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MEN'S SCHEDULE

Sat. Nov. 6 **CROSS COUNTRY** OUAA championships at Waterloo, 2 pm
 Sat. Nov. 6 **HOCKEY** vs Queen's, 2:00 pm at McMaster, 8:00 pm
 Fri. Nov. 12 **BASKETBALL** vs Waterloo, 8:15 pm
 Tues. Nov. 9 vs Ottawa, 8:15 pm
 Fri. Nov. 12 **RUGGER** vs UWO, 2:00 pm

Sat. Nov. 6 **VOLLEYBALL** at Queen's at Ryerson
 Sat. Nov. 13
WOMEN'S SCHEDULE
 Nov. 5 & 6 **BASKETBALL** U. Ottawa Invitational at Guelph, 7:00 pm
 Mon. Nov. 8 **SWIMMING** at Guelph
 Mon. Nov. 8 **VOLLEYBALL** at Guelph, Exhibition



photo by BIMBO SNARK

Two Guelph players move in on a York forward in Saturday's crunching rugby match on Vanier field.

Down Guelph Gryphons Rugger Yeomen triumph 20-6

By Dudley Carruthers

A record crowd flanked the touchline of Vanier Field last Saturday, as the York Varsity Rugby team walked over Guelph to a 20-6 victory. Winning the toss, York chose to receive the kick-off with the bright sun behind them and within two minutes, hit the scoreboard as Rookie Paul Mallany made a fine break to score his first try.

Guelph, winless this year and missing players through injuries, lacked co-ordination and skills, although compensating with some remarkable tackling which Referee Reid decided to overlook. Ten minutes later, newly-appointed "Golden Toe" Gibson booted a three-point penalty kick, which he repeated shortly before half time. Meanwhile, Dave Ross' brother Bob sneaked a quick try which he tried to convert and missed.

At half time, all the Yeomen agreed that they were by no means playing their best. As so often happens, York tend to play down to

weaker opposition and the fire and enthusiasm which showed up in the U of T and McMaster games were sadly missing. With Guelph scoring a penalty, the score stood at 12-3 at the second half kick-off. This lack of effort became very apparent as the defense weakened and Guelph scored their only try.

A few minutes later "Flash" Flynn dived over the Guelph line for his first try of the year. With York now showing signs of team work and co-ordination, the match was climaxed by a spectacular score, fourteen men setting it up and Gibson making a determined run for the final try, which he himself converted.

This still leaves York at third place in the nine team OUAA league. At the top is Queens, a class on their own, with a clean record and one point above the Yeomen (owing to the fact York could only extract a tie from the U of T game) is Western who like York, have only lost to Queens. This Saturday will decide the second place team.

York puck and basketball men open seasons this week

By ANDY PICK and RON KAUFMAN

The York Hockey Yeomen open their season Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. with a home game against Queen's. Although the team has lost ten players, Coach Bill Purcell is cautiously optimistic. "I know that the other teams will take us lightly at first because we lost so many players", he said, "but they'll be in for a surprise." The returning players include Steve Latinovitch, the new team captain and leader year and goalie Bill Holden ranked one of the top netminders in college hockey. Other returnees include

defenseman Don West and forwards: Kent Pollard, Don Fraser, Paul Cerre, John Hirst, Frank Grace and George Kemp. Outstanding first year players to look for include: Brian Penrose and Barry Jenkins both from the Jr. B North York Rangers, John Titnes, who played juvenile hockey last year, Bill Neill, formerly of last year's J.V. team, Terry Greenham, Wolf Bucholtz and of course, Brent Imlach who last year played for U of T.

On the question of recruiting, Coach Purcell commented: "I can't recruit players like Loyola or Queen's. My job is difficult in that I

have to take what I can get and make the best of it. We're ranked third in Canada right now, but with basically a new team, it's hard to say how we'll do."

Meanwhile, Radio York in conjunction with Radio Varsity, is finalizing plans for live coverage of both Yeomen-Blues games. The first one, on Nov. 30, will be at the York ice arena. The second will be on Jan. 19 at Varsity Arena.

B-ballers lose 3 Stars

As the 1971-72 basketball season rolls around, it appears that the new edition of the York Yeomen should improve upon last year's third place finish. Through graduation and the

five-year eligibility rule, York loses starters Sandy Nixon, Gus Falcioni and Stan Raphael but Coach Bob McKinney has a solid nucleus returning to add to a talented group of rookies.

Leading the team this year will be 6 ft. 4 in. forwards Don Holstrom and Alf Lane, 6 ft. 6 in. centre Bob Weppier and 6 ft. 3 in. guard Butch Feldman. Holstrom, if motivated, could be an allstar this year and Late is one of the top rebounders in the league.

The overall success of this year's team will probably be based on the play of the rookies. Vince Santoro (St. Mike's) appears to have won the fifth starting job with some fine ball-handling and play making but he's closely followed by Ed Talaj (Bloor) who's already exhibited some great shooting. Jerry Varsava (Sarnia) and Scotty Hortop and Eric Gawley ('71 York J.V.) offer strong bench strength at guard. At the forward position, Bob Pike (Newtonbrook) will probably see a lot of action. Only 6 ft. 3 in. Pike can outjump op-

ponents 3 to 4 inches taller than himself. Behind Pike, Bob Buchanan (Victoria Park) and Warren Heeley (Burnhamthorpe), Eddie Lane (J.V.) and Jeff Simbrow (Bathurst) offer extra strength under the basket.

