S P O R T S Yeomen come up empty at CIAU's

By ROBERTA DI MAIO

For the second year in a row the York Yeomen were unable to win any games at the CIAU hockey championships, bowing out of the competition after a 2-1 loss to Alberta and a 4-2 defeat at the hands of the University of Quebec at Three Rivers.

On the basis of an excellent regular season and a solid showing in the OUAA playoffs, the Yeomen were one of six teams invited to the national championships in Edmonton.

In this year's format, each team played two games, with the top team in each of the three team pools advancing to the final. Last year under a different format, York has knocked out after their first game.

Alberta 2 - York 1

York met the Alberta Golden Bears last Friday at Varsity Arena in Edmonton. Alberta, as host team, was given a bye to the championships despite the fact it had played no playoff games. (The Golden Bears were representing Canada at the World University Games in Czechoslovakia).

Alberta was first off the mark, scoring 1:55 into the game, but were then stymied by the superb goaltending of Mark Applewhaite and the Yeomen's solid defence. York's offence managed to tie the game on a Brian Gray goal late in the third period.

In overtime, York's offensive touch was still nowhere to be found and at 3:03, on a power play, Alberta's Bill Ansell scored the winning

Rob Crocock was named the game MVP for York.

UOTR 4 - York 2

York's inability to put the puck in the net was the main factor in Saturday's loss against the University of Quebec at Three Rivers. The Yeomen had difficulty scoring while the Patriots netted their first goal just 14 seconds into the game.

Despite the many penalties dealt to the Patriots in the first period, York still were unable to find the offensive touch. "That's been our problem all year, not being able to score," Chambers said.

York's high scoring games were few this year but despite nagging injuries they played well in the Canadian finals.

Greg Rolston played with a broken thumb incurred in the second game of the OUAA finals against Western. Also hurt in the finals was forward Brian Small.

By the time the last game came up to be played against the Pats, York was not only tired but hurting as defenseman Dirk Rueter suffered back injuries earlier in the season. During an early practice at the finals, Doug Archie also came up with a nagging wrist injury.

York recieved a couple of breaks as two of the Patriots' goals were disallowed. Goalie Mark Applewhaite played a solid game as did York's defense but still there was no offense.

You can't win a game unless you score and York did not score enough against the Patriots in the finals.

The Patriots went on to score their



third goal late in the third period and at that point Applewhaite was pulled and the Patriots scored into the empty net, making the final score

The MVP for York in the game was Darren Gani.

The Patriots played the final game against Saskatchewan and beat them 6-3 for the 1986-87 CIAU title.

Brian Gray left Edmonton as a member of tournament all-star team and the owner of a plaque and a gold

ABOVE: York's Kent Brimmer is upended in Saturday's game against the Patriots. RIGHT: The University of Quebec at Three Rivers Patriots bask in the glory of victory after beating Saskatchewan. LEFT: Coach Dave Chambers and members of the York team pensively ponder their situation prior to Friday's game against Alberta.



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