

## Broitman bites off . . . more than he can chew

By CHUCK CUNNINGHAM  
(Ritchie's infamous brother)

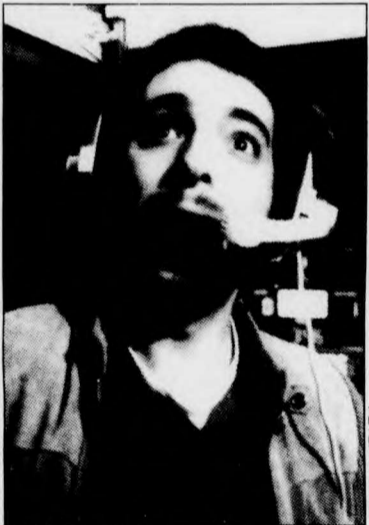
Mel Broitman, station manager and popular play by play man for CHRY, was rushed to hospital Friday immediately following a Yeomen hockey game.

Broitman was taken to Branson hospital with a hockey puck lodged in his mouth. Attending physician, Dr. Joseph Rockhead, said he was unsure whether or not to remove the puck; saying "we're hoping it will go through the digestive system by itself. Senior physicians on call in the emergency ward doubted this technique would work.

In the interim Broitman will still be providing play-by-play coverage of all events broadcast by CHRY. As sports director Karim Hajee commented: "a muffled Mel is better than nothing."

The incident occurred about midway through the second period of the York-Laurier contest. A Yeomen player had bounced the puck up the boards, but the puck went over the glass into the timekeeper area, where it deflected off the announcer's head up into the press box and into Broitman's mouth. Broitman was unavailable for a muffled comment.

Rob Martellacci, in charge of sports promotions for the athletic department, said that many people at the university were worried about



"I'LL HAVE A COKE, TOO": Broitman looks for something to wash down his dinner with.

an incident like this happening. "We had a report commissioned last year that called for the building of protective glass, but unfortunately we spent all our money on schedules this year."

Broitman was unable to comment on whether or not he was considering legal action against the university, but he did indicate he was taking a vacation with money from an unexpected windfall. Broitman will be in the Dominican Republic this week promoting his new book *Earning a Quick Buck*. In the mean time sources at CHRY say that the station is planning a major expansion with funds from an anonymous donation.

The Broitman incident is apparently not an isolated occurrence. All over North America newspeople are increasingly finding themselves at risk at sporting events. In Boise, Idaho last month a sportscaster had a golf ball lodged in a part of her anatomy. It cost the broadcaster five hours on the operating table, and the player one stroke.

Elsewhere in Eugene, Oregon a man almost swallowed a baseball during the second inning of the Little League World Series. Doctors eventually were forced to unravel the baseball to free it from his mouth. A Rawlings spokesman said that he did not see how the company can be held responsible for what happens with its baseball. Mr. J.P. Carborundum, assistant vice-president in charge of public relations for Rawlings, stated, "Rawlings does not claim that their balls cannot be swallowed by players or spectators at events. In future there will be a disclaimer on all Rawlings baseballs warning of the hazard."

In the meantime certain special interest groups are calling for a ban on all Rawlings products. A government spokesperson said that Rawlings will no longer be able to advertise on billboards.

Spokesperson for the broadcasters of America, Mr. Tilley Shimestone, said that his organization is now in the process of educating its members on safety. "Starting next week we will be providing classes in the art of ducking. We're talking about the whole generation of newspeople who were never taught the fundamentals" said Shimestone.

## York takes out Guelph

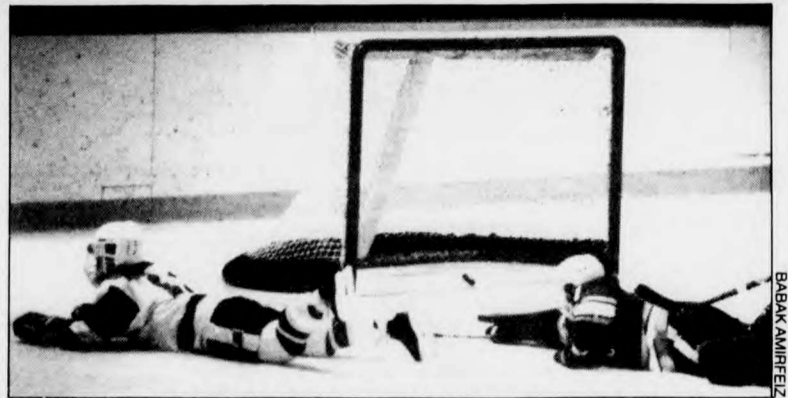
By "HOWIE" MARR

The hockey Yeowomen continue to have a surprisingly strong season, despite their relatively new team. The Yeowomen have only five returning players this year with the rest of the team being made up of rookies.

