

## Sports

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Fans unemployed with team's demise

## Yeomen's best year ends with the Blues

By ALAN RISEN

"It is very frustrating to have the season end abruptly when you don't expect it," said York captain Doug Dunsmuir following the Yeomen's 4-3 defeat to Toronto in the OUAA hockey finals.

"We were all confident in the dressingroom that we would win this game."

The confidence that Dunsmuir spoke of was gained during the finest season of any York hockey team.

The Yeomen finished the season with nine wins, two losses and three ties for a total of 20 points and first place in the OUAA east division.

The Varsity Blues, York's perennial nemesis, finished the season in second place, one point back.

The first sign of the power of this year's team came in the first exhibition game when they upset the reigning Canadian champion Waterloo Warriors 5-3.

Then the team travelled down to Ohio State where they surprised the Buckeyes 10-2 and 5-3. The previous year Ohio State had beaten York 7-3 and 2-0.

The team was beginning to realise their significant improvement over the previous season.

## AUTHENTIC UNIT

"The key was that they were a real team," said coach Dave Chambers. "Sure there were some players who had exceptional talent, but everyone played together as a group. It was an authentic team."

If the Yeomen's season had its peaks it also had its valleys. The first disappointment came on Nov. 15 when they were beaten 10-4 by the Quebec champions from Loyola

University.

However, the Red and White returned home to play their best game of the young season, humbling the Laurentian Voyageurs 10-3.

Then York began what was to be their only real slump of the season, dropping games to Cornell and Queen's, squeaking past a weak RMC team 5-3, then losing two more to Toronto and Waterloo.

They exploded out of their slump Jan. 6 by drubbing Clarkson College of the Ivy League 7-3. This was the first visit by an American team to the Ice Palace. Their next game was a league against Ottawa.

Ottawa had a firm hold on first place by virtue of a six point lead over York in the standings and two games in hand.

The Yeomen started their drive for the pennant with a 10-2 victory in the nation's capital.

In that week York had three other league matches, they tied Laurentian 3-3 in Sudbury and Queen's 3-3 at the Ice Palace. They ended the week with a 10-2 win over the highly ranked Western Mustangs in London.

## DISCIPLINE

The Yeomen were now playing a disciplined two-way game and goalie Rick Quance, who injured his knee legiments in the first game of year, was back in the lineup.

The Yeomen travelled down to Bowling Green to play the eighth ranked team in the United States. They surprised their American hosts 6-3 in the first game, but were turned back 5-2 the next evening.

Their momentum carried them to the crucial league game at Varsity Arena.

Facing the Blues in their home territory meant more than just

playing on an unusually small ice surface. It meant playing before the biggest and most vocal home crowd in Canada. And it meant overcoming the psychological hurdle involved in playing a team that had beaten them repeatedly over the years.

York left with a 4-1 win and a stranglehold on first place in the OUAA east.

The last two games of the season involved routine wins over RMC (13-1) and Windsor (10-1).

The statistics at the close of regular season action underlined the outstanding talent on the York team.

Four Yeomen led the league in scoring. Avery officially finished first in the standings with 41 points, followed by Ampleford with 40 and Dunsmuir with 34.

As a threesome, this line constituted the most potent attacking force in college hockey.

Dunsmuir alone had scored 20 goals in 14 league games and 50 goals over the entire 30-game season.

York's Peter Titanic had a big year and tied with Toronto's Gord Davies for fourth place in the scoring.

## PARSIMONY

And Quance had the lowest goals against average in the league with 1.75.

Peter Kostek, who played the majority of York's games in goal also turned in a fine effort and the team as a whole cut in half the goals scored against them from the previous year.

In the playoffs York continued their dominance over Ottawa by trouncing the Gee-Gees 9-2 in quarter-final action at the Ice Palace.

In the semi-finals, which were played at Varsity arena, the Yeomen were surprised by the Western Mustangs who took a 2-0 lead in the first period.

In the semi-finals against Western, once the big red scoring machine started to roll and led by Dunsmuir's three goals, the Yeomen romped to a 9-3 decision.

## CONFIDENCE

It was at this point that York headed into the finals against Toronto with the confidence Dunsmuir had mentioned.

The Yeomen again got off to a slow start as the Blues jumped to a 2-0 lead.

But by the end of the period York had tied the score and in the second frame they pulled into a 3-2 lead.

York's Bob Wasson, formerly of the OHA Peterborough Petes, was playing his second standout game for York in as many nights.

But the Blues played one of the strongest forechecking games that this reporter has seen, and forced York into numerous errors in their own end.

The York defence, suffocating from the Blues tight checking and

the lack of maneuvering space on the small ice surface coughed up the puck to the pesty Varsity forwards on numerous occasions.

Toronto twice more put the puck past Rick Quance, and despite York's efforts in the last minute of play when they pulled Quance in favour of an extra attacker, they held on to win 4-3 and kill York's hopes for another season.

**Quickies:** York's Dunsmuir played out the game with a strained back injured by a collision with the goalpost.... It was the only game this year the Avery-Ampleford-Dunsmuir was kept off the scoresheet.

Despite finishing first in league scoring, Avery was not named to the first all-star team. Toronto's Ivan McFarlane, who didn't finish in the top ten was named ahead of him.

