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2016



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SPORTS EDITOR'S NOTE

Anna Coughlan



eral beverages in and all thoughts of Revs and celebrating the rugby win had been lost to the beautiful voices of Mick and Kelly the karaoke maestros of *Don't Tell the Bride* fame.

Equally though, spending an entire weekend sleeping rough in a common room was not on my agenda, nor was being so grateful that said common room was not shared with the football boys. If you can sniff out what I mean by that.

The weekend began and ended with hilariously bad coach journeys and an equally entertaining array of anecdotes between them. That being said though, it was the vast amount of sport sandwiched between Friday and Sunday that, of course, takes precedence, and was the most memorable feature.

Roses really is one of the sporting high-

lights of the year, it has been buzzing round the *Nouse* office as much as any sporting facility on campus, for many reasons and for quite a while.

Just as all competing teams began to lay out their whitewash strategies, we too prepared ourselves. Assembling our team and talking tactics we began to decide on people's positions throughout the day and set up our live blog like Barton's drop goal. Straight to the point and in for the win. Always one point, tweet or post ahead.

Although we may not have won Roses based on points, York can leave Roses 2016 reassured in other ways. For one, we have a select choice of chants. Our repertoire extends past one tune based solely on destroying the opposition and we can sing them as loudly as four Lancaster stands in the stadium.

Testimony to this would have to be at the Opening Ceremony. Many things were belted out at York's end of the pitch. Despite the various dances, cheerleading displays and choice

music, the support of York still stands out the most. As does security's resilience to beer fuelled boys and bad behaviour. The Women's Football score soars above and beyond expectations, 7-0; these Roses girls most certainly can.

I'll be the first to admit I was unsure as to how the weekend would pan out. On arrival Lancaster's concrete mass of a campus seemed never-ending and the Sports Centre far, far, away.

However as various elements of play gathered momentum, so did our reporting and the atmosphere grew alongside it. Even in the pelting rain of Sunday, aware of our loss, a stand of enthusiastic York supporters gathered together - beer in hand enjoying the sport almost as much as the end of their drinking bans.

Hopefully glimpses of these moments, of sporting excellence and atmosphere shine through in this supplement. Happy Roses everybody.

Sitting in a pub in Salford listening to Ben Leatham and Beth Freane sing One D was not how I envisioned my Roses experience ending.

That being said nor did I expect to be rolling up outside YUSU at roughly 12am on Monday morning after the coach broke down. 'All's well that ends well' though as we were relocated to a local pub for a few hours. Sev-

25-26

In the history of the tournament, York still lead by one Roses

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We could be the greatest team that the world has ever seen

ONE DIRECTION - 'HISTORY'

(AS SUNG BY BEN LEATHAM ON KARAOKE IN A SALFORD PUB)

MOST DISAPPOINTED PLAYER



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UYAFC rocked up at 4am and loudly talked about poo for an hour

VOLLEYBALL CLUB ON POOGATE

LACROSSE

York's most impressive score came from the Women's 1-28 win



LANCS 216.5

IMAGE ROB MCCONKEY

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YORK SPORT PRESIDENT GRACE CLARKE

Win or lose, Team York put in a heroic effort...our students wore their kits with pride and represented their university to the highest standard



138.5 YORK

IMAGE JAMES HOSTFORD

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NOUSE SPORT TEAM

A toddler just sprinted past the media tent at lightning speed, mother in pursuit...can he step up and fill in for York's missing runners?

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I saw a kid's playground on campus. I thought that was a bit odd

A YORK SUPPORTER OVERHEARD

ARCHERY

The weekend's longest set of matches, beginning at 10:32 on Saturday and ending at 16:03

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Already seen a few people making pilgrimages to the fabled Campus Gregg's

REPORTER NIAL WHITEHEAD

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#DoTheyEven Rugby tweeted to Lancs following York Women's double win

1324

The number of updates posted by the Nouse Sport team across three full day liveblogs

FRIDAY



07:02

The *Nouse Sport* team takes to the road on the Women's Rugby coach

10:39

3-3 Futsal draw maintains York's early overall lead

12:28

Badminton and Rugby wins extend York's lead to 14-6

13:03

High winds play havoc over on the Tennis courts

14:37

Football 2s lose 3-1. The Women's 2s bank a 3-0 win 10 minutes later

16:35

Correspondent Tom Harle has been on his feet for four and a half hours

17:41

Cheerleaders commence Opening Ceremony

20:23

York Women's Football score their 7th and final goal



IMAGE: JAMES HOSTFORD

York's ladies open Roses in style



W. FOOTBALL

Tom Harle
SENIOR CORRESPONDENT

ONCE IN A WHILE in life, everything just falls into place.

