

University teams feeders for CFL

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The Toronto Argonauts recently defeated the Ottawa Rough Riders 41-17 at Exhibition Stadium. Despite similar won-lost records this campaign, the clubs have different philosophies concerning the use of local university talent.

The Rider roster includes three graduates from the University of Ottawa Gee-Gees (Mike Murphy, Jeff Avery, and Tim Berryman) as well as four products of the Carlton Ravens (Malcom Inglis, Peter Stenerson, Gary Cook and Pat Soqua). Murphy, Avery, Inglis and Stenerson are starters.

Argos, on the other hand, have no York graduates and only one University of Toronto grad on the roster. Outside linebacker John Martini, the U of T grad, was a starter for the Argos, before he suffered a knee injury.

Many credit Ottawa's success in the past 15 years (5 Grey Cup appearances, 4 Gray Cup victories, 13 appearances in the last 15 Eastern Finals) to the Riders' Canadian talent. The Gee-Gees and Ravens have provided much of this talent.

Each May, the Riders hold a one week football camp for graduating Ottawa high school players. The coaching staffs of both Carlton and U. of O. participate in the camp. Invariably, the outstanding



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produced better quality players. The Gee-Gees have always

fielded powerhouse squads, operating as a football factory for several CFL clubs. Ravens have not been a consistent club, but usually have a few stars on the roster.

The U. of T. Blues traditionally field an average club (with the possible exception of this year's team). York Yeomen, until the last three years, won only few games.

Rookie Argo coach Willie Wood has stated that the key to success in the CFL is Canadian talent. With the emergence of the York Yeomen as a nationally-

ranked football power, one hopes the Argos will take advantage of this resource. It

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title by sweeping all three divisions and the over-all championship. Stong once again was right in the thick of things placing second with McLaughlin third. Chris San (Vanier), Gloria Chan (Stong), Mark Shishaky (Vanier) and Jeff Lau (Stong) were the top players during the tournament.

McLaughlin claimed the golf

would be great to see the Yeomen stars of today be the Argo stars of tomorrow.

title this year followed by Stong who took second place with seven shots over third place finisher, Osgoode. Stong clinched the Women's title with Sue Howard (36) and Gail Stewart (42) combining for a team total of 78, while Hugh Brown (66) and Rob D'Armo (68) led their Osgoode team to a first place finish in men's play.



prospects end up at one of the two local universities or at the University of Richmond, an American school which offers athletic scholarships.

Such a set-up has distinct advantages for the Riders. Scouting can be done on a game by game basis. Close scrutiny of this kind is invaluable in selecting territorial exemptions prior to the CFL draft. Off-season scouting missions to the U.S. can be simplified by a thorough knowledge of upcoming Canadian talent.

In fairness to the Argos, it should be noted that perhaps the Ottawa area universities have

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