

# S P O R T S

## Grid Yeomen impressive in season opening win

by DAVID BUNDAS

The 'new look' Yeomen rode into Guelph's Alumni Stadium with many questions unanswered after splitting their preseason games. But after last week's drubbing, the whole team dug deep and displayed their talents in admirable fashion, defeating the Gryphons 35-15. If York's objective before the games was to determine their merit as a team, the product on the field provided an inspiring answer.

York opened the scoring at the 7:23 mark on a fumble recovery by Bob Harding in the end zone. On the play, Phil Honey made an outstanding hit to jar the ball loose into the hands of Harding, who trotted untouched for the T.D. Boyd converted to make it 7-0.

On the next possession, Guelph decided to gamble on third down, on their own 35 yard line. Darryl Sampson answered the challenge by hitting Gryphon back, Darryl Skuse, in the backfield for a one yard loss, and a York first down at the 33 yard line. Iacono quickly lofted a pass to Greg Ebel, who snared it for a 32 yard gain. With the ball on the one, Iacono called a bootleg which didn't fool the Gryphon defense and he was sacked for a six yard loss. But Iacono came back with a play action pass to Terry Douglas for a 7 yard T.D., making it 14-0 with the Mike Boyd convert.

The Yeomen led 15-0 after a 48 yard Boyd field goal sailed wide for a single. Guelph finally got on the board with their punter Mark Hurst replying with a 51 yard single. Iacono then clicked with Ebel again, this time for 35 yards. Pariselli followed with a 1 yard T.D. plunge, Boyd converted, and later sailed another field goal wide for a single to put York ahead 23-1 at the half's end.

The Gryphons finally put together a decent drive in the third quarter. They successfully completed four passes in a row which ended on a 10 yard T.D. pass to Al Annonech. Tim Quirke put through the extra point to make the score 23-8.

On York's ensuing possession Iacono teamed with Bob Harding for a 66 yard gain; Harding following two key blocks to take the Yeomen to the Guelph 10 yard line. After a five yard run by Joe Pariselli, Iacono scrambled before finding Ebel open in the corner for a five yard T.D.. With the Boyd convert, York led 30-8.

Guelph responded with the next major score on a drive of 77 yards featuring Scott Lecky's 22 yard T.D. Lecky was able to squirm free of Cugliari's defense to cut York's lead to 15 points, after Quirk's convert.

York played a full game in every sense of the word, closing out the scoring at the 0.2 second mark on a two point safety. On the play Dirk Leers broke free to sack Guelph QB Harrison in the end zone to make the final 35-15.

Coach Cosentino was pleased with his team's effort but stressed that there was, "a lot of work yet to be done," in reference to the running game. It showed signs of splendour but was sporadic. Pariselli finished the day 13 for 80 yards, with a T.D., and Douglas 20 for 79 yards, and a T.D. A Point After:

Devon Hanson played a standout game in his first start as a defensive back. He tipped away two passes that would have been long gainers. Cosentino was pleased with the defense in general, particularly of the fact that York gave up less than 100 yards in the air.



**CLEAR THE TRACK:** Here comes Pariselli. York running back Joe Pariselli evades two Gryphons on the way to collecting 80 yards on 13 carries. York beat Guelph 35-15. The Yeomen will take on the Waterloo Warriors Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at North York Civic Stadium.

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## Yeowomen win first soccer league game

by MANOJ PRAJAPAT

An old sport will be making its debut at some Ontario universities this year. There will be an Ontario Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Association (OWIAA) women's soccer league in competition for the first time this fall.



**WOMEN'S SOCCER:** The York Yeowomen won their first game against U of T in the newly formed OWIAA league.

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A sanction B league was in existence last year, but these leagues are only trial leagues to see if enough interest is present to warrant a sanction A league. Women's soccer made the usual three to five year wait to an "A" league in just one year.

Yeowomen head coach David Bell played a key role in getting a women's soccer team for York.

"A couple of girls came up to me and asked if I would try for it," Bell said. "So I really pushed for it and now we have it."

The last few years have seen a tremendous jump in the number of women's soccer clubs in Ontario. All of the York players also play on club teams or at least have had high school experience.

"From what I've seen, this league is here to stay," Bell said, adding, "the interest is definitely out there. I've had no problem in getting girls to come out."

The league will be comprised of 10 teams split into two divisions. York, Toronto, Queen's, Trent and McMaster will form the eastern division while Western, Laurier, Waterloo, Guelph and Brock make up the western division.