This was the case for UYWAFC on Friday night, who opened ROSES in staggering style with a 7-0 victory over a Lancaster side that were utterly eviscerated in their own backyard.

It was 90 minutes of sheer elation, of which every second was meted-out as a reward for the time and dedication committed to building up the infrastructure of Women's Football, often against the odds, at this institution over a number of years.

The stars of the show were the two hat trick heroes; captain Alisha Miller and substitute Romy Fernandez Reumann, but the individuals so invested in the dizzying rise of this team must and will take their place in the firmament.

Although the opening goal didn't come until late in the first half, there wasn't a moment in which York were not fully able to

dictate the tempo of the contest.

The first 20 minutes went by in a flash but not before talisman Anty Cole had registered two shots on target.

Club President Sophie Jermy, taking a place on the substitute's bench due to injury, said in advance of the game that, despite the big stage, her side would do everything in their power to play their natural game.

The incisive nature of their attacking, no-nonsense approach to distribution from defence and emphasis on width, all of which burned bright throughout, attest to their ability to do just this.

Incoming Club President Meg Anderton sparked down the left wing and whipped over a fine cross for Miller, who flicked over her right shoulder at the near post to extract a save from Lancaster's keeper.

A further Anderton centre was almost turned into the back of her own net by a Lancastrian defender and from the subsequent corner, York were thwarted by a double save including a sprawling stop to deny Cole once more.

Miller gave the White Rose a lead in the 42nd minute when, advancing down the right flank, she lifted a shot that arched over the

keeper, seemingly hanging in the air for minutes, and nestled in the bottom right corner.

To stymie any sort of revival, Miller doubled her side's lead after the interval. Working well down the left, she avoided being crowded out with some neat footwork and wasn't daunted by the tight angle from the left hand side as her well-struck low shot hit the inside of the right post and went in.

Last year's game ended 2-2 and York must have been wary of a ri-

was simply unable to field to her left.

With Cole picking up a knock, coach Sam Gevaux introduced Jermy and Reumann from the bench. Little could he have anticipated the effect that these changes would make, particularly in the case of the latter.

Reumann was played through into the box and was strong enough to fend off a challenge and slip a shot under the keeper's body for 5-0.

She then picked the ball up in a pocket of space outside the box and fired home for the sixth. To complete the treble, Reumann slotted supremely into the bottom left, running the length of the pitch to celebrate with a visiting support delirious at their team's display.

The Men's Football team took part in the opening ceremony at the last away Roses and will have been disappointed not to have had the chance again.

On Friday night they were watching with the rest of us, in rapture to the skill on show throughout and chanting the names of York's heroines.

With roles reversed and hashtags put to one side, that's about as good as it gets.

2-2

The result of the clash between the Women's 1st Football teams at Roses 2015

poste but none was forthcoming as the visitors forged on.

Miller sealed her hat-trick with a stunning effort from 25 yards that looked destined for the very top left corner the second it left her boot, to make it 3-0 as she wheeled away and cupped her ears to the dwindling Lancaster support.

Anty Cole made it four from the top of the box with a typically powerful low shot that the keeper

York's seven suffer a thrashing



HANDBALL

Rob Middleton
SENIOR CORRESPONDENT

YORK SUFFERED A HEAVY defeat in the Men's Handball Firsts, losing 20 points to 9.

Beginning to rapturous overtures from the travelling support, York matched their opponents blow for blow in the opening exchanges. Lancaster took an immediate lead, only to surrender it seconds later. York replied to two quick goals from Lancaster with one of their own, but soon succumbed to Lancaster.

The Red Rose established a five goal lead, scoring with alarming regularity and ease. York took a time-out in an attempt to regroup and disrupt Lancaster's rhythm. A rare crack in Lancaster's otherwise miserly defence gave York a penalty throw and, after an emphatic conversion by Ioan Polenciuc, a glimmer of hope at 8-3.

York appeared more passive while protecting their own goal. Lancaster were allowed space in which to operate, which they exploited efficiently and frequently.

Four more goals without reply

put the White Rose 12-3 down at half-time; only wasted opportunities and some smart saves from goalkeeper and captain Jason Loveridge prevented the deficit from being insurmountable. 18-8.

The restart provided no respite. Despite an early goal, Lancaster instantly rediscovered their devastating rhythm from the first half. Each of York's attempts at a comeback were instantly rebuked, with Lancaster responding to each of York's breakthroughs with goals of their own.

