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Yeomen down Guelph to remain at top of league

By EDO VAN BELKOM

It seems that the tide has finally turned between the York Yeomen and the Guelph Gryphon hockey teams.

Last year the Gryphons had York's number beating them four times by a single goal, but this season it is the Yeomen who are winning by the single goal margin. Last Thursday, York downed Guelph 3-2, to remain undefeated atop the OUA A standings. Earlier in the year, York beat Guelph by a score of 6-5 in the annual York/Seneca tournament.

The difference in this year's Gryphon team, according to Guelph coach Bud Folusewycz, is the loss of the Burke brothers and the inconsistent play of the three man goaltending staff. "We lost the sparkplugs of our team (the Burke brothers) and we don't have the snipers we had last year," Folusewycz said. "We've talked over our goaltending situation because we're having problems with it, but no one has stood out enough to become our number one goaltender," he added.

Folusewycz noted that York had the same goaltending problems at the start of the last season and said that he hopes to have the same luck as the Yeomen did at the end of last year. York goalie Mark Applewhite ended the season with a string of remarkable performances that earned him an all-star selection at the CIAU championship tournament.

The game started at a horrendously slow pace that saw the first 20 minutes take over an hour to play. York head coach Dave Chambers was disappointed in his team's first period play saying, "There was no intensity, the speed of the game was slowed down." Guelph got on the scoreboard first with a quick goal but York tied the score by the end of the period.

The pace of the second period was a direct contrast from the first as play went quickly from end to end with neither team being able to capitalize on their chances. There was no scoring in the second frame and score remained tied at one.

York finally broke the game open with about six minutes gone in the third period. Michigan native and former Toronto Marlboro Greg



3RD AND GOAL TO GO: Despite the sport being hockey Rick Morocco lunges in for the goalie in an attempt to put the Yeomen up by six. However, the goalie stand of the Gryphons thwarted York on the plunge. Guelph took over the puck on the one yard line but couldn't mount a comeback as York won by a score of 3-2.

Ralston put the Yeomen ahead for the first time in the game, with a hard shot from the top of the face-off circle. That goal seemed to give the Yeomen as well as the sparse crowd a lift as only 30 seconds later Rick Morocco put York up by two with a nice individual effort.

Guelph scored their second goal of the game with just under three minutes remaining but couldn't come any closer despite pulling the goalie for an extra attacker. The final score was 3-2 in favor of York.

Chambers was pleased with the final result

and said, "We're carrying on from last year. The team has learned about winning and now they (York) just want to win every game."

The Yeomen will play the Wilfred Laurier Golden Hawks tonight at the Ice Palace. Chambers feels that Laurier represents York's toughest competition in the OUA A this year. "They're an excellent team and I think they will be one of the teams to beat this season."

Notes: Attendance so far this year has been a disappointment. Considering York is the defending National champions and have a

good chance at repeating that feat this year, combined with the high calibre of hockey and the fact that you can get close to the action, there should be more supporters than immediate family and friends of the players... CJRY Radio York have been selecting three stars after each home game. Against Guelph they were 1. Mike James, 2. Scott Mosey, and 3. Roy Russell of the Gryphons... In York's last meeting with the Golden Hawks the two teams tied 5-5, and both teams are undefeated in league play.

Injuries hamper York in semi-final loss to Laurier

By DAVID BUNDAS

It was a case of too little, too late for the York Yeomen as they fell victim to the Laurier Golden Hawks, 27-10 in their second post-season playoff appearance.

The Yeomen started the game less the services of three key players. Joe Pariselli sat out with a cracked rib suffered last week against Western, while offensive lineman Joe Marchildon is no longer a York student for academic reasons. Second year man Glenn Humenik started as QB, with Tino Iacono nursing a sore shoulder sustained last week.

Laurier was able to take advantage of York mistakes and opened the scoring after recovering a York fumble. Kicker Steve Rainey booted a 35 yard FG through the uprights to make the score 3-0. The Laurier defence then knocked Humenik out of the game with a dislocated elbow, and forced York's coach to make a decision on whether or not to go to his injured starter, or to go with a third stringer who had yet to throw a ball in regular season play. Cosentino gave Tom Price the nod.

With momentum on Laurier's side and

an inexperienced QB in the game for York, Laurier's plan was to try and give their offence the ball and put some points on the board.

