

SPORTS BRIEFS

By DAVID BUNDAS

Football Contest

Are you creative? Do you have the ability to rhyme off tunes at the tip of a hat? If you can, then the York Yeomen football team wants you to channel that talent into something that can enhance your livelihood as a York student. The team is looking for students to put together a jingle for a "fighting team song." So if you've ever dreamed of seeing your name go down in York history, and at the same time being the recipient of terrific prizes, then stay tuned for contest details.

RUGBY

The Yeomen rugby squad began its season last Saturday by defeating the McMaster Marauders 13-10. First-year Yeomen Tim Smith was "the player of the match," according to head coach Mike Dinning. The Yeomen meet the Queen's Golden Gaels this Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

Track & Field

Canadian track stars Ben Johnson and Mark McKoy, both members of the York Optimists, came through with gold medals in their respective events at an International Track and Field event in Tokyo this week. Johnson, considered the fastest man in the world today, ran his 100 metre event in a time of 10.26 seconds. The time is well above his season best of 9.95, as the race was run on a chilly day and a wet track. McKoy won the 110 metre hurdles in a time of 14.01 seconds, and holds the world indoor record in the 60 metre hurdles.

Lacrosse

The York Lacrosse team, hoping to achieve varsity status next year, will play host to a tournament this Saturday to be held on the field behind the ice rink. Action begins at nine in the morning when the Carleton Ravens take on the U of T Blues. York plays its first game at 11:00 against Queen's and its second at three when they face off against Carleton. U of T plays Queen's at 1:00 p.m.

Training camp begins

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Yeomen is big man Louis Karkabasis. The tallest member of last year's team, 6-foot, eight-inch Karkabasis opted to play professionally in Greece this year. The departure of Karkabasis leaves the Yeomen weak depth-wise at the centre position.

Despite the loss of these six players, Bain is confident that York will

remain a force in the OUAA East. Even though Bain cautions that the Yeomen can "lose to any team in the league," he fully expects the team to win their division for the ninth consecutive season. Whether or not this will happen will become more apparent in the next few weeks as rookies and veterans fight for spots on the final roster.

Fine arts major has designs on a future career on the gridiron

As one of the smallest Yeomen footballers, the diminutive Terry Douglas could easily be missed among the many giants that stalk the gridiron. Yet during the game Douglas is easily spotted, as he is York's main offensive weapon in this 1986 Ontario University Athletic Association season.

Even after the game, when fans and players merge onto the ravaged playing field, Douglas is easy to find. Just look for five beautiful smiles dancing around one number 19 football jersey. Douglas' five little nieces are his biggest supporters.

It is not hard to see why Terry Douglas is such a centre of attraction. A soft-spoken candor emanates from this truly genuine young man. As a football player, his athletic brilliance coupled with his natural poise makes him a very valuable asset to any team.

Douglas is not your typical running back. In the first place he is of all things, a Fine Arts major. "When I first started, it was 'Are you serious?'" Douglas says of his beginnings as a Yeomen. "People would take a second look because of the stereotypes of people taking Fine Arts." But as he goes on to state, "You break those bonds quite quickly by showing your ability. They still bother me about it. It makes for some good joking around in the locker room," laughs Douglas.

Douglas is finishing his fourth and final year in Visual Arts, specializing in Design. Although he



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aspires to graduate work or freelancing, he still harbours a desire to play professional football. "I would like to play professional football. If that's the next opportunity I have in life, so be it," claims Douglas. "It's not everything to me, but I would like to be drafted (by the Canadian Football League). It's like getting something after four years of football. If not, deep down I'll be disappointed."

Certainly the opportunity to play professional football is a long shot. His size and nationality are two strikes against him. Although there is a slight trend in the opposite direction, the CFL is not exactly a haven for Canadian tailbacks.

Regardless of the CFL, Douglas still has a lot more university football left. His teammates and coaches are extremely aware of the importance of his contribution. "I think a lot of people expect me to be a leader, not just verbally but taking charge on the field. It's not any pressure, because the leadership comes fairly easy to me," says Douglas confidently.

Yet unlike many other star running backs who are the centre of their team's hopes—Douglas does not gloat with self-importance. When asked if he felt he should carry the ball more often, Douglas responds shyly, "I'd like to contribute a bit more." When pushed, Douglas finally concedes, "Ideally if I have a good game, in most situations our team would win. I'm not taking anything away from anyone, because I certainly can't do it by myself. But I know for instance, that in some cases if I have a good run, it gets our offensive linemen going."

In real terms, if the Yeomen manage a winning record in this rebuilding year, it will be largely due to Douglas. It is imperative that he provide the inexperienced York squad with a consistently excellent effort in each game. Douglas fully realizes his role. "I think this year it's very important for me that we have a good season. We are at the point where we have a lot of young kids and a lot of guys in their graduating year. Personally for me in my graduating year I'd like to see York win, and set a good example for the younger kids."

Setting a good example for young kids is perhaps what Terry Douglas is all about. As he says, "As a leader, I'm just going to tell the truth." One can't help but believe him. It's a nice feeling. Especially when thinking of the influences upon five very beautiful and impressionable little girls.

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