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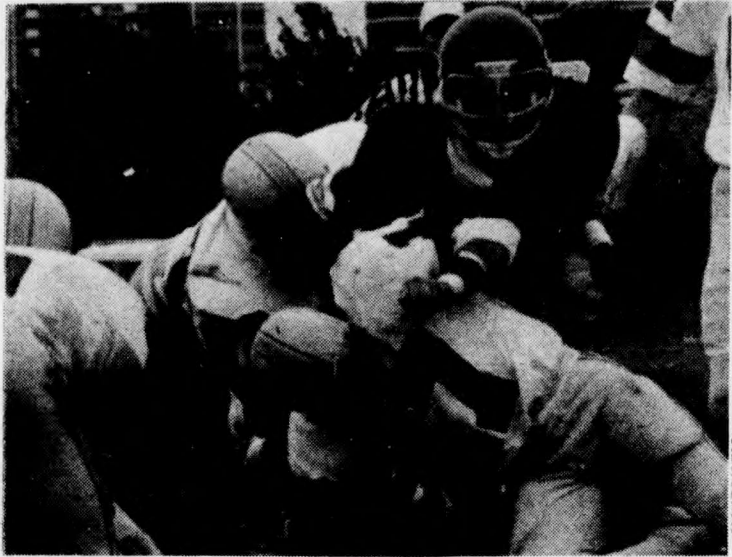
Playoffs in sight

Robert Galassi and Mike Leonetti
The York Yeomen, playing some of their most impressive football to date, defeated the McMaster Marauders 26-17 last Saturday on home turf.

York's success was largely due to its running attack which was bolstered with the insertion of speedy back-up running back Paul Cioffitto who carried 11 times for 75 yards. Cioffitto's speed was complemented by the hard-nosed running of Keith Vassallo who had his best games so far this season carrying 19 times for 149 yards. York's Neil Dalgarno also had a very productive day, scoring two touchdowns on short running plays.

McMaster opened the scoring in the first half on an aborted field goal attempt. Holder Tony Collalilo picked up a low snap from centre and lofted a 12 yard pass to Carl Taylor for the major score. Following a blocked McMaster punt by York's Ron McIntyre the Yeomen capitalized with Sergio Capobianco's first of four field goals from 17 yards out. McIntyre continued his fine play in the second quarter by recovering another McMaster punt as the snap sailed over the punter's head. York took possession on the McMaster five yard line and Dalgarno drove in his first touchdown. Capobianco converted to make the score 10-7 for York.

The Marauders however, fought back, gaining long yardage on its next possession as running back Paul Thompson picked up 47 yards on a screen play. McMaster then completed a 92-yard march with a 12 yard touchdown pass from Pete Valeriotte to Greg Preece. In the dying seconds of the first half, Enrico Debolito intercepted a pass by York quarterback Mike Foster, and returned it to the York 12. With just six seconds before half-time, McMaster's



York's Doug Taylor (17) moves in on Mac's Carlyle Buchanan (dark jersey)

Domenic Ferelli scored a 20 yard field goal and the Marauders headed for the dressing room with a 17-10 lead.

In the second half, the Yeomen changed strategy and opted for a running game. According to coach Frank Cosentino, the reason for the change was not the lack of success of York's passing game. "We went to the running game because we were trying to establish something. We were trying to take advantage of what they were giving us."

York established an early third quarter drive as Vassallo and Cioffitto picked steady yardage. The drive stalled and Capobianco scored his second field goal from 31 yards. The third quarter ended as McIntyre came up big defensively with an interception on the McMaster 40. York finally took the lead in the fourth quarter with a 16 yard field goal by Capobianco making the score 19-17. With only 1:42 left in the game McMaster gambled on third down on York's

42. Greg Timmons jarred the ball loose from Preece, the pass was incomplete and the McMaster threat was thwarted. York quickly moved the ball down field with some explosive running by Vassallo and Dalgarno ended the scoring with a two yard touchdown in the final seconds of the game.

McMaster coach Ray Johnson commented after the game, "It was a tough loss" and lamented about his receivers who "were not concentrating because they should have made some of those catches". Cosentino on the other hand, liked what he saw. "I was pleased with the way we came back in the second half". Although he agreed this victory was an important one for the Yeomen, he quickly added, "We need another win for sure to make the playoffs".

Notes: This crucial victory brings the Yeomen record to 3-2 which greatly increases the possibility of a first York appearance in the OUA playoffs.

Varsity curlers aim high

M. Adjock

The curling program is again underway at York. This year proves to be one with many hopes for an Ontario championship team. The Yeomen are currently in their second year of a two-year rebuilding program. The first phase was accomplished last year when York finished third in the Ontario finals. The second phase is to win the OUA championships this year.

The pressure will definitely be on the team to perform. The problem though, is that not all of the pressure is coming from other university teams. York curlers are faced with losing their program because there are no practice facilities here and the Physical Education Department wants all of the varsity teams to practise on campus.

But all is not gloomy as the team try-outs show a "wealth of talent". Returning this year will be all of last year's varsity squad plus half of the 78/79 team. Of the returning veterans, some curlers worthy of mention are: Brian Broley, Canadian Life Bonspiel winner and Ken Fleet, Ontario Provincial Colts Champion in 1979. Outstanding rookies to look for later this year are: John Kawaja, runner-up

Canadian Junior Champion and Ken Pearce, Ontario Junior finalist in 1976.

