

# S P O R T S

## Waterloo advances to final after halting York win streak at 18

By MANOJ PRAJAPAT

Well, it had to come to an end.

The Waterloo Warriors halted the rugby Yeomen's win streak at 18 with an 18-12 shocker in semi-final playoff action here, Saturday at the rugby field.

A stunned gathering of York supporters looked on as Waterloo advanced to the rugby final and will play the Western Mustangs for the Ontario Universities Athletic Association (OUAA) championship in London this weekend.

For the first time in a while, the Yeomen were physically beaten up. Waterloo dominated play in the second half with their total control of the scrums and line outs. York was uncharacteristically pushed all over the field.

"They just beaten up our forwards," a disappointed head coach Mike Dinning said. "We couldn't win the ball in that second half, they totally dominated us."

York never really threatened in the second half. Waterloo had the Yeomen trapped deep in their zone for nearly the entire 45 minutes. The few times that the ball did cross midfield, the Warriors were able to gain possession and

thwart any Yeomen scoring threat.

York stormed out to an early 12-0 lead on tries from Spencer Robinson and Bruce Kierstead. Gary Kalk added both the conversions and the half-time score had the Yeomen in front 12-3.

Robinson took the loss especially hard. After the final whistle, he knelt in the endzone alone, his head hung down low and stayed there, motionless, for a few minutes.

"It's nobody's fault, it just wasn't meant to team, give them credit, we didn't play that badly. They were just the better team today," they were just the better team today."

Waterloo narrowed York's lead to 12-6 with a field goal early in the second half. The Warriors were all over the Yeomen for the rest of the game and numerous times found themselves within inches of scoring the game tying try. York played tough with a bend-but-don't-break type of defense.

Waterloo kept pressing, though, and scored the tying try with 15 minutes left in the contest. York mounted no offense and were just holding on for dear life. The Warriors scored the winning try with just minutes left in the game.



**SOME SCRUM:** What really goes on inside the scrum? Talk of existential philosophy, that's what. Yeomen philosophers lost to Waterloo 18-12.

ROBERTA DI MAIO

## Yeomen begin playing closer to potential with decisive win over RMC

By EDO VAN BELKOM

This season has seen a number of firsts in OUAA play for the hockey Yeomen.

Earlier in the year York defeated the University of Guelph Gryphons for the first time in

five tries dating back to the start of last season, and this past Sunday the Yeomen finally beat Royal Military College by more than one goal.

In their previous attempts the Yeomen had edged out the Redmen by single goals in sur-

prisingly close games, but on Sunday York dropped RMC by a score of 7-3.

RMC coach attributes his team's close play against the Yeomen in the past to York head coach Dave Chambers. "Chambers coaches his teams to win," Kirk said. "He doesn't coach his team to fill the net with pucks. When they go out ahead of the other teams, they begin to play a defensive style of game."

Chambers agreed with Kirk's assessment of the game saying that his team tries to play positional hockey no matter what the score is. Chambers, however felt that the score of 7-3 was more indicative of the calibre of the two teams than the single goal margins of the past. "We played up to our potential today," Chambers said. "They are a well coached team but we should be able to beat them by three goals."

One point of concern in Sunday's game was the Yeomen's penalty killing. RMC scored two of their three goals while on the power play and also scored three power play markers in their previous meeting this year. "They have a good power play but we didn't play very well (on penalty killing) today," Chambers admitted.

The York offensive attack was powered by newcomers Nick Kiriakow who netted a hat trick and Greg Rolston who added a pair of goals. Singles were scored by second year men

Rick Morrocco and Brian Gray. RMC's offence was provided by Steve Gaunt who had a goal and two assists.

## "The Big Win" still eluding grid Yeomen

By DAVID BUNDAS

In their climb toward respectability York has achieved success in many facets of their game, but it is evident that there is one hump that the Yeomen have yet to climb over, that being, "the big win."

For the second year in a row York has finished the regular season with a loss against Western to push them into third place and out of home field advantage.

The Mustangs have clinched first place in the OUAA with the 32-20 victory over the visiting Yeomen. Western used an effective offensive arsenal which totalled 423 yards on the day. Receiver John Moffat hauled in 5 passes for 133 yards and a touchdown, while on defence Matt Janes intercepted two passes returning one of those for a touchdown late in the game.

York led 14-12 at the half after Joe Pariselli broke an OUAA record with his third kickoff return of over 100 yards, this one coming from 112 yards out with just 51 seconds left in the half. Unfortunately for York, Pariselli was forced out of the game early in the third quarter with a sore shoulder and rib cage.

What's most puzzling about York's play is that just when it looks like they are about to put together a couple of impressive back to back performances, they falter.

