

Sports

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York attack stalled in hockey contest against Waterloo

By ED PIWOWARCZYK

The York ice machine wasn't the only thing that was sputtering at the Ice Palace Tuesday night.

Coming off an impressive 10-1 league win against the Royal Military College Redmen, York's hockey Yeomen were in low gear in a 4-3 loss to the Waterloo Warriors in exhibition play.

Russ Elliott led the Warriors with two goals, while York tallies were registered by Al Avery, Barry Jenkins and John Marshall.

Art Willer played the entire game in goal for the Yeomen. He had to come up with a number of key stops to keep York in contention, especially in the second period when the lethargic Yeomen had great difficulty moving the puck out of their own zone.

"We weren't skating in the second period," said coach Dave Chambers after the game. "And in the first, we were sloppy in our own end. We have to improve generally as a team."

Warrior coach Bob McKillop commented, "We put everything together in the second period. But we gave away the first and third goals when our goaltender wandered out of his crease."

Elliott opened the scoring in the first period when he poked in a loose puck in front of the unattended goal at 4:38. Jenkins evened it up nine seconds later with Marshall giving York the lead before the end of the period.

Markers by Jim Nickleson and Randy Stubel put Waterloo ahead 3-2 by the end of the second period. Two minutes into the final frame Elliott made the margin 4-2.

Avery's goal at the 8:50 mark brought the Yeomen back to life. Avery picked up a loose puck behind the Waterloo net, and, with goalie Jake Dupuis out of the crease, was able to put it home easily.

York then applied offensive pressure and in the last minute of play had forced the Warriors to take two minor penalties. With the faceoff in the Waterloo end, Chambers lifted Willer to give York a three-man advantage in an effort to tie the game.

The Yeomen were not able to hold the puck in the Waterloo zone as Warrior rearguard Danny Partland picked off a pass and headed for the empty York net. Partland kept on skating instead of shooting, and York's Gerri Greenham came back to steer him to the side to end the game.

It was an entirely different story when the Yeomen faced RMC in Kingston Saturday. York scored three times in the first five minutes of play and went on to handily defeat the Redmen 10-1.

Avery led the York marksmen with three goals, while two-goal efforts came from Jenkins, Peter Titanic and Mike Travis. Rick Martin rounded out the York scoring.

PUCKNOTES: Nickleson, Jenkins and Waterloo's Lee Barnes were the three stars... Waterloo outshot York 31-30... Saturday, York outshot RMC 40-20... Avery's three goals against RMC came from three shots on goal... The Yeomen will be travelling to Ohio State to play a pair of exhibition matches before returning to the Ice Palace to meet the Ryerson Rams in league play Wednesday at 8:15 p.m.



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Left winger Jeff Fielding (21) of the Waterloo Warriors unloads a shot at York goaltender Art Willer in an exhibition contest at the Ice Palace Tuesday night. Moving in to help out on the play are Tim Ampleford (on the left) and rearguard Don West. Although they didn't

score on this play, the Warriors held the winning margin as they went on to down the Yeomen 4-3. The next league game for the York squad is a home encounter with the Ryerson Rams Wednesday night at 8:15 in the Ice Palace.

York gridgers defeated in rematch with Carleton

By SOL CANDEL

Center Stan Kozik summed up York's football efforts Saturday by saying, "It was our worst effort of the year." The game, played in Ottawa, resulted in a 36-6 win for the Carleton Ravens.

"We fumbled on our first play of the game which hurt us psychologically." The Yeomen were so psychologically hurt that they will be visiting the shrink for years to come. This entire season turning out to be a very traumatic experience.

Carleton scored their first touchdown soon after the Yeomen defenders were caught napping and let the Ravens complete a long pass.

Carleton made the score 14-0 when they recovered a Rick Lamb fumble in the York end-zone.

Quarterback Gerry Verge, who played the whole game,

got the offense going with some key passes to Steve Ince and some good runs by Brian Love. Verge took it in from the one yard line on a quarterback sneak. Duncan McLeod's consequent convert attempt was blocked.

