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Yeomen Metro champs for second straight year

By DAVID BUNDAS

The York Yeomen defeated the U of T Blues for the second year in a row to remain the reigning champions of university football in Toronto.

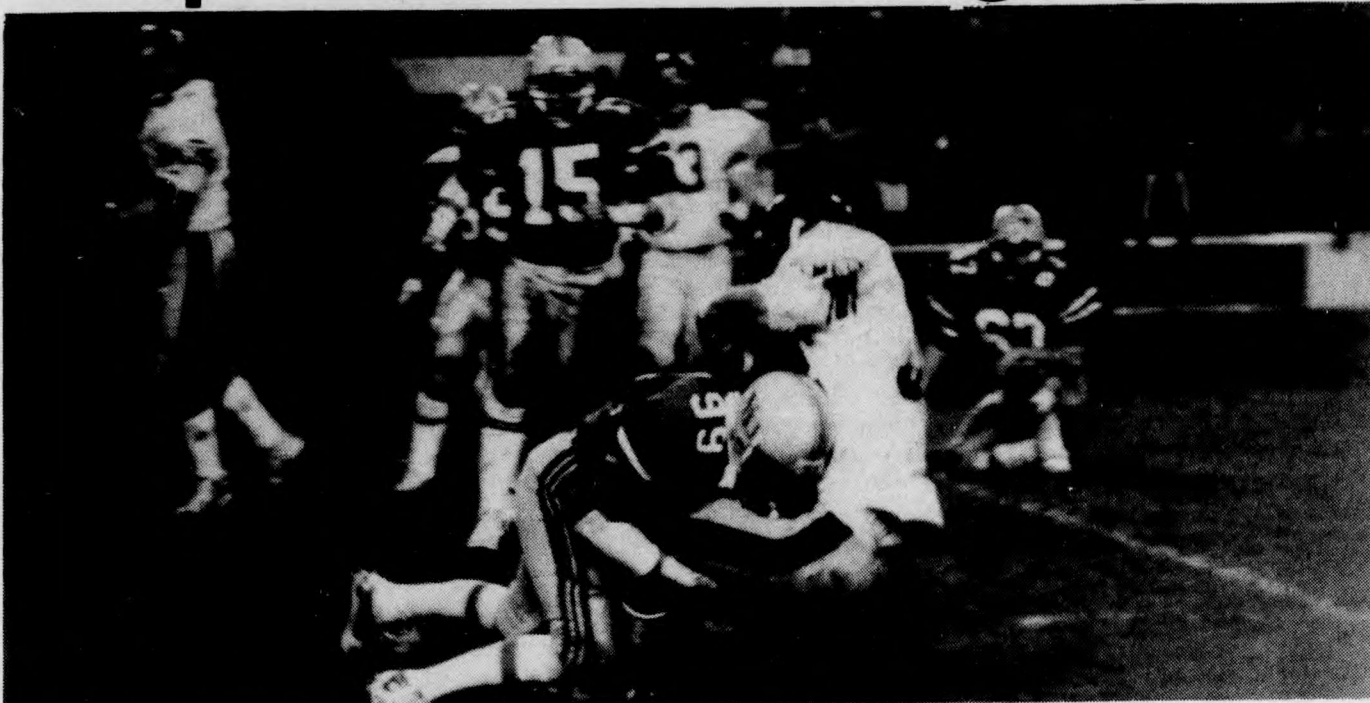
York scored all their points in the first half when they took a 17-1 lead into the locker room at Varsity Stadium. The Blues defence came up big in the second half but the offence was only able to generate one TD to make the final 17-7. In four games to date, the Yeomen defence has yet to allow a TD on the ground, and has yielded but four all season.

Greg Ebel opened the scoring for York on a 20 yard snare from Tino Iacono. The TD was set up by a nifty run by Terry Douglas who scampered 17 yards on second down to take the ball to the Blues 20 yard line. On the next possession the Blues drove to the York 30 yard line before a sack by Bill Docherty forced them to attempt a 45 yard field goal. York conceded a single point on the short kick to make the score 7-1. Mike Boyd then chipped in a 30 yard field goal for York, before Joe Pariselli exploded for a 37 yard TD run to push the lead to 17-1 at the half.

Although the Yeomen didn't score in the last two quarters, the offence was able to move the ball effectively most of the game. They were led by the strong running of their backs. Terry Douglas led all ground gainers with 100 yards on 16 carries, while Pariselli added 72 yards on 11 carries.

Last Saturday against Guelph, U of T was able to establish a running game with Andy McVey going over 100 yards on the ground. It was in the Blues game plan to try and produce the same numbers against York, but Bill Docherty and defensive game star Dirk Leers had something else to say about the matter. "They said in the papers that they would run the ball," said Docherty, "but that would be our strength on defence." York allowed 25 yards on 26 attempts by Blues runners, a statistic which clearly verifies York strength against the run.