The White Rose's main source of goals came when Polenciuc was able to assert his physicality. However, all too often, this was stifled by Lancaster's unyielding defence.

Lancaster had the chance to move to 20 with a penalty, but an attempted fake throw from the Lancaster player was read by Loveridge, who saved the actual attempt well.

Symptomatic of the match, York's joy was brief and Lancaster registered their twentieth goal in the final meaningful move of the match. Despite their positivity in adversity, during half-time and time-outs, York's efforts went unrewarded. Revenge will be the plan for next year and, regardless of the score, York showed enough ability to suggest that revenge is very much a possibility.



IMAGE: JAMES HOSTFORD

York loses out in tense stand-off



M. FOOTBALL

Tom Harle
SENIOR CORRESPONDENT

IT WAS A DIFFICULT weekend for UYAFC in Lancaster as the White Rose fell to defeat in each of the five Men's Football contests it took part in.

Football at Roses has a reputation for being scrappy and tense; the Firsts game, played in front of a bumper crowd on Friday afternoon, was no different.

The game's flashpoint came in the first five minutes when York striker Dalton Harris, starting due to Josh Bew's injury, planted an elbow into the face of Lancaster captain Ben Finch. The visitors carved out several openings in the first half, with Garo Heath forcing a neat save at the near post.

After half-time Finch - stoked by the early injustice - fired home a left-footed volley from seven yards following a corner that was unforgivably allowed to bounce twice in the box to give Lancaster the lead.

As York looked to force an opening Andy Balzan was forced into two saves under his crossbar, before Heath had the golden chance when his curling shot struck the angle of bar and post with ten minutes to play.

UYAFC's second string, without captain Euan Bell, were unable to put away early chances and were duly punished in a 3-1 defeat on Friday lunchtime.

York's makeshift back four stood up well in the first half and Michael Garn had two good opportunities for the opener.

Lancaster got the first in the 48th minute from long range after Knifton-Smith's header fell to a midfielder, who fired low into the net. It was 2-0 as the away side looked to chase the game, when a Lancaster winger travelled 30 yards with the ball across goal and whipped it home.

It was clearly not York's day when Omar Chadli missed an absolute sitter from five yards and the referee, poor throughout, inexplicably blew up for a foul twenty yards back with Cameron McLarty clean through.

The Red Rose went out of sight when Max Donnell-Ford's fine save on the line after a corner fell to their captain, who forced home from ten yards. Andrew Naylor got a consolation for the White Rose.

In spite of results, there were several, characterful individual displays across the board and plenty of young players will benefit richly from the experience.

Rugby whitewash for the White Rose



IMAGE: JAMES HOSTFORD



W. RUGBY

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SPORTS EDITOR

FIRST RUGBY GAME of Roses 2016, first try and first win. Women's Rugby excelled themselves in the Sevens Seconds and Firsts. A game based on acute speed, the seven minute halves ran away like Grace Towey down the wide open left hand side.

The first half of the Seconds game saw both teams score a try immediately, with York leading only just in terms of possession and general play. However, heading into the second half the standard of play picked up and Lancaster scored the first try.

This was shortly followed by a superb try, executed with ease, from Rachel Davies as she swerved down the end of the pitch just in time to receive a well-placed ball from Lucy Poulton.

From this point forth York really started to distinguish themselves from the other team; again play from the likes of Bri Kilpatrick proved the team to be more than capable with handling Lancaster's

aggression.

Both teams had the advantage of speed on their side, with York's Zoe Hinchcliffe leading the Seconds to a decisive victory as she scored a final try in the closing moments of the game.