The varsity team will have an extensive schedule of competition this year, therefore team try-

outs will be held as soon as possible.

For further information, interested people should contact Mike Davidson at 667-3734 (York) or at 222-2930 (Home).

U. of T. bows to York

Robert Galassi

It was a cold and blistery afternoon, but despite the weather conditions York's Soccer Yeomen prevailed over the University of Toronto Blues by a score of 2-0.

The game was characterized by aggressive play. Hard tackling occurred throughout which resulted in several warnings being issued. As a result of this rough style of play, the Yeomen scored their first goal on a penalty shot taken by Paul Brekenhouser during the first half.

York maintained control of the game but at times played erratically. No doubt the wind and cold accounted for some missed scoring chances and uncontrolled execution. Midway through the second half, U. of T. threatened repeatedly but were turned away by the fine play of goalie Glen McNamara

and solid defensive efforts by Dave Gardner and Peter Kovaks.

Following a tremendous save by McNamara, York quickly moved down field and John D'Amato collected York's second goal on a defensive miscue by the Blues. Both teams exchanged scoring chances throughout the second half but the score remained the same.

Coach Eric Willis stressed the defensive aspect of York's play. "We play a slack type of defense where the defenders keep the opposition in front of them and the midfielders fill in the gaps". He added, "We stress ball control and short passing which explains why our forwards don't get the ball so often".

York followed this pattern throughout the game as the midfielders, notably Milan Lukovich, maintained the required ball control to sink the blues.

Weekend Extravaganza

The department of Physical Education has planned an action-packed weekend for York's Homecoming. The following athletic events will be going on throughout the weekend:

Friday, October 17

- Athletic Hall of Fame banquet at 6:30 p.m. in Winters College Dining Hall.
- The Yeowomen Red 'n White Basketball Tournament, featuring high school teams from across Ontario and several university teams.

Shortstops

- Hockey Yeomen host their own invitational tournament. Action gets under way at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 18

- Yeomen and Yeowomen swim teams open pre-season competition with an inter-team meet at the Tait pool. Starting time is 10:00 a.m.
- Soccer Yeomen battle the Waterloo Warriors. Kick-off time is at 12 noon.
- Field Hockey Yeowomen square off against the Waterloo Athenas at 12 noon.
- The Football Yeomen go against the Laurier Golden Hawks. Kick-off time is 2:00 p.m.

Victory at last

Geoff Wheel

"They talk about the thrilling comeback of Team Canada in 1972, they talk about the miraculous season-end finish of the 1978 Yankees, and I would not be surprised if they include today's amazing second half upsurge, by the Yeomen, in the annals of great moments of sports, in years to come". This was facetiously quoted by a jubilant member of the victorious York Yeomen varsity rugby team, after their comeback-behind 16-9 win over Waterloo last Saturday.

With a first side comprised of 12 rookies out of 15 players, it was a heartfelt feeling in everyone to win this, their first victory of the season, after four previous decisive defeats.

What was extremely gratifying

rejuvenated and regrouped Yeoman side completely dominated Waterloo, pressuring them with deep kicks by the backs, and aggressive rucking and mauling by the forwards. At no time in this half did Waterloo have the time or space to operate with effective ball. In fact, the intensity of the Yeomen broke down the Warrior defense, thus creating many gaps and openings, enabling many long runs, such as the one made by Tracy Lapointe, who galloped 50 metres on a scissor play, but being stopped at the 5 metre line. Almost instantaneously, he fed the ball to Clayton, who catapulted in for the try. Clayton accounted for all of the York scoring on the day. Three penalty goals, a try and a fluttering drop goal. Other standouts were Kevin



was the vehement play of the forwards who totally dominated the huge Warrior forwards, noticeably in the first phase aspects (scrums and lineouts) and with great fervor in the loose play, especially in the second half. As coach Mike Dinning expressed, utilizing one of his usual forms of loquacity, "This turnabout by our squad was a treat to watch. It was truly champagne rugby!"

At the outset of the game, it was apparent that the Yeomen were the aggressors. However, through senseless penalties, York allowed Waterloo to account for all of their scoring by way of penalty kicks. Yeoman rookie Mike Clayton chipped in two penalty kicks to round out the scoring, in the first half, at 9-6 for Waterloo.

In the second half, a much

Lapointe, Joe (Coma) Mucci, and Craig Campbell.

In the second side game, Yeomen II lost to Waterloo 3-0 on an illegal, however accountable, penalty kick. In this contest, the belligerent and fiesty play of the forwards was constantly demonstrated, led by such renegade hard noses as D'arcy Irwin, Gord "Hit Man" Hansen, and Atis "Mad Latvian" Ladis. Where this side faltered was in the inability to muster any sustained attacks, and create opportunities to employ the talents of one of Ontario's premiere goal-kickers in varsity captain, Steve Church.

Next game is here at York Saturday at 12:30, versus Guelph, on the rugby pitch. Since this is homecoming, a supportive turnout would be appreciated.