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## Sports



## Defeat U of T in 2-0 cliff hanger

## York wins Group II of Hockey Canada

By PHIL CRANLEY

In a rather anticlimactic fashion the Loyola Warriors skated to an easy 4-0 victory in the final of the first annual Hockey Canada Tournament. Only 4,400 people showed up to see the close-checking, slow game and the fans were just as much asleep as the York team, who suffered a definite mental letdown after their thrilling victory the night before.

In comparison, the Yeomen-Blues classic drew over six thousand screaming boisterous fans, about 70 per cent York supporters. The two teams in that one put on a hockey display that is rarely matched in professional ranks. Those lucky enough to witness York's 2-0 shutout over the Blues saw 55 minutes of scoreless hockey with sensational goaltending and end to end rushes throughout. It was only in the last five minutes of the game that the Yeomen managed to get past the superb Varsity defence and goalie Grant Cole at the same time. Earlier in the game York had several opportunities to score when they found holes in the Blues blueline corps but they were stopped time and again by Cole. At the other end of the rink Bill Holden stole all the glory with some saves which had the multitude of pro scouts in attendance blinking in disbelief, and the crowd roaring its approval. Holden faced 38 shots to 33 for Cole over the entire 60 minutes, but it seemed that Holden had more saves of the spectacular variety than did Cole. Both goalies were called upon to stop breakaways. Late in the second period Mac Hickox of the Blues was in alone on Holden but he shot a few inches wide of the net when he went for the small space between the goalies skate and the post. Then early in the final period Murray Stroud skated in unmolested. He decked Cole with a head fake but couldn't lift the puck over his outstretched leg. It was a fantastic save and it seemed to lift the Blues at that point. The teams had kept up a blistering pace from the opening whistle and it was a credit to their conditioning that they could keep going at all since this was their third game in as many nights.

## One goal ahead

Everyone in the Gardens knew that the first goal would win the game. The Blues were under added pressure though because York was ahead by one goal in the 'goals for, minus goals against' column. This meant that if there was a tie in the game, York would win the Group II title. A tie meant elimination to the Blues.

However a tie was not to be the outcome of this classic. At 15:23 of the third period Steve Latinovich got a one-on-one break at left wing. Murray Stroud was being closely checked by two men as he tried to catch up to the play. Steve couldn't get around the one defenceman in front of him so he let a wicked slapshot go which Cole stopped. But the Blues goalie couldn't control the rebound and it came out to his left. When Stroud saw the loose puck he told this reporter that he made a frantic burst of speed and got to it just a hair before he was knocked down by a defender. As he was falling, the ice general of the Yeomen flicked the puck high into the open side of the net. The York fans went crazy and the players mobbed Stroud. The Blues now needed two goals to win; an impossible task against the fired up Yeomen with only four and a half minutes to play.

Stroud's goal had been scored with both sides having a man in the penalty box. As play resumed the Blues started to press but no sooner had the teams returned to full strength when Dave McDowell took a cheap shot in his frustration at Yeoman Don Fraser. This would have left the Blues shorthanded for two minutes of the twenty remaining. But, unfortunately for Varsity, McDowell only served four seconds of his penalty. From the faceoff in the Blues end, Stroud got the puck back to Licio Cengarle who immediately passed it over to Latinovich. Steve took a forehand golf-swing at the puck and it caught Cole moving the wrong way. That was the clincher. York 2, U of T 0, York won the Group II title, the Senator Joseph A. Sullivan trophy, and the right to advance into the final with Loyola who had upset St. Marys the same evening by a 3-2 score.

## Loyola 4, York 0

It was a different story on Tuesday night,

though, when Loyola flew in from Montreal after their surprise upset over St. Marys. Whereas the Yeomen shut the Blues out for the first time in competition in many years, Loyola pulled the same trick on them 24 hours later. Both teams were playing their fourth game in four nights, something not even the pros attempt. The tournament organizers should have visualized a dull final with two tired teams because that is what occurred. The Warriors were by far the superior team on the night as the Yeomen seemed listless and uninspired. There was a big letdown after the victory over the Blues. Stroud, the York captain, said that he couldn't remember being more tired after a game than after the U of T match. Also coach Dave Draper of Loyola was able to fire up his team by reminding them of their 7-4 loss to these same Yeomen last March in the Canadian Championships.

The Warriors got sweet revenge by scoring two goals in each of the first two periods and then hanging on for the victory. The Yeomen did outshoot Loyola 20-6 in the final frame but they had no luck in the sniping department.

On route to the finals the Yeomen beat the University of Calgary 8-3 and Laurentian University 5-1. Below are the summaries of these two victories.