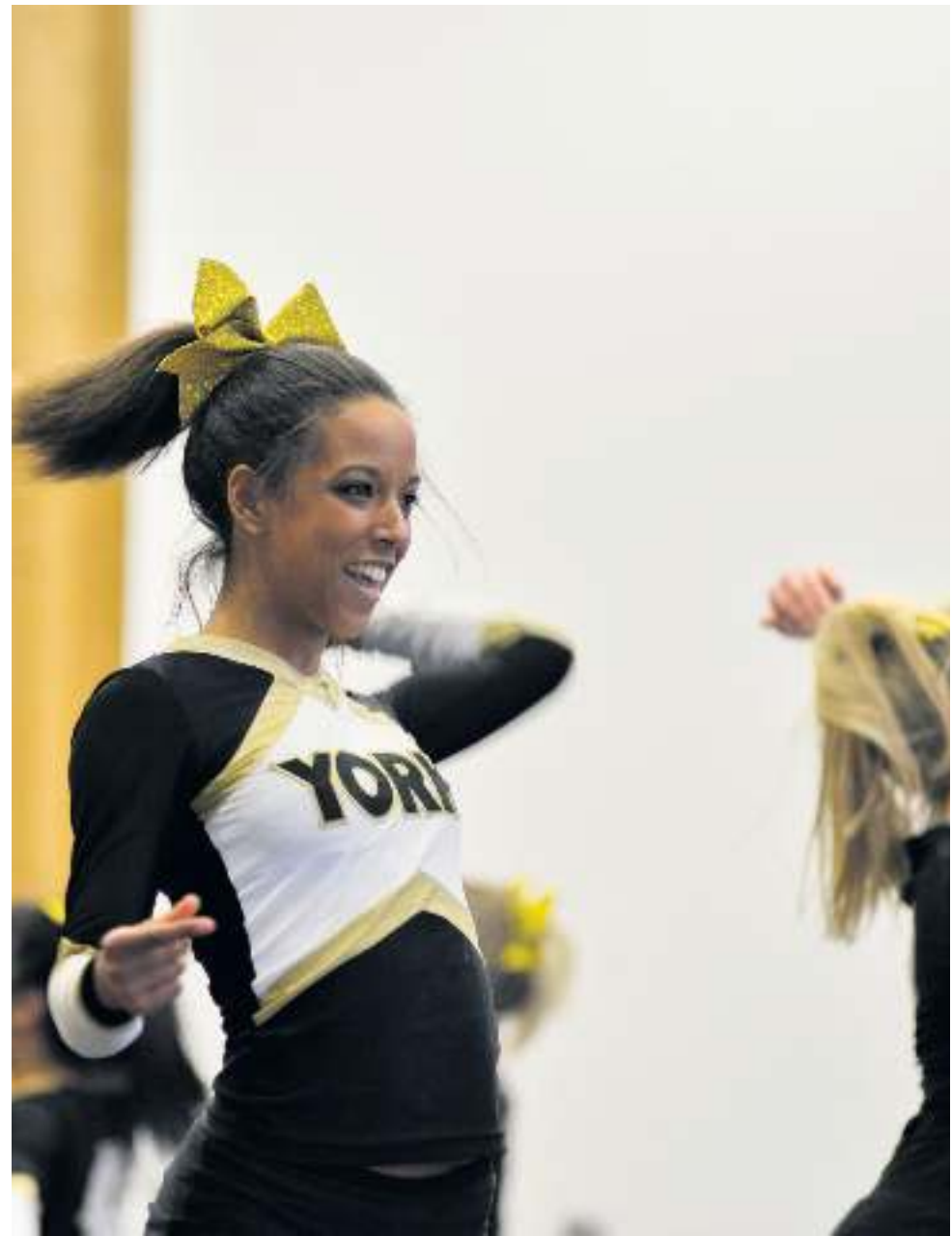
For the Firsts it was Grace Towey, recently christened Speedy, who put Lancaster to shame. Pushing through straight away with a strong back line, the ball fell into Towey's hand and she made a break for it almost from one side of the pitch to the other.

There was no one on the opposing Firsts team who could keep up with her, such was her drive and stamina. This talent proved especially successful in sevens because of the more natural spaces that arise with fewer players on the pitch - allowing Towey to run straight and with purpose when she received it.

Within the opening minutes of the game York had found a strategy that worked and Towey had a total of three tries by the end. York's own Heny Stockdale and Megan Hull-Steward however were both responsible for the women's equally strong defence.

By the end of the first half it was clear that York were the stronger side, and it simply continued in this trend. York's Rugby women were a tournament highlight.

Women's Netball
College Select 2nds,
represented by Van-
brugh for York, prepare
for the rebound in
Friday's fixture.



In one of Satur-
day's headline fixtures,
York Centurions take
on the Lancaster
Bombers in **American
Football**. Centurions
won out after a four
hour bout that con-
cluded 14-18 and won
4 points for the White
Rose.





IMAGE: ROB MCCONKEY



IMAGE: JAMES HOSTFORD

Spectators in the York stand, issued with Lancaster merchandise, for the **Women's Football** Opening Ceremony on Friday.



IMAGE: ROB MCCONKEY



IMAGE: JACK RICHARDSON

York's **Volleyball Men's** fixture bagged 4 points for the White Rose as the team cruised to a 0-3 victory on the Sunday in Sports Hall 2.



IMAGE: JAMES HOSTFORD

A Lancaster player in the **Women's Rugby Union 7s 2nds**, one of York's two victorious Women's Rugby matches, sees the ball out of a ruck in the Friday fixture.