And Ampleford, with 18 goals and 22 assists, was beaten out for the rightwing position by Ottawa's Bill Fox who had five goals and 13 assists.... Many thought that the York Line should have been named intact to the first team... The league did see fit to place Avery and Ampleford to the second team.

## Frustrated fans litter Varsity's rink following final loss for hockey Yeomen

By TONY MAGISTRALE

There is no doubt that college teams can provide very entertaining hockey, and last weekend's play-offs for the Queen's Cup proved it.

The two games the York Yeomen played did not disappoint anyone, as they provided their fans with a taste of excellent and exciting hockey. In the semi-final game they easily disposed of the University of Western Mustangs 9-3. However, in the final game, a real heartbreaker, they were edged out by the Toronto Blues 4-3.

The Yeomen got off to a slow start in Friday's game against the

Mustangs as they quickly fell behind 2-0. However, a last minute goal in the first period by Bob Wasson pulled the team within one of the Mustangs. Then in the second period the roof fell in on Western as York struck for four goals within a span of six minutes.

At the end of the second period York led 5-3 on goals by Dymtrek, Wasson, Dunsmuir, and Clements. In the final period the Yeomen scored four more goals to give them the 9-3 victory. Dunsmuir scored two to get the hat trick, with singles going to Dave Wright and Al Avery.

On Saturday night the two top teams, York and Toronto, went at it

in a real thriller—there is no doubt that the best hockey in the city that night was played at Varsity and not the Gardens. It was a fast, hard-hitting game, with the outcome uncertain right until the final whistle.

The Blues drew first blood as they took a 2-0 lead in the first period. However, York came back with two goals by Bob Wasson and one by Bill McKay to take a 3-2 lead early in the second period.

For a time it appeared as if York would pull a repeat performance of the previous night's game, but before the second period was over, the Blues had tied the score.

Two tired teams came out in the third period, but Toronto scored what proved to be the winner within the first minute of play in the third period. The Yeomen had numerous chances to tie the game, especially in the last two minutes when they took no less than eight shots at Blues' goaltender Logan, but it was all to no avail.

Praise should be given to the majority of fans who supported the team throughout the year. The York fans were certainly audible Saturday night despite being outnumbered 10 to one. While the defeat was a great disappointment both to the team and to the fans, it was a shame the fans could not take the defeat with the same grace the hockey team did. The disgusting display of littering the ice with debris had no place after such a great game.



Tempers flare in semi-final hockey action last Friday as Western hockey players vent their frustrations on an unstoppable Yeomen hockey team. York buried the Mustangs 9-3.

## Green machine mangles lawmen, victory clinches college classic

In the inter-college hockey finals played last week at the Ice Palace, the Stong College "Green Machine" defeated the Osgoode Hall Owls two games straight to take the best of two of three series and win the inter-college championship for the second time in the past three years. (This is the third consecutive year that Stong and Osgoode have battled in the inter-college final.)

In the opening game, Stong outlasted Osgoode in a real physical contest which was marred by numerous penalties. The final outcome was 5-2 with Paul Johnson collecting two goals and Bruce Fitzgerald scoring the winner on a short-handed effort for Stong.

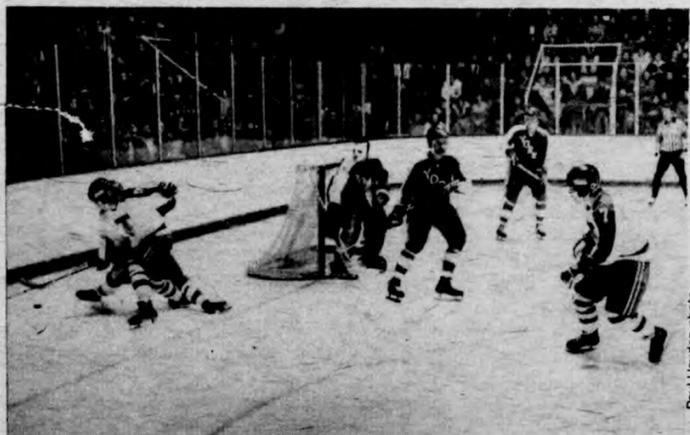
The second game was a classic battle: Stong took an early 3-0 lead in the first period on goals by Tom Robinson, Larry Citrullo, and Paul Johnson - but the Owls were not to go down without a fight: By the fifteen minute mark of the third

period, Lloyd Sargenson, Roey Kert, Bob Foran, and Brant Latham had scored unanswered goals to give Osgoode a 4-3 edge.

The momentum seemed, at this point, to be favouring the Owls, but Stong's Peter McCann, on an end to end rush beat the Osgoode netminder, Burke Thornton, to tie the game. Regulation time expired shortly thereafter with the score deadlocked at 4-4.

The tight checking which characterized the two games suddenly disappeared in the sudden-death overtime as the play really opened up. The end-to-end excitement finally concluded nine minutes into the overtime when Stong winger Paul Johnson beat Thornton after taking a pass from his centre Barry Alter.

It was an exciting finish to a perfect season for the undefeated team from Stong College who compiled an impressive record of 18 wins and 0 losses in league play.



In a somewhat more subdued mood the following evening, Toronto and York content themselves with playing hockey in a battle for the OUAA championship. York's season ended that night, they and their aspirations shelved until next year. They lost to the Blues 4-3.