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Soccermen supreme in Ontario



A happy captain, Nick Plessis, holds Blackwood trophy aloft

The Blackwood trophy, emblematic of soccer supremacy in Ontario University competition, was added to the York showcase last Saturday, as the Yeomen capped an unbeaten regular season with a 2-1 triumph in the playoff championship against the very able second-place Western Mustangs.

In front of a couple of hundred home fans, the teams went at it hammer and tongs for the full 90 minutes. The game was played at considerable pace, and dominated by much heavy tackling and hard, often brutal body contact, which had both teams tending towards "hot potato" soccer, which, for the Yeomen was uncharacteristic of the precise, more structured game which has hallmarked their play this season.

The 2-1 score is not an accurate indicator of the balance of play, for although Western never stopped fighting, with the exception of a 15 minute spell of sustained Mustang offence in the second half, the Yeomen maintained a territorial advantage and created many more chances during the course of the game, and might well have doubled the score.

For the whole of the first half, Yeomen prevented any direct shots on net while at the other end, only some five saves by the Mustang goalie, Henderson, and some inaccurate shooting kept York off the score sheet for the first thirty minutes. Such pressure would not be denied and after 32 minutes 'Magic' Mac Musaby jinked through the

Mustang defence down to the left bye-line and squared a low ball to Mike Burke who hammered it home from close range. Shortly after, and for the second game in a row, a Yeoman was hospitalized following a clash of heads. This time all-star striker Aldo D'Alfonso collected eight stitches to an ugly gash in his eyebrow. This unbalanced the Yeomen offence somewhat because, as joint goal scoring leader with Mike Burke, D'Alfonso's departure considerably reduced the York firepower up front.

Coach Willis called on Ian Dawson and Pino Baldassare to share the replacement duty and their eager forechecking played a valuable part in the second half. After the break, the Yeomen settled down into a defensive shell, and as is usual in such circumstances, this allowed the opposition more time and room in which to manoeuvre.

The Mustangs capitalized this to good advantage and by employing every man in all-out assault waves, hemmed in the Yeomen defence and forced John DeBenedictis in the York net into some hair-raising and courageous off-line play. On three occasions he was required to dive at the feet of a break-away Mustang to prevent the equaliser. The momentum was fairly with Western at this point and when, with 10 minutes to play their tricky left-winger Trifon was brought down in the area, the resultant penalty shot was promptly converted by Rugens.

The fighting spirit which has characterized the York team all

season came immediately to the fore, and getting down to business, they proceeded to play their best soccer of the game. Within a few minutes of Danny Iannuzziello joining D'Alfonso in hospital with a broken nose, Yeomen wrapped it up when Musaby added to his earlier point by driving in the winner during a goal mouth scramble, which had seen three earlier shots blocked on the goal line.

Man-of-the-match was awarded to all the players. Mike Burke was the team's leading scorer over the season with 10 goals and Aldo D'Alfonso ended second with nine. The team scored more goals and conceded fewer, than the other 9 teams in Ontario, further underlining their superiority.

Captain Nick Plessis observed how the Yeomen have melded into a team. "It's tough to do this in such a short season, but these guys are very together on, and off, the field. York's 'final game' bogeyman was very real to some of the veterans, and all the players were conscious of it, but it's been laid now, and we go to the Nationals as front door winners, undefeated in the strongest University league in the Country, and ready for anyone."

Coach Eric Willis said his team "played much better in previous games, and going into the game as favourites, against a hot team which had scored nine goals in its last two games, created tensions which were not overcome until near the end of the game. It was a tough, fast game with few frills," he commented.



The team travels to Waterloo for the national championship November 11-13.

Puckmen down Blues, clinch U of T tourney

By Ian Wasserman

Last weekend the Hockey Yeomen made it a double win for York capturing the U of T Tournament crown by downing the hosting Blues 4-3.

The Yorkers advanced to the final game by downing a rebuilt Waterloo Warrior squad 7-3 on Friday night. The Yeomen jumped out in to a 4-0 lead after two periods, on two goals from Romano Carlucci and singles

from Aidan Flatley and Gary Gill. In the third period, both teams exchanged three goals with York's coming from Bob Schnurr, Dave Chalk and Barry Crump.

The Saturday night match-up was a typical York-U of T game: fast moving and plenty of scoring chances.

It was easy to see that both teams had little trouble getting up for the game. It meant a lot in terms of

prestige. For the Yeomen it was their real first test as to how they would fare in the coming season.

