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New football line-up kicks off new season in North York Stadium

By PETER BECKER

"Establishing a winning tradition, that's what it's all about," said last year's football coach, Dave Pickett. But winning is something the Yeomen just haven't been able to do. Each fall, however, brings the York football team a fresh start. The miscues, arguments and disappointments from seasons past are all forgotten.

The new coach of the squad is not new to York—head coach Frank Cosentino is returning to the football program after a three-year absence which saw the team drop to a dismal one-and-six won-loss record last year. He will be responsible for the offense, and associate head coach Nobby Wirkowski, returning to the football program after an eight-year absence, will command the defensive unit.

The players were chosen from over 100 candidates who attended training camp at the end of August. There are roughly 50 players on the roster, while only 40 will be taken on road games. Along with the high

school graduates that tried out for the team a number of transfer students, who were ineligible last season, are now qualified to play.

On the defensive side of the ball will be a mix of rookies and veterans. All-star nose-guard Dirk Leers has been named to the Third Annual Pre-Season All-Canadian Team; the only Yeoman elected. Complementing Leers on the defensive line will be defensive ends Chuck Oxley, a second-year man, and rookie Warren Robinson.

The linebacking corps will be anchored by fourth-year returnee Steve Ruple, Arvil Wray and Bill Docherty.

The defensive backs are a solid unit of veterans. Darryl Sampson, Donovan Brown, Norbie (son of Nobby) Wirkowski and Dom Cugliari are all back for another season with McGill transfer student Colin Woon Sam.

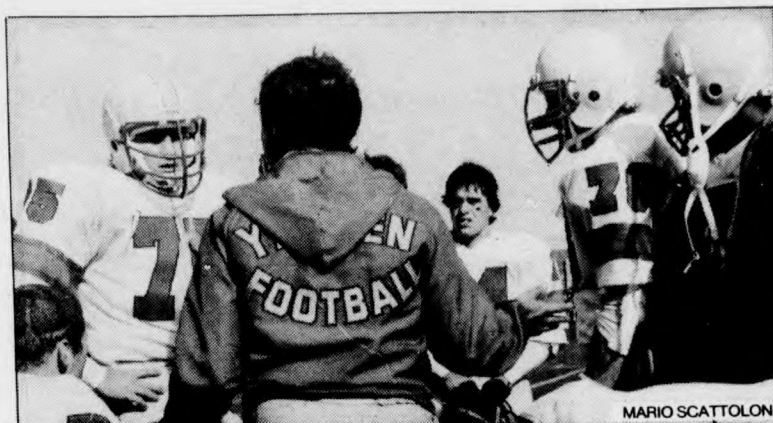
The offensive line will be made up of Mike Chesson and Dave Magan, controlling right side; Scott Pustai and rookie Chris Jones handling the

left; Graham Catt will be centering. Chesson, an OUAU all-star tackle selection last year, and Maganja, who was drafted by the Ottawa Rough Riders last year, offer stability and experience to the front line.

The receivers will be lead by returnee Steve Del Zotto along with Phil Honey, a transfer from Western, and Bob Harding, a transfer from Northeastern.

The offensive backfield has the potential to dominate the league. Running back Terry Douglas, George Ganas and Joe Pariselli will provide the ground attack. In '83 Douglas attained a nine-yard average on 39 carries while fourth-year veteran Ganas will mainly be used as a blocking back this year.

The starting pivot has not been chosen. Fourth-year quarterback Tino Iacono suffered a broken fibula in the off-season but will be ready to play in a few weeks. Quarterback Bill Ptolemy, a transfer from Acadia, is in contention for the starting spot as is Humber side graduate Glen Humenik. When Iacono fully recov-



Pre-game jock-talk as the coach rallies his troops.

ers, this position will be hotly contested.

The punting and kicking duties will be handled by Mike Boyd

The prospects for this year's team are good. A strong defensive line and secondary will make up for the uncertainties at linebacker.

If the defense isn't left on the field too long they shouldn't give up too many points. The bigger question mark lies on offense. On paper they shouldn't have any trouble scoring points. With a balanced attack, and innovative play selection the offense will still depend on the pivot to pull it all together.

But there are other intangibles that have to be taken into account. The first and most prominent is the change in coaching. A new, stable

and sound philosophy is just what the doctor ordered. While not resorting to Frank Kush coaching methods, coach Cosentino is respected by his players.

The second change from last year is the new playing facility that will host all of York's home games. The North York Civic Stadium has a seating capacity of 3,000 and is located at Bathurst and Finch. Along with the new stadium, the players will be sporting new uniforms with a new York logo on the sides of the helmets.

My fearless prediction, after looking over their competition, is that this year's team will win at least three games; more if they clear up those apparent shortcomings. The Yeomen play their first home game for the season this Sunday against Guelph.

Yeowomen set high standards

By DEBBIE KIRKWOOD

York over the years has established itself throughout the province as a University that has successfully managed to combine a high standard of academic success with a top-notch athletic program.

The majority of sporting activity here at York is run from in and around the Tait McKenzie Building. This facility is located in the north-west part of the campus, and includes the swimming facility, three gymnasiums, squash courts, weights, and locker rooms. Nearby is the Ice Arena, home for men's and women's hockey and female figure skating. And finally there is the Metropolitan Track and Field Centre, home for many of Canada's Olympic athletes as well as the Bobby Orr Sports Injury Clinic.

At York men's and women's athletics is supported through membership in the OUAU (Ontario University Athletic Association) and the OWIAA (Ontario Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Association) respectively.

The organizing body responsible for running Women's Athletics at York is the Women's Athletic Council or as it is more affectionately known, WAC.

Here at York, women can participate in 13 intercollegiate sports at the provincial level. Sports included in this category are basketball, tennis, hockey, figure-skating, volleyball, track and field as well as many others. More importantly many of these sports also offer the opportunity for athletes to compete at the national level.

In fact, due to the variety and success of York's program this institution has attracted athletes that compete from the intercollegiate level through to the Olympic level.

For those of you interested in becoming involved, practices for many sports start this week. For information, head on over to the Tait McKenzie centre, and look for the posters pertaining to your specific sport.



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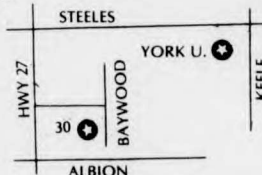
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