

S P O R T S

Hockey Yeomen perform well in holiday tourneys

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While most of the nation's eyes were focussed on the World Junior Championships, Isvestia tournament and Spengler Cup, another Canadian team was facing international competition in Battlecreek, Michigan.

The Canadian team in this contest was the National Student team, coached by Yeomen head coach Dave Chambers and including Yeomen Bill Maguire and Brian Small.

Canada finished second in the three team tournament by virtue of their 6-5 overtime victory over the NCAA all-star team. The tournament was won by the Czechoslovakian National B team, which, according to Chambers, would probably finish in about the middle of the pack if they were to compete in the NHL. Canada lost their contest with the Czechs by a 10-3 score.

This finish for the Canadians came as no surprise to Chambers, who in an interview with the Canadian Press at a news conference prior to the tournament, predicted the outcome: "We just want to beat the NCAA team, but will do our best to beat the Czech team," said Chambers, conceding first place to the Czechs.

The National Student team was made up of university hockey players from across the country. Chambers was selected as head coach as a result of the Yeomen being the current university (CIAU) champions. Maguire was named to the team after the OUAU all-star game, which was the method of selection for the majority of the team's members. Small was a last minute replacement for an injured player. The late addition of Small to the team followed his last minute addition to the OUAU east all-star

team, taking the spot of fellow of Yeoman Winger Greg Ralston.

Even though Small was a late addition, his contribution to the team was nothing of what might be expected from a latecomer. In Canada's win over the US, Small collected three assists including setting up the winning goal in overtime. This performance is even more impressive when you consider that Small was told he was to be used primarily in a checking role.

"I was put on a checking line to do the corner work for the scorers," Small said. "I'm not a finesse player. I have to take the body as well as play strong defensively for my game to be at its peak."

"That's just my kind of luck (being a late addition) but I was honored to be called up to play for a team of Canadian all-stars," Small added.

Yeomen captain Bill Maguire, who played defence in the Hartford Whaler farm system two years ago, felt he "held his own" in the tournament.

It is expected that several members of the National Student team will be asked to try out for the Olympic program and Maguire says he wouldn't hesitate if approached. "If the opportunity arises, I would jump at it. It would be a great chance to play for your country," Maguire said.

In 1986 the National Student team will take over the duties of the Olympic team and compete in Davos, Switzerland for the Spengler Cup.

York Tournament

The final of the York Hockey Tournament was a rematch of last year's OUAU final that saw York and the University of Western Ontario vying for the Queen's Cup.

In that contest, it was the Yeomen who came out on top and in the

York Tournament final it was once again the Yeomen who came away victorious.

Western earned a spot in the final by virtue of their 9-7 victory over Ohio State. The score was tied at one after the first period, but six second period goals by the Mustangs blew the contest wide open. Before the game was over a total of 16 goals were scored.

York had an easy time making their way into the final by defeating the Acadia Axemen handily, 9-1.

Acadia turned out to be the two-time losers of the tournament, dropping the consolation game to Ohio State by a 5-3 margin.

In the championship game two first period goals for the Mustangs proved to be their only offensive output of the game, despite having several power play opportunities including a four-minute manpower advantage in the closing stages of the game. York downed last year's OUAU finalists by a score of 4-2.

York was powered by three goals in the final by tournament MVP Greg Ralston.

After the very physical and somewhat chippy game against Western, Yeomen head coach Dave Chambers remarked, "It's the beginning of a good rivalry that began in last year's final. This kind of rivalry should be good for the league."

Western Holiday Tournament

Only one week after the two teams faced off against each other in the final of the York Tournament, the York Yeomen and the University of Western Ontario Mustangs met in the final of the Western Holiday hockey tournament.

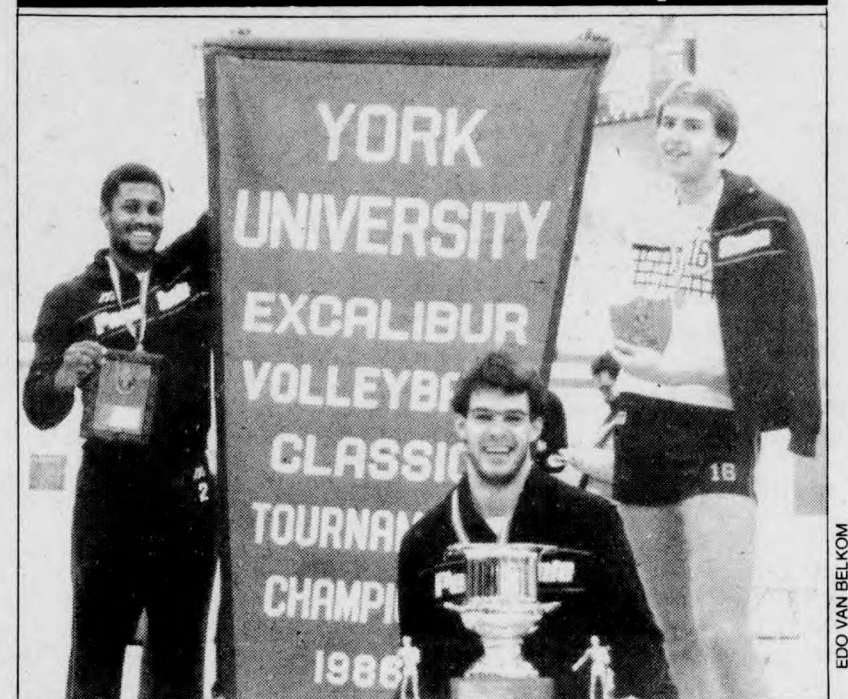
In the final at York the home team skated away with the victory and staying true to form in London, the Mustangs won their own tournament championship downing the Yeomen by a score of 3-1.

