SPORTS. Football team 0-2 after loss to Wilfrid Laurier

By MICHAEL KRESTELL

It is a well known football adage that defence wins championships, but somewhere along the line you have to be able to score points.

The football Yeomen hosted the nationally ranked Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks last Saturday, winding up on the short end of a 20-11 score.

Both offenses started the game sluggishly. Midway through the second quarter the score was tied at one, as both teams missed field goals resulting in a single point for each side.

Defensively, it was a different story. The Yeomen shut down one of the nation's best arms, holding Quarterback Rod Philp to only one touchdown in the first half. A seven yard pass to Tight End Rob Conroy gave Laurier an 8-1 lead. But with just two seconds remaining in the half Yeomen kicker Paul Placko booted a 44 yarder through the uprights and the teams went to the locker room with Laurier holding a 9-4 lead.

In the third quarter, York running back Greg MacDonald scampered 25 yards to the Hawk five yard line, giving the Yeomen a golden opportunity to take the lead. However, the Yeomen ended up turning the ball

over as all three of their attempts to get into the end zone were stifled by a swarming Laurier defence.

The fourth quarter was all Purple and Gold as Laurier increased their lead to 20-4 on a field goal and a single by kicker Steve Rainey. A one vard touchdown run by halfback Bryan Jankovic capped off the Hawk's fourth quarter flurry.

That was it for the Yeomen; their fate was sealed.

An 87 yard passing play from Lorin Brady to Tom Kapantrias with only 42 seconds left gave the Yeomen some hope. But coach Nobby Wirkowski elected to go for the single point conversion and Yeomen trailed by nine.

"If we don't make it [the two point conversion] it's a downer and we're trying to create a positive image," said Wirkowski on his decision to go for the sure one point rather than the two and a possible chance at vying the game up.

On the positive side the Yeomen defence held last year's Rookie of the Year Andy Cecchini to 49 yards rushing. Yeomen Greg MacDonald rushed for 70 yards.

Attendance for the game was 1218, a record for the Yeomen in Esther Shiner Stadium. The Yeomen will host Windsor this Saturday at 2:00 pm.



FOOTBALL YEOMAN Greg McDonald (above) rushed for 70 yards in a losing cause last Saturday. Laurier beat York 20-11.

Cross country gasps for fifth

By MORLEY CONN

York's varsity cross-country season is off and running following last Saturday's Cross-Country Open. The event, featuring teams from Ontario and Upper New York State, was held in the south-east corner of campus behind Atkinson College.

Coincidentally, the York men's and women's teams both placed a respectable fifth, with no top three finishers in fields that proved to be tough and competitive.

Pre-race favourites dominated the top positions. The women's five km race was won by Mary Allison of the Toronto Olympic Club in 17:30 -33 seconds ahead of second place finisher, McMaster's Brenda Sternhoff. Kathy Lindsey of Guelph filled out the top three out of 48 finishers.

York's own Carolyn Lee, who won the York Open last year, placed fifth in this year's race but looked optimistically to the future



YORK RUNNERS faired well at last Saturday's Cross-Country Open.

things are coming back and it's only the start of the season," explained the seasoned veteran.

Another notable Yeowomen performance was that of tenth place finisher, Lara Leitch.

York runners were not a factor in the eight km men's race as Steve Boyd from Track West led the field from the start to win in 24:57. Paul Ernst of Waterloo finished 19 seconds behind Boyd to take second place, while Dave Mills of the Hillsonberg Running Club was third. Boyd, who came in second in last year's race, strangely enough attends York University and is studying towards a Masters in Politics. Unfortunately, he ran out of eligibility at Queen's University and so is unable to run for York. Instead he runs for Track West, a senior men's running club that enters runners in open races. The top Yeoman, Dan Moriarity, ran 40th of 73 finishers. Is this an indication of the type of season the Yeomen are going to have?

Not necessarily.

Yeowomen score in tourney

By PIERRE IMLAY

The soccer Yeowomen have nine rookies on their team, "most of whom will be starters," but that doesn't worry Coach David Bell, who is optimistic about the season.

"The team looks strong," said Bell, who also acknowledged that the overall level of the league looks stronger this year as well.

The Yeowomen showed some of their potential last week as they recorded a 6-0 win over Seneca and picked up three victories to only one loss in the University of Toronto Invitational Tournament. Scoring in the Seneca game was Sue Gough who notched three and Portia Barriffe who added two.

On a sour note, left winger Beth Monroe was forced to leave the Seneca game after sustaining an injury to her eye. It is uncertain whether she will be ready to play by next week. Bell feels the team's physical

endurance has improved this year. Two ties against Guelph in two split squad games supports that theory. The Yeowomen will need some type of edge if they hope to improve on last year's effort, which saw them fail to make the playoffs.

One of York's stronger areas is in net.

Cheryl Punnett "is probably the best keeper in the league," said Bell. Punnett was in goal for the shutout against Seneca.

Bell was also pleased by the play of his midfield.

'We moved the ball really well and passed it well on the ground," said Bell. "We still have to work on touch control and ball mva persont " This polyon the Varian

-----travel to Kingston to play Queen's, a much tougher opponent than Seneca. "To beat

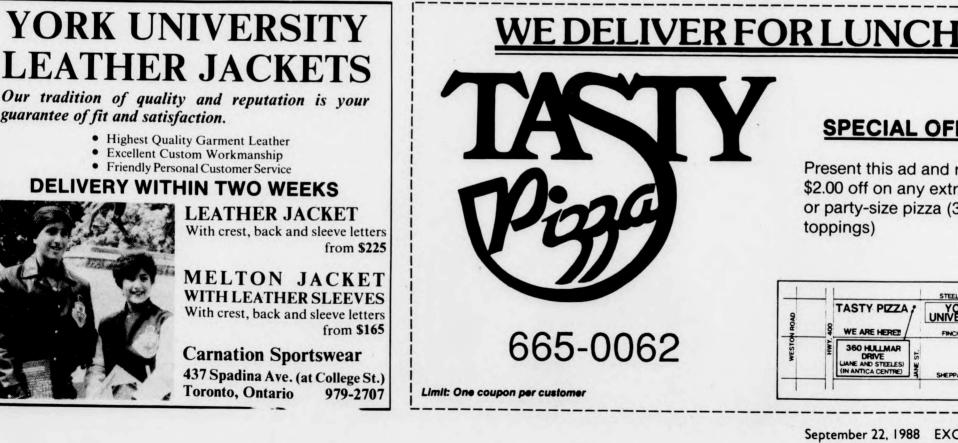
"I don't want to make excuses. I was not able to train as much as I would have liked to this summer; but

guarantee of fit and satisfaction.

Only one of the Yeomen's top four runners, Jim Savage, ran in Satur-

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Queen's we must neutralize the sweeper and control the midfield," Bell added.



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