Yeomen loose pivotal game

Pat Copps

The York Yeomen had a very good chance to secure a playoff position this Saturday, but because of sloppy play and unnecessary penalties in the second half York lost to the McMaster Marauders 34-19.

The game was actually close in the first half and the early part of the third, with both teams having chances to blow the game wide open.

York started off well, as Sergio Capobianco gave the Yeomen a 1-0 lead, off a 90-yard kickoff. They increased that lead to 2-0 on a 90yard punt.

McMaster took a 7-2 lead, when quarterback Phil Scarfone threw a 34-yard touchdown pass to Rich Buchanan. But a drive capped off by George Ganas' two-yard touchdown run allowed York to regain the lead.

An example of how things went on Saturday happened shortly after this. The ensuing McMaster punt was only 25 yards. The Yeomen got excellent field position, with the wind, on the Mac 50-yard line. On the next play, York's sophomore quarterback, Tony Iancono, threw an interception, killing that drive before it started.

The final bit of excitement for the Homecoming Day fans came with just over a minute left until halftime. Iancono, after an interception by Mike Lawlor, guided the Yeomen to anther major as he spotted Brian Gifford in the end-zone for a 16-yard touchdown pass. The half ended and York seemed to have the momentum going into the locker-room behind by only four points 19-15.

Second half down

The Yeomen, however, forgot to bring that momentum back with them for the second half. The Marauders took advantage of some costly errors, especially later in the game. York just could not capitalize. The York offence was ineffective at best. The McMaster lead became insurmountable.

Late in the game, with York trailing 27-19, it appeared that the strong play of the Yeomen defence would allow the ball back in great field position, an attempt to keep their season alive.

The defense's strong play, however, was nullified by a questionable penalty to Yeoman Trevor Williams. This gave McMaster the ball on the York 44-yard line. Later in the same drive the McMaster quarterback was pressured into throwing a weak no which was intercepted by York's Gord Ferguson. Things were set for York's final drive, but an overanxious York defender was charged with roughing the passer, and the McMaster drive was able to continue from the 26-yard line.

one last chance

Not dead yet, though, the Yeomen were given one more chance. McMaster fumbled at the seven-yard line. However, masters of their own fate, Iancono and the offensive unit couldn't do a thing and gave the ball up on their 26-yard line.

McMaster took this opportunity to round off the scoring as Brian Jarvis ran in from 16 yards out for the touchdown.



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"First you are a good athlete...then you become a good field hockey player."

Marina Van der Merwe Yeowomen Field Hockey Coach

Yeowomen field hockey verteran, Laurie Lambert, seemed destined to be an athlete. You could even say it was genetically determined; her father was a professional football player and her mother a phys. ed. teacher who also ran an after school athlectic program in their hometown of Lachine, Quebec. It was at these afternoon classes that Lambert, who participated in a variety of sports, was spotted at the tender age of 12 by the Lachine highschool coaches and asked to play for their club team. Two years later, she tried out for the Quebec Jr. Team and made it, mainly because she was a fast runner.

Lambert's field hockey career was then shifted into gear. In 1977, Lambert played on the Under 23 Team at the Canada Games being held in Newfoundland. It was also at these Games, where Canadian National Team Coach, Marina Van der Merwe first talked to her. After that summer, Lambert was named to the Canadian Training Squad (one rung down the ladder from the actual team).

A disciplined player

While attending the University of new Brunswick, Lambert led the field hockey team to the University Nationals and was also chosen as an All-Star. Then she made a very important decision that obviously showed her dedication to the sport of field hockey; she quit UNB so she could travel to British Columbia and train for the coveted spot on the Canadian Team, the training at these try-outs is extremely rigourous. From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. the girls working at a variety of drills, and running numerous sprints The hard work certainly paid off in the long run, as the Canadian Team soon became known as "one of the fastest and fittest in the world!"

exclaims Lambert. However, her glory was short-lived, as Lambert 18, was cut from the team, which consisted of older, more experienced

In 1980, Lambert finally hit her stride and became a member of the National Team. This year they travelled to Edinbourough, Scotland, where she scored a goal in a 5-0 rout of West Germany. Canada also emerged with a gold medal from that tournament.

To improve her field hockey skills and keep in shape she hopes this year's National Team, Lambert does a lot of training on her own. She spends hours practising basic skills, such as hitting a ball against a target on a wall. Such self-discipline certainly pays off in her field play. "Laurie is a play-maker and demonstrates an unexpected explosiveness which makes her a surprise element. She's a 'sleeper' in that she's not highly noticeable. The opposition often doesn't see her as a formidable player--but out on the field she's very, very dangerous," asserts Van der Merwe.

Offensive and defensive versatility

Lambert entered York in 1980 and was a major factor, along with Sheila Forshawe, in the team's 1981 OWIAA Championship victory. Even though the level of university play is almost the same as international play, Lambert has a different roll on each team. She plays defense on the Canadian Team. However, with the Yeowomen, she assumes a more offensive role and she is expected to score goals--an expectation she has certainly fulfilled.

Canadian Team members chosen at the CIAU Championships held from November 4-7 in Calgary. If she makes the team, Lambert will travel to Australia early next year to prepare for the World Championships being held in the extraordinarily hot climate of Malasia. The Canadians will train 'down under' to get used to the climatic conditions and to practise their game on astro-turf. "Canada will be more of a threat on Astro-turf because we've got the speed and the endurance. We are often able to score goals in the second half of a game because we are much stronger," states Lambert.

Lambert isn't sure what lies ahead but, it would seem that the sport of field hockey has given her more direction than she thinks. "Field hockey is a vehicle for women through which they can pursue excellence," say Van der Merwe. "It teaches you how to cope, compete and to co-operate."

According to Van der Merwe's philosophy, all Laurie Lambert has to do to become an All-Star in any field, is channel her dedicated and self-



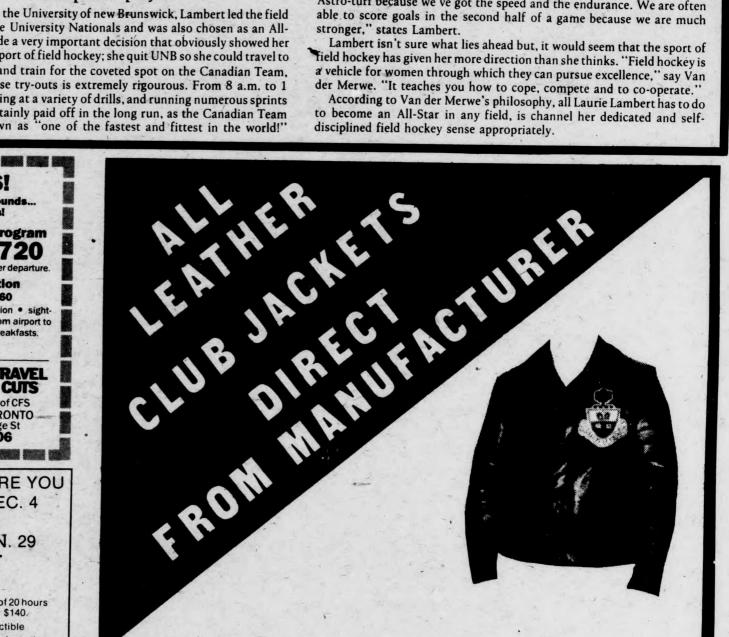
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