

# sports

## Yeomen down Guelph in season opener

### York off to a better start than last season

By RUSS HOFFMAN

In last Saturday's season opener, the York football Yeomen were able to do something which last season took them four games to do. Win.

The Yeomen's 33-24 victory over the Guelph Gryphons can be attributed to an explosive offence led by sophomore quarterback Adam Karlsson, and a tough defence which allowed only 12 first downs.

York built an early 7-0 lead on their third possession of the game, when Karlsson threw a 33 yard completion followed by an 18 yard strike for the game's first points.

By the end of the first half the score was 16-6 for York, the second quarter highlighted by a 50 yard punt return for a touchdown by Greg MacDonald.

The Yeomen played tough defence in the second quarter when the Gryphons took over the ball twice in Yeomen territory, allowing only field goals when it looked like the Gryphons could go in for major scores.

However, in the third quarter the Yeomen turned over the ball once too often. For the second time in the game a poorly executed third down snap to the punter resulted in Guelph taking possession deep in York territory. A quick touchdown pass from Guelph quarterback Mike Shoemaker followed by a field goal tied the score at 16-16 after three quarters.

In the fourth quarter the Yeomen took over—scoring on a touchdown drive that started on their own 36

yard line, then an interception returned for a 65 yard touchdown by Jamie Williamson.

After the game the Guelph coach Dan McNally addressed a few of the

questions marks surrounding his team.

"We're on our way. With the score 33-16 we could have folded up our tent, but the guys showed a lot of

poise coming back and scoring another touchdown," McNally said.

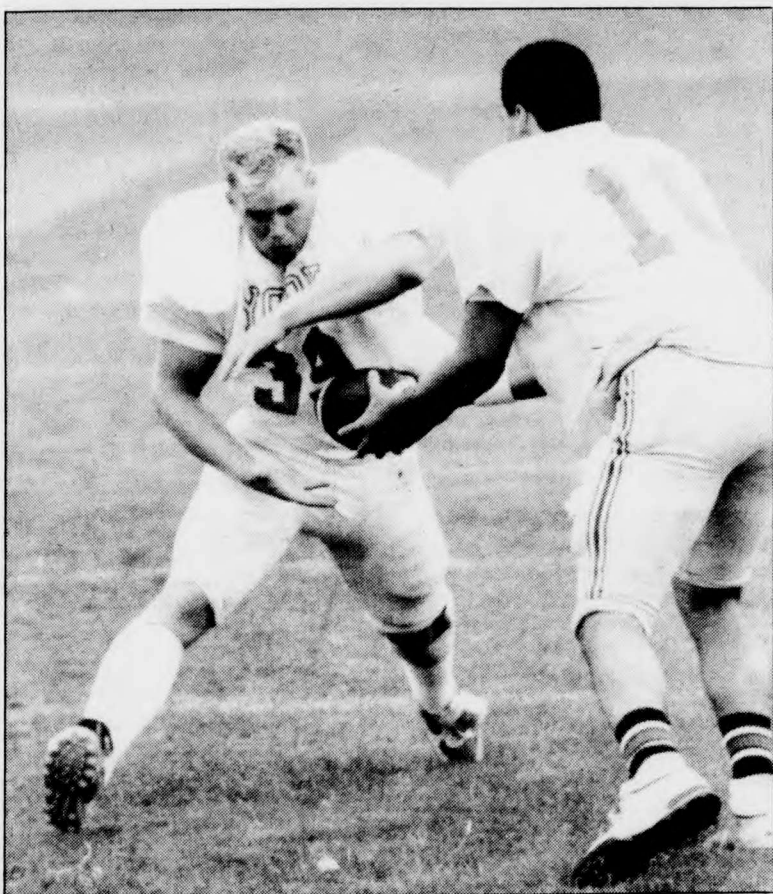
"Our defence played a better game than last week. They are capable of playing the calibre that they have to to win. Our linebackers (when healthy) are as good a trio as there is in the OUAA," McNally added.

York coach Frank Cosentino was

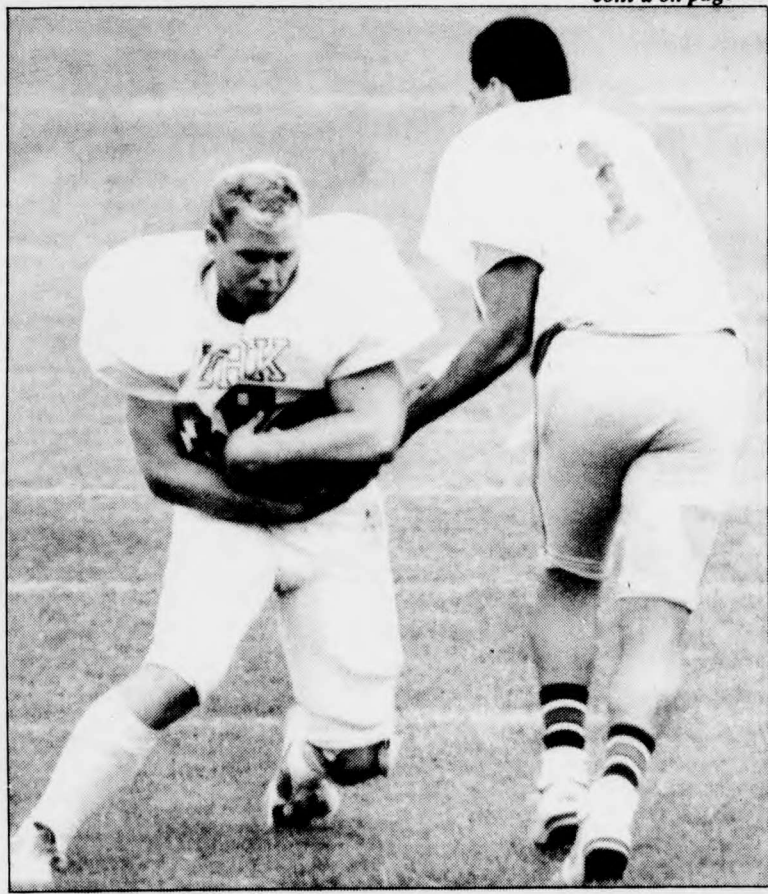
understandably happy with his team's effort. "I was pleased with the outcome. We need to work on our third down snaps, but we threw and caught the ball well, and our running game came along," said Cosentino.

A concern for the Yeomen has to be the two missed third down snaps to the punter which twice resulted in

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**FULL STEAM AHEAD:** York starting full-back Doug Brookes takes a hand-off from back-up quarterback Brad Matwijic in practice. York started off on the right foot by beating the Guelph Gryphons 33-24 in their season home opener.

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