High stepping week

Soccer Yeomen return from tough road trip bagging three of six pts

By MARK ZWOLINSKI

If you can play .500 ball through the tough part of a schedule, you're bound to come out a winner.

Well, the York Yeomen soccer club can't be dubbed a winner yet, but they did play some consistently fine soccer to come away with three of a possible six points after toiling through the toughest part of their schedule this past week.

A come from behind 3-2 victory over the R.M.C. Redmen capped off a gruelling road trip in which the Yeomen coupled a 2-0 loss to Ontario University Athletic Association (OUAA) division champion Laurentian Voyageurs with a 0-0 draw against defending league champion U of T Blues.

After four games in the 1983 OUAA season, the Yeomen are even in the won-lost department at 1-1, while salvaging a season opening 1-1 draw with Carleton to go along with the U of T split decision.

"I looked at it as two good ones and two bad ones," said coach Norman Crandles. "Sunday's win over a vastly improved R.M.C. team was very important coming off Saturday's loss to Laurentian."

York began its road trip last Wednesday night with a no-holds barred match against cross-town rival U of T.

The Blues, defending OUAA champions, dislodged York from a playoff berth last October with a burning 3-2 win at York. They came into the contest with a definite psychological advantage, having walked all over the Carleton Ravens 8-2, the day the Yeomen had struggled just to gain a 1-1 draw with those same Ravens. But York didn't give 'em an inch.

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WE CAN HELP YOU PREPARE FOR: "That score (0-0) was pretty well indicative of just how even things were out there," Crandles said. "It was a very tenacious match. Some hard, wide-open soccer was played—it was a sheer delight to watch."

The Yeomen took a chartered bus out to Sudbury early Friday morning so they could work out in preparation for Saturday's match against OUAA west division champions Laurentian Voyageurs.

The ploy, however well intended, didn't work for York, as the powerhouse Voyageurs dumped the penalty ridden Yeomen 2-0.

"The effort just wasn't there," Crandles commented. "Things went their way, especially with the number of penalties in their favor, and that took the momentum away from us. But I can't rule out a psychological let down from the U of T game either."

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York moved over to R.M.C. for a Sunday afternoon match against the Redmen, a game in which they knew little of their oppenent's status as a team.

"Laurentian had beaten R.M.C. twice the week before, but by very close scores of 2-1 and 3-2," Crandles explained. "It was a question of R.M.C. being for real, or Laurentian not being as good as everyone thought they were."

Either way, the Yeomen silenced any doubts with a much needed 3-2 victory over the now winless Redmen. It wasn't all that easy though.

R.M.C. jumped on York and rookie netminder Paul Bettos, making his debut in the York nets in place of Glem McNamara, to take first half leads of 1-0 and 2-1.

Striker Alex Riha got the Yeomen on track in the second half however, with a brilliant but somewhat unorthodox individual effort. Taking a pass on his left, Riha broke in on Redmen netminder Dave Still for a clear shot, but instead of transferring the ball to his left foot, he used the outside edge of his right foot to power a shot past Still for the equalizer.

"If you were going to hold a coaches' clinic on how not to take a shot, that would be the example you'd use," Crandles mused. "But he did it on sheer power alone."

Splendid defensive work from Steve Robbins, who had the explicit task of shadowing R.M.C.'s free rover, and Dave Gardener, kept the game even for the Yeomen until George Katsuras netted a 20-yard bullet behind Still for the game winner.

"We adapted to an offensive strategy they employed, allowing one of their best all-round men to play as a free rover," Crandles said. "Steve's job was to blanket hin. the game while everyone else shifte. from man to zone defenses."

"It worked well," Crandles continued. "The come from behind win was just a big desire effort on their part—we needed those two points badly.

York's coaching staff received a big boost with the additions of Dr. Stuart Robbins and Mal Reader to the ranks. Robbins is York's athletic director while Reader serves in the university's telecommunications department. The Yeomen travel to Queens this weekend for a game against the Golden Gaels.

Women run for less in Marathon race

By ELISSA S. FREEMAN

7 ou've come a long way baby, but not far enough.

According to officials of the Miller High Life Marathon, taking place next weekend, the fact that the men's prize is \$15,000 more than the women's is justified. This is despite the fact that both men and women are running the same distance (26 miles), on the same course.

It seems that quantity, not quality, is the major emphasis of the event—at least that's what Ontario Track & Field spokesman John Craig said.

"The prize money (\$25,000 for the first seven men finishers and \$10,000 for the first six female finishers) reflects the number of participants in the run," explained Craig. "Out of the 35,000 participants, only about 500 are women."

"Furthermore, you can't justify it to the men," he continued. 'If I were running in the competition and if there were considerably fewer women than men, I would be upset if the prize money was the same."

The major sponsor 'of the run, Carling O'Keefe was noncommittal in their response. "We're just the sponsors and we go along with what everybody else has done," said Public Relations representative Gary Boyd. "We're not experts in running a marathon, we were just told by the Track & Field Association to keep on par with other such marathons of this type."

Even though the "numbers game" is being given top priority by the executive brass, the quality of running can simply not be ignored.

"You can approach it two ways," offered York field hockey coach Marina Van der Merwe. "Firstly, \$10,000 is a lot of money for female runners. But does that mean that women are running with \$15,000 less worth of energy?"

"Then you get women who finish ahead of most of the men in such races," added Van der Merwe. "Will it get to the point where such women will be able to enter in the men's division?"

On the other hand, Nancy Rooks, York's queen of the cross-country circuit and a participant in the coming marathon, provides an interest rationale to this situation. Rooks believes that the difference in prize money is because the quality of the men's competition is better.

"The men's field has a lot more depth becaue there are so many good runners and it's easier to place higher in the women's field. For example, there can be 10 men within world record timing and only one woman — and in that case it's justified. Although I wouldn't mind more money!"

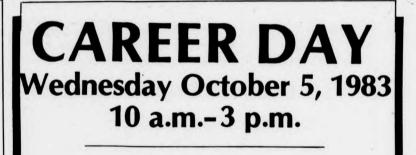
The future of larger monetary purses being offered to women runners however, is not out of the question.

John Craig does believe that the number of women runners involved is growing and would eventually like to see the prize money split "50-50". In that case, we seem to run into the "chicken and egg" situation. Will there first have to be more women competitors before organizers up the ante, or will women have to start running faster in order to gain better recognition?

As it stands now, the Marathon already has an impressive contingent of women runners. Charlotte Teske of Frankfurt, Germany, Canadian Kathy Ricica Roberts, and Irish "wonder woman" Carey May will all be gunning for a world record pace next weekend.

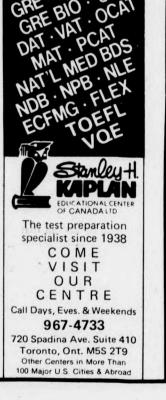
In an interview with the Toronto Sun, May said that she expects to beat Teske by three minutes, running all alone with a clocking under 2:29:24.

Now if that's not quality competition then what is? Women's cash parity seems achievable. It's only a matter of time.



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