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The absence of any sustained offensive threat by Guelph allowed Sharon Creelman to press up the field for most of the game, and count her second tally just before halftime.

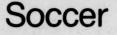
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Guelph attempted to restrain the York attack in the second half, thwarting the Yeowomen until forward Sandra Levy scored. York made it 6-0 when Cathy Timmins converted a penalty stroke.

But York did not realize all of their potential offense. Several shots rang off the goalposts and the side of

the Guelph net.

Van der Merwe gave credit to Guelph goaltender Kim Rudd. "She played a very good game. Also, Guelph went entirely defensive on us in the second half. It became much more difficult to score once they started to block us out of the (shooting) circle."



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when Sue Gough buried a shot behind the Trent keeper to give the Yeowomen a 3-0 half-time lead.

The second half belonged to the Yeowomen. At the kick-off, Gough completed a crisp pass to Christena Bozanis who carried the ball into Trent's end and found the net to give York a 4-0 lead.

Bell was satisfied with what he saw against Trent. "We came out looking for the good execution, the good passes, trying to keep the balloon the ground, and I think that's what we did," he said.

The Yeowomen coach expressed

concern that his team would be overconfident because of the 7-0 victory versus Trent earlier this season. "Sometimes a team will sink to the level (of the team) it's playing, but that didn't happen today," he said.

Team captain Monica Verronneau echoed Bell's conclusion. "This team isn't overconfident by any means," she said. "We know that we have to win every game to make the playoffs."

However, with a 6-0 record, the Yeowomen are almost assured of a berth into the playoffs. A win against Ryerson on Wednesday would guarantee them a spot in the playoffs, and a victory Saturday at Varisty Stadium versus U fo T would vault them into second place after regular season play.

York loses playoff spot

By "HOWIE" MARR

The University of Toronto Blues defeated the soccer Yeomen by a 3-2 margin last weekend, effectively ending York's playoff hopes.

York's season really ended when they dropped consecutive decisions to Queen's and Carleton the week before. The two losses left York in need of a two game sweep against undefeated Toronto for a shot at the playoffs.

"Last weekend cost us when we dropped all four points," said Coach Willis. "The league is so tight that if you lose one weekend you can't come back."

For a short period against U of T it looked like York just might come back.

Toronto opened the scoring early in the game. Coz Zambazis beat York goalie Steve Johnston to give the Blues the 1-0 lead. However, York did manage to regain the lead before the game was over.

Toronto looked like they were on the verge of burying York's playoff hopes, until Yeoman Dario Gasparotto emerged with the ball in the Blues' zone. Gasparotto was tripped up and was rewarded with a penalty shot. He waited for the Blues goalie to make the first move — to the right — and blasted left for the 1-1 tie.

The Yeomen, inspired by the goal, began to apply pressure on Toronto. They were finally rewarded with their second goal when Jim Kapoginnis deposited a perfect pass into the net.

York's biggest failure of the day was not netting the third goal. Tony Oliver had the best chance, but was in too close and the Toronto goalie blocked his shot.

The second half was all Toronto. The Blues continually applied the pressure and it was only a matter of time before they tied it up. John Diniz made it a 2-2 score as he beat Steve Johnston to a loose ball and deposited into the York net. Before the half was over Toronto made it a 3-2 game on a Pat Cubellis shot that Johnston could only get a piece of.

If there was a bright spot for York it was that the game showed the team's potential. Toronto is undoubtedly the best team in the East and 3-2 loss could be considered respectable.

The game also showed what the Yeomen can do with a full complement of players. The team has been wracked by injuries and Saturday was the first time they had a somewhat healthy team.

"We still had four to five players playing injured," said Willis. "Our injuries have hurt us this year."

But Willis is still optimistic about the team. The team showed improvement in many areas, including some new-found strength up front. However, any improvements made this year are overshadowed by the team's failure to qualify for the playoffs.

"The season was disappointing," said Willis, "but we're looking to build for next year."

The Yeomen finish their season on the weekend against RMC and meet Toronto in a rematch at Varsity on Wednesday.



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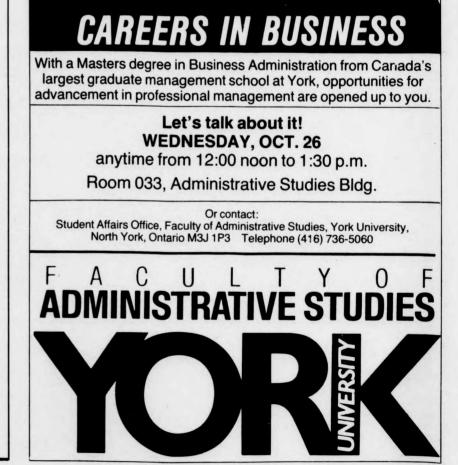
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