It isn't because they lack the guns or the coaching staff; but here are the areas that must improve if the Yeomen are to win a playoff game:

a) Penalties - First of all, there's simply been too many and it's cost them dearly because they've stopped many a drive. But what is most disturbing are the stupid penalties after the whistle is blown, and the one's which have ruined good field position.

b) Play Selection - They need some spice on offence, and the outside receivers are not being used enough. The result of not throwing their way, allows the opposing to key on Douglas and Pariselli. When the running game is working the offence is alive, but when it's shut down, Tino must be able to put the ball into the hands of Ebel, DelZotto, Honey, and even Douglas and Pariselli in the air.

Only tight end Bob Harding is being used to his full potential. A check of the game stats confirms this. Tino Iacono completed 15-21 passes for only 143, and Steve Samways hit just three more passes for 321 yards. That leads one to question where the ball went. Greg Ebel had only two passes thrown his way, Phil Honey one pass, and Steve DelZotto none. This is odd considering York was behind for almost all of the second half, and the running game managed only 77 yards on 35 attempt.

Coach Cosentino seemed happy that his team is only three wins away from the Vanier Cup and facing Laurier next week. "We have consolidated ourselves and reached a certain level, after 11 years of mediocrity." playoff game Saturday at 2:00 pm in Alumni Stadium against Laurier.



**NOT THIS TIME:** Gary Corbiere attempts to staff puck in net but is stymied by RMC goaltender Kevin Lawrence. York plays Guelph tonight at 7:30.

ROBERTA DI MAIO

## Field hockey team ends up fourth in nation

By LORNE MANLY

The York Yeowomen field hockey team had to settle for fourth place in the country as they lost 4-3 to the University of Victoria Vikettes in the CIAU tournament consolation game Sunday.

The Yeowomen nearly advanced to the national final but came up short, losing 1-0 to the University of Toronto Lady Blues in a hard-fought semi-final Saturday at Lamport Stadium. The Lady Blues went on to capture the gold medal, beating the University of New Brunswick 6-5 in a shootout.

The Yeowomen led through most of the game Sunday but the Vikettes pulled the match out in the last three minutes, ending York's hopes for a medal finish. "It was a frustrating game," said York coach Marina Van der Merwe, "as we lead virtually throughout but they had desire and drive to come back."

Van der Merwe was convinced that the Yeowomen would have prevailed in the overtime period as they were reestablishing their dominance over Victoria as the second half progressed. "But Victoria recognized the chips were down," Van der Merwe said, "and they put their emergency players upfield (which meant that the strong players who were playing defence, like Sarah Ballantyne, went on the attack)." This strategy paid off as the Vikettes scored the winner with time running out.

York played a much more disciplined game Saturday against the eventual champions. The Yeowomen and the Lady Blues were deadlocked in a 0-0 tie until 15 minutes into the second half when Lisa Lyn scored on a penalty corner. The Yeomen, however, refused to succumb as they valiantly attempted to even the score but were frustrated time and again by U

of T's defence and goalie Wendy Baker.

York had its best opportunity late in the game when Sandra Levy broke in alone from the right side but Baker somehow stopped the ball and it was cleared to safety by a backtracking Blues defender.

Van der Merwe was very pleased with the team's performance against U of T. "We designed a game plan," remarked Van der Merwe, "and the team executed it to a 't.' As a coach I am very proud."

The Yeowomen, following last week's 3-0 loss to U of T, had to change their game plan for the CIAU tournament. "We had to move our scorers back to defend," said Van der Merwe, "as the competition is very rich. Against U of T (last week) we had our scorers mid-field and they neutralized our goalscorers by passing around them. (As a result) we had to move our scorers back to get around this strategy."

This strategy entailed Sharon Creelman playing at the sweeper position (last defender before the goalie) and, according to Van der Merwe, "She was brilliant at it." However, York's attack suffered with Creelman being moved back as can be witnessed by the lack of scoring against everyone except Victoria.

To reach the semis York tied both the University of British Columbia and the University of New Brunswick 0-0 Friday in round-robin play. Van der Merwe was aware of this probable result but "we had to sacrifice attacking to defend against such strong competition."

York was operating at a disadvantage for the games Saturday and Sunday as they were missing under 21 national team member Tracey Minaker. Minaker, who was taken to hospital with blood poisoning, would have helped the midfield tremendously. It was too much to ask her replacement, Cheryl Kernaghan, who had hardly played during the year, to play as well as Minaker in the most important and nerve-racking games of the year.



**SWEEPING GESTURE:** Sharon Bayes, of the Yeowomen, gets ready to clear ball from goalmouth in CIAU play last Sunday against the eventual national champion U of T Lady Blues.

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