After posting a win and a loss in their two pre-season games the Yeowomen opened the regular season with a 4-2 victory over the Uni-

versity of Toronto on Tuesday.

Toronto dominated the play early in the game and jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead. York tied the score on a bit of a gift when Toronto's goaltender mishandled a shot from right wing Caroline Hanrahan and knocked the ball into her own net.

The goal seemed to give the Yeowomen a lift as they began to pressure the Blues. The aggressiveness paid off when York captain Shelley McNichol drilled a pretty 25 yard shot into the top left hand corner to give the Yeowomen a 2-1 lead.

McNichol, who played an outstanding game, also scored York's third goal when she headed the ball in off a corner kick. The first half ended 3-1, with York out in front.

Toronto started quickly again in the second half and scored to narrow the margin to just one goal. The Yeowomen were unfazed though, and kept up the pressure. Again it was McNichol, who Bell said "could play on the men's team if she wanted to," rifling a 30 yard shot just under the crossbar to give York the 4-2 win.

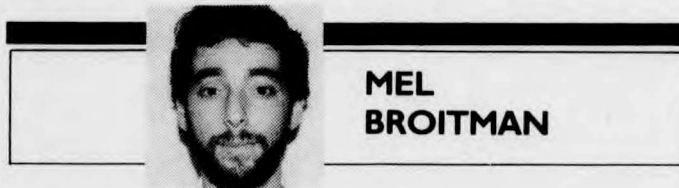
The Yeowomen's next game will be in Kingston on Saturday against a tough Queen's squad. "McMaster and Queen's will be our strongest competition," Bell said. "I'm looking forward to this game."

## Canadian and U.S. college football attitudes in opposing endzones

In my travels abroad, I have constantly been identified as a citizen of the United States. When asked if I am an American I respond without hesitation, "No, I am from Canada." To which the all too often rebuttal,—"Oh, same thing." After briefly expounding upon the implications of the 49th parallel, I continue on my merry way.

Certainly the differences between Canada and the United States go well beyond the relative size of each country's passport. Yet I have found that when comparing the two nations, often the differences lie subtly undetected. Or to paraphrase Yogi Berra's son Dale, "Their similarities are different."

As I sat in Guelph's Alumni Stadium last Saturday afternoon, I realized a ground so uncommon between the two nations that they might as well be in different hemispheres. On the campus of the University of Guelph, the host Canadian college football champions were defending their title against one of the season's most formidable opponents. Across the border, games of equal magnitude occur on a weekly basis. Nebraska—Oklahoma, Michigan—Ohio State, USC—UCLA: the names may change but the scenario is always the same. Thousands in the stands, millions of television viewers and general interest that can rally an entire country, are all a part of the American way. But in Guelph? The early battle for supremacy among the colle-



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giate canucks attracted a throng of less than a thousand. Ah yes, no one can mistake Canadian college football for its glamorous neighbors to the south. A souvenir Yeomen football jersey is vintage Canadiana.

I do not lament over Canadian college football, but rather I hold it dear to my heart. It is a veritable symbol of my own preference for the northern half of this continent. Canadian college football is not brash, nor cocky. It does not attempt to hide athletes behind a veil of higher education. There are no weekend facilities of mind or body emerging from a key national showdown. What we have in Canada is a well rounded approach that stands forth with integrity, modesty and perspective. The problem created in many American schools, occurs when football programs are run as independent entities and separate from the university administration. To compare the York Yeomen and Ohio State Buckeyes is ludicrous. Dave Chambers, Co-ordinator of

men's Athletics at York, spent some time at Ohio State as hockey coach. He has had first hand experience at the two different approaches, "Our system has some advantages in that the education of the student is the number one consideration. At Ohio State sometimes it can be lost with the pressure to win."

Presently in our society, sport and business are in deep conflict. In an era where athletes earn millions of dollars, the spirit of amateur competition that we find in Canadian inter-university athletics is a breath of fresh air. In America much of that spirit has succumbed to economic pressure, "It has become a commercial operation, another branch of big business," states York football coach Frank Cosentino.

Canadian college football has changed in recent years. More public attention has broadened its image as a legitimate arena for spectators. Some Canadian university administrations even have dreams of American style grandeur for their programs. Presently the entire situation is being closely re-examined in order to clarify the vision of the future. But as Dave Chambers says, we must give heed to caution. "We must temper what we do, we don't want to be exactly like Ohio State. I don't think we really want the high pressure sale of the United States...lot of Americans would rather have it our way," says Chambers. A lot of Canadians would rather have it that way too.