

Basketball Yeomen win three in a row

By DAVID BUNDAS

York's basketball Yeomen are back in the hunt for a playoff position after beating arch-rival University of Toronto Blues 90-85 for their third win in a row.

The Yeomen have pushed their record to 5-3 to tie the Blues in the standings. Last Friday, York downed the division leading Queen's Golden Gaels by 19 points behind Stu Levinsky's 32 points. The Yeomen then took care of the Ottawa Gee-Gees to a tune of 92-81 on the following day, in front of CHCH's television crew, with Jeff McDermid and Mike Sherwood each breaking the 20 point plateau.

The U of T game was a scrappy hard-fought victory, with the Yeomen blowing away the Blues in the second half after leading by only one point at the half. York ran up a 20 point (72-52) lead, and at one stage of the game held the Blues scoreless for over five minutes of play with a tenacious defensive effort.

Lance Winn led all scorers with 27 points, including six three-point plays. Winn received help from McDermid and Mike Sherwood who added 21 and 17 respectively.

Coach Bob Bain was elated with the victory and heaped praise on the effort of rookie Stafford Lowe saying, "I thought he played a hell of a game on the boards, especially in their offensive zone." Lowe picked up six offensive rebounds and five on defence to lead his team. He also had an added responsibility playing the centre position on the offensive zone, which is usually occupied by veteran Stu Levinsky. "The move was really made because Levinsky is a better shooter from the side and Stafford has been fantastic under the boards," explained Bain.



JAMMING: Jeff McDermid skies high on the offensive boards.

John Karpis led the Blues with 22 points, and guard Sam Hill added 17, including a couple of three pointers late in the game keeping the fans in their seats until the final buzzer sounded.

The late rally by U of T paid off because it cut the Yeomen's victory to just five points. Should the Blues and Yeomen tie for the final playoff position the Blues would advance by virtue of their 11 point victory over York earlier in the season. York has

a better inter-divisional record to their credit.

The Yeomen travel this weekend, with games against Ottawa and Carleton. "It's a crucial road trip for us, and although the teams are below us in the standings we know they'll be tough because U of T lost both against them," Bain said.

A pair of wins on the weekend would extend York's winning streak to five games and virtually guarantee them a playoff spot.

York in a tight race for top spot

By ROBERTA DI MAIO

Two losses don't put you in the dog house.

After losing two games and going from first place to third place in the OUA standings, York hockey coach Dave Chambers knows of the tough battle ahead.

"It's a very close race," said Chambers referring to the one point spread between York and the two top teams. Waterloo, Western and York have 31, 30 and 29 points respectively.

Last Wednesday night, in Waterloo, York lost to the Laurier Golden Hawks by a score of 7-4. One week prior to this game, the very same Golden Hawks were defeated by the Ryerson Rams who hold down last place in the division.

There must be parity if Ryerson

can beat Laurier and lose to York earlier in the season.

York defenseman Mike James was injured in the game against Laurier. James strained wrist ligaments when he was levelled with a good check by Golden Hawks' defenseman Eric Colder. James' injury kept him out of the line-up against the Olympians.

Laurier scored three power play goals in the game and "our penalty killing wasn't effective," added Chambers.

Last Friday night, the Ice Palace, filled with over 400 fans, provided the setting for an exciting game as York and Laurier tied 3-3. 29 seconds into the second period, Laurier scored its second power play goal against York goaltender Scott Mosey.

Scoring for the Yeomen were Tom

Vanatter, Bob Nicholson and Dirk Rueter. York outshot Laurier 40-26 with Mosey stopping 23 shots.

This evening, the York Yeomen will host the McMaster Marauders. The last game York played against McMaster, York defeated them 5-0. According to Chambers, "we had a tough game against them the last time."

Marauders' hockey coach Bob Corey said yesterday, that "our 5-0 loss against York last time was because of our inability to put the puck in the net." Corey is expecting a tough time and said his team "has to play well, check, work hard, skate and most of all keep our pride."

"Last year we approached York in awe of them, and thought we were going to get beat and we got annihilated."



YORK ALL-STARS: From left to right: Greg Rolston, Bob Nicholson, Dirk Rueter, Brian Small, Brian Gray, Bill Maguire, Rick Morocco, Lou Kiriakou. Missing: Brian MacDonald, Mike James, Scott Mosey.

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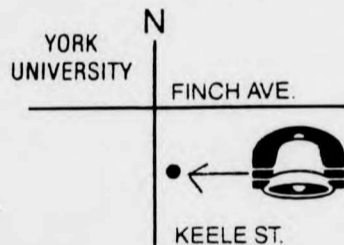
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