Both teams came out in usual fashion, looking for an early lead. It was York who gained that advantage on a pair of goals from Bob Schnurr at 3:29 and 11:16 of the first period. These goals seemed to deflate the Blues, but they fought back to within one as Doug Caines picked up a loose puck and put it in the York net past a sprawled Steve Bosco.

In the second period both teams played an end to end game. Finally, half way through the period, Frank Davis scored for U of T, making it a tied game. That goal seemed to catch York off guard, as 24 seconds later Davis scored again.

Down 3-2, the third period held the answer to the fate of the Yeomen. Would they let down or will they rally? At 5:13 John Goodish stepped inside the Blues zone and unleashed a long shot which went between the legs of Mark Logan and tied the game.

The tide started to turn for York as it appeared that the Yeomen had the Blues tied up in their own zone. At the 13:06 mark John Goodish received a quick pass from Gary Gill and put it past Logan, to make it York 4, Toronto 3.

Now it was York's turn to guard the lead. With 7 minutes left, the Blues couldn't be counted out. They applied the pressure but the Yeomen repelled all attacks. The Yeomen looked like professionals in those final minutes. The final buzzer sounded and the Yeomen went wild, as if they had won the Canadian championship.

Designated captain Dave Chalk accepted the trophy for the team victory. Chalk then lead the Yeomen on a victory lap of the haunting Varsity ice surface. The team then congregated at center ice for a team cheer of "Rooty Toot Toot".

Let's hope that in February that the team will be doing the same, only hoisting the OUA and Canadian Crown.

The tournament all-star team was dominated by York Yeomen, including newcomer Bob Schnurr, John Goodish and Steve Bosco.

Romano Carlucci and Dave Chalk got honourable mention for their fine play in the series.

York now prepares to open the regular season at home this Saturday night. The Yeomen play host to another rookie coach, Billy Harris, and his Laurentian Voyageurs. Game time is 8:15. The game can be heard on CKRY.



Bryon Johnson photo

Oh so close in tennis

Without losing a single set in the entire season, York's Pat Sinclair won the Ontario Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Association (OWIAA) tennis tournament this weekend at the Toronto Cricket Club.

In an earlier tournament in London's Highbury Racquet Club, Sinclair and Diana Dimmer captured the doubles title of the pleased with her team's performance.

Even though the two Glendon students gave a good effort and were the Yeowomen's forte, York still wound up behind the University of Western Ontario by a frustrating one point trying to gain the team title. Western accumulated 162 points to York's 161.

Coach Vivienne Strong was pleased with her team's performance. "It's tough to play outside when it's

raining, but it was a great team. Everyone tried very hard and supported each other". She said York performed very well, even though it did not gain the team title. "We won the singles tournament and the individual titles. Winning the team title would have been the icing on the cake," she said.

Strong said she thought York's team was the stronger one of the contestants. "Because of scoring, we lost main championship points. Points were given in such a way so that stronger players couldn't get as many points for their team as poorer players a level below them," she said. But York also had to gain on the University of Western Ontario during the tourney, Strong said.

"We were five points behind, and caught up all but one point," she said. York also came in fourth in doubles, beating McMaster in the process.

Strong, a non-playing captain of Canada's Federation Cup team, and Nancy Doherty, a former Yeowoman herself, were a formidable coaching team making this year's Yeowomen one of the strongest tennis teams ever fielded by York.

Other members of the team included Jane Mitchell, who contributed to the group's impressive singles finish by winning the "B" flight final, and past team-members Margot Greenberg, Joanne Healy and Lily Durzo. First year player Debbie Morris won the consolation round of her flight.



"Flawless" Pat Sinclair

Lily Durzo photo

Clayton's winning ways

Rookie Yeowoman, Sharon Clayton, continued her winning ways with a first place finish in the OWIAA Cross Country Final held at Queen's on sat. Oct. 29th.

Sharon's performance of 18:26.8 over the 4km course gave her the gold medal in this event to add to her wins in the OWIAA Track and Field Championships in the 1500m and 3000m races.

The additional efforts of sprinter Margot Wallace, who finished in 9th place in 19:50, and Connie Halbert's 24th place finish helped the Yeowomen team to a third place standing overall behind strong teams from Queen's and Western.

In the men's 10km race Mike Housley and Derrick Jones were York's top finishers, putting in good efforts to place 22nd and 37th respectively. Rounding out the Yeomen team were Dave Carmichael, 71st, Duncan MacLachlan, 72nd, and Andy Buckstein, 73rd. First

place in this event went to Dave Williams of the University of Toronto. U. of T. also won the team competition.



Rookie C-C champ Sharon Clayton

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