It should be noted that York had some key players missing. Defensive tackle Norm Lightbound was at his brother's wedding, Paul Forbes was out with a bruised kidney, Ted Abbot with a charley horse, and Pat Lamana did not play because he missed bed check the night before.

Bill Hatanaka who only caught one pass said, "We got the piss beaten out of us." Kozik said, "We came out flat in the second half."

Halfback Stu Scott summarized the second half of play in saying "Our ground game was working but we were behind and had to throw the ball and they (Carleton) knew it. They were throwing blitzes up the middle like crazy. Verge really got punished and both our centers were injured."

BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Tall problem faces York basketball coach

By ALAN RISEN

Wilt Chamberlain once said that no one cheers for Goliath. If that's true, then the stands in the Tait gym should be packed with Yeomen rooters this basketball season. One of the biggest problems facing new coach Bob Bain is the severe lack of height on this year's team.

Hit hard, once again, by graduation (the university coach's annual nemesis) York lost their all-star center from last year, Bob Wepler and their other tall person, Bob Pike.

Of the few men returning this year, Jeff Simbrow at six feet three inches is the tallest. And there wasn't the usual gangling giant rookie waiting to surprise the coach when training camp opened this year. As a result, York will be playing at a distinct height disadvantage against the other teams in the OUAA league which has been dominated in past seasons by the big man.

Coach Bain said that the Yeomen will try to hide this disadvantage as much as possible by playing a running game, but this reporter has never seen an athlete who can run so fast he looks a foot taller.

But if anyone can pull this deception off, Bain can. He appears to have the Yeomen working and hustling in practises to an extent that has rarely been seen in previous years. His past record, with such coaching accomplishments as reaching the national finals with the Alberta Golden Bears, attests to his comprehensive knowledge of the game.

The players all seem to have quickly developed a keen sense of respect for his coaching abilities. Veterans Simbrow and Vince Santoro both expressed admiration with the job he has done so far with this year's squad.

Unfortunately, it doesn't seem that Bain has a great deal to work with. Certainly the return of Santoro, Ev Spence, Simbro, and Brian Silverstein should give the coach something to build around. Santoro has been the guts of the team since his arrival two years ago and can be expected to provide the leadership so important in team sport. Spence has shown potential in the past to be a top player in this league, and this could easily be his year. Silverstein and Simbrow unfortunately are coming off injuries

and their playing status is at present uncertain.

From the rest of the players at camp Michael Betcherman has been the most impressive. Betcherman, a first year law student at Osgoode, played industrial ball and inter-faculty last year at University of Toronto. He is a former Forest Hill Collegiate player who boasts an accurate outside shot and good ball sense—two necessary components for a guard. His lack of size (6'1") precludes him from plugging the rebounding forward position so blatantly open in the York attack.

Also making their mark in training camp has been rookies Romeo Calegar Nick Del Principe, and Guy Thomas who quit last year's team over a dispute with coach Bob McKinney. But while these players have shown promise they are not the kind that will make opposition scouts send home apprehensive reports.

To make up for this lack of overwhelming talent, Bain will stress the team aspect of the game. Again he will hope to cover individual deficiencies with overall performance. For this to work his team will have to be in peak physical

condition. Bain obviously realizes the importance of this. The comparison between the stress on conditioning in this year's practices as opposed to the lax attitude in past years, when McKinney left this facet of the game to the players' discretion is striking.

Still, the 1973 edition of the basketball Yeomen could be a contender if everything pans out according to plan. An ominous dearth of bench strength could have disastrous effects should one of the starting five get injured, or even in foul trouble. And against the stronger teams, it will take a very skilful coaching job to compensate for the lack of height. But if Bain's plans to circumvent these difficulties are successful, there remains the chance that York could return to the contending form they were two years ago when they reached provincial finals.

This may be a lot to expect, but at the very least, with the imaginative coaching and the hustle and desire exhibited by the players, it should be a most entertaining team wearing the Red and White this year.