

# Sports and Recreation

## Suffer 54-6 shellacking

### Inexperience cited as Yeomen are defeated

By WALTER RIGOBON

In OUAA football action last Saturday afternoon, the York Yeomen opened their home schedule on a sorry note as they suffered a 54-6 shellacking at the hands of the University of Western Ontario Mustangs.

There is an old adage in football that games are won and lost in that one yard area known as the pit. This game was no exception. As coach Dick Aldridge put it, "we were beaten by a team of bigger and stronger men." The York linemen, forced to give away at least 20 pounds and often more to their Western counterparts, gradually weakened as the game wore on.

Western quarterback Jamie Bone took advantage of the situation to send backs Rick Scarborough and Colin Lauder on various sorties through the York line, eating up huge chunks of yardage.

Western accumulated 221 yards rushing, 116 by Lauder and 63 by fullback Rick Scarborough. Western quarterback Jamie Bone hit on eight of twelve passes for 16 yards.

York countered with 68 yards rushing, while quarterbacks Mike Foster and Rob Pyper hit on only six of 22 attempts for 73 yards.

Running backs Scarborough and Lauder each scored two touchdowns for Mustangs. Ron Haswell, Ron McNamara, Tony Fallis and Nigel Wilson added one

each. The lone York touchdown was scored by Mike Foster on a one yard plunge.

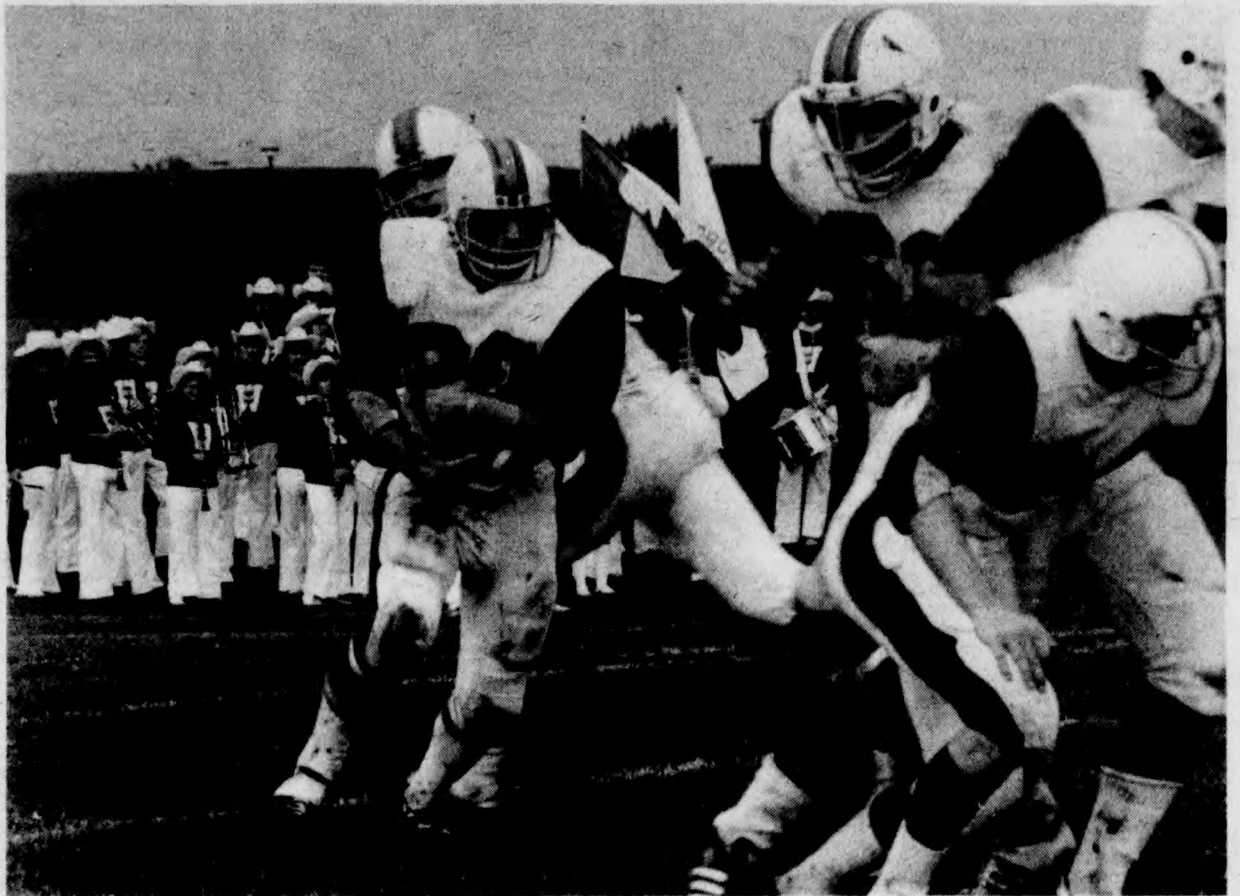
It was very difficult to single out a turning point in the game. Aldridge said, "we were killed by their big plays. You can't let a team run back punts on you for long yardage. They came up with several key plays near the beginning." Included among these key plays was a 46 yard punt return by Nigel Wilson the first time Western handled the ball.

"Our players were giving 100% all the way and never gave up," Aldridge said. "Our lack of depth really hurt us." The Yeomen player crisis continued to haunt the team as the number of players dressed for last Saturday's game dwindled to 31. Key linebacker Paul Kotsopoulos injured his knee late in the game further depleting the player ranks.

