

## Undefeated Yeomen hang tough

**Steve Church**

The York Rugby Yeomen are in possession of a 2-0 won-loss record.

On September 22, York opened up the 1979 season on the road winning by a rather decisive score of 12-3 over the perennially tough Western Mustang squad.

Scoring for the Yeomen were Lloyd Lewis with a try and penalty goal, and Larry Spriet who chipped in a convert in the first half. In the second half, Jonathan Bell rounded out the scoring with a drop goal.

York, in this game, started off on a slow note with the backs breaking down during scoring drives and forward play being rather sloppy. However, team cohesion prevailed, especially with the forwards winning many loose rucks and mauls and, in general, constantly beating Western to the ball.

On the same day, the Yeomen II side lost a tough, gruelling match to Western II by a one-sided score of 37-0. This score was mainly due to the overall inexperience of the young York squad.

On September 29, the Yeomen played their second game of the season, travelling to Guelph to meet the 1978 OUAA runner-up champions, the Gryphons.

Upon arrival at Guelph, the Yeomen arrived on the pitch to meet a gargantuan Gryphon side (average size was 6'3" and 210 pounds) compared to York's seemingly exiguous side.

At any rate, the Yeomen once more made up for their lack of size through overall fitness, brutal tackling and opportune play, thus resulting in a 16-11 victory.

Accounting for the scoring was Jonathan Bell with a drop goal, Larry Spriet with a penalty goal, Carlos "Portuguese Disco Machine" Moniz with a 30-yard try and Lloyd Lewis with two penalty goals — one in excess of 50 yards.

The second game of the day saw York II lose a tough, well-played game to Guelph II by a

score of 16-0. The majority of points by Guelph occurred in the first few minutes of the game as a result of careless and precarious play in York's own zone.

In commenting on the 1979 team's chances for success, Head Coach Mike Dinning said, "Coming into this season, I didn't expect great things from our side. However, after our team's successful performance after two games in the most critical part of our schedule, I feel confident that the team realizes that they now have the potential to beat the better clubs in the OUAA —

or those who appear to be strong on paper."

Larry Nancekivell, Assistant Coach, was quoted as saying: "In comparing this team to previous York powerhouses, this year's squad consists of no stars and no press clippings to rely on. To guarantee success this season, we will have to have 15 players continuing to co-operate in total team unity as evidenced so far."

On Saturday, October 6, York plays at home in a contest against McMaster. Kick-off is 1pm on the rugby pitch.



Climactic moment of high school track meet held at York last weekend.

Gary Hershorn

## York golfers drive to finals

**Larry Kredal**

Getting the lowest score has finally paid off for York on the sports scene. Last Friday was proof as the golf team took the least amount of strokes on their way to winning their Ontario University Eastern golf semi-final.

The team was led by Tony

Robinson whose 36-hole total of 151 was enough to secure him the individual honours. Robinson was one stroke ahead of teammate Mike McBride at 152. Not far behind were the remaining members of the York squad: Steve Hayles and Don Burton, who finished fifth and sixth respectively.

"The team played steady, which was probably our biggest edge," explained three handicapper Robinson, "and if we keep it up I feel we should have a very good chance at taking the championship."

Of the 10 Ontario universities that participated in the semi-final play, only the top five teams

qualified for the finals. Behind York's four-man team total of 613 on 36 holes were defending champion U of T at 622, followed by Queen's at 646, Waterloo at 651, and Windsor with 667.

York's success in the Ontario university golf circuit is no fluke this year, and their record attests to this fact. On September 21 the team combined long drives and accurate putting to take the York Invitational Tournament. Then a week later at the University of Waterloo Invitational, they again pooled talents to come out on top.

Coach Nobby Wirkowski is undoubtedly pleased with the team's showing this year. He singles out consistent play and the fact that the team is intact from last year as the key factors in York's winning style in 1979.