The Yeowomen challenged Guelph last Thursday at the Ice Palace. The Gryphons had beat the Yeowomen in their first confrontation this year. Coming into the match Guelph's only win was against the Yeowomen. The Yeowomen took advantage of home ice to pick up a 3-2 victory over the Gryphons.

York started quickly against Guelph scoring one minute into the first period. A Kim Downard shot went in like a knuckleball as it eluded Gryphon goalie Beth Farley. Picking up assists on the play were Linda Upton and Val Flemming.

The Yeowomen looked like they were ready to take control of the game when Angie McCollun made it 2-0 on a breakaway. Goalie Connie Wrightsel received an assist on the semi-spectacular breakaway. McCollun put the puck by the



BOBBY ORR OR WHAT? Angie McCollun scores on a breakaway that takes one back to the Stanley Cup final between Boston and St. Louis.

Guelph goalie while falling to the ice.

Guelph was not out of it and came back to make it 2-1 at the end of the first period. Barb Snedden scored on a scramble in front of the net to close the gap for Guelph. Guelph later came back to tie the game at two in the second period. Andrea Robertson scored for Guelph from Jenny Petterson. The game was extremely even through two, with shots on goal favouring York by a 16-14 margin.

In the third period Guelph started putting on the pressure as they tried for an upset victory. However, Wrightsel kept the Yeowomen in the

game with some great saves. The Yeowomen responded by scoring a late goal to give them a 3-2 win.

Linda Preston let a wicked shot go from the point that found the net. In on the play were Wendy Derjugin and Kelly Vandenthilliant with assists. Final shots on goal favoured York by a slim 20-19.

York coach, Sue Gaston said the arena was a big difference in York's win this time. "Guelph's arena is much smaller," said Gaston. She continued by saying, "our goaltending was just fantastic."

## Marr and Hoggett tyranny over

Now that Hoggett and "Howie" are finally behind bars where they belong for overcharging on those Vanier Cup bookmarks, I figured it would be a good time to vent a little gas (no, you don't have to clear the room) to the public about what it's like to be a sports writer on this dandy little weekly. No doubt the



general readership has no idea how much abuse we go through to pound out these little gems week in and week out. People seem to have the impression that sports writers are just a bunch of lunkheads, but no way, not us.

Take for example the athletes.

When they win we just can't say it enough, but when they get bounced—look out. And the type of questions we have to ask, like: "So how did you feel when the snap from the centre went over your head? . . . okay, now what about the second time?" Nobody wants to know what a football player thinks about free trade, no way.

And then we have to put up with our fellow writers here at the paper who figures it's a smart sports writer who can find his way out of a locker room. Every time I walk into the newspaper office they all run over to turn on my typewriter, figure they'll save me some time working it out. Hell, I could do poetry reviews or cover lays. I like poetry (just keep it short) and the only difference between sports and a play is that you can find out ahead of time how a play will end up.

News is even easier. If nothing's

happening just make it up, nobody has to know. Or stash a kilo of coke up in the Senate Chamber, that's what I'd call news, and it should be enough to keep a news writer busy for a couple of days.

Then we have to put up with the jailbirds themselves, our beloved sports editors. They should have been locked up years ago for what they've been doing to our stories. Every week, like clock-work, I would hand in one beauty of a story after another, and these two would perform all kinds of unspeakables, like grammar, commas, periods (not the 20-minute type), and cutting out all the good swear words.

Well, they won't get their hands on this baby, and if the cops find that little printing press Jimmy has hidden in his basement, well, you just might get to see lots more real good sports writing from here on in.

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