

SPORTS

Yeomen win one at last!

Mike Leonetti

The York Yeomen put all the pieces together for the first time in 1981 defeating the Windsor Lancers 27-16 last Saturday in their home opener.

Led by a stellar defensive unit and a big play offence, the Yeomen started to show some of the promise they believed they had all along. It was an especially satisfying win for the Yeomen who started the game with the same sixteen first year players and an assortment of injuries to many key veteran players.

For the first time this season, the York offence operated in high gear. With quarterback Tino Iacano at the controls the Yeomen produced 411 yards of offence — by far their best showing. The Yeomen were able to strike suddenly and with devastating results. For example, running back Nord Williams, who had 16 carries for 138 yards on the day, exploded for a 72 yard run on the Yeomen's first possession of the game. It appeared as though Williams was going to be trapped behind the line on his long jaunt, but he was able to dippy-doodle his way free to the sideline before taking it back up the middle for the touchdown. Williams, who scored a second touchdown on a pass in the first half, was very pleased with the way the offence performed.

"It was just a matter of time before we put it all together. We're all young but we're all learning together. We just had to cut down on the mistakes."

Iacano enjoying his best day as quarterback — 12 of 19 for 228 yards and three touchdowns — was especially effective out of the shotgun formation. Iacano hit a wide open George Ganas for a 31 yard TD from the shotgun giving York a 21-3 halftime lead.

Working from the shotgun again in the third quarter Iacano combined with wide receiver Brian Gifford on an electrifying 80 yard pass and run play.

"I was not the intended receiver on the play. I was running a clearing pattern but when the ball came I was ready for it," explained Gifford, who caught a total of seven passes for 150 yards for the game.

It was a determined York defence which closed the door on Windsor in two important situations to preserve the victory. Once in the first half and once in the second the Yeomen stopped the Lancers on third and goal situations from the York one yard line. It was a hard hitting Yeomen defence which forced five Windsor fumbles and three interceptions made by Sean Stone, Norbie Wirkowski and Jerry Phillip. Middle linebacker Elviro Marsella credited the Yeomen defensive performance to playing with intensity.

"We were high today because it was a must win situation. We know we had a better defence than what we had shown. It's coming together now."

The only major breakdown came when Windsor's Wyatt Clark made a 62 yard run for a touchdown on Windsor's first play of the second half. Scott

Essery caught a short pass for the other Windsor major, the Lancers were working under a handicap as their starting quarterback Rob Dalley was injured and unable to play. That forced coach Gino Fracas to use rookie Kyle Pohanka who only completed 4 of 12 for 30 yards in the game. Windsor was only able to accumulate 186 yards on offence.