Blues QB Rod Moors completed 24 passes for 328 yards in a losing effort. He was forced to go into the air on several occasions having attempted 41 passes, and the York defence punished the Blues receivers with a number of helmet jarring hits. York often switched in an extra defensive back, removing a linebacker and even a defensive lineman. Nobie Wirkowski was beaming at the play of his defensive squad, allowing him the luxury of matching up his players with the U of T receivers. "Once behind, we knew they would put the ball in the air," said Wirkowski, "that makes our job that much easier."



ROBERTA DI MAIO

THE BLUE STOPS HERE: Cornerback Carl Brillinger whumps U of T ballcarrier in last week's action.

The game featured fierce hitting and stellar defence by both teams, and benches. The game was marred by an incident involving Blues head coach Bill Mitchell who jumped on a York player's back after a scrap erupted on the sidelines near the Blues bench.

U of T scored their lone TD on a 3 yard pass from Moors to Rob Crifo late in the fourth quarter. Their attempt at a 2 point conversion failed, and that made the final 17-7.

Yeowomen tie Lady Blues in possible preview of final

By LORNE MANLY

In what possibly could be a preview of the Ontario Women's Inter-University Athletic Association field hockey final, the York Yeowomen and the University of Toronto Lady Blues duelled to a 1-1 tie at Lampport Stadium last Thursday.

Coach Marina Van der Merwe feels that the team can do a lot better but wasn't terribly disappointed with the result since "it was their first run on the artificial turf and it

showed. We were a little bit erratic," she said.

"We were trying to play a controlled game," Van der Merwe continued. "The object of the controlled game is to manoeuvre the ball while maintaining it. On turf one likes to maintain possession, but the passes have to be extremely accurate. Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't."

Last Thursday this strategy was not working as the Yeowomen's lack

of practice on the artificial surface severely hampered their passing game. York, as a result, was unable to effectively move the ball and the offence could only come up with one goal.

The Yeowomen's lone goal, however, was scored on what Van der Merwe described as a "lovely play" by Sandra Levy. "There was a shot on goal by Tracey (Minaker)," Van der Merwe recounted. "It rebounded back to Sandra who manoeuvred

around the sprawling goaltender and shot it into the open net. It was a classy goal."

NOTES- With the reinstatement of Van der Merwe as the women's national field hockey coach finally being agreed to by the Canadian Women's Field Hockey Association last week, the national team can now begin preparing for the World Cup next July. The first test for the team is this week at the American Classic in Trenton, New Jersey. The round

robin tournament includes teams from Argentina, Scotland, and the USA and culminates with the final Sunday.

The team includes three current York players: Sandra Levy, Sharon Bayes, and Sharon Creelman. Also making the trip is team manager Laura Branchaud who no longer plays for the Yeowomen as her university eligibility has expired but is still active at the U of T high performance centre.

Soccer team ties U of T 1-1; Toronto scores for both squads

By JAMES HOGGETT

The York Yeomen were held scoreless yet still managed to tie the U of T's Varsity Blues 1-1 at Varsity Stadium last Wednesday.

Thanks to a miscue by a Blues defenceman on a routine playback to his goalie, the player shot the ball into his own goal. This goal was scored in the early part of the first half when York was dominating most of the play.

From time to time however the Yeomen found themselves caught playing Toronto's game, which is much slower paced than York's. "If you play their speed of game, they will wind up controlling the game," coach Crandles said. "Once we shook this, we were on the attack again."

In the middle of the first half Mauro Ongaro and a Varsity Blue's player collided heavily. Ongaro was able to resume play but the Blue's player was not so lucky. He was helped off the field by his teammates and never returned to the game. Consequently Toronto had to play the rest of the game one man short. The first half ended with York leading 1-0.

York started off the second half very impressively, keeping the ball in the Blue's end. The Yeomen's best scoring opportunity came in the second half when Tony Oliver made a number of moves around the Blues' defense and set up Hunter Madeley, who blasted a blistering shot off the goalpost.

By the half way point in the second half one could see the momentum shift. York seemed content to sit back and defend their one goal lead. Toronto began to press the Yeomen

in their own end and in the last two minutes of the game the Blue's took advantage of the flat-footed Yeomen, tying the game 1-1.

The Yeomen were very disappointed with the tie. "Toronto had nothing to lose so they threw everything into offence," Crandles said. "We have to give Toronto credit for coming back and tying in the last two minutes especially playing with one man short." Crandles added, "We were all over them but we couldn't put the ball in the net."

The Yeomen had similar problems on their weekend games at Queens and RMC. York only managed to score one goal in each of the two games losing to Queens on Friday 3-1 and tying RMC on Saturday 1-1. Both goals were scored by Tony Salmen.

This Saturday York closes out their season with a game at home against Toronto at 11:00 a.m. If York can muster a win against Toronto they will force third place Carleton to win at least three out of four points in their next games against Trent this weekend. If Carleton fails to do this, the Yeomen will have earned themselves a berth in the playoffs, grabbing second place.

The Yeomen even have a slim chance of grabbing first place away from U of T. If Toronto manages to lose their last three remaining games (including the one against York) the Yeomen will be in sole possession of first place in the eastern division. Does all this sound like a lot of "ifs" to you? Well anything can happen and as the great Yogi Berra once said, "It ain't over till it's over."

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