

Cross fingers for dome

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When Cedric Minter fumbled the football in the third quarter of last fall's Grey Cup game, hopes of an Argonaut victory were dashed against a wall of green and yellow jerseys.

With Minter's fumble came 50,000 or so sighs, as well as a shift in the momentum, which up to that point had been in favour of the Boatmen. Many a despondent fan searched for a shield against the rain; some used their Argo banners, and still others reached for their seat-warmed Argo bleacher cushions, which were put to good use as head-contouring protective shields.

A week-long party that had culminated in the virtual shutdown of Yonge Street the night before, was now being drowned by the all-weather Eskimos and the sheets of rain.

"They don't have to put up with this in the States," a fan snarled as he climbed toward the exits. "Toronto is supposed to be a big sports city, but it's Vancouver that's getting the dome."

In planning stages

Headlines the next day announced, along with the news that the Eskimo dynasty had maintained its CFL supremacy, the probability of a domed stadium being erected in the friendly confines of the CNE. When asked about the possibility, Premier Bill Davis offered a disconcerted smile, and spoke of the need for private sector funding. In actuality though, the physical and

financial foundations for a domed stadium were in the planning stages well before it was evident that the Argos would be on their way to their first Grey Cup appearance in eleven years. Ray Biggart, a member of the advisory staff to Metro chairman Paul Godfrey, told *Excalibur* a domed stadium would unquestionably substantiate Toronto's reputation as a leading Canadian sports centre and that the plans for the project were indeed under way.

"There's no question as to the benefits a domed stadium would bring to this city," Biggart said. "We have undertaken a survey and are at present surmising the many aspects that go into the actual construction of such a thing as a domed stadium. Let's not forget, the cost you're looking at to build one of these things is 120 million dollars. But there are plans for a major waterfront development--we won't have the final

report in until February, though."

The news of a domed stadium is nothing new to the Argonaut players either; many of them have shown as

much interest as the fans. Argo player-personel director John Wintermeyer expressed a similar interest, saying that although the weather conditions had no bearing on the outcome of the Grey Cup game, a city with the sports prominence of Toronto, should by all means have a proper facility to house its major league teams.

"Our facility (the CNE stadium) isn't a very appropriate one, its not a major league stadium. I mean, for any city that has a major league sports team, football and baseball

included, there should be a facility at hand where games that draw a large amount of spectators can be properly held. But I don't foresee anything like a domed stadium coming around for at least three to four years," Wintermeyer said.

Three or four years is a long time to wait for a facility this city eminently deserves. Biggart's 120 million dollar budget is a rough estimate to say the least, and one can only remember the skyrocketing costs faced by the city of Montreal in

1976, when the final price tag for their "Big O" stadium was still not known when the stadium opened for business. "Taxes, yes," Biggart proclaimed. "We are definitely

going to have to review the tax situation with respect to the new stadium, but that won't necessarily mean a hike in ticket prices."

Future up in air

As for the future of a domed stadium in Metro Toronto, the answer lies in the question--it's in the future. It doesn't even have a name yet. Perhaps when the time comes, there will be a name-the-new-stadium contest, similar to methods used by the Toronto Blue Jays during their inaugural 1977 season. Of course its business as usual down at the CNE stadium: the astro turf vacuums are whirring away, and workmen are sweeping piles of popcorn boxed and hot-dog wrappers. But the whisper remains: "Wait 'till next year."



York stepping up

RANDY SMITH AND MARK ZWOL

As a team, the Yeomen wrestlers haven't quite realized their touted potential as one of the premier units in the OUAA's. But last Saturday's Queen's Invitational, in which York rolled to a third place finish behind front runners, Queens and MacMaster, proved what many rival schools have been keeping in their little black books--the Yeomen are rounding into form

Second-year man Aaron Hume beaoned York's eye-opening performance when he was pitted against his old nemesis, Tony Bendit, from McMaster. Hume, the number two ranked wrestler in the OUAA's last year, had lost two of his three previous meetings. Hume, however, matched his perfect 3-0 sweep in pool competition with a relatively easy 5-2 victory over Bendit, evening their rivalry at two wins apiece.

Rookie, Tom Evans, won his first medal as a Yeoman with a second place finish in the tourney. His only loss came at the hands of Guelph's Andy Watealich.

The "Big Guy", team captain Johnathan Graham, placed a strong third in his first appearance of the season. Graham suffered his only loss, a 5-1 defeat against Darryl

Mooney of MacMaster. The loss came after four match victories in regular pool competition.

Rookies make due

The Yeomen travelled to the tournament without three of their first string wrestlers. Rookies, Tony Nagee, Jeff Kawzenuk, and Andrew Taylor, had to "take up the pace", and managed to contribute to York's point total. Nagee finished fourth in the 136lbs division, ahead of former CIAU titlist Lawrence Holmes. Kawzenuk coming off a leg injury, wrestled to a fifth place finish with a three wins-two losses record. Taylor, also placed fifth with two wins and two losses.

PINS AND NOTES: The CIAU released it's national rankings this week, and four York wrestlers placed in the top ten. Randy Smith (124lbs), and Jonathan Graham (158lbs), were ranked second in their respective weight classes. Aaron Hume (158lbs) placed third, and Ken Huff (167lbs) took the fifth place ranking... the team will travel to Guelph next weekend for the Guelph Open, which will feature Canadian world cup and Olympic hopefuls, as well as teams from New York, Michigan, and Iowa.

THE YORK STUDENT FUND, COLLEGE COUNCILS AND LABATT'S PRESENT

WINTER CARNIVAL SCHEDULE

Thurs. Jan. 20/83

- 5 p.m. Scavenger Hunt
 - this hunt is city-wide.
 - pick kits up at Founders College Council office, room 120.
- 8 p.m.
 - Winter Carnival Pub Nite in each College.

Fri. Jan. 21/83

- 10 a.m.
 - Snow Sculptures (snow permitting) area surrounding Shoreham traffic circle, by Stong and Bethune Colleges
- 1 p.m. Sporting Events
 - broomball, 3-legged baseball, frisbie football, road hockey - everyone to meet in Stong foyer at 1 p.m. Signs will also be posted there.
- 4 p.m.
 - Judging of snow sculptures
- 8 p.m.
 - Dance in Stong College Dining Hall hosting "worm races" \$1.00 entrance

Sat. Jan. 22/83

- 1 p.m.
 - Snow Earthball - football field
- 8 p.m.
 - Winter Carnival 'Grande Finale' featuring "Blue Peter" \$4.00 entrance, Vanier Dining Hall, Prize ceremony

Sign up for your teams either at your college, or contact your college council.



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BLUE PETER IN CONCERT

Tickets \$4:00
Vanier Dining Hall 8:00 Saturday January 22
Tickets available in Central Square
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