Western was lead by player-of-the-game, goaltender Chris Jackson who turned aside 45 shots. York's only goal was scored by defenceman Mike James.

York earned a spot in the final by beating the Laurier Golden Hawks,

which York had only managed a loss and a tie against in regular season play this year. Laurier, currently ranked number three in the country defeated last year's CIAU finalists the Alberta Golden Bears by a 6-3 margin.

Excalibur Champs



NITANNY LIONS: Members of Penn State Nitanny Lions display championship banner and other accolades awarded to them at the Excalibur Volleyball Classic. L to R: Javier Gaspar (MVP), Stew Russell and Chris Chase (All-Stars)

Yeowomen place third in Lady Rams Classic

By GARY SCHOLICH

The York Yeowomen basketball squad completed a full slate of Toronto-based preseason basketball tournaments this past weekend. After the U of T and Tait Classics, along came the inaugural Ryerson Lady Rams Classic.

The Yeowomen placed third in this two-day, four-team tournament, and it was also their first taste of competition after a long Christmas layoff.

Friday's first game was a rude awakening for the Yeowomen as they absorbed a 67-45 loss to eventual champion Prince Edward Island Lady Panthers, top contenders in the Atlantic Conference. Yeowomen head coach Frances Flint said, "Our layoff really showed. We were not as ready as we would have liked. Our defensive rebounding and shooting were terrible. We just couldn't convert."

PEI held a 15-14 lead when the game became a family affair. Sisters Paula and Sonia Edwards took control and built up a 29-18 lead with a effective work on fast breaks, offensive rebounding, and perimeter shooting. At the half, it was 33-25 for PEI.

The Lady Panthers put the game away in the second half. "Their man-to-man and zone presses were hard for us," Flint said. "PEI is a well-rounded team." York turnovers were converted into Panthers baskets, plus the PEI defenders effectively pressured the ball with their 2-3 zone.

Paula Edwards led PEI with 20 points, while her sister Sonia added 18. For York, Paula Lockyer and Anne Marie Thuss led with 12 and 11 respectively.

Saturday's consolation game was an old cross-town matchup as the Yeowomen faced the Ryerson Lady Rams. York won convincingly 66-41, but the game did have its drama.

York jumped to a 20-6 lead and appeared to have the game locked up. Ryerson turnovers were forced by York's full-court player-to-player press, and in addition, the player-to-

player defense denied the Rams high-percentage shots.

Yet the script for a first-half blow-out was ruined. With inspired player-to-player defense, the Rams held York at bay, and Caroline Borsutzky led a Rams' rally with nine points of her own to cut the York lead to 28-23 at the half.

However, the Yeowomen shut down their Toronto cousins in the second half. York capitalized on numerous Lady Ram turnovers and increased its lead to 38-23. Ryerson did not get its first hoop of the half until Kayla Janjic scored with 15:40 to go. In all, the Lady Rams converted only four of 27 second half field goal attempts.

"It was a much better game. Everyone gave 100 percent, and it was nice to be back in form. Ryerson is an improving team, too," stated Flint. Jean Graham, who made the tournament All-Star team, and Michelle Sund, led York with 14 and 12 points respectively. Heather Reid came off the bench and hit for nine consecutive points in the second half to finish with 11. Borsutzky paced Ryerson with 16. Note: PEI defeated Waterloo 60-58 for the Tournament title.

Yeomen 3 and 5 on Western trip

The York Yeomen compiled a 3 and 5 record while on their Western tour over the Christmas break. The tour included a pair of three-day tournaments, one at Winnipeg, the other at Calgary. The Yeomen placed fourth at the Winnipeg tourney, defeating Alberta 88-77 in the first round before losing 84-78 to Winnipeg and 101-73 to Saskatchewan. At Calgary, York took the consolation round. After dropping an 82-75 decision to Lethbridge, the Yeomen rebounded to beat Queen's 72-62 before upsetting highly-regarded Manitoba 73-70. In two exhibition match-ups, the Yeomen were beaten 90-69 by Brandon and 83-63 by Saskatchewan.



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