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Laurentian takes advantage

Hockey & B-ball lose

Puck men lose 4-0 & first place

By PHIL CRANLEY

Last Weekend the York Yeomen produced a new definition for the phrase "a waste of time." To drive 500 miles only to lose an important hockey game 4-0 to Laurentian Sunday afternoon must be considered 48 hours ill-spent.

The Voyageurs from Sudbury got great crowd support and amazing goaltending while scoring twice in each of the first and third periods. Their impressive victory vaulted them into first place in the OIAA standings.

The top spot has a tremendous advantage. First of all, the first place finisher gets a bye into the playoff final. Secondly, you get home ice for that sudden-death final game. York has five games remaining (four at home) including one more contest against Laurentian at home on Saturday Feb. 20. In order to take first place, the Yeomen must win all their remaining games and they must beat Laurentian by more than four goals.

After viewing last Sunday's game however, there exists some doubt whether the Yeomen are capable of beating the Voyageurs at all. Not because of a lack of talent. In fact man for man, the team is probably better equipped with talent than last year's highly skilled squad. The trouble is hard to pinpoint, but it seems to be a general break-down in attitude.

A championship team has all members working hard each time out. This team has flashes of brilliance but no consistency. There is a noticeable tendency for players to say "let the other guy do it." In this game for instance about half the team members were working their guts out. The other half were not willing to put forth that little bit of extra effort which would have made the difference.

As a group, the most disappointing part of the Yeomen's play this year has been their defence. If a team's defence is not aggressive they will lose more often than not. Only Roger Galipeau was throwing his weight around. That just isn't sufficient to beat Laurentian or any other half decent team for that matter. Naturally the defence needs support from backchecking forwards. But giveaways in your own end of the rink are unforgivable.

Laurentian's Andre Lajeunesse starred offensively with two goals including the winner. The York forwards were thwarted time and again by some hot goaltending on



Yeomen goalie Bill Holden was almost alone Sunday in the game against Laurentian as York's defence was ineffective.

photo by Tim Clark

the part of Voyageur Matt Thorp. Thorp's job was made easier though by the Yeomen shooting, which was consistently high and to his glove side. He did deserve the shutout though as he stopped centre Ron Mark on a penalty shot in the second period. The score at the time was 2-0 and had Mark scored, the complexion of the game might have changed. The penalty shot was awarded when a Laurentian player covered the puck with his glove in the goal crease. The referee called a fair game but all four of Laurentian's goals came while York was shorthanded. The Yeomen were outshot 41-33.

PUCK PATTER. Steve Latinovich and Bruce Penny both received

slashes to their nose, but no penalties were awarded. Kent Pollard took three stitches above his eye. . . Murray Stroud was in bed with food poisoning until just before game-time. He still played a respectable game despite his weakened condition. . .

The Yeomen will travel to Shelburne this Saturday for some snowmobiling and an exhibition game against the "Muskie's" intermediate team. . . Next home game is tomorrow night (Friday) against Brock. They travel to Peterborough for a game with Trent next Tuesday and then back home for the "must" game against Laurentian next Saturday at 8:00 pm. to end reading week.

Basketballers are desperate after loss

By IVAN BERN

The York Yeomen basketball team journeyed to Sudbury this weekend to do battle with the Laurentian Voyageurs. They were defeated by the score of 89-78 to the triumphant cheers of the Laurentian fans on Saturday.

It was a crucial game for both teams with York needing the win to keep first place Waterloo Lutheran in sight. The situation is now doubtful.

The Yeomen, who had looked to be regaining their top form in past games, grabbed a ten point lead in the opening minutes but were soon overcome by Laurentians defence and some cold shooting. The lead changed hands with Laurentian leading 49-48 at the half.

By this time it was evident that the game was going to be a hotly contested affair. Two important factors in the half were Sandy Nixon's 16 points and along with his and Stan Rafael's three fouls.

As the second half began it was evident that York would soon atone for its temporary lapse and run away with the game. After seven minutes had gone in the half they were leading 64-56.

Then Nixon fouled out leaving the team dumbfounded as they went for three minutes without scoring a point.

They soon found the Voyageurs beyond reach as Stan Rafael was fouled out of the game for fighting with a Voyageur lineman. True the foul may have been flagrant but Rafael never landed a punch.

High scorers for the team were Nixon with 23, Holstrom with 13, and Morton with 11.

Nixon continued his comeback, and if he could somehow restrain himself from fouling out so early in the game, he could be a much greater asset to the team than he already is.

The continuing poor showings of Butch Feldman and Bob Wepler was a source of concern to coach McKinney and hopefully he can find a remedy.

Laurentian didn't win the game Saturday, York lost it. They beat themselves. Now they must wipe the slate clean and set their sights on Lutheran. They play Trent on Friday and then next Thursday they play the crucial game against the Golden Hawks from Waterloo.

Gymnasts top U of T

Last Friday night the university of Toronto had its final chance to defeat York University. York sent a team that lacked three of the best gymnasts at the university. And although it was the closest competitions that York has been in all year, they still came out victorious.

The meet started with some rather questionable judging which put York behind from the beginning. After floor exercise and pommel horse, York was in third place behind Western and Toronto. Rings and vaulting saw York draw into second place, still behind Toronto. However, good routines on parallel bars and horizontal bar, gave York the win.

The members of the York team were Dan Bolland, Bob Swinton Larry Bialogrecki and Colin Puffer.

The next major competition for York will be the Canadian Championships, to be held here in the Tait McKenzie building on March the fifth and sixth.

Colin Puffer.

Womens hockey split games

The York women's hockey team played teams from Queens and Trent during the past week and split their games at one win and one loss.

On Saturday, the girls travelled to Queens where they went down in defeat 5-2 in a hard fought and injury ridden game.

Sandy Leskiw of York scored the first goal of the game late in the first period to put York ahead 1-0. Queens came back to score two fast goals and take the lead before the first period was over.

York came back in the second

period to tie up the game with a goal by Liz Bowes, and it looked like York might keep up the pace and win the game. However, Queens scored late in the second period and twice in the third to put the game out of York's reach.

The game was one of the roughest of the season, resulting in injuries to two York players which sidelined them for the next game.

On Monday night the girls took on Trent in an exhibition game at the York astrodome winning handily by a score of 7-0. Sandy Leskiw was the star of the game,

scoring four goals including the first two of the game, and assisting on two others.

The score was only 1-0 after the first period, but York rushed back to score three unanswered goals in each of the second and third periods. Marg Poste, as well as scoring a goal and assisting on three, was as usual the stabilizing factor on the York team.

On Tuesday February 9, the last season game will be played against Guelph, and on the 19th, the girls travel to Montreal for the WITCA championship at McGill.

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