## York 8, U of Calgary 3

On Saturday night (December 26) York met the Calgary Dinosaurs to open the tournament. Both teams seemed tense at the start and a cautious style of play prevailed throughout the first and second periods. Licio Cengarle had the only goal of the first period on a low shot from a sharp angle to the far side of the net. Stroud assisted on the play. In the second, Cengarle scored his and York's second goal of the game at 7:01. Ron Mark and Latinovich got assists on the goal which came from a scramble in front of Calgary goalie Gord Konowalyk. Then John Fraser of the Dinosaurs narrowed the Yeomen's lead to one goal with Calgary's first goal of the tournament, just 56 seconds later. However Rick Bowering scooted into the clear from the faceoff at centre ice following Calgary's marker and put a perfect shot high into the net. The second period ended with the score 3-1 for York.

Kent Pollard got the fourth Yeoman goal unassisted while he was killing a penalty at 0:26. Calgary's Steve Richardson kept the dinosaurs in the game with a goal at 1:10. But that was the dying gasp. From then on the Yeomen were swarming all around the Calgary end of the ice.

Ron Mark put the game out of reach at 4:37 with assists going to Bob Modray and Latinovich. Then Steve Mitchell unassisted, Latinovich from Stroud and Don Fraser, and Modray from Mark finished off the York scoring.

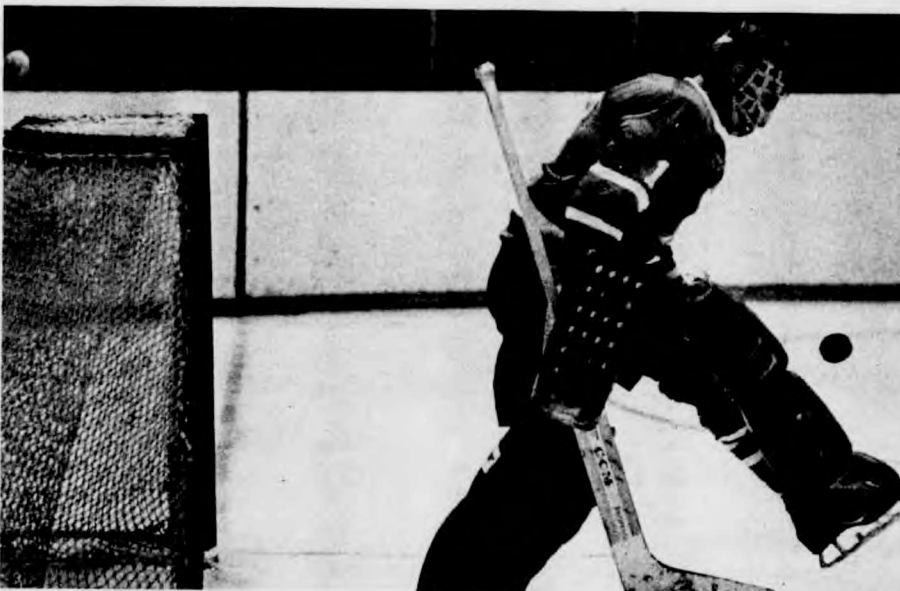
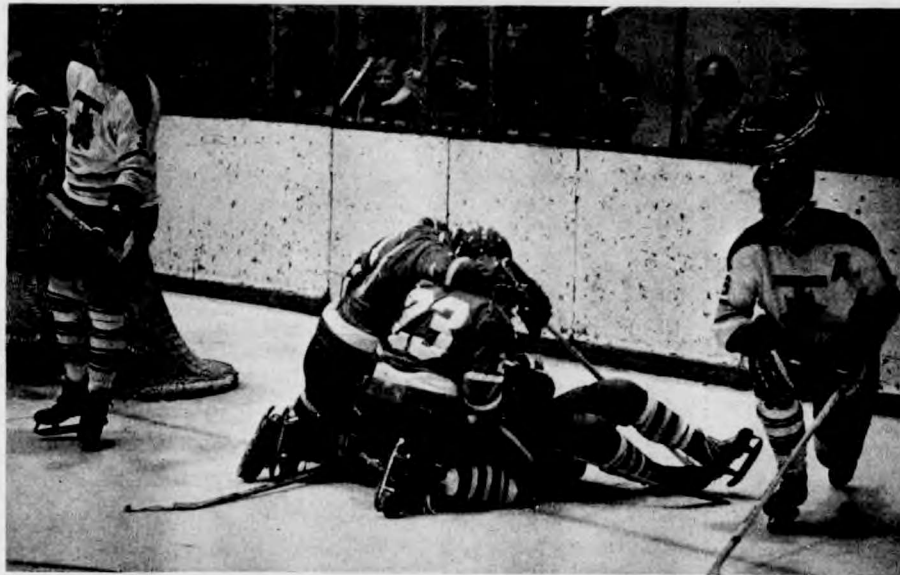
## SPORTS CALENDAR

