

## It's Hard on the Hoof When You Have No Horseshoes

by Dave Head

(NORTH TORONTO ARENA) Saturday was not only misty and damp, it was downright glum as far as our YORK MILLERS were concerned. The string of recent successes was shattered by a crushing 7-1 defeat at the hands of the Waterloo Lutheran Hawks. The defeat was the result of opposition superiority and, heart-breakingly, bad luck.

On Wednesday, Jan. 18, York outskated, outchecked, and outshot our law abiding friends from Osgoode to the tune of a 4 to 1 victory. This game was one of the few spectacles - you who weren't there should be kicking yourselves - that showed the full power of our hockey club. It added up to York's fourth win in as many games. Saturday's loss was a long, hard fall from cloud nine.

If you say that the team is at fault for the loss, you're wrong; if you say that the coach is at fault, you're wrong. If you try to put the blame on the university population and/or 'Somebody up There Who doesn't like us' you're probably right.

It is hard for 'MILLER'S' fans to be sympathetic towards the team unless they take into account the facts. Coach Purcell has a difficult task in trying to squeeze even a fifty per cent productivity from a team who can boast only about five players who aren't suffering from some physical discomfort or other. Goalie Dave Halse has been bench-warming so long that he had trouble getting out of second year. John McCormick played, between chiropractic treatments with a brace on his back. Doug McBryde lasted most of the game while fighting an extremely painful Achilles tendon. McBryde, by the way, should have retired for the season when he learned of his injury two weeks ago. Defensemen Rick Brown and 'Stack' McGlenning are both suffering from troublesome knees. Fred Pollard lay in bed with the flu and Craig Duane is just getting over elbow trouble.

Consider also that the team is forced to practice on an open-air rink, has no rink of its own on which to play home games, and has not had the support of many spectators.

If you think I'm crying the blues, you're right! It is damn well about time that the administration of this university gave the team a chance to show its worth by providing substantial facilities with which to work. York should recognize hockey as a major spectator sport in our university. It would provide a rallying point for university spirit which would dispel much of the rampant apathy. Given the status (and, therefore, the facilities it needs) it would draw more students onto the team. Granted there are plans for an arena at York Campus, but, in the meantime, is it not possible to put a roof on the rink at Glendon?

It's all very fine to say that hockey is not the only sport on campus. However, if the university, and I include staff, students and administration, won't support their team then the rumours that 'rugger and soccer are of greater value to the student body as a whole' are going to become a reality and our remaining links with the enjoyment of an all-Canadian sport will wither away to insignificance.

## this is sports

### Women Win

by Pat Skelly

York first!!! The women's inter-collegiate badminton team captured the West Conference Team Championships at Waterloo-Lutheran University on Saturday 21st. Linda Ashikawa, Glendon, placed second in the first single events. Kathy Troyer, Founders, won the second single event, and Sherrill Breeze and Sue Hard both Glendon girls placed second in the doubles.

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## Inter-College Championships

### Glendon First So Far!

#### 'College Standings'

Men's events in this category are X-country, golf, flag football, rugger; women's events are basketball, golf, tennis; co-ed are only archery. These are the half-year standings.

Glendon.... 1485 pts. (men-805 pts; women-680)  
Founders.. 1480 pts. (men-877 pts; women-603)  
Vanier..... 920 pts. (men-375 pts; women-595)

#### 'Team and Individual Champions'

|               | Team Champions | Individual Champions          |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Men</b>    |                |                               |
| X-Country     | Founders       | Stanley Bunston G             |
| Golf          | Glendon        | B. Swartz G                   |
| Flag Football | Glendon        |                               |
| Rugger        | Glendon        |                               |
| <b>Women</b>  |                |                               |
| Basketball    | Vanier         |                               |
| Golf          | Vanier         | Karen Varner V                |
| Tennis        | Glendon        |                               |
| <b>Co-ed</b>  |                |                               |
| Archery       | Glendon        | Kathy Wong G<br>Roy Buckler G |

The highest individual scorers are Brian Horton and Bob Lehman each with 50 points and from Glendon; and Norlaine Lohanson and Sharon Hornsby, both from Vanier, each with 70 points. The Director of Intra-murals, Arvo Tiidus, submitted this report.

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## College Hockey Born In Montreal

by Barry Rusty, CUP

Canada's first annual international hockey tournament was born in Montreal last week.

And if the infant can be nurtured to good health it will provide Canadian college hockey with a new booster.

Invitations have already been received by ambassadors to Canada from Russia, Czechoslovakia and Sweden for university teams from those countries to participate in next year's Centennial College hockey tournament.

The invitations were sent by J. David Molson, Montreal Canadians president, whose team financed the initial all-Canadian tournament held in the Montreal Forum last week.

'This can be a great athletic attraction,' says Molson, who also disclosed he intends to invite 'one or two' top United States teams to the eight-team event.

As foreign teams are added, the number of Canadian participants would be dropped to a probable minimum of three, according to Molson.

The Canadians president is quick to negate any suggestions his club is trying to develop the college game at the expense of ju-

nior hockey, the sponsorship of which National Hockey League teams dropped this year.

'We'll pick our future pros wherever they be,' he says. 'Frankly, I don't care if college players never play another game after they graduate.'

He also thinks there should be more 'channels' to take care of the academic and athletic needs of Canadian youth. These channels he feels are needed to take young Canadians 'beyond the norm' without having to resort to U.S. colleges.

Last week's tournament developed this fall out of 'informal meetings' between Molson and Ed Enos and Floyd Curry, athletic director and hockey coach at Loyola College, which officially sponsored the event.

'We're working right now to give next year's tournament the kind of promotion it needs and deserves,' says Molson.

The Canadians lost a 'substantial amount of money' on last week's tournament, but Molson says no figures are to be released.

'The money doesn't matter right now, it's the development of hockey that's important,' he said.

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