

# SPORTS

## Tough loss doesn't help red and white drive for a playoff spot



Mark Zwol

The York Yeomen soccer team all but ended their hopes of making the play-offs with a 3-2 loss to the U of T Blues on Saturday. The Blues, who once again play the catalyst to a York defeat, clinched the game on a penalty kick with less than five minutes remaining in the second half.

### not enough

"There's not any animosity between us, just a good, but fierce, rivalry. We needed this game badly. Anytime you go up on a team 2-0, it should be enough. But they came back and took us," said Head Coach Norman Crandles.

York played a sound first half, keeping the ball in the Blues' half of the field, and otherwise dominating play. Defender David Gardner displayed some good defensive tackling, while forwards Georgy Katsuras and Chris "Crystal"

Katsura carried the Yeomen offensively. Striker Paul Birkenhauser counted the York goals with some particularly fine play within the 18-foot line outside of Toronto's goal.

### "Blue bounces"

Cold temperatures and gusting winds seemed to get the better of the Yeomen in the second half of play. The ball took a few "Blue" bounces, and Toronto wasted no time in capitalizing on them to even the score at 2-2. An unfortunate series of events led to a penalty kick which resulted in U of T's third goal; Toronto scrambled to a loose ball in the Yeomen crease after York had failed to clear a corner kick. Defender Frank Lippa laid a resounding, but seemingly legit, leg-tackle on a U of T player. Referee John Wadell signalled the infraction and the penalty kick (as a result of the tackle taking place within the goal crease) to the dismay of Lippa

and the rest of the Yeomen who gave the U of T player a "9.5" for the flag-raising dive. Almost 100 per cent of the penalty kicks taken result in goals; in this case, the inevitable happened--U of T scored the goal and clinched the game.

**FOOTNOTES:** The loss dims the Yeomen's drive for a play-off spot. Down by two and one-half games in the standings, the Yeomen must win their remaining two games while Queens, with four games left, must lose all of theirs... What makes this season equally tough to review from the stand-point of a mathematical elimination is the fact that the Yeomen have scored more goals than any other team in Ontario--and that's with two games remaining! With that in mind, the Yeomen now look to improving their record to 6-4 which would be a much stronger showing than last season's 3-7 mark.

## All-Ontario champs have nowhere to go but up

# Yeowomen set to defend crown

Elissa Freeman

Many of York's Yeowomen teams have made an indelible mark in the history of women's athletics--the Volleyball Team is no exception. When Head Coach, Merv Mosher, took hold of the reins in 1979, he inherited a team that had finished first in the OWIAA Championships and was ranked second in Canada. However, under Mosher's direction, the team has soared to even loftier heights. Going into his fourth year of coaching, Mosher has compiled an outstanding lifetime record of 47 - 2 with the Yeowomen. This includes an unbeaten 1981 season (21 - 0), with an overwhelming total of 19, 3-0 match wins and he led the team to the 1981 OWIAA Championships and to its present national ranking of third in Canada.

### Experience at NATS

Mosher's National experience credentials are impressive. Head coach of Canada's Jr. National squad and in 1976, was the assistant with the Canadian Sr. National Team. In 1981 he coached Canada's Jr. National Squad at the October 1981 World Championships.

With all that experience plus a group of excellent players, the result can only be 'success'. However, like many other Yeowomen teams, the Volleyball team has a small core of

experienced players. The only difference is that Mosher hasn't lost his players to graduation. Many of the women have taken the year off to pursue other volleyball related activities and most will eventually be returning next year.

Nonetheless, Mosher feels, "that we have a nucleus of quality players and a group of eager first year players that show potential."

Here's a rundown of the 1982 Yeowomen Volleyball Team:

**Trish Barnes:** As one of the best power hitters at the national university level, this Jr. National Team member is starting her third season on the Yeowomen squad. As captain of the team, Mosher will need Trish's leadership on and off the court to pull team through the tough times.

**Jill Graham:** Hailing from high-school volleyball powerhouse St. Joseph's of North Bay, Graham is starting her second season as a Yeowomen. An excellent player with a dynamic jump, Graham has also taken over the role as one of the team's two setters.

**St. Joseph's of North Bay, Graham Nancy Watson:** Watson, a good athlete with lots of potential, will also be utilized as a setter. Another

player who has been with the team for two years, Watson, along with Barnes and Graham, round out the core of experience on the team.

**Wendy Hille:** In her first year as a Yeowoman, Mosher feels that Hille has been "a pleasant surprise." She's been extremely proficient at mastering the basic skills of the game.

**Kristen Fawcett:** Another first year player, the six-foot Fawcett adds height to the team. A quiet girl by nature Mosher feels that her play on the court does all the talking.

**Shelley McNichol:** Making her debut with the Yeowomen, McNichol is a defensive specialist that has a "go for broke" style of play. Mosher expects her to "shoot first and ask questions later."

**Carol Stajan:** Due to her inexperience, Stajan, will be used as a back-up player. "Although," says Mosher, "Carol works hard in practice and has the potential of becoming a starter."

**Jullie Richards:** Out of all the players, the 6'1" Richards is making her debut as one of the tallest members of the team. Chosen for her potential, Mosher feels that her height advantage combined with lots of work, Richards will develop into a strong player.

**Jackie Mills:** Last, but not least of the rookies, Mills is a hard worker and a conscientious player. Because of her ability to absorb details, Mosher describes Jackie as "the kind of athlete you want to work with."

### A Legitimate Shot

Mosher feels that the Yeowomen definitely have a legitimate shot at the OWIAA title. "We've got nowhere to go but up," asserts Mosher, "we'll be improving all the way, although it will be a lot tougher."

This weekend the yeowomen will be hosting some of the best volleyball teams in Ontario during their annual "Tart McKenzie classic," to be held at the York gym. The tournament, which is a two day affair, should provide some stiff competition for the Yeowomen.



Mustangs saddled with Red and White

## York gets "club" win

Bob Klein & Mark Zwol

It wasn't a perfect day for rugby, with the strong winds and cold temperatures, but the Yeomen kept their play-off hopes alive by defeating the Western Mustangs, 13-6.

Western opened the scoring early with a three point penalty kick, but York's Mark McCauley intercepted an arrant Western pass and dashed 65-yards for the try, putting the Yeomen ahead 4-3. The strong winds turned the rest of the half into a see-saw battle with Western regaining the lead on another penalty kick, only to have York's Al Bertu clinch a Yeomen gain on a "drop goal" which teetered the score back in favor of the yeomen 7-6.

### Second half surge

The second half saw some strong play by the yeomen forwards and back. Kicker Leo "clubfoot" Nishio was able to capitalize on Western turnovers and his fabled foot put York ahead to stay. Tempers mounted in the last minute of the game as the referee stopped play several times to warn both sides about scrappy play. They say that Rugby players "eat their dead," and while this particular "hi'light" was not necessary, there was definitely no love lost between the two teams. The Yeomen, however, concluded on a victorious note, winning the game 13-6, and securing a second place berth in the OUAA standings.

**SCRUM'S HALF:** The Yeomen are currently 4-1-1 and will face the McMaster Marander's this weekend. Also, special thanks to those who attended last thursday's "Boxer Shorts" dance and made it a success.



Unbeaten last season, Yeowomen have reason to smile

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