

# Sports

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Ho-hum action at Tait gym

## Cagers eliminate necessity for intermissions

By RON KAUFMAN

When Dr. James Naismith invented the game of basketball some 80 years ago, he deemed it necessary to divide the game into two halves. The purpose of this was to give the teams a rest period, thereby making the second part of the game more enjoyable for both players and spectators.

As of this year, our beloved Yeomen must be trying to eliminate the necessity of a halftime intermission. To date, the team plays one good half of basketball (usually the latter) and by the end of the game they've worked up their sweat for the first half. Maybe all of this doesn't make sense but neither does the team's play so that evens the score.

The Yorkies continued this trend of play last weekend when they met the Western Mustangs in a home-and-home doubleheader. The Mustangs, York's semi-final victims of last year have only three returning starters, two of which were missing for Friday night's game at Tait Mackenzie.

The locals, trying hard to keep the game close, took a 34-30 lead into the locker room at the half. In the second half little Jerry Varsava, the sophomore guard from Sarnia, gave a shooting display reminiscent of his miracles in last year's playoffs. Popping in four long jumpers from outside Varsava led the Yeomen to a 53-36 lead with 12:23 remaining.

With five minutes to go in the game two more 30-footers by the diminutive guard gave the homeside

a 23 point advantage which they held for a 77-62 victory.

Appreciative of their first home victory of the year, the team received an ovation from all 85 people in the stands.

Varsava led York with 20 points followed by Bob Wepler (16), Vince Santoro (15) and Amos Coletta (10). Gary Curgin hooped 12 points for Western followed by Gary Ghent with nine points.

Saturday afternoon the Yeomen travelled to London. Obviously trying to reciprocate for their previous night's victory, they negotiated 19 points in the first half on their way to absorbing a 91-53 thrashing.

The game featured the Stangs coming downcourt and scoring followed by York coming downcourt and turning over the ball.

Wepler, a prime all-star candidate based on his play so far this season, led the team with 20 points followed by Varsava with nine. Curgin led the Western cause with 18 points followed by Wally Kurnen (13) and Vytas Kazbagis (13). The loss left York a season record of 2-7.

Wednesday night York dropped a 68-54 decision to the visiting Waterloo-Lutheran Hawks. Somehow the Red and White managed to score 17 points in the first half. However the team rebounded in the second period and, urged on by a crowd of 43 people (not including players), came within eight points of the Hawks. Wepler and Coletta split 20 points to lead

York while Lutheran was led by Neil Hegeman with 18 points.

Beginning a tough four-game-eight-day schedule, York travelled to Kingston on Dec. 1 and defeated Queen's for their first victory of the season.

Putting two good halves together for the only time this season, Yeomen led throughout on their way to an 83-74 victory. Wepler again led with 23 points and 17 rebounds. Jeff Simbrow added 21 points in his first starting assignment of the year.

KAUF-DROPS: York entered in a holiday tournament Dec. 28 and 29 at Guelph. Rounding out the four team tournament will be McMaster and Oswego State (N.Y.).

### B-ball women lose to Blues

The basketball Yeowomen were bounced 51-23 by the Toronto Blues last Tuesday at the Benson Building. The Blues pulled ahead 28-15 in a first half that was characterised by close defensive action. In the second half the Yeowomen succumbed to Blues' pressure as Toronto outscored York 33-8 capitalising on erratic shooting and passing by the Yeowomen.

### York women dropped by V-ball Blues

By DOREEN MAGERMAN

Last Tuesday the Volleyball Yeowomen lost to undefeated University of Toronto by scores of 8-15, 11-15, 15-12, 13-15 in an exciting and well played match. Despite the loss York put on their best display of volleyball yet this season.

The squad started slowly but closed the margin in the second game and came though to win the third game against the experienced U of T team. Strong defensive and offensive play accounted for the comeback.

Positioning on defense showed marked improvement with York picking up many of the opposition's hard spikes. Following the first game U of T was never ahead by any great margin. The fourth game which gave them the match was a seesaw battle in doubt until the final point.

U of T women boast four players of Senior A calibre. The Yeowomen can be well pleased with their play despite the loss.

Particular mention goes to York's Chris Barrick, Joan Hutson and rookie setter June Woodburn.



A well executed squeeze play by York's Butch Feldman (55) and Bob Wepler (54) results in a Yeoman basket Friday night at the Tait gym. Squeezed out of the action is an unidentified Mustang (the third hand reaching for the ball). Fine board work by Wepler enabled the Yeomen to win 77-62.