SATURDAY



10:33

Roses throws it way back as we get our teeth into morning Archery and Fencing

11:38

Heavy rain sets in, temporarily halting various sports

12:24

York galvanise leads in Men's Squash and Lacrosse

15:32

Wins for York in Dancesport, Cheer-leading and Women's Rugby bring in points

15:56

Lancaster begin to pull ahead in overall scores: 93-79.

16:41

Half-dressed drunk spectator escorted away from Men's Hockey

17:41

Big crowds turn out for Water Polo and Netball - Lancs take most points from both

20:23

Darts goes down to final game - Red Rose takes it, 5-4.



IMAGES:ROB MCCONKEY

York dominate in brutal 28-1 win



W. LACROSSE

Jake Tattersdill
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

WOMEN'S FIRSTS Lacrosse must have been the whitewash game of the tournament. Not that this is anything particularly noteworthy. This team has gone from strength to strength, making Roses just another one of their successes.

They have had one of their best seasons yet and remain third in Division 1 for the second year in a row. It is no wonder then that the game played out as it did.

Heading into the game and when asked why people should come and watch, Club President Alex Bell's response was to "see Lancaster get beaten". There was no question as to whether this team would win. They ooze confidence and have every right to. Instead their aim was to "improve on last year's high score".

Taking place in the crux of Ros-

es' very own Super Saturday it certainly lived up to the sport's exciting and fast moving nature.

The fixture ended with a thrilling (for the white rose) score of 28-1 to York, thrashing last year's result of 18-2 and achieving their aim for the game. Lancaster never really seemed to get going in the match, scoring a solitary goal as some kind of compensation.

In the opening minutes of the game, Lacrosse's well loved Connie Shaw started off the goal a minute precedence with a great left hand shot, shortly followed by one from Hattie Washer and then Lizzie Stevens. In this fashion we could continue as the game consisted of goal after goal for York.

York's keeper, Tilly Aung also played well in the very brief moments that the ball found itself in the York end. Defence were left with a bit of a sore deal and spent a lot of the game, particularly the first half, looking longingly up the pitch at their attackers where much of the action was taking part. That being said Abbie Marcroft played superbly when play came her way.

York took charge from the off-

set. The present and fairly sizable Lancaster contingent in attendance at first seemed none too fazed by conceding early on, but their cries of encouragement quickly faded to dejected groans each time York scored.

It wasn't until York had already scored 15 that Lancaster finally

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A goal was scored every two minutes on average in the sixty minute game

scored 1. It is probably fair to say that York had won within the first 10 minutes of play.

There was never a danger of any sort of let up from the York squad, who kept on attacking at a merciless rate, moving the ball with great skill and accuracy and not relenting until each move ended in a goal. Of course Chloe Searle deserves a mention as do Grace Waddington, Joy Mendes da Costa and Seconds Captain Dannii Jackson. Kitty Leech scored three and Ste-

vens four - two goals in two minutes to be exact.

The game's pace was so quick that any live updates of the score were rendered obsolete before being published online, by more York goals.

This game was also momentous for the handover of the Firsts' captaincy from Laura Carruthers to Charlotte Weston. Carruthers really has shone in her role this year and been a strong influence in the team's continuing success. Undoubtedly she will be missed. Equally though Weston has played consistently well in her first year on the team and will most likely take this not only in her stride but onwards and upwards.

Lancaster did get a goal back, but it only served to give their defence and keeper a quick break before York came thundering down their end of the pitch again, punishing Lancaster with another 11 goals before the game finished. York effortlessly won 28-1 and secured 4 points for the white rose. If there was one team who could be sure of a win at Roses it would be Women's Lacrosse and that they did.

Ten points split in lengthy face-off



ARCHERY

Katy Sandalls
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

ONE OF ROSES' longest events was the Archery taking place on Rugby Pitch 2 on Saturday. Lancaster and York brought with them reasonably large teams which had to be whittled down to three for each of the categories.

As such, qualifying was a drawn out process with many rounds of arrows being needed to determine the best novice and senior archers. The weather was not on the side of the teams as the rain poured down early in qualifying, forcing the supporters under the gazebos but failing to perturb the brave archers, who ploughed through the storm.

It took around three hours for qualifying to be completed by which time the Lancaster hosts had decided to change the afternoon's head to head format from 72 arrows each to a much shorter first to 6 set points arrangement.

The sun finally came out in the afternoon and up first were the novices with Florence Oxley, Jared Stoughton and Joe Ash represent-

ing York. Their match was a close one with the first set being declared a draw as line breaks went against York.