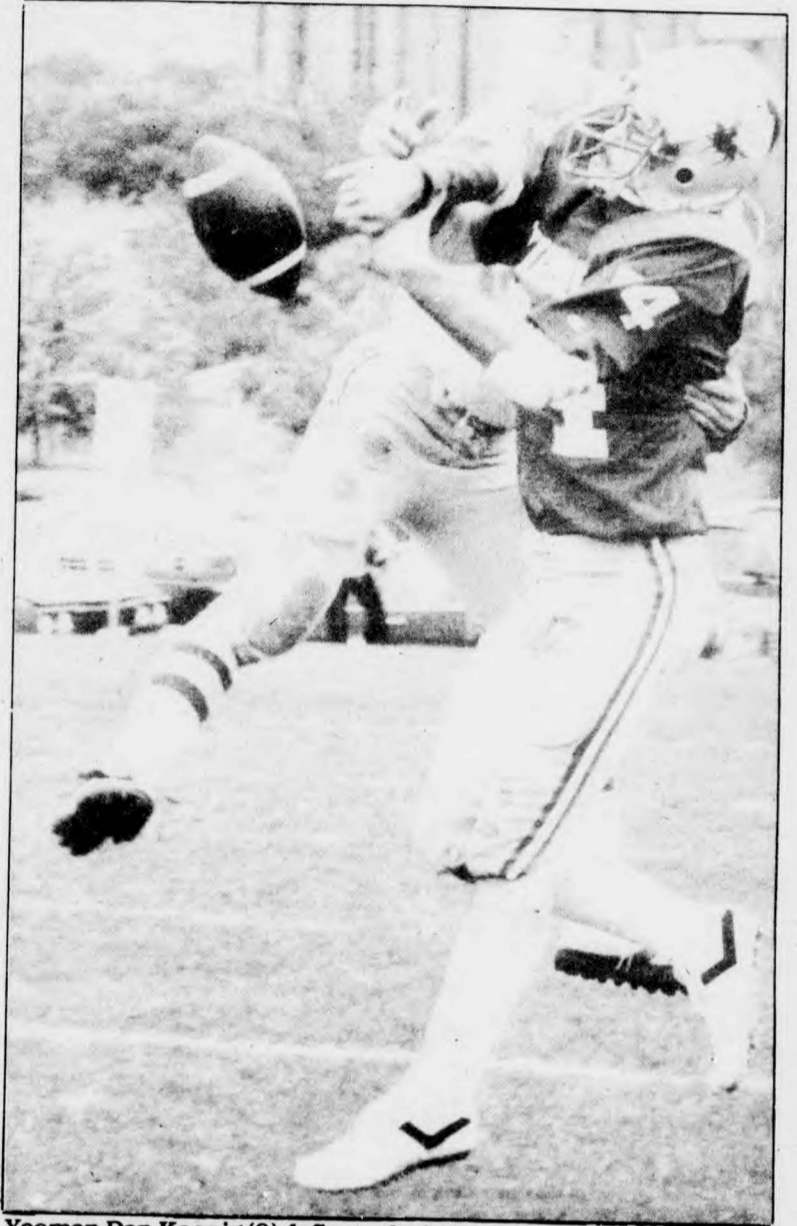
Yeomen coach Dave Pickett was naturally very pleased with his first ever win as head coach.

"It's been a long time coming. In terms of confidence we need this game. We should get stronger now."

Pickett singled out the defensive line and his quarterback for praise.

"The defensive line played tremendous. The whole defence came up with the big plays. I have to love Tino's (Iacano) courage. We put in the shotgun formation to try to give him more time to throw. He's getting more confident with each play."

York, now 1-2, will not have much free time to savour the victory as they face the Varsity Blues (2-1) Thursday night at Varsity Stadium. It will be a difficult test for the Yeomen and for the York defence in particular who will have to contain Varsity QB Dan Fereday and a potent Blues offence. A key to the game will be how well the Yeomen can pressure Fereday and throw him off his game. Another good offensive performance coupled with an enthusiastic team effort could result in a win for the Yeomen.



Yeoman Dan Koenig (9) deflects the ball away from an unidentified Windsor Lancer receiver (dark jersey).

Recreation York: a thing of the future

Rose Crawford

It's been fifteen years since the first battle for the York Torch, the symbol of supremacy in intercollegiate athletics, was fought between York's oldest colleges: Glendon, Founders and Vanier.

As part of the 15th Anniversary celebrations, Recreation York is planning three special events for the upcoming year.

The earliest of the three is an Ontario-College-University Intramural Invitational Tournament; it will be held on November 20 and 21.

The other two, scheduled for next spring, are an Ontario Intramural High School Conference and a Triathlon.

These events will not only help Recreation York celebrate its 15th Anniversary, but they will hopefully give much needed visibility to the program.

"We (Recreation York) have always been dominated by the varsity program. This is a conscious effort on our part to gain a higher profile," explains Arvo Tildus, Co-ordinator of Recreation York.

If it's okay for varsity teams to "mingle" with other universities, then we feel that our intercollegiate teams should have the opportunity to do so as well."

