

Hockey coach looks for a greater scoring punch in the playoffs

By ROBERTA DI MAIO

Last Thursday night, the York Yeomen hockey team ended the season on a bright note against the Waterloo Warriors, defeating them by a score of 4-3, good for second place overall.

After two difficult wins against McMaster and RMC, York's hockey coach Dave Chambers made some changes that made the difference. "We looked better tonight and we're coming together," Chambers said.

The Yeomen had quite a struggle with MacMaster, Laurentian and RMC but finally got their team together for the game against the Warriors.

Greg Rolston potted a hat trick for the Yeomen and Brian Gray scored the other goal. Gray left the game in the latter part of the second period after a mid-air collision with a Waterloo Warrior.

The Yeomen have consistently

played with intensity each game but often it hasn't shown up on the scoreboard. "Our intensity is high and we seem to win but we don't win by much," Chambers said.

The Warriors brought with them many supportive fans and a loud goaltender who offered play-by-play calls for the spectators.

The fans attempted to verbally throw off York's goaltending Scott Mosey. Mosey was clearly heard from when a disputed kicked-in goal was allowed and the Warriors tied the game at three.

The York Yeomen enter the quarter-finals this upcoming weekend against the McMaster Marlins Friday night at the York Ice Arena and Saturday night in Hamilton. York will host the third game, if necessary.

The Yeomen played the Marlins twice in regular season games defeating them 5-0 and 3-1.



DON'T RAISE THAT STICK! An unidentified York defenseman goes to great lengths to protect goaltender Scott Mosey.

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Basketball results . . . some good news, some bad news

York settles for third spot

By DAVID BUNDAS

The basketball Yeomen are once again playoff bound after finishing a rebuilding season third in their division with a 7-5 record.

After three consecutive perfect seasons, their record may not sound like much of an accomplishment but considering the team's youth and inexperience, it has been quite successful. York hasn't been blown out of any game and their starting five can rival any in Ontario.

Laurentian (9-3) hosts the divisional finals tomorrow and faces Ryerson (6-6) while York takes on their cross-town rivals, the U of T Blues (8-4). The final game will be played on Saturday.

The Yeomen created their own destiny by virtue of last week's 85-72 victory over the Ryerson Rams. "We

made up for an overtime loss against them (Ryerson) which I thought we should have won," coach Bob Bain said. "It was a really big game for us and you could tell right away that the guys wanted to win."

Rookie Stafford Lowe has steadily progressed over the season, and led York scorers with 18 points and 16 rebounds. Another rookie, Lance Winn, chipped in with 17 and is a constant three point threat from the outside, and Jeff McDermid had 17 points and 11 rebounds.

Seven of York's 11 players are rookies, and Stuart Levinsky is the only senior. When second year man Paul Rosenberg went down to an injury the Yeomen lost a valuable player off the bench and this is an area that York must improve. "Right now it would be nice to have a little more experience coming off the bench," Bain said. Another rookie, Rick Scragg, is a third year York student who is playing for the Yeomen after improving his game in the off-season. He is the first substitute

at the guard position and must be able to carry the load when starters are on the bench resting.

York has split their games against the Blues this year and must come up with a big effort to defeat them. U of T has been hot of late winning their last three games of the regular season, following a loss to the Yeomen

Ladies ousted from playoffs

A strange turn of events has prevented the Yeowomen basketball team from advancing to the OWIAA playoffs.

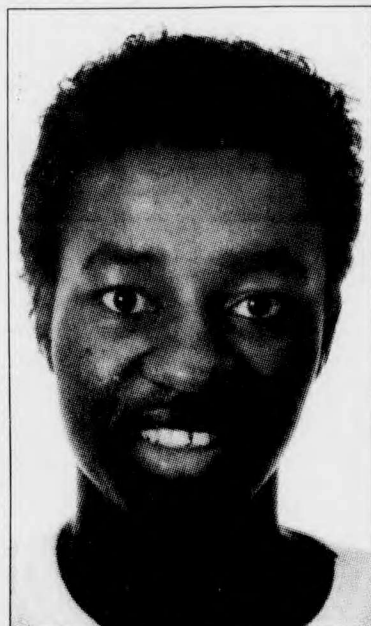
Instead of finishing the season with an 8-4 record (third place in their division) the team has had four wins taken away because they were using an ineligible player in those games.

Canadian University regulations

state that an athlete participating on a varsity team must be a full-time student. To qualify a student must take a 60 percent workload or at least three full year courses. Senior Jean Graham started the year with three and a half courses but dropped a full year course in the middle of January without discussing the implications with her coach.

"Unfortunately she didn't talk to either coach (Bill) Pangos or myself to question her eligibility," head of Women's athletics at York Mary Lyons said. "Had we known back then (January) we would have encouraged her to do otherwise, or not have used her in any games."

As things stand, the Yeowomen finish the season with eight points and tied with Ottawa for the final playoff position. Ottawa advances to the playoffs because Graham played in the two York victories against Ottawa.



JEAN GRAHAM

Johnson mobbed by adoring track crowd

By ROY T. ANDERSON

For 9-year-old Jason Campbell of Scarborough, Ontario, the fleeting feet of Ben Johnson, the number one ranked sprinter in the world, are "totally awesome."

This youngster has been one of Johnson's most ardent supporters for the last few years. He has followed him from his bronze-medal performance at the 1984 Summer Olympics, to his 1987 world record performances. "Ben is my hero," he says.

There is a sad note to all this however; Campbell has yet to meet his favourite star. The only chance he gets to see him is when he appears on television.

The Hamilton Spectator Indoor Games were held two weeks ago at the Copps Coliseum, and hundreds of youth were able to meet up with Johnson, something Campbell wishes to do very soon.

After winning the 50 metre event, Johnson was immediately greeted by this throng which had descended into the infield, consisting mainly of youngsters like Campbell yearning for a chance to see their hero up close. He was subsequently taken out of the coliseum by security people who said afterwards they feared for Johnson's safety.

It did not appear that Johnson was in any immediate danger at the Hamilton meet; in fact, he seemed to be revelling in the treatment that was accorded to him. Cecil Smith, the

meet director and head of the Ontario Track and Field Association, commented that "This is the sort of treatment that's reserved for stars in Europe. It (the treatment) is totally foreign to Canadians, but when the kids went up to Ben after his race, it didn't appear he was in any apparent danger at all. It was a nice sight to see."

Amidst autograph signing later on at a reception, Johnson told *Excalibur* he didn't feel he was in any danger. "I didn't mind those kids coming up to me after my race," he says, "but I must admit I was pretty tired."

The competition was also a success for a number of York University athletes. York collected four gold medals and one bronze. On the day program Catia Botos won the 3000 metre run and Richard Hislop, the 300 metres. Before a crowd of over 10,000 at the night-time segment, Hislop collected another gold medal in leading the men's 4 x 400 metre relay team to victory. Julie Brooks was victorious in the university 50 metre dash, and York's Kieth Dorman placed third in the men's sprint.

York has now qualified 13 athletes for the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union (CIAU) Championships, to be held March 14 and 15 in Saskatchewan. But first they will be engaged in competition at the Ontario Universities final in Windsor next week.

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