After this Lancaster went on to win the rest of the very close sets, the final score being 6 - 1 to Lancaster.

Malachy Evans, Adam Brinded and Dave Shaw represented York in the senior competition achieving some high scores, including the much sought after 10 points with some of their shots. A nail biting and at times agonisingly close match ended in Lancaster winning 6 - 0.

Archery was worth a highly significant 10 points for Roses; Lancaster took the 6 on offer for the team events and went on to gain a further 3 in the novice female, senior male and senior female individual rounds.

York managed to earn a much respected point from the novice male category with Joe Ash winning that portion of the competition for the white rose.

Despite their losses York seemed upbeat about their chances for next year's competition with the hope that potential new training grounds will help them to improve their outdoor game and force Lancaster into an even closer competition in 2017.



IMAGE: LILY GRANT

Water Polo showings a mixed bag



WATER POLO

Chris Owen
EDITOR

YORK'S WATER POLO teams engaged in characteristically fierce and frenzied clashes late on the Saturday afternoon of Roses, but the respective scorelines by the evening told two very different tales.

York's Women put on a show of force from the off in their match, and were the attacking presence from the second the first period commenced. Early frays were enough for Lancaster to gauge the ferocity that York were able and willing to unleash in tackle and defence.

An early penalty shot for York went wide, but after a quick exchange of play the visitors capitalised on a fast break and sunk a shot, getting the scoreline moving along briskly from thereon in.

Excitable interceptions and further shows of strength cost York free throws, which Lancaster did their best to utilise, but hasty long-range shooting and panicked playing saw that it was the away side that began to tot up points.

A succession of surging attacks had the scoreline at 0-3 as the Red Rose kept sending shots wide and meeting woodwork. A capable break finally saw them find a way through York's solid defence to land a shot on target - 1-3.

Play continued in a similar vein and soon enough York were 2-6 up. A York swimmer lost her cap into the third period but recovered quickly, tossing it poolside and snapping right back onto defence. Attacks and counter attacks continued to be exchanged with vigour, with little let up to speak of - the pace of play soon drove up the frequency of time-outs.

The frenetic speed saw an until-now unquenchable York lag into the final period, but they capably saw out the bout and secured a comfortable 7-11 victory and 4 points to boot.

The Men's match told the opposite story. Lancaster dominated physically and York compensated in well-paced and measured play, but the former won out and shaped the duration of the game.

Early scoring flurries soon gave way to a period of stalemate with Lancaster holding a fractional lead. Attrition was the order of the day for the home side though, and soon enough they wore away at York's patient resolve, landing increasingly powerful shots to claim a 9-5 victory and the other 4 points on offer.

Hockey vanguard reaps points for York



IMAGE: ROB MCCONKEY



M. HOCKEY

Tom Harle
SENIOR CORRESPONDENT

ON ROSES SATURDAY, Lancaster's astro was a York stronghold as UYHC stormed to an unbeaten record across six matches.

A 4-3 loss in the Indoor Men's Seconds game on Friday lunchtime was the only time the visitors tasted defeat in a hockey fixture across the weekend.

On a day that would ultimately prove fatal to the White Rose's chances of retaining the Carter-James Trophy, hockey provided a steady stream of crucial points.

The first-half of the Men's Firsts game was turgid fare as two nervy teams fought it out for four key points. In a game of few chances and fewer spells of creativity, Leo Watton made a nuisance of himself in the final third but all was still to play for at the interval.

It was Watton who opened the scoring after the break when he turned the ball in at the back post from six yards with a scrappy finish that gave York a precious lead.

Andrew Watters made it two

ten minutes later when, following a succession of penalty corners, he applied the finishing touch from the left hand side of the box at close quarters.

Lancaster looked disoriented going forward and a sin-binning didn't help their chances, although they took heart when a York striker fluffed a fine chance. They extracted a number of penalty corners but couldn't convert them.

In the Seconds game, Harrison Carter gave York an early lead and wheeled away in front of the York support in what was most charitably described as a unique way of celebrating his goal.

This opener and a first half strike from the consistently outstanding James Belbin, who controlled the tempo of the game from midfield, effectively killed the game against a Lancaster side whose forward play - particularly from set pieces - was nothing short of chaotic at times. Carter and Johnston had further chances to increase the margin of victory.

The gulf in class between the two sides in the Threes game was more evident in the scoreline, with the away side triumphing 6-0. The Men's branch of UYHC can now boast of not conceding an outdoor goal at Roses for two years, an admirable feat.