Asked what was the bright spot for the Yeomen on a dismal day Aldridge replied, "I was happy to see the offence able to move the ball with the rush today. Our pass receivers were able to get into the clear too."

York's offence was guided by Mike Foster a 200 lb., 6'2" freshman. Foster is one of 15 rookies on the Yeoman roster this year. Aldridge said, "We are sorely lacking experience. I'm sure we'll reduce our mistakes as the year goes on."

The youthful York team will get



York's Dan Bertolo (20) takes hand-off and heads for daylight as Glen Gillies (61) helps to pave the way.

another chance to pick up some experience as the Windsor Lancers pay the York campus a visit this Saturday.

This will be invaluable to the Yeomen as experience is what they are sorely lacking.

"Inexperience was why we lost," said assistant coach George Hill. "We gave away 28 points in the 1st quarter alone due to inexperience. That was the main difference between the teams."

More that half of the team are

rookies and this was only their second game at the University level. For Aldridge, although the first two outings have been losses, the teams showed something, "There's spirit on this team, and that's a step in the right direction."

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## Sports briefs

By DAVE FULLER

Three of York's top gymnasts will travel to Edmonton this weekend to participate in the first of three invitational meets that will determine who will make up the national men's team.

Competitors Steve MacLean, David Steeper and Marc Eprecht will go to the tryouts at the invitation of the Canadian Gymnastics Federation to vie for a position on the 14 member national team.

Tom Zivic will accompany the trio as their coach here at York, but is also attending in his role as national coach, a position he held during this summer's Olympic games in Montreal.

MacLean, a fourth year student is anxious to do well at this year's qualifications as he just missed the cut last year; placing fifteenth overall.

Rookie Marc Eprecht would also like to grab a spot on the team during his first year here at York.

Assistant coach George Hill echoed Dick Aldridge's comments on the rookie football Yeomen's inexperience, saying that small lapses costs the team dearly.

More exposure to top flight

varsity competition will undoubtedly provide the experience, hopefully the early season drubbings at the hands of Laurier and Western will not dampen the young squad's enthusiasm.

"It's a tough way to start a season," said Hill, "but this team's spirit should carry us through."

A good spectator turnout should help immeasurably, besides it's a nice healthy way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

UP and COMING... This Saturday is a big sports weekend at York as there are no less than five varsity events scheduled. The football Yeomen take on the Windsor Lancers who defeated Waterloo last Saturday, 46-11... York's championship rugby team hosts the squad from Western while the soccer Yeomen meet University of Guelph... at 10:00 a.m. the York Invitational Tennis tourney will get underway, while the York water polo team will take a pre-season plunge at McMaster for the Early Bird Tournament... On Sunday it's more soccer action, this time against Laurentian, game time is also 2:00 p.m.

## Varsity women work out

By IAN WASSERMAN

Women's athletics at York have traditionally been given short shrift in the media. Whether by design or by mere oversight, it happens year after year that our talented and frequently successful women's teams go unnoticed.

The problem, however, goes deeper than editorial oversight. The media turns a blind eye to our female jocks but so do a good portion of the students themselves.

Mary Lyons, York's women's inter-university sports co-ordinator would like to reach these people and has plans for making the whole community more aware of women's athletics.

With many varsity teams starting their training for the fall season, Lyons is urging any girls who feel they might like to get involved, to check the tryouts schedule and give themselves a chance to judge their ability before deciding they are not good enough.

According to Lyons there are a lot of good competitors that are lost each year because they don't try, or because they don't know how to get in touch with organizers.

Among the activities available to women athletes at the varsity level are Field Hockey, Gymnastics, Track and Field, Tennis, Squash and Volleyball.

These teams are led by a staff of highly qualified, enthusiastic coaches, such as Marina Van der Merwe coach of the Field Hockey team who also happens to be the tutor for the Canadian Women's Olympic team.

Many of the women's teams at York have been league leaders in the past and promise to do well again this year, but not without the new faces needed to maintain the strength and enthusiasm which has become a York women's tradition.

More information on the Women's inter-university athletic programme can be obtained from Mary Lyons in Room 307, Tait McKenzie Building.

## Soccer Yeomen beef up

By KEN STEWART

Strengthened by new personnel in the backfield, and a trio of goaltenders, York's Soccer Yeomen look like possible cup contenders in this year's OUAA competitions.

After a disappointing fourth place finish last year, the offensively minded Yeomen have concentrated on improving their goals against record. Although they were the second highest scorers in their division last season goal tending proved a weak link that cost the team dearly.

"Last year's team was hampered by poor defensive work," said head coach John Dobbie. "The situation in goal was also a problem, but we have acquired some strong new backs to bolster our defense."

"We also have a choice of goalies this year, and I plan to alternate two of them."

Dobbie, who has been coaching soccer in Southern Ontario for several years, is new to York's coaching staff but does not hesitate to predict the best for his team.



"We can go all the way," he reports confidently.

Returning from last year's powerful forward unit are veterans Aldo D'Alfonso, Humphrey Ho, Nick Plesus and Mack Musaby.

After yesterday's game against a strong side from University of Toronto, coach Dobbie feels he has a good indication of how the team

will fare in this year's cup race.

We should be able to threaten last year's division champion, Queen's.

In the same division as York are Waterloo, Brock, O of T, RMC and Queen's.

This Saturday the Yeomen will host the University of Guelph on the grassy plains behind Tait McKenzie, game time is 2:00 p.m.