

Homecoming across the province

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On Saturday, September 20, universities across the province celebrated their annual homecoming games with day-long festivities and, of course, the big football game. Photo-journalism students had the opportunity to shoot and observe homecoming at York University, the University of Western Ontario, and University of Guelph.

At Guelph, the Gryphons took on the Queen's Gaels in an exciting game which saw a Guelph victory of 66-0. Thousands of students and alumni packed the stands in a sea of red, black, and gold to cheer on their team.

Students started the celebrations bright and early in the morning and continued the party late into the night. The streets of Guelph were littered with Gryphon pride and colours, and the atmosphere was cheerful and rowdy.

The University of Western Ontario Mustangs steamrolled the University of Toronto Varsity Blues straight out of the gate during their homecoming football game. While they weren't exactly free of mistakes - Mustangs' quarterback Will Finch threw four interceptions in the first half - it went practically unnoticed to the purple-clad raucous fans filling the 8,000-seat stadium. They waved and cheered after every touchdown, which came frequently over the course of their 63-15 blowout win.

At York University, the Lions suffered an overwhelming defeat against the McMaster Marauders in a 49-2 loss. Fans packed York Stadium in red and white, hopeful for their team. Towards the end, fans started to feel the defeat and the cheers started to calm down.



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A fan cheers from the stands at the University of Guelph's homecoming game Saturday. The Guelph Gryphons defeated the Queen's Gaels 66-0.



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Jacob Stewart and his mom Kim cheer on the hometown Western Mustangs during their homecoming football game.



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Receiver Justin Sanvido of the Western Mustangs throws off a tackle from Varsity Blue's defensive back Spenser Stewart. The undefeated Mustangs thrashed the University of Toronto 63-15 in a blowout homecoming football game in front of a sold out TD Waterhouse Stadium on Saturday.

(Right) - The home team is spurred on to victory by their mascot and colours at a homecoming football game in London Saturday.

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(Below) - York Lions running back Jonathan Howard (2) evades McMaster Marauders defence backer Allan Dicks (9) during the fourth quarter. The Lions lost to the Marauders 49-2.

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(Above) University of Guelph Gryphons running back Robert Farquharson gets taken down by Queen's Gaels defensive back Frederic Kinkead during Guelph's homecoming game. The Gryphons defeated the Gaels 66-0.

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York Lions faced off with McMaster Marauders at their homecoming game. The Lions were defeated 49-2.

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