SUNDAY



08:55

Grace Clarke declares that York still has “such a big chance” of winning

10:32

A rain-drenched Colour Run sets off. Lancs chase 20 points for Roses win

12:15

In Adv. Dancing, Lancs win Waltz, York the Tango

12:34

Winning threshold is lowered out of the blue, brings Lancs closer to win

13:16

Lancaster Roses win is secured by Canoe Slalom results

14:36

Ben Leatham and Chancellor Malcolm Grant play bowls for York and lose

17:29

Searing penalty kick wins Rugby Closing Ceremony for York

19:41

Coach breaks down; Nouse Sport team do karaoke in Salford pub



IMAGES: JACK RICHARDSON

York victory in nail-biting finish



MEN'S RUGBY

Anna Coughlan
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

AFTER TWO MESSY performances from the York Seconds and Thirds, it was up to UYRUFC Firsts to restore pride in the York badge.

As the team ran onto the pitch, led by Captain Ed Suttle, inventive and inspiring cheers of “Yorkshire” rang out from the York supporters, dwarfing the lacklustre efforts of their Lancaster counterparts who looked almost as miserable as the dreary afternoon weather.

The game started in typically slow style for York, with a dropped kick off from Ed “Giggles” Clothier leading to huge Lancaster pressure on the York line.

After a couple of strong scrums from the Cats, the York defence gave way and conceded the first points of the game, allowing Lancaster to touch down in the corner.

The following conversion clattered off the post but it was clear that York would have to pick up their game if they were to stand a

chance of winning. The first half remained fairly even, with numerous scrums stopping the game from gaining any momentum, however the York defence was put under extreme pressure after Giggles was sin-binned for repeated infringements in the ruck on his own line.

After escaping their own line without dropping any points thanks to some outstanding tackling from the York open side flanker, Rob “chopper” Turner and Captain Suttle, Ewan Gillespie controlled the game well at 9, but York were unable to put any points on the board, meaning that the match arrived at half time with the score 5-0 to the home side.

After a rousing team talk, York came out for the second half all guns blazing. Fly half Matty Barton steered his kicks into the Lancaster corners with the precision of a steady surgeon and York managed to turn territory into points through the delicate right boot of Oli Morgan to make the score 5-3, as poor discipline from the aggressive Lancaster defence resulted in a York penalty and a sin-bin for the very average Lancaster 12.

The momentum was now with York who had a try held up over the line after a questionable decision

from the referee. Another penalty from Morgan sent the black and gold into a 6-5 lead, but Lancaster hit back to make it 8-6.

With the clock counting down the tension was now tangible but York managed to keep their heads with some big drives from the York powerhouses of Harvey Corner and Alex Davies which helped them work into the Lancaster half.

Gillespie took a quick tap penalty and made a piercing run to keep his team moving forward; it

posts, and as the referee raised his arm to signal the kick was good and the end of the game, the realisation sunk in that York had won.

The supporters huddled the barriers and ran ecstatically onto the pitch to rejoice with their teammates and friends, celebrating an outstanding performance and fine win. Even though York lost Roses overall, the win in the final event of the tournament proved why York are by far the better university.

The camaraderie of UYRUFC is commendable, from the support of the stand filled with team members to the players on the pitch. The game highlighted why the club is so well established and provided the best possible conclusion for the away supports to a tumultuous weekend.

York's wins in the Opening and Closing ceremonies were as bold as they were stylish, and cemented the effort of the entire White Rose contingent over the course of the three days.

The Women's Football and Men's Rugby teams - two of campus' best clubs - alike embodied the spirit of the competition, and made sure the York end consistently had something to chant about, in spite of the overall scoreline.

8th

University of York
Rugby Union Firsts
current placing in
their BUCS division,
Northern 1A

was now or never for York, and with the pressure mounting on the tired Lancaster defence, the referee signalled a penalty advantage to York.

It was at this point that a moment of magic happened, one of the most climactic ends to any Roses fixture ever. Gillespie passed the ball to Barton who paused, looked up and went for the drop goal.

The ball appeared to travel in slow motion as it sailed through the

Kendo team concede forlorn defeat



KENDO

Jack Richardson
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

KENDO'S THIRD ROSES iteration ended in Lancaster's first win, breaking York's two-year winning streak.

York's Kendo Club, much like the sport nationally and globally, has grown in numbers and in reputation in recent years, and its inclusion in Roses, along with other martial arts and more left-of-field events, is a promising move for the sport at University level.

Its inclusion was bittersweet at 2016's Roses for York however, as their consistently strong record at the tournament was tarnished. As the sport expands, and becomes more prolific so, it seems, does the quality of the rivals.

