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Back on track for Rugger Yeomen

By MARK ZWOLINSKI

There's nothing like a one-sided, ground-pounding victory to get a team back on its feet.

York's rugger Yeomen definitely did some ground-pounding over the weekend, obliging a patron crowd of about 250 with a barrage of converted tries and field goals in sacking the Brock Badgers 33-3 last Saturday afternoon.

"That's much better," said coach Mike Dinning, referring to his team's effort. "We were running with confidence out on the field, playing as a team instead of a bunch of individuals."

The win was just what the Yeomen needed to reestablish themselves in the nine-team Ontario University Athletics Association (OUAA) league, especially after last week's dim 4-0 loss to Waterloo in which the speedy York running attack failed to get into first gear.

"Like last week we had a lot of ball," Dinning commented. "We controlled it when we did have possession, we didn't drop it or make any unforced errors."

"I think that they (the players) know that they can put points on the board. It's just a matter of them getting it all together," he said.

York evened its record at 1-1, putting it in the middle of the pack in the OUAA's east division, while the Badgers dropped to 0-2.

The Yeomen got tries from Mike Clayton (2), Dave Borgland, Pete Johnson, and Frank Safian. Dave Berto added three conversions with Safian picking up another two and a penalty kick.

It appeared that neither team could get their offense going in the first half. York turned a couple of Badger mid-field cough-ups into seven points by the 40-minute mark but it was still anyone's game.

A different Yeomen side took the field in the second half, however. The result was 26 unanswered points which put the game out of reach for the Badgers.

"It shows that rugby is an 80-minute game," Dinning said. "We didn't score much in the first half but still had most of the possession time."

"That overextended them physically. They were just tired in the second half. We got most of the ball again and ran them ragged."

The Yeomen are on the road this weekend for a game in Sudbury against the R.M.C. Redmen.



PHOTO: MARIO SCATTOLONI

York's Rugger Yeomen romped to a 33-3 victory over the Brock Badgers for their first win of the season in OUAA action last Saturday afternoon. The big win happened at the York field.

York tourney tests talent

By ELISSA S. FREEMAN

Cross-town athletic rivalry between York and U of T isn't just limited to clashes between the grid-iron — any member of the Yeowomen Field Hockey team will attest to that.

Throughout an invitational tournament held at York last weekend, which featured squads from the University of Waterloo and the University of Western Michigan, the Red Machine had but one team on their minds — the U of T Lady Blues. For York, the emphasis of the

two-day event was to whittle away the number of team members from 23 to 15 women who will compete this year. As a result, coaches Marina Van der Merwe and Kathy Broderick concentrated on substituting as many line combinations as possible during each match.

After tying the highly-touted Waterloo Athenas 1-1 on a goal by Laura Branchaud, York advanced against Western Michigan, determined to beat the Americans by a better score than did U of T. The Lady Blues handed the U.S. squad a 5-0 loss.

The Yeowomen thoroughly dominated play by keeping the ball in Michigan's territory for most of the game. So effectively was their pressure that York was up 5-0 at the end of the half. Rookie Sandra Mayberry pocketed two goals; Branchaud, Allison Thompson, and Beth Macaskill accounted for the rest.

The second half continued in much the same vein, with York's

speed and agility continuing to dazzle the Americans. The half remained scoreless until Branchaud's goal made it 6-0 — bettering U of T by one goal.

Newcomers Sandra Mayberry and Mary Jane Galaski were particular standouts in this match. The two showed skillful ball control and extraordinary manoeuvring as they constantly outran their opposition.

However, in Sunday's match against the Lady Blues, York didn't fare so well, dropping a 5-0 decision.

"We didn't play badly," explained veteran goaltender Debbie Lamb, "we have the individual skills, but because we have a lot of new girls, we've got a lot to learn to put it together as a team."

"You've also got to remember that U of T plays as a club in a summer league, and it really shows come September."

A year ago, U of T beat York 8-0 during league play, but the Lady Blues only managed to squeak by with a 2-0 win in the OWIAA final.

"The game was a good learning experience," added Lamb, "and soon the new girls will learn how to beat U of T."

FIELD POSTS: League action starts next weekend as York hosts the Eastern League Divisional Tournament.



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Track centre 'fits' bill

By CRAIG DANIELS

As you step through the doors into the dim quiet light, the depth and breadth of the building seem to stretch out, empty except for the memories of past achievements—achievements commemorated by the delightful forms suspended in color pictures along the walls. Stepping softly across the threshold, your foot sinks slightly into the surface, and the space around seems to come alive, to whisper "better yourself."

The building is, of course, The Metropolitan Toronto Track and Field Centre, located on the edge of York campus, just north of the Temporary Office Building.

There is no denying that this is a magnificent facility, one that is rightly described in the Centre's brochure as "...lending itself to...training and track and field competition of the highest calibre." Track Centre Manager Dan Thompson adds, "the facility is among the best available in the country."

Part one of the 14-acre complex is outdoors, featuring an eight lane, 400-metre Olympic track and the full compliment of facilities necessary for sprints, hurdles, pole vault, and throwing and jumping events. The Outdoor Track is open primarily during the warmer summer months.

Part two consists of an Indoor Fieldhouse which provides warm comfort in the winter for use of a four lane, 200-metre banked oval track; a separate jogging lane; a seven lane, 60-metre sprint and hurdle runway; pole vault and jumping pits; throwing areas; complete weight room; visitors' observation gallery; press and meeting rooms; lockers, showers, and a host of other facilities. It opens for this season on October 15.

"The outdoor track and the entire indoor complex is surfaced with a Chevron synthetic rubberized material," explains Thompson. "It is a superior surface to anything else on the market and is enjoyed by the athletes for its soft, almost spongelike quality."

The Centre is the perfect answer for the student interested in taking on or continuing a serious training program, or even the occasional jog, without being forced to endure cruel winter winds this campus is famous for.

And even better, the price is right. Thompson points out that the University and Metro Toronto share the Centre's time, permitting those students with current sessional validation cards to use the Centre free of charge from 9-3 p.m., Monday to Friday. All others, or those students who would like to train after 3 p.m. can pay the daily user fee of \$1.75 or can purchase an indoor pass for \$50.00.

"We're in our fifth year of operation," continued Thompson, "and use of the Centre by the University has been increasing over that time. It's a trend that should continue as students become increasingly aware that we are here for them."

This year will also witness the opening of the Bobby Orr Sports Injury Clinic, a treatment centre for athletic injuries that is funded in part by the former hockey great. The Injury Clinic is housed under the same roof as the Track Centre, adjacent to the fieldhouse.