### New attraction for high school basketball tourney

By ED PIWOWARCZYK

One of the annual holiday sporting events on campus is the Highschool Invitational Basketball Tournament which this year attracts added attention because it will be featuring an American team.

The tournament is entering its fifth year but in previous years has generally had competitors from Toronto and the surrounding southern Ontario area.

This year tournament competition will feature teams from as far away as Sudbury, Ont. and Sussex, New Jersey. The American entry is High Point High, coached by Joe Ash. Unfortunately at the time of writing no further information was available about this team.

Last year's tournament victors, the George Harvey Hawks, will be participating as well as their opponents in the final, Erindale. The other competitors include T.A.

Blakelock, Nelson A. Boylen, Brebeuf College, Burlington Central High, Sir Winston Churchill Collegiate, Downsview Secondary, Earl Haig, North Toronto Collegiate, Richview Collegiate, Sir John A. MacDonald Collegiate, Victoria Park Secondary, St. Charles College from Sudbury and St. John's College from Brantford.

The 16 teams will be competing over three days, starting Dec. 27 at 9:30 a.m. and finishing Dec. 29 with the consolation game at 5:30 p.m. and the championship game at 9:30 p.m.

Daily tickets are one dollar and admission to championship matches is also one dollar. A tournament pass costs two dollars and is good for all games except the finals. The tournament pass guarantees admission to the finals for 50 cents. There is a half price admission for children under 12.



### Sportlite

#### York's athletic complex should serve community

By ALAN RISEN

The location of York University in the northwest section of Metro makes it ideally suited for a community-oriented sports centre.

Tait's athletic facilities have been used by public and private groups in the past. By providing services for such events as high school basketball tournaments, the university can benefit the community as a whole.

York should orient its resources around community service to justify the building of new facilities to compliment the existing complex.

An all-purpose athletic complex capable of housing football, hockey, soccer, indoor tennis and other sports could be utilized by the whole community as well as the university.

The same argument that justified the government-subsidized tartan turf for CNE — namely that it would be used by many groups such as high schools and amateur athletic clubs — could be used for a university complex.

North York schools need a local sports centre that could host playoffs and tournaments and promote sports on the amateur level.

York's Tait complex has already ventured into this area. Last weekend the Tait swimming pool hosted one of the largest annual swim meets in Canada. Events such as this are important to the entire country as it affords international competition for future Olympic hopefuls.

Young Craig Samuels of the North York Aquatic Club is a prime example. Friday night this 12-year-old set an Ontario class record for the 200 metre freestyle and qualified for the senior men's competition. Samuels is a definite future Olympic candidate.

The Hall of Fame meet also boasted three members of Canada's 1972 Olympic swim team and several other candidates for the '76 Olympic squad. Competitions like this not only provide the competition to develop world class athletes, but also help finance their development programs and stimulate interest in their sport.

The university also benefits from these meets. Over the Christmas break York will host a high school basketball tournament with some of the finest talent in the province. Many of these students will be taking a close look at York's athletic facilities and some may decide to return here when they graduate from secondary school.

If York hopes to attract private and, or public capital to build new sports facilities (i.e. football, hockey) it must orient itself towards serving the entire community.



Craig Samuels Sets Ontario record

### Stong leads in race for torch

Participation in intercollege athletics has definitely increased despite the overall drop in enrollment at York this year, says co-ordinator Arvo Tiidus.

The open intramural system is growing, having 16 teams in their league. In addition, Stong and Winters have their own intramural hockey leagues for their residence students.

Tiidus feels that the entrance of Atkinson into competition is a major gain. Although as yet they have only a basketball team participating, it

represents a fine effort by the college organizers because all their students are employed during the daytime and attend York only at night.

Inner tube water polo and basketball have joined tennis and badminton as the only sports where the team consists of men and women. After Christmas volleyball will be added. The emphasis of these competitions is recreation and fun and the enthusiasm shown so far indicates that these objectives have been achieved.

Men's, women's and co-ed sports results are tabulated to give each college points toward the York Torch. Heading into the new year Stong, last season's trophy winner, leads the field with 3263 points. Threatening their security is Winters with 3123 points and Glendon with 2893 points.

Close races are a feature of both the men's and women's divisions. The Winters ladies lead the pack with 1400 points — only 40 ahead of Glendon. In the men's division Glendon, with 2046, also trails the leaders from Stong with 2161 points.