Newcomer Pedro Wigderowitz faced off against Lancaster's Xiaoyu He in the first of five fences, and waste back by an early men (head) point scored against him. His attempts at holding He off were in vain, as the latter scored a second point to win the short match decisively.

President-elect (and occasional

Sports Correspondent) Jack Richardson came next against Lancaster President Joanna Low for a long and frustrating match — neither was able to score a point in the three minutes allotted, despite many attempts and visible fatigue from both sides.

York Captain Kris Kim gave York their first win in record time, beating Rain Ginger in under 20 seconds and bringing the overall standings to one win each and a draw.

Next came Peter Reid for York against Laurenz Gerger for the Red Rose, in the second of two draws. As with the second match, the clock ran down as both tried and failed to score points. Their technique and precision were second to none, but they cancelled each other out as a result.

This raised the stakes even higher for the final match, between current York President Hamid-Reza Danesh-Azari and Lancastrian Captain Adam Roy.

Unfortunately, the palpably tense atmosphere of the match did not last long, as Roy steamed to a win almost as quickly as Kim had done just a few minutes earlier, and took the win for Lancaster for the first time.

The home side took the 4 points on offer, with the final score at 171-93.



IMAGE: JACK RICHARDSON

Netball teams put up valiant displays



NETBALL

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SATURDAY EVENING SAW the Firsts team crumble in the wake of Lancaster - making it of paramount importance that the Seconds and Thirds came back determined to turn it around.

The atmosphere was far more serious than that of the previous game and the ball was being thrown with even greater intent.

Aiding the situation was the fact that unlike Lancaster's Firsts, their Seconds are second bottom in their league and that became apparent as the game unfolded. Of the many sports I watched over the weekend netball was notably strict with their officiating. On Saturday the Firsts were picked up repeatedly for travelling and obstruction.

This lessened slightly on the Sunday but there was still an almost alarming amount of scrutiny. It was frustrating to see strong passes and patterns of play stopped for penalties that were contentious.

The Seconds game began strongly and York were marginally more dominant in terms of possession for three of the four quarters played. The first however was particularly close as the score line increased shot by shot for each team. York's goal shoot Craven was most definitely on form as she was successful first time for the majority of the opportunities she was given. Equally when Craven did miss she was more than able to fight to get it back for a second shot or turn for support from goal attack Ross.

Lancaster's defence were also not as good, compared to the performance of the Firsts the previous day. Even York's Grace Baker had struggled to receive. At the end of the first quarter on Sunday the score was considerably less however: 6-4 to Lancaster.

As the game continued though time and time again the teams equalised. It wasn't until the final quarter - that saw notable play from Davey and Gatcombe in defence - that any real advantage was made by York. Lancaster petered at 17 while York continued on to 24. It was this difference that allowed the Seconds to go on to win. After the disappointment of Saturday the success on Sunday for both the Seconds and Thirds was a happy affair and well deserved.

Visitors shine in high-scoring battle



IMAGE: JACK RICHARDSON



BASKETBALL

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MEN'S BASKETBALL Seconds wasn't worth any points on Sunday morning, but the skill and effort of York's team exemplified the White Rose's commitment to the tournament. York's Basketball Seconds wasted no time on the court and took an early lead against a solid Lancaster side, powering on into the second quarter leading 25-9.

York's Baldwin made a real impact on the game shooting from range and consistently scoring three points.

Faced with his clinical accuracy at distance, Lancaster's defence became more and more ineffectual and by the halfway mark they were losing 48-18. Lancaster managed to regain some composure and after a couple of subs contested the third quarter pretty evenly, scoring 19 points to York's 13. However, the deficit was too large to overcome and by the final ten Lancaster were staring down a mighty 61-37 lead to York.

However, it was in the final

quarter that York really came into their own; Brown and Schreiber who had been industrious all game, stepped it up a gear and caused mayhem on the offensive.

Schreiber took it upon himself to speed up the tempo of the game during a lull and screened two Lancaster players in a crowded key, allowing Brown to cut in and score with a layup.

Lancaster never really threatened to get back into the game after that move and it was left to York to see just how many points they could score. Faced with an encamped Lancaster, Chawatama proved key in possession, dictating the flow of the game, creating chances and making sure Lancaster couldn't quickly swap from defence to offence.

Lancaster's frustration became apparent towards the end and the game did threaten to become physical. Big man Akinrinwa found himself knocked to the ground, but was quickly back on his feet smiling it off and straight back into the thick of the action, as he had been all game.

York finished comfortable winners, seeing the last few minutes off in complete control. The game finished 86-47, and the visitors were sorely unlucky that this superb performance wasn't worth points.