"These are the same players that placed second to U of T last year," reflected Wirkowski, "a championship that was only decided on the last hole on the last putt."

"I have a lot of confidence in the boys and I know they'll do well in the final," he added. "However, golf is the type of game that can be hot and cold, so we'll have to wait and see."

York and the other four qualifying teams tee off this Thursday and Friday at the Glen Abbey Golf Club in Oakville to decide this year's championship.

## Polo team still wet



Gary Hershorn

In the first tournament of the season, York's annual Earlybird Tournament, the Water Polo Yeomen looked very strong despite losing three close games to U of T, Waterloo and

McMaster. The team was led by Trevor Mann who tallied 8 goals, Ralph Ades with 4, Vic Roskey with 3, and rookie Simon Owens with 1. The Yeomen's goal tender, Doug Millage, was by far

the sharpest at the tournament and backed his team with some spectacular saves. Special mentions to Stewart Howard, and rookies Neale Cohen and Ben Naxon for excellent defensive play.

Coach Kevin Jones seemed very pleased with his team's efforts on Saturday, but admits he is worried about the team's lack of depth. He was able to dress only 8 players for this first tournament which meant only one substitute.

The team is in desperate need of some new players; for anyone interested, practice times are Monday and Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesday 3 to 5 p.m., and Thursday 5 to 7 p.m. Regular season play begins October 13 and the team's next home games will be on November 10.

## Domed stadium for winning Yeomen? — Ask Mel.



**Lawrence Knox**

**TORONTO**— On Tuesday, February 14, 1979, North York Mayor Mel Lastman got his lifetime dream — no, his wife wasn't kidnapped again, but North York, the largest borough in the world, became a city of its own. The city with love.

Tonight, our football Yeomen will lock horns with their former geographical rivals, the University of Toronto Blues here at Canada's largest unoccupied stadium, Varsity, at 7pm.

Sure, this will be a very important game for the spirited team (1-2) since they had their 15-0 victory over the Guelph Gryphons stripped away by a judicial committee. A win would put

them two points behind second place Toronto in the Ontario-Quebec Intercollegiate Football Western Division.

Meanwhile, Blues head coach Ron Murphy, an institution down here, has a lot to prove even though his team's record (3-1) may suggest the opposite. The Blues are very inconsistent offensively and have allowed almost as many points as they've scored.

Even the Toronto media, long supporters of the Blues and who used to practically ignore York have said it would not be a complete surprise if the Yeomen won. Some think it likely.

Actually, it would mark the dawning of a new age in collegiate sports.

If, in fact, the Yeomen do defeat the Blues, here in the city with concrete, a petition should be taken the new North York Civic Centre and handed to the

mayor himself, demanding a new stadium for North York.

Just think about it for a moment. No more Argos and no more canaries, or whatever they call them, to contend with anymore.

The stadium, domed of course, could be situated on the present grounds at Downsview Airport, only minutes away from York and easily accessible by car or public transit.

Now, before I get letters sent to this office suggesting that I should take a long vacation in a psychiatric centre, let me explain myself.

York has been fortunate to have been awarded a spanking new track and field complex, the soon to be famous Bobby Orr sports injury clinic and the internationally famous Tennis Centre, home of the Players International.

And, although the track and field centre has not been opened yet, it, like

the Tennis Centre, has contributed to the dramatic growth of sports at York — the new sports center of southern Ontario.

A new stadium could also be used by other York teams, as well as by professional sporting franchises, maybe even a National Basketball Association franchise for the city with love.

It only seems fair that since we're now a city, we should have stadiums like Scarborough, York, Etobicoke and the City of Toronto itself.

A new stadium would do wonders for university and collegiate sports right across Canada with the Vanier Cup being moved from the city with concrete to the city with love.

So, the pressure is on the Yeomen to come up with a victory against Toronto tonight. They're not playing for their own reputations anymore, but for a stadium to hang their pennants in.