

Sports and Recreation

Luckless Yeomen come close



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Last Thursday night's game against the U of T Blues may have laid the groundwork for a serious cross-town rivalry with the York Yeomen. York has never beaten U of T, but came ever so close, before losing 22-20.

Actually, York, whose record is now 1-3, was leading 17-0 at halftime to the delight of hundreds of the rowdiest York fans ever seen.

York, playing to potential, dominated the first half. At 12:47 of the first quarter the Yeomen opened the scoring on a 25 yd. field goal by Capobianco. At 9:56 in the second quarter, Maher Kassis ran a draw play for a 60 yd touchdown to run the score to 10-0. Three minutes later, York was attempting another FG, but it was blocked and U of T got possession. On the very next play, York recovered a fumble to once again pressure the Blues. Converting a bold third down gamble, York eventually scored another TD, this one by quarterback Mike Foster, to take a 17-0 lead.

The second half story was different as "Toronto came out and played pretty good ball,"

according to York Head Coach, Frank Cosentino.

U of T quarterback Joe Hawco finally had one of his receivers catch a ball, as he combined with Neil Adams for a 38 yd pass to York's 1 yd-line. Adams ran it in for the touchdown and Trevor Davis ran the 2 pt. conversion, making the score 17-8. Soon after, Hawco hit tight-end Dave Turner on a 43 yd. pass-and-run major to narrow the gap to 17-15.

Where were the Yeomen, you ask? The Yeomen were there alright, as Dougie Taylor returned an interception to the U of T 4 yd. line. On the next play, a crucial one as it turned out, QB Mike Foster plunged into the end zone and fumbled. U of T recovered as the referee ruled that Foster did not have control as he crossed the line.

But the York defence held tough, forcing U of T to punt. York then attempted a field goal, but managed only a single.

An exchange of punts ensued until Capobianco got a single with only 4 minutes left, increasing York's lead to 19-15. It looked like York would hold on for the victory until Hawco finally connected on one of his "up-for-grabs" long bombs to Bill Mintsoulis with only 3½ minutes remaining in the game. The score was now 22-19 for U of T.

Undaunted, York advanced the ball to set up a crucial field goal, attempted by Capobianco with only 1½ minutes left. He was wide and had to settle for a single.

But the game wasn't over yet. A determined York defence held the Blues, forcing them to punt and giving York one last chance. The end of the game came when the ball deflected off a Yeoman into U of T hands, allowing the Blues to run out the clock on the luckless Yeomen.

Bogey men tops in province

Gary Cohen

York golfers ended their most successful season by producing what their coach, Nobby Wirkowski, described as "a strong team effort" in capturing the Ruttan Trophy at the Ontario University Golf Championships, held this past week at the Glen Abbey Golf Club in Oakville.

The rain-shortened championships (27 rather than the usual 36 holes), hosted by York, saw the York team win for the first time in their history, providing sweet revenge for last year's disappointing last-hole, one-stroke loss to the University of Toronto.

After emerging victorious from last week's semi-final round, which had been preceded by wins at the York and University of Waterloo Invationals, the York team was determined to prevent the championship from eluding them this year. "Fellows like Hayles, McBride and Robinson are graduating this year and they badly wanted to be champions," commented a pleased Coach Wirkowski. "Especially after the way we were beaten last year. They (U of T) won on the last hole, in the rain. The winning putt wasn't even straight — it curved in from 15 feet!"

York won the team competition with an overall, five-man score of 472. The University of Windsor, who had not been expected to do well, finished a surprising second with a score of 477, led by strong individual performances from Chris Hreljac and John Kerr, who finished first and second, respectively, in the individual competition. Queen's University, with a score of 480, shaded-out U of T for third place, by one stroke, forcing the defending champions to settle for fourth spot. The University of Waterloo finished fifth (no score available), rounding out the competition.

Individual honours went to the University of Windsor's Chris

Hreljac, whose 27-hole total of (39-74) 113 brought him the Len Shore Trophy as the overall individual winner in the competition. He was followed by teammate John Kerr, who scored a (38-76) 114 total over the two days. Bruce James, from the U of T, and Bill Fleming of Queen's tied for third place with scores of 116, with Fleming firing a scorching 73 on the last round to

move up for his share of third, after a disappointing 43 in the first round.

Leading the way for York were Don Burton and Steve Hayles. Their 117 totals left them in a tie for fifth place in the individual race. They were supported by the play of teammates Mike McBride, who finished with a (37-81) 118 total, good enough for seventh place, Tony Robinson,

the individual leader in the semi-finals, whose 120 strokes left him in 10th spot and Andy Wilson, finishing 20th with a count of 127.

Despite the fact that there were no sparkling individual performances from the York golfers, Coach Wirkowski noted that they were "all good golfers" and stressed the importance of teamwork on the part of the new champions.

Soccer record blemished



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Last week the Soccer Yeomen entered the most crucial part of their 1979 schedule with an unblemished record—two wins in their first two games. When the week was over, the Yeomen remained above the .500 mark, but were disappointed at not being able to gain a victory in the three games they played.

On Saturday, September 29, they travelled to Sudbury where they witnessed our cross-town neighbours, the U of T Blues, blow a 2-0 lead and lose to Laurentian 3-2.

The next day, Sunday, it was York's turn to entertain the number one ranked soccer

school in Canada. Yeomen went ahead in the first half on a goal by Danny Iannuziello, but a questionable call by the official gave Laurentian the break they needed. A penalty kick, which they converted, tied the score 1-1. Although the Yeomen were satisfied with the tie away from home, they knew they had the opportunities to win it.

On Wednesday, October 3, our Yeomen hosted Brock University, a gusty corps of lads who came here with a 0 and 2 record. York had to settle for another 1-1 tie, and a blow to their pride.

After dominating much of the first half on offense, with York

goalkeeper Glenn McNamara making key saves right from the opening kickoff, Brock took the lead with less than three minutes remaining in the half on a penalty kick.

In the second half, Yeomen slowly turned things around and gained control of midfield play pushing forward with several good scoring opportunities. Hopes were dashed though, when York failed to convert a penalty kick awarded them about 20 minutes into the second half. But York continued to press and dominate the play in the half and finally a goal did come at about the thirty minute mark. From a Nick Plessas pass, Paul Berkhuisen found himself with

his back to the goal and only six yards out. In one swift motion, he swung his left foot around and rilled the ball low to his right. York continued to take the play to Brock but was stymied by a sturdy defense.

After two draws, the Yeomen were determined to get back on the winning track last Friday in Guelph. But it wasn't to be, as the Gryphons shut our men out, 3-0.

York's record is now a respectable 2-1-2- (won-loss-tied) and their next opponents are the Warriors in Waterloo this Sunday, before they move on to the much-awaited derby versus the U of T Blues at Varsity Stadium. That game goes at 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 20.

Field hockey anyone?

For the last two years a group of male York students and staff have had the pleasure of competing against the Women's Varsity field hockey team.

The men's team, a ragtime international collection of field hockey, ice hockey, curling and rugby players has competed with surprising success against a team which is ranked in the nation.

"There has been some indication though that the women's team has brought in some national-ranked women for the challenge and that

worries me," states men's coach Mike Davidson.

The men want to win anyway they can, as reflected by coach Davidson's recruiting statement that, "if you don't have field hockey ability then anyone with martial arts talents will be welcome to play."

All York males with field hockey experience should contact Mike Davidson at 222-2930 regarding a best of three tournament on the week of October 16-20th.