

# Rugby team whips U of T to take possession of first place



**WHOA!** A member of York's second rugby team pulls on the reins of his U of T counterpart. York's second team beat U of T 17-9, while the first team clobbered U of T's finest 35-9.

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## Yeomen soccer team splits two on weekend; wind plays big factor in final outcome

By JAMES HOGGETT

If the location of Toronto's dome stadium is still in doubt, the campus of York University should be reconsidered.

Last Saturday and Sunday York played host to Carleton and Laurentian in what has been the coldest weather conditions for a game this year. The temperature was in the low teens but with the wind gusting up to 37 km/h, it made it feel even colder. York split the weekend with a 2-1 loss on Saturday to Carleton and a 3-1 victory on Sunday against Laurentian.

Before the weekend split, York was on the road against Trent. York shut-out the dismal Trent team 1-0. Trent has yet to win a game this season. The only goal of the game was scored by Tony Oliver.

"This win has put the team in the right frame of mind for the games this weekend," Crandles said. "It's going to be a big weekend and I think we can beat Carleton."

However, it was not to be. The Yeomen lost their opening game against Carleton by a score of 2-1. On a day when the wind played havoc with the ball, both teams found it tough to set up plays.

Carleton dominated the play in the early part of the first half. The Ravens were rewarded when a player was set up in front of the York goal putting it behind the diving York goalie Rafael Torre.

A short time later, a Carleton miscue enabled York to tie the score. On a scramble in front of the Carleton goal, Greg Dac Bang managed to kick the ball past the Carleton goalkeeper. On this play, after Dac Bang had scored, the

Carleton goalie rushed out of his net and blatantly kicked Dac Bang in the groin. "I couldn't believe it," Dac Bang complained. "The ball was already in the net when he came across and kicked me." Luckily for York, Dac Bang was able to resume play. The first half ended in a 1-1 tie.

At the start of the second half York dominated the play. York's Tony Oliver and Hunter Madeley both came close to scoring but came up short.

Late in the second half Hunter Madeley made a brilliant move on the Carleton defense and tried to break away when he was hauled down by a Carleton player. The referee allowed play to continue, one of the many questionable calls throughout the game.

York, trying to score the go-ahead goal got caught in their own end and Carleton was able to take the lead.

The Yeomen tried in vain to tie the game up but the Carleton defense held up, amking the final score 2-1 for the Ravens.

"The wind played a big factor in the game," Crandles said. "I think we played well enough to win but we just had a few bad breaks that's all."

Sundays game was quite a different story for York as they trounced Laurentian 3-1. The Yeomen dominated most of the play.

Thanks in part, to great goal-tending by Paul Bottos and defensive work by Norman Tsolakis, Laurentian was held to a single goal. Both teams had chances in the first half but their goalies managed to come up with some big saves. The first half ended scoreless.

Early in the second half Hunter Madeley made a break for the Laur-

entian goal. The Laurentian goalie charged out to stop Madeley and deliberately "steam-rolled" him to the ground. Madeley lay motionless on the ground. Having been attended to by the trainer Madeley was able to get up slowly and resume play. To York's surprise they were not awarded a free kick nor was the Laurentian goalie penalized. It was not until coach Crandles and the linesman discussed the play with the referee that York was awarded a free kick.

It was on this play that York scored their first goal when Tony (Goalfish) Salimen blasted in a rebound. This put York up 1-0. The lead was short lived as Laurentian tied the game on a penalty kick.

York took the lead for good when Salimen set up Madeley in front of the Laurentian goal. Madeley made no mistakes, directing the ball into the bottom corner of the goal.

Late in the second half Steve Coleman replaced Tony Salimen. Coleman played well coming off the bench, scoring York's third goal of the game. He carried the ball up the sideline and fired a shot past Laurentian goalie. The final score was 3-1 for York.

"Everybody played well I thought," said manager Carlos Abascal. "I don't see why this won't continue all the way to the playoffs. We have a very good team."

Coach Norm Crandles was also very pleased with his team's performance "Everybody gave 100%. I was really pleased that we managed to take four points out of the six. We knew it was a critical game and we managed to win. Success is the reward for those who work for it."

By MANOJ PRAJAPAT

A battle of the undefeated took place Saturday as the York Yeomen rugby team clashed with their arch rivals, the University of Toronto Blues. Both teams entered the contest with identical 3-0 won-loss records and first place at stake.

The Blues proved to be no match for the Yeomen as York whipped Toronto 35-9 and as a result, are perched alone atop the eastern division.

York jumped out in front 13-0 on a penalty kick from Gary Kalk and two tries from rookie sensation Spencer Robinson. Toronto fought back to narrow the margin to 13-9 when they connected on three successive penalty kicks. The first half ended with the outcome of the game still very much in doubt.

"We went away from our game plan in that first half," Yeomen head coach Mike Dinning said. "We were kicking too often. We're a running team, we have to run the ball to be successful. We were keeping them in the game by kicking. I said a few words to the players at half time and I think that helped."

The Yeomen took charge with the running game in the second half and exploded for 22 points.

Robinson put York ahead 17-9 when he weaved wide around the left side to score his third try of the afternoon.

Scott Switzer, an inside centre, who is also a member of the Canadian national junior team, then made two excellent passes to set up York's two next scores. Robinson and Kalk were the beneficiaries of the plays, each scoring a try off the pass.

Robinson then capped off an outstanding afternoon with his fifth and

most spectacular try that left the Toronto players shaking their heads in disbelief.

"I'm feeling really comfortable out there," Robinson said. "I played five years of high school rugby in Pickering, so this is my sixth year (of rugby). We've got a great bunch of guys on this team and that's helping too."

Gary Kalk ended the scoring when he converted his fourth try of the game.

Note: York's second team defeated Toronto's second squad 17-9 in a well-played match.

## Cross country team places fifth and sixth

By ANDREW DAVIS

Over the weekend the Yeomen cross-country team had to deal with "an undulating course with high winds," said Arthur Taylor, coach of the cross-country team.

The best showing on the women's team was made by Cheryl Youloun who placed 11th with a time of 20.24. She posted a score of 10 points. The overall women's placing was fifth with a total of 123 points.

The top York male competitor finished 35th with a time of 35.48. Lawrence MacDonald completed the 10k course and collected 26 points. The overall men's placing was sixth with 205 points.

"We have two good solid teams," said Coach Taylor, "however the calibre of the team is difficult to say at this point in the season." Taylor remains hopeful about his team's performances this year, and predicts a berth in the OUA finals.

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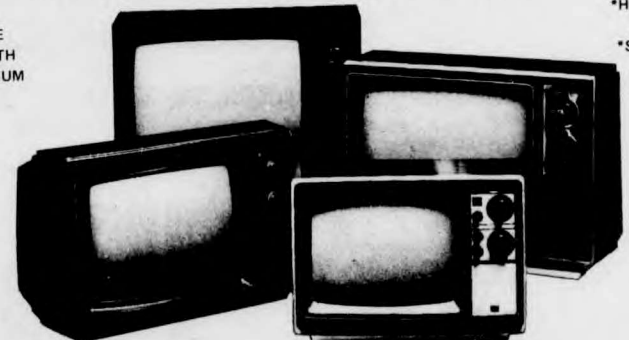
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