

Finally--a real soccer game for Yeowomen squad as York edges Blues in 2-0 nailbiter

by Riccardo Sala

For any York team high in the stratosphere, a game against UofT can bring one of two things—a ticket to keep going or a crash back down to earth.

The scenario isn't any different for this year's Yeowomen soccer team, which managed to keep its ride aloft with a 2-0 win over the Blues last Wednesday.

The win was the hardest of the season so far for York, which had outscored Carleton and Trent by a combined score of 18-0 the previous weekend.

It was also definitely the game in which York goalie Cheryl Punnett had to work the hardest.

But Punnett was helped by a fast-acting York defence that prevented any Toronto finishing.

It was the same story, however, at the other end in a first half of end-to-end action.

It was the talented Sam Hellens who notched York's first goal of the game.

Hellens managed to avoid the traffic in front of the Toronto net and send the ball over the head of UofT's helpless goalie.

A similar—but longer—shot from Heather Gough later in the half rounded out the scoring to give the Yeowomen a 2-0 lead.

The comfortable, two-goal cushion almost deflated early in the second half, but in Punnett, the Yeowomen had a clutch performer who came up big when UofT was able to sneak

through.

But after the initial scare, any Toronto thoughts of a win or tie gradually evaporated.

On another day, UofT could well have taken the tightly-fought match. UofT coach Niki Nicolau, for one, felt the Toronto squad dominated the second half.

Nicolau's sentiments were echoed by York coach David Bell.

"We had a slow start in the second half and got thrown off, so that we were playing their style, which is kickball," explained Bell, who in practice preaches a strong emphasis on passing.

With the victory over Toronto, the Yeowomen showed their earlier victories were more than mere flukes.

They'll have a chance to further their success this weekend when they meet the Queen's Golden Gaels in a 1:00pm matchup this Saturday.

Admittance is free for the game, which takes place on the north field behind Tait McKenzie.

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Yeomen dumped by UofT--coach tossed out

by Riccardo Sala

In what has otherwise been an upside down men's soccer season, there are still some things that never change.

The rivalry between UofT and York is a perfect example. Last Wednesday's matchup ended in a 2-1 win for the Blues. The game featured the usual hustle that has characterized the two teams' run-ins over the years.

This game was not full of surprises, which must have pleased UofT coach Jim Lefkos. His squad, second in the OUAA and third in the nation last year, had dropped games to cellar-dwelling Trent and Carleton before meeting up with York.

Though the Yeomen didn't have a brilliant record going in either, their lack of success was forgivable. Until last Wednesday, their record stood at 0-1-1, with their sole point coming courtesy of a tie with Laurentian. In their season opener, the Yeomen lost a tough road match against the powerful Queen's squad.

With Toronto on the menu, that meant the third tough match for York in as many games.

Play was fast and furious, with occasional physical contact thrown in.

Hasty offensive play by both sides created few scoring opportunities of note, with action happening too fast for proper setups in front of the net.



Gerry Wong

NO, THAT'S NOT a bus shelter in the background, it's the Yeomen's soccer dugout. Here, a York player battles for the ball during the Yeomen's matchup with UofT last Wednesday.

Toronto took the lead late in the first half when Angelo DeMichele connected on a cross past York goalie Erwin Banfi.

In the second half, the Blues' Rich Marchese added one more for Toronto, taking advantage of a buildup in

front of the York net to make it 2-0 for the guys from downtown.

York finally got back on its feet with a goal from Frank Spadafina. Spadafina's shot from the corner was his second goal of the season, a fair-sized tally for this first year player.

Yeoman coach in rage after Waterloo gridiron blowout

by Josh Rubin

The expression on Tom Arnott's face said it all.

The head coach of the York Yeomen football team stalked ashen-faced down the corridor following his team's 44-1 loss to the Waterloo Warriors last Thursday.

After the game, Arnott angrily denied the reason for his team's lack of success is lack of talent.

"I'm not gonna sit here and say I've got a bad team—that's bullshit," said a visibly frustrated Arnott.

After talking calmly with reporters for several minutes Arnott's frustration grew steadily, then finally exploded.

"I'm tired of people coming in here and taking their shots at us, I'm tired of our team being the patsies of the league and I'm tired of reading in the paper that our team doesn't have any pride," Arnott raged.

Still, Arnott wasn't finished.

"Our coaching staff has a helluva lot of pride in this team, so do I, and I know the players do too," Arnott added.

And in a heartfelt plea for anyone who cared to listen, Arnott had one final thought on the game.

"Our people just don't deserve that kind of humiliation," Arnott said.

The Yeomen are currently winless for 1991, with their last win over any team coming against the same Waterloo Warriors in 1988.

Though neither team has favoured much of an aerial attack this season, no-one could have imagined the extent of damage the Waterloo ground game would cause.

The Warriors' backfield, led by Tom Chartier, tore through the York defence for a staggering 384 yards.

Chartier pushed, swerved, crawled and sprinted his way to 197 rushing yards on 25 carries while notching his fourth touchdown of the season.

Waterloo quarterback Steve Bennett, meanwhile, completed five of a paltry 10 passing attempts for 30 yards.

The York offence, on the other hand, showed exactly how much they missed veteran quarterback Adam Karlsson, who broke his throwing arm against Windsor two weeks ago.

Without the strong-armed

Karlsson at pivot, York was forced to rely almost exclusively on a gutsy performance from running back Neil Denton.

Standing in the way, however, was the league's top-ranked defence which had given up an average of just 14 points a game going into Thursday's matchup.

York's only point of the game—and their first in two weeks—came in the second half on a missed field goal by George Velentzas.

With an icy wind blowing across Esther Shiner Stadium for the Yeomen's home opener, the York side fumbled the ball six times, a feat which didn't go unnoticed by Arnott.

"I can come up with a million different plays, but until we learn to execute the fundamentals, nothing's going to happen," Arnott said.

Arnott also blamed the long, tiring Waterloo drives for the less than airtight showing of the York defence.

"Waterloo could have put in a high school team in the fourth quarter and they would've scored on us," said Arnott, noting his club allowed the Warriors just two points in the first quarter.

YORK VARSITY ATHLETICS SCHEDULE October 2-8

Wednesday Oct. 2

HOCKEY
U of T at Yeomen (Exhib.) Ice Palace 7:00 pm
WATERPOLO
Yeomen at U of T 7:30pm

Thursday Oct. 3

FIELD HOCKEY
York at UofT Lamport Stad. 4:30pm
FOOTBALL
Guelph at Yeomen Esther Shiner Stad. 7:00pm
GOLF
OUAA Championships at Brock 11:00am

Saturday Oct. 5

BADMINTON
York at Ontario East Meet UofT 10:00am
CROSS COUNTRY
York at Waterloo Invitational 1:00pm
FIELD HOCKEY
East-West Crossover Lamport Stad.
RUGBY
Yeomen at Guelph 1:00pm
SOCCER
Queen's at Yeowomen York Field 1:00pm
TENNIS
Yeomen at Waterloo 11:00am
Guelph, Mac at Yeowomen Nat. Tennis Cent. 10:00am
WATERPOLO
OUAA West Meet at Western 2:15pm

Tuesday Oct. 8

SOCCER
Yeomen at UofT 8:00pm