have aided the Yeomen cause but what really infuriated the team and coaching staff was a referee's penalty try called on a York player for high tackling. The penalty led to the winning try by U of T in the final two minutes. Coach Mike Dinning described the call as politely as he could, "to say it was highly questionable would be the most discreet thing." The refs also disallowed a York go ahead try.

### YEOWOMEN SOCCER

Last week's OWIAA athlete of the week was none other than our own Shelly McNichol. The veteran and team captain potted five goals against Ryerson, and followed that with a goal and four assists facing Queens. The team's record is 2-1 and they play this Sat. and Sun. against Trent and Queens respectively. The games take place at U of T's Scarborough College.

### WOMEN'S FIELD HOCKEY

York takes their 7-2 record to U of T to play the final game of their regular season on Tues. Oct. 21. The ladies still have a shot at first place should they beat the Lady Blues and watch them lose their final two games. York and Toronto stand tied for first with 14 points but U of T has a couple games in hand and are undefeated.

### WATER POLO

At Saturday's McMaster water polo tournament, the Yeomen staged a complete reversal of form. They faced Toronto in their first game and appeared to be caught asleep by the fast Blues. York was down 6-0 at the half and 8-0 before they scored. From that point on, York matched goal for goal with the final result being 12-4. York captain Derrick Weyrauch continued his high scoring percentage with three goals and rookie Ross McDonald added one.

Goal tender John Dawson made a number of great saves in a losing effort.

In the second game against Western, the Yeomen rebounded thumping the Mustangs 13-5. McDonald led the goal scorers potting four, with Weyrauch and Wells adding three each. Coach Kevin Jones was pleased as the whole team played well and he feels that with some hard practice in the next couple of weeks we can sort out some of our early problems.

### HOCKEY

The York Yeomen hockey team is off to a rocky preseason start as they dropped all three of their games at a tournament in Manitoba.

The Yeomen lost their first game 5-0 to Manitoba then lost 8-6 to Calgary and 5-1 to Saskatchewan. The Yeomen are hurting injury-wise and this can be blamed for their poor preseason performance.

The Yeoman open their regular season with a game at home against the Ryerson Rams at the Ice Palace. Game time is 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

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