

York futility continues



Yeomen fullback Nord Williams (27) leads the charge as quarterback Tino Iacono (10) rolls out to throw a pass.

Mike Leonetti

With the many of the York defensive starters watching from the sidelines the Guelph Gryphons were able to knock-off the Yeomen 44-24 behind the battering running of Peterson Douglas. The loss before an exuberant homecoming crowd dropped the Yeomen record to 1-4 and eliminated them from post season action.

Douglas a stubby 5'9" 215 running back set an OUAA single game rushing record as he carried 32 times for 285 yards. The mark eclipsed the previous record held by Western fullback Greg Marshall.

Douglas' running provided two touchdowns from three and 45 yards out, as well as setting up other Guelph majors by Tim Quirke, Andy Balson and Mike Hudson, all on passes from quarterback Mike Eykens.

In the somber York dressing room coach Dave Pickett was quick to concede that Douglas is a good football player. "But we have lost many of our veterans on defence to injury and they were able to run at our weakness. We had to use young people who are inexperienced and gradually they wore down."

The final score was not really indicative of the play throughout most of the game. The Yeomen only trailed by two, 20-18, at the end of three quarters, and the York offence, which produced 318 yards and 17 firstdowns, had showed some study.

Quarterback Tino Iacono, 14 or

28 on the day for 202 yards, scored York's first touchdown on a sneak from the one yard line. Running back George Ganas bulled over from the one and later added a 21-yard touchdown on a pass from Iacono late in the game.

Ganas had uncorked a 51-yard run to set up his short TD plunge, which at the time (late in the third) seemed to give the Yeomen a big lift. But Peterson Douglas' running took over again on the ensuing drive as Guelph drove for a major score to put the game out of reach for the Yeomen.

Injury ravaged defence

The injury ravaged York defence fought gamely, but eventually broke down in the fourth quarter. Guelph rolled up 496 yards of offence and 25 first downs. Gryphons QB Mike Eykens complemented the running of Douglas by completing 12 of 17 passes for 153 yards and three touchdowns.

Many of the Yeomen were disappointed with the loss, but were not totally downcast. RB George Ganas who had one of his best games said "I am disappointed we lost, but we had too many key injuries to cope with. We are gaining experience and it will payoff in the future. Now we're going to be playing for team

pride and to get maturity."

Running mate Nord Williams (11 carries for 63 yards the day) echoed much of the same thoughts. "Guelph played a good game today. We just lack the experience and we get down sometimes. But this is a team of the future. It's important now that we finish strong."

To his credit coach Dave Pickett showed class by not trying to make excuses for his team. There is little he can do about the injury factor except to try and make the best of it. Despite the team's record, Pickett firmly believes that the Yeomen have the talent and desire to win.

"We scored 24 points on a good defence today so we know that the young players can do the job. We have many young players but they all want to play. It's not hard to get them motivated even now that we're out of the playoffs. We have to try to win our remaining games to keep on building our football program."

York will finish the season against McMaster in Hamilton and Waterloo will visit York in two weeks. A strong finish will give York a much needed boost going into next season.

Notes: York revealed a new place kicker. Mike Boyd showed a strong leg kicking a 43 year field goal adding two converts and a single...Rookie receiver Mike Bridgman caught 4 passes for 62 yards...RB George Ganas was York's Labatt's offensive player of the game while LB Barry Sellars won the defensive award.

Yeomen bury Badgers

Jim Russell

In the field next door marching bands were playing, cheerleaders were cartwheeling, crowds were



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the York Yeomen Rugby team, were quietly dropping a bomb on their opponents from Brock.

At least, that's how it must have felt for the Badgers. When the wreckage had cleared, the final score was 59-3.

The Yeomen fullback and placekicker, Mike Clayton, got things going early with a penalty after only a minute of play. He was to be kept busy all afternoon converting six of the eleven tries given up by Brock, one of which he scored himself.

It was a good day to be a wing forward. Both Greg Tsuji and Todd Peters scored twice. After the penalty and a try scored by winger George Eyp, making the score 7-0, the Yeomen forwards took the ball from a Brock line-out inside the Brock 22 metre line. Peters finished the play by crossing the goal line for his first try.

The only blemish on the Yeomen scoresheet came when York gave up three penalties inside their own 22 metre line. Brock elected to kick the first one and wasted an easy three points, missing from straight in front of the goalposts. They ran the second, which led to the third after the ball was handled by a Yeoman before it left the scrum. Brock finally scored on this

penalty. York now led 11-3.

But that was as close as the Badgers would come. York added two tries and a convert banked in off the goalpost to end the first half with a 21-3 lead.

As if that wasn't enough, the Yeomen continued on, scoring seven tries and five converts before the referee finally, and mercifully for the Badgers, blew the final whistle.

2-0 loss

Yeowomen sing the Blues

Jules Xavier

Winning has come easy for the York Yeowomen field hockey team. Their success has been dependent on their team play. York could depend on their capable defence to control opposing sharpshooters; while their explosive offence provided more than enough goals. Each unit complimented one another.

When a breakdown occurs in basic team play the end result is usually disastrous. The University of Toronto Lady Blues capitalized on York's erratic play with Terry Wheatley and Phylis Ellis scoring for Toronto this past Homecoming weekend. It was York's first loss of the season.

York simply played lousy according to veteran Laurie Lambert, a member of Canada's national squad.

"There wasn't enough movement. We weren't getting into position to receive the ball," she said.

Lambert's comments reflected the true scope of the game. Toronto controlled the game especially the middle.

"We kept trying to blast the

ball through the middle," explained Lambert. "It just wasn't working."

With a look of frustration on her face rookie Patti Jackman noted that not everyone was giving one hundred per cent.

"The team was not working together," said Jackman adding, "Nothing seemed to click in our play making."

York rarely threatened Toronto's goal and when they did the suicidal play of Toronto's Zoe McKinnon thwarted all attempts.

Lambert realizes there is a problem with the York offence and not the defence.

"We should be scoring more but, we're not scoring and especially against Toronto."



Loss to the University of Toronto Lady Blues has left a negative effect on the York Yeowomen field hockey team.

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Athletes of the Week

Yeowomen Leslie Dal Cin is *Excalibur's* choice for **Female Athlete of the Week**. She was named the MVP of York's Red 'n White basketball tournament this past weekend. Her 21 points against McMaster and steady play throughout the tournament were contributing factors in the MVP selection.

The honours for **Male Athlete of the Week** goes to Yeomen rugby fullback and placekicker Mike Clayton. In his team's victory over Brock, Clayton converted 6 of 11 tries and also scored one himself.