Sat — 8 pm. . . Hockey vs Queens  
Mon — 8 pm. . . Hockey vs Ryerson  
Tue — 5 pm. . . Ski team formation meeting, 3rd floor, Tait Bldg.  
Tue — 6:15 pm. . . J-V Basketball vs Centennial College  
Tue — 6:30 pm. . . Volleyball vs George Brown College  
Tue — 7 pm. . . Women's Hockey vs Western  
Tue — 8:15 pm. . . Basketball vs Waterloo Lutheran University  
Wed — 7 pm. . . Women's Basketball vs Ryerson

In the other games played the same night the scores were: U of T 4, Laurentian 2; Loyola 6, Laval 4; St. Marys 12, Sherbrooke 1.

## York 5, Laurentian 1

Of course every game in a tournament is important but this one had special meaning for the Yeomen because this was the first meeting of the year with their only real threat in league play. A big victory over Laurentian added a great deal of confidence to their hopes of beating them again in their league competition and the retention of their OIAA title. Laurentian turned out to be a much improved team over last year. They have added Mike Fox a great defenceman from the Oshawa Generals and Rick Morris



TIM CLARK

TOP: Two U of T players reveal disappointment in the face of York's glee after Stroud's winning goal.

BOTTOM: York goalie Bill Holden stops one of 38 shots directed at him in a superb performance against the Blues.

who played for Dallas Black Hawks of the Central Pro League last year. These two players add speed, strength and poise to the balanced Voyageur attack.

Usually whenever these two teams meet their is a great deal of rough and sometimes dirty hockey. According to an informed source Jack Porter, the Laurentian coach, instructed his men to goad Steve Latinovich into a fight, thereby incurring the automatic game misconduct penalty. Quite a compliment for Latinovich since Porter was willing to sacrifice one of his own men to get rid of the 'firecracker', number 23. Anyhow, after several close skirmishes, Laurentian's Valiquette (remember the guy who was spearing in last year's league final) tried to high stick Latinovich. Steve had to protect himself and after the ensuing battle both players were given minors, majors and game misconducts. This happened after 10 minutes of play. There was no scoring in the period with Laurentian getting eight penalties to York's seven.

The second period saw some very close checking with play mostly in the centre ice area. The teams traded goals early in the period with Kent Pollard scoring from a scramble in front of Laurentians goalie Matt Thorp. The goal was made possible by some hard digging on the part of Poliard's linemates, Bowering and Don Fraser. Bowering earned an assist. 34 seconds after Pollards counter, Mickey Jurynec tallied for the Voyageurs.

It seemed someone in the stands had blown a whistle and while everybody on the ice stopped skating, Jurynec rapped the puck into the net. After two periods then, the score was 1-1 and Laurentian had outshot York 22-21. Up to that point the Yeomen definitely had not played to their full potential.

Goalie Bill Holden was showing his worth by making several spectacular saves while waiting for his forwards to get untracked. During the intermission between the second and third periods, Mrs. Stroud, (Murray's mother) an expert hockey fan and a

fanatical York supporter, went to the dressing room to express her dissatisfaction with the teams effort. This gesture may have sparked the club, because they came out for the final period like gang-busters. The Yeomen came over the Voyageur blueline in waves. It was a relentless attack and because of the pace of the first two periods, Laurentian had trouble keeping up. York scored four unanswered goals in the period.

First Licio Cengarle got his third goal in two nights at 0:38 with Stroud assisting. Next it was Ron Mark who scored a beautiful goal when he zipped around a defenceman, cut for the goal and after decking Thorp, deposited the third York goal over the red line. John Hirst assisted on that goal as well as the next one by Bob Modray. The entire threesome crossed the blueline in unison. Hirst laid a perfect pass onto Mark's stick who in turn relayed it to Modray on the goalie's doorstep. 'Modes' rapped it high into the mesh. Stroud finished the scoring when he fired a Cengarle pass through the goalkeepers legs. The Yeomen outshot the opposition 20-11 in the third period.

This victory set up the classic confrontation with the Blues the following night. Other scores the same night were: U of T 7, Calgary 1; Loyola 6, Sherbrooke 4; St. Marys 11, Laval 2.

Upon reflection of the Hockey Canada Tournament it seems that there are four teams in Canada that could beat any of the others on a given night. These are St. Marys of Halifax, U of T, York and Loyola. By losing in the final to Loyola, the Yeomen have created a challenge for themselves. It's a long road to the National Championships in Sudbury in March but if they get there they can look forward to a match against the Warriors from Montreal. When you are second best (in Canada) you have to try harder.

But on January 29, at Varsity Arena there will be another Yeomen-Blues clash — and that's a challenge of another sort!!