They did just that, with rookie of the year candidate Ken Evraire scooping in a Mike Wilson pass deep in the end zone for the game's first touchdown. An interception by linebacker Alex Troop led to Laurier's second touchdown. Quarterback Mike Wilson gained possession at the York 35 yard line and led his team toward the goal line before scampering in from five yards out.

Rainey added a 32-yard FG to make the score 20-0 at the half, and things looking pretty grim.

York started the second half with Iacono at the helm, and he seemed to ignite the York offence which was limited to 43 yards in the opening half. He hit Bob Harding on a 19 yard TD reception, and Mike Boyd connected on a 26 yard field goal to cut the score to 20-10 in the third quarter. But Laurier used a controlled offence, and a stingy defence to stifle the York rally and added a touchdown by David Lovegrove on an interception to close out the scoring at 27-10. The interception came late in the

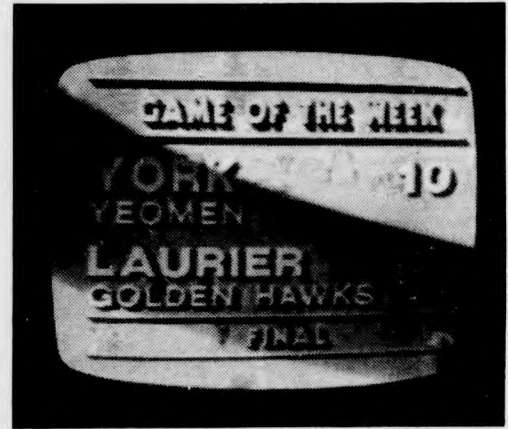
game at York's one yard line, after the York defence stopped Laurier on a third down gamble.

Laurier advances to the final in the OUA A against Western who defeated Guelph 39-15.

York has achieved a level of consistency but has yet to win a playoff game, ending up the year with an identical record as last year. Maybe the final hurdle will be surpassed next year.



GAME OF THE WEEK: Terry Douglas is pictured on CHCH-TV's broadcast of York's semi-final game. The half-time show featured a profile on Yeomen runningback Joe Pariselli. Unfortunately, Pariselli did not play due to an injury.



York athletic teams get no respect from Toronto print media

Last Wednesday, November 6 the *Globe and Mail* ran an interesting story in their sports section headlined "Blues take aim at OUA A title." The article pertained to the U of T Varsity Blues hockey team and their drive for the provincial championship. Nowhere in the article was there mention of the defending OUA A champion York Yeomen. Nowhere was there mention of any OUA A teams that might stand in the Varsity Blues' way.

Perhaps Canada's national newspaper doesn't know who the defending provincial champions are? Perhaps Canada's national newspaper doesn't know who the defending national champions are? This isn't so.

I called the *Globe's* sports assignment editor Jack McHale, and asked him if he knew who the champions were; he answered yes on both accounts.

I then called the author of the article, Murray Malkin, and asked him if he knew who the champions were; he also answered yes on both accounts. I also asked him if he knew that York had already defeated U of T in exhibition play this season; he answered yes.

Well, then, Mr. Malkin, I asked, Why didn't you mention



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the York Yeomen in your article?

He said he was keying in on the Blues and he didn't have to mention any other teams if he didn't want to.

Well then, Mr. Malkin, I asked, why did you write about the Blues and not the Yeomen, anyway? We have the best team in the country, not them.

The Blues had a press conference, he said.

What could I say. That seems to be the problem. U of T had a press conference, introduced their players and it got them a one-sided story in the *Globe and Mail*.

U of T seems to be good at throwing press conferences. They have shown that throughout the year. Even when York football team held press conferences in conjunction with U of

T, they were always held downtown on U of T's turf. People said that the reason the functions were held downtown was because it was closer to the media.

We find ourselves here at York always going downtown for attention, while the U of T doesn't have to move an inch. If we want the exposure that they get we would have to pamper the press in the same way. Up here at York we're lucky when we get mention in the Neighbours section of the *Toronto Star*. When we get coverage in the larger papers and happen to lose the game, the headline usually reads something like "Blues trample York," like it did after the U of T Lady Blues beat York for the OWIAA Field Hockey title a few weeks ago.

Even when York happens to win the headlines are really Blues bias. Last year, for example, York beat U of T in the first game of the hockey semi-finals and the next day a headline in the *Sun* read, "York pulls off shocker."

We just don't get no respect.

So we can do two things to get the coverage U of T gets. We can throw parties or we can win on the field of competition. I suggest we should do the latter. Not only does it make for a good athletics program, it makes for better articles as well.