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WE WIN! Yeomen give Guelph the boot with 11-7 football season debut

By MEL BROITMAN

The York Yeomen football team opened the 1984 season last Sunday with a hard-fought 11-7 victory over Guelph's Gryphons. The game, which attracted 1,500 supporters, marked the Yeomen's debut at their new home, the North York Civic Stadium.

Despite the close score, the Yeomen thoroughly dominated the Gryphons. Offensively they were led by the three-pronged rushing attack of Terry Douglas, Joe Pariselli, and George Ganas. The trio combined for 200 yards along the ground.

The hard inside work of Ganas and Pariselli was complemented by the slashing style of Terry Douglas. Douglas rushed for 96 yards in 18 carries, and on many occasions electrifying the crowd with his finesse.

Douglas appreciated the effective work of the offensive line. "They were just doing a fabulous job... I had the choice to run either inside or outside," said Douglas.

As quarterback the rookie Glen



Terry Douglas

Humenik looked confident as he came off the bench to relieve starter Bill Ptolemy who was shaken up early in the second quarter. On that particular play Guelph scored the game's only touchdown. Safety Jeff

Volpe intercepted Ptolemy and ran 27 yards to put the Gryphons ahead.

Placekicker and punter Mike Boyd supplied all of York's scoring, booting three field goals and two singles.

The defense, which in the past has always been York's strength, showed no sign of altering that tradition. Led by all-star nose-guard Dirk Leers, they completely shut down any holes that Guelph might have exploited. The Gryphons' offense scored only one point, a 52-yard punt for a single midway through the final quarter.

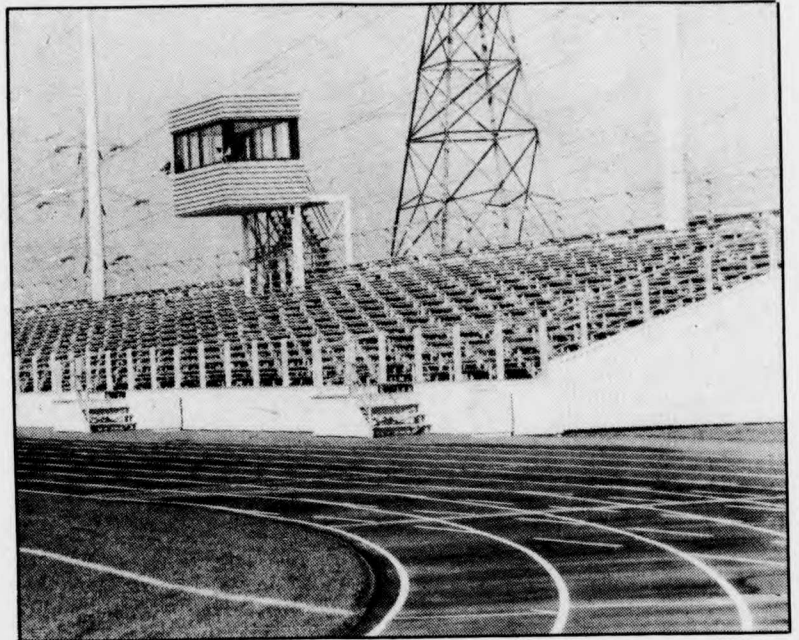
Leers and his teammates so dominated the game that Guelph managed only 167 yards on offense, and their much vaunted passing attack produced only seven completions in 26 attempts, including two interceptions.

When Guelph back-up quarterback Tom Dimitroff tried to rally his team in the final few minutes, the York defense forced the game's biggest turnover. With only 75 seconds to play, defensive back Dom Cugliari stripped the ball from a Guelph receiver and Bill Docherty recovered

at mid-field for York. From there, the Yeomen simply ran out the clock and jubilantly posted their first sea-

son opening victory since 1979.

The Yeomen's next game will be in Waterloo this Saturday



North York Civic Stadium: A new home for York's football Yeomen

New football stadium gives Yeomen big lift in opener

By EDO VAN BELKOM

The York Yeomen opened their football season on a different footing this year. Sunday's game was not played at York's own 'Mile Wide Stadium,' but at the Yeomen's new haunt, North York Civic Stadium.

The similarities between the two fields end with the word stadium.

The new stadium, less than three miles from York, has many features that a football fan unfamiliar with York's old 'stadium' might take for granted. It has a press box with a public address system you can actually understand. The clock, although artificial, lets you know the score and roughly how much time has elapsed in each quarter. The clock is so unofficial that the first quarter ended with 30 seconds still remaining to play. But an unofficial clock is

better than none at all.

Other stellar features of this facility include a snack bar and, yes, washrooms. What this affords the football fan is relief and refreshment without having to miss more than a few downs. The snack bar did get crowded during halftime but that was because of the exciting game rather than poor facilities.

The field can also be lit up at night which could make night games possible in future seasons. No night games are scheduled for this year.

The university's rental fee for the day was by no means cheap at \$1,500, but included five policemen at \$24.50 an hour, ticket and snack bar attendants and full use of the facilities for the day.

The money collected from gate receipts goes to the university unless

the game generates over \$3,000, at which time the City of North York takes its 25 percent cut. Ticket prices for games are three dollars for adults and two for students and children.

The most important aspect of this stadium is the effect it has on individual players and the team as a whole. There is a definite psychological advantage to playing in a higher calibre facility. Seeing a row of stands across the field filled with cheering fans is just what the team needed.

One could see from the sidelines that this year's Yeomen felt and acted more like a university football team than in previous years. Perhaps all that was needed in the past was a better playing facility to bring out a higher calibre of play in our football team.

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