One could say that Tildus is the father of intercollegiate athletics and recreation at York. He was hired in 1966 to fill the position of Intramurals Director and all the changes that the program has undergone, have occurred under his guidance and supervision.

When Tildus started his job at York, his task was relatively simple; it consisted of organizing intramural sports for

three colleges, and a total of about two hundred participants. Today his task is not so simple. He and his assistant, Meg Innes (a York graduate), have to supervise an intercollegiate sports program which boasts nearly 6,000 participants, 13 colleges and units (ie. Alumni and MBA), and twenty three events.

In addition, Tildus, whose title is now Recreation Director, and Innes co-ordinate and supervise



The way we were...Arvo Tildus in 1971.

four other components of the Recreation York program: casual recreation (members have open use of facilities for a number of sports when those are available), instructional programs in activities like judo, fencing and many types of dance, sports clubs, and physical fitness testing.

All of the different components clearly show how well Recreation York has responded to the recreational needs of the York community; something which, for the most part, goes unrecognized.

Tildus has managed to incorporate all these things into the recreation program despite meagre budgets. This year he'll have an operating budget of \$17,000 dollars.

Most of the money according

to Tildus, will go towards paying the referees for the various sports. These are mainly students who participate in the program. They receive \$7.00 for refereeing a hockey game and \$5.00 for all other sports. The next major expense is the sports clubs. Recreation York pays the fee for these clubs to affiliate

Mustangs, Blues Man-handled

Last Saturday the York Yeomen Water Polo team scored impressive victories over the Universities of Toronto and Western Ontario while displaying the strength and depth they have developed this season.

The contest against the University of Toronto saw the Yeomen play a strong, offensive game, winning 7-4. Trevor Man was the man of the match, scoring three goals. Stuart Howard, who returns after a year's absence, scored twice while Joe Skelly and Rick Bennett marked the other goals for York.

Cam Gourley came up with an excellent effort in net for the Yeomen making many clutch saves in both games.

York's second game, produced a total of 29 goals as York defeated Western 15-14. In this wide open match Trevor Man once again dominated the scoring sheet with seven goals. Neil Harvey scored three times, Rick Bennett and Dave Fairman twice and Charles Karstadt once to give York its victory.

with their respective provincial bodies.

Reflecting on those early years Tildus speaks with unmasked pride.

"We were pioneers. All the other universities came up with the idea of a recreation "department" as an after

thought. At York we always recognized recreation as a very important part of life."

This importance given to recreation by Tildus and Innes and the department of physical education at York is precisely why the intercollegiate sports program is so successful.

Yeowomen field hockey in Iowa

York's field hockey team completed Part One of their defense of the OWIAA crown they won last year this past weekend. They defeated Guelph, McGill and Waterloo while tying U of Toronto Lady Blues 1-1. This coming weekend the team travels south to take part in the University of Iowa's Invitational. Along with Iowa, York will face Central Missouri, Minnesota, Indiana, and a very strong team from St. Louis.

Shortstops

This weekend on Campus...

Not really on campus, but close enough...the Yeomen football team heads downtown to Dan Fereday's stomping grounds for the much awaited game against the University of Toronto Blues. Game time is 7:00 pm tonight. It would do the Yeomen wonders if they could hear the cheers of a couple hundred York fans...Chris Kostka and his crew open the York hockey season tonight at 7:30 pm. They will take to the ice against the Yeomen Alumni squad.

Athletes of the Week

Rookie Yeomen quarterback Tino Iacano is the *Excalibur Male Athlete of the Week*. He led his team to a 27-16 victory over the Windsor Lancers, their first victory of 1981. During the game Iacano completed 12-of 19 passes for 228 yards and three touchdowns.

Sheila Forshaw is the *Excalibur Female Athlete of the Week* after her performance in Part One of York's OWIAA field hockey round-robin tournament. She again displayed her explosive offensive abilities scoring 6 goals in 4 games. In her last eight games Forshaw has collected 16 goals.