

*Sportorial*

# "My change of heart", Hockey Yeomen are good!

My first editorial on the hockey team was anything but complimentary I've been told. Actually I knew that it was not a gem of praise when I set it down. Now after watching the team in action, so to speak, I have some further comments to make.

Let it be understood that I retract nothing from my first editorial other than my statement that the scrappings that blessed our ice would never make a worthwhile hockey team. Today they are not a good team, but by the time their next game rolls around they are likely to have most of their remaining faults ironed out. And then they will be good, very good.

What I called scrappings were just that. There was nothing outstanding in their ranks. No one could deke down the ice leaving everyone spinning on their asses (collectively). No one could blast the puck into the top corner of the net from the red line. From what I saw, and I really didn't see much, I couldn't see the makings of a very good team.

I was wrong. I didn't count on the coaching ability of Bill Purcell, or the determination of the players. In the span of a few weeks Purcell has piloted his crew into a team that can play a good team game. A game strong enough and tight enough to do without the superstar that many teams rely on.

There are still areas that need a little more finish on them. Because the defense is still a little too uncertain in front of the goal mouth, they tend at times to handicap the goalie. The up ice plays between the defense and the forwards definitely needs its timing adjusted.

The forwards tend when out of pressure situations, to be a little sloppy in their passing. As I said though by the next time this team sees action most of these points should be cleared up. A team that has improved so fast should have no trouble ridding itself of minor faults such as these. But minor faults can lose a game for even the best of teams.

At the beginning of the season the York Hockey Yeomen lost with amazing consistency, then they started winning with the same consistency.

In their winning streak York had the rare privilege of toppling the mighty Toronto Blues. After that game this section did not give the team a proper acknowledgement of their feat. I apologize to all you irate people for this but I had only saved enough space in the paper to report York's loss and was caught completely off guard by their victory.

A great deal of praise belongs to this team and the man who pushes them hard. It was said to me today by a person who would rather remain anonymous that "Bill Purcell is the best coach that we have here at York." The person who told me this is in a position to know, as you will be if you get off your bums and get down to that building that we respectfully call the "Practice Arena". These guys are really putting out one hell of an effort to be something for you to be proud of. I think that a little encouragement from the students of this pit would be greatly appreciated and well deserved.

They also deserve proper coverage from the "Rag". From now on they will get it.

# During Christmas basketball men play

by Stew Schmidt

Over the Christmas Holidays the York basketball Yeomen made a steady improvement in their brand of ball game. At the start of the holidays they travelled to London to take on the Western Mustangs. In this game they didn't fare all that well losing 75-35. In that game the three top scorers for York were Falcioni, Maydo and Dubinsky.

In their next game they once again played Western in the Carleton tournament. Though the score was 102-69 the team was much tighter and effective as a team. Dubinsky played, I have told, the best game of his career.

The next day, exhausted and depressed over the loss to Western, the Yeomen played McDonald College of Montreal. Though their playing was careless and disinterested they managed to defeat McDonald 56-53. Soon they will be journeying to Montreal to widen this gap.

On their return to Toronto the team met the excellent YMHA Blues and went under to the superior team, 81-62.

The team is good this year. They work extremely well as a team and have an effective and fast moving passing game. Watching them will definitely not prove boring or a waste of time.

### YORK YEOMEN VARSITY BASKETBALL UP TO DATE STATS

Player	Games Played	Field Goals	Foul Shots Made	Points
PEARSON	12	57	31	145
DUBINSKY	13	36	43	115
BURNS	13	43	20	106
GORDON	12	21	47	89
MAYDO	13	26	6	58
FALCIONI	10	18	19	55
CAIRNS	13	22	8	52
DEMPSTER	13	14	10	38
SHERWOOD	13	14	7	35
PATERSON	6	7	2	16
SCOTT	9	5	6	16
MOUNTAIN	1	7	1	15
SOSIN	1	3	0	6
ANDERSON	7	0	2	2
		255	178	688

### FENCING CLASSES

Fencing classes will resume this Thursday in the Phys. Ed bldg. at 7:30 PM in the upper gym. All those who were taking fencing and were forced to temporarily

discontinue because of exams, essays etc., are especially urged to come out. A new beginner's class will also be formed. No previous experience required!

# Good luck to new squash team

by Stew Smith

Did you know that York has the best squash courts in the city? If you didn't I won't blame you; neither did I until today, when I decided to actually do some of my duties as sports editor of this rag. I actually got off my ass and went into the Tait Building.

Last year we had a squash team that made some use of our seven single and one double squash courts, but this team didn't get off the ground.

This year things are changing. Under the wing of Colon McAndrews, of the Environmental Studies, squash enthusiasts have found some union at York. On that basis, they are building a team strong enough to gain the respect of the old established clubs that for years have been cornering all Squash Championships in Canada.

Our young team has played

and lost against the local Toronto clubs, such as The Band R. and the Carleton Clubs. They have played other schools such as MacMaster, Trent, and Western, as well as private schools, UCC and Ridley.

In their matches the York Squash Yeomen have fared very well for a freshman team. Of the six matches that they played three were won and the others, well...

The team has as its backbone four players. They are, in order of position, McAndrews, Russell

Smart, Paul Kostar, and S. Johnson. A fifth player, Doug Owens was also among that group but has been forced to drop out because of injuries.

Despite their youth as a team, these squash enthusiasts have another hangup. Their budget for twenty-four matches, is, or probably was, a mere fifty dollars. All the expenses for away games are taken by the players themselves. A situation that is a little hard to understand considering the money that is spent on the other sports

### Squash fixture

Thurs., Jan. 9th	York vs. University of Toronto	4:00 pm at Toronto
Wed., Jan. 15th	York vs. Ridley College	5:00 pm at Ridley
Sat., Jan. 18th	York vs. Western Ontario	6:00 pm at York
Tues., Jan. 21st	York vs. Toronto Lawn-Tennis Club	6:00 pm at York
Fri., Jan. 24th	York vs. Trent University	4:00 pm at Trent
Sat., Jan. 25th	York vs. Ottawa	10:30 am at Ottawa
Sat., Jan. 25th	York vs. Carleton University	2:00 pm at Carleton
Tues., Jan. 28th	York vs. Carleton Club *	7:00 pm at York
*To be confirmed.		

# Rah! Rah! swim team

by Stew Smith

The Yeomen swim team this year is in the best shape ever. Which is encouraging considering that they came first in their league last season. The team is more of a strong unit than it was last year.

In actuality, Murray Young and Glenn McClaughlin carried the team to victory last year. Young, who excels in freestyle and McClaughlin, whose strong point is his ability to beat the herd to the end of the pool in almost any breaststroke competition, are both back again this year.

With them is a powerful host of extremely competent swimmers. Two frosh are showing

themselves to be a good basis for future teams at York. They are Bob Donaldson and John Ilkiw. The high point of the year though is the upsurge of Galt MacTagert "the old man". Last year his best time for five hundred yards was 7.5; this year the twenty eight year old veteran accomplishes the same death defying feats in 6.2.

So far this season the team has split evenly between wins and losses. They beat Ryerson and Waterloo Lutheran and lost to Queens and Guelph.

Last year the squad finished sixth in the Nationals but coach Larry Nancekivell has hopes of coming either third or fourth. That isn't too bad for such a young school.



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