In the new alignment of the OUAA, York is in a division with Ottawa, Carleton, Queen's, Laurentian, Ryerson and Toronto. With a running offense and a pressing defense, York should be in contention for first place along with Laurentian and Queen's. The first home game is Tuesday, November 9 at 8:15 p.m. against Waterloo and the first league game is Nov. 12 at home against Ottawa.

Forecourt Fables

On Saturday, Oct. 30, York defeated Spluegen, the Italian national junior champion 86-76. Playing under international rules, York overcame questionable refereeing and some poor defense to claim their first win of the season. Don Holstrom led the team with 21 pt.

A look at the Leafs

As a new Excalibur feature, Sports Editor Phil Cranley will provide weekly comment and an inside look at the NHL, from the Keele St. angle.

Just Another Monday Practice

The Toronto Maple Leafs were supposed to play their third game in as many nights last Monday, but instead they held their usual practice session.

It seemed that the Leafs wanted to practice their two-on-one plays. Luckily the Red Wing defencemen wanted to polish their one-on-two plays so that everything worked out well. Detroit shared half the ice but they didn't get in the way.

In case you're wondering, the Leaf line of Henderson, Ullman and Ellis have got it down pat now. They scored five goals in 8 tries, 6-1 for the Leafs, was the final score and for those who weren't in attendance at the Gardens, allow me to announce the sad, nay dismal, condition of the Detroit entry in the National Hockey League.

General Manager Ned Harkness, who graced us with his presence in the press box, looked more glum than usual (up close you'd swear he has no teeth). Down below, his newly hired coach Johnny Wilson was being given a very bad reception to the world's biggest ulcer producing job. The main problem seems to be that Detroit had six men on the ice all working as individuals. There was no evidence of team play whatsoever.

Only Marcel Dionne, around whom Harkness hopes to build the Wings, and Brian Conacher, whose mother kissed him after the game and said "Never mind, only 66 more games to go until summer vacation", were even close to being efficient. Dionne was picked No. 2 in this year's junior draft.

Conacher should have known better. He's been through the grind before and God knows he doesn't need the money. Cousin Brad Conacher attends classes at York, so perhaps he'll relay the message.

And what about Red Wing goalie Al Smith? We pray that his brother doesn't reach the same depths of purgatory as back-up goalie for our beloved Yeomen this year. Poor Al was a sitting duck!

At the other end, Jacques Plante was excellent when he had to be and excellent when he didn't have to be. He's writing a new book entitled *The Easy Save and How to Look Great Doing it.*

Ron Ellis had an unusually en-

joyable evening. Three goals and an assist makes a professional hockey player smile. But for a nice guy, he hasn't had many better games. Captain Keon was at his scintillating best and had a breakaway goal on a perfect Jim Dorey pass.

Coach McLellan can rest easier, now that Brad Selwood is playing well. Only Bobby Baun has looked better on Leaf's defence in recent games. Blessed with size, speed and a blazing slap shot, Selwood will be a regular from here on.

Between periods in the press room, while munching on a free sandwich and sipping a coke (courtesy MLG), I managed to chat with Leaf's eastern scout, Johnny Bower. He says York's No. 1 goalie Bill Holden, is an outstanding pro prospect. According to Bower, Holden's main problem is that he doesn't talk enough to his teammates on the ice. He's wrong. Bill talks alright. It's just that with his mask on, you can't see him move his lips.



SPORTS BRIEFS

Calumet College won their first Inter-College championship last Thursday, taking the flag football honours from Vanier by a score of 35 to 0. Both teams had finished the season undefeated and so the score was somewhat of a surprise. Calumet was led by their quarterback Randy MacDonald, who was voted the game's most valuable player. Vanier was somewhat surprised at the fine showing of the stout Calumet defence.

For the second successive year, Stong college has become the soccer champions of York University. They defeated Winters on a goal by Abdulhaq Omar, scored on the very first attack of the game. The two teams then settled back and watched the ball bounce. McLaughlin took the consolation final over Glendon.

Last Saturday a promising young York team upset Western, the defending Canadian champions, to win the UWO Cross-Country meet. Ashley Deans ran a superb race, finishing second to Paul Pearson of Western. Following a close third was Larry Reynolds. Also showing well was first year man Terry Taylor in fifth place. Malcolm Smith and Tim Uuksulainen finished ninth and tenth respectively.

Paul Frost won the Ontario 'C' Squash tournament in London last Saturday. He defeated R. Smart of UWO 3-0.

Two members of the York Yeomen football team have been named to the first Ontario Universities Athletic Association eastern division all star team. Split end Steve Ince and defensive back Dave Hamilton were the York players. Two men from the U of T Blues were also on the eastern all star team along with eight from the Ottawa Gee-Gees, seven from Queens Golden Gaels and five from Carleton Ravens.

— Phil Cranley

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