

CIAU BOUND!!

Yeomen cagers dump 'Stangs 92-76 for OUAA crown

By GARY SCHOLICH

After one year of reflection on last year's Ontario University Athletic Association championship loss to Waterloo, the York Basketball Yeomen are once again the Ontario title holders.

Before a capacity crowd at the Tait McKenzie Gym, the Yeomen overpowered the Western Mustangs 92-76.

The Yeomen received tremendous fan support as the upper east side of the bleachers was a "Robes Gallery" of outlandishly dressed York boosters.

The precise routines of Western's cheerleaders were upstaged by the slapstick imitations of six York people clad in bedsheets and gym shorts.

As the York cheerleading section put on a show for the CHCH-TV channel 11 crew, so did the Yeomen. Enzo Spagnuolo had 23 points and nine rebounds in leading the York team to the Wilson cup. Spagnuolo was also York's MVP in the game.

Typical of York's effort was the scoring depth demonstrated by all five staffers. Mark Jones scored 17 points while Grant Pafovec chipped in another 16. The big men, John Christensen and Tim Rider, added 15 and 14 points respectively.

Western was led by Blair Shiver's strong 23 point performance while Scott McKenzie contributed 15.

Altogether, York shot 52 percent from the field and 66 percent from the free-throw line.

Coach Bob Bain was impressed with the team's total performance which saw the bench turn in a strong effort in the second half when Bain rested some of his top guns.

Wayne Shaw was the most visible of the reserves, scoring five points and pulling off three steals.

With a 42-33 halftime lead, Bain told his players "nothing special" except to keep up the tough defense and hard play.

"Our game plan was to contain Ross Hurd (centre) on the inside and Scott McKenzie (forward) on the

outside. We also wanted to run against them."

The game plan was well executed. "We boarded well and neutralized their big men," Bain added. In doing so York asserted its scoring power to put the game out of reach.

Along with Shaw's strong effort, John Christensen also received praise for unsung work.

"John did his usual quiet job. He altered a lot of shots on defense. Defensively, I'd have to say he is one of the big men in league," Bain said afterwards.

Bain was surprised that York's opponent was Western rather than Waterloo. "They played a strong game and were on a role," Bain said of the Mustangs. "Waterloo on the other hand didn't play all that well."

In preparing for this weekend's regional in Ottawa, Bain feels that two victories over Waterloo, and a pair of hard-fought wins over U of T earlier on in the season could prove to be beneficial for his team's confidence and momentum.

Yeowomen gymnasts complete season, capture coveted second National crown

By ELISSA S. FREEMAN

Becoming the number one gymnastics team in the country was only a matter of time for the Yeowomen squad.

After capturing the Ontario championships and winning five out of six league competitions this season, the team's superiority was demonstrated to the rest of the country at the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union (CIAU) meet last weekend at the University of Alberta.

"We were psychologically better prepared and physically better prepared—we couldn't miss," said coach Natasa Bajin.

York took top honors with 97.3 points. U.B.C. placed second collecting 96.55 points. McMaster, who was second in Ontario, accumulated 95.35 points for fourth place.

York's Barb Nutzenberger led the way for York as she tied former National team member Sara Aggis, from Laurier, for fifth place in the all-round. There were 37 competitors. Nutzenberger also finished third on the balance beam and sixth on the uneven bars. Kathy White was fifth

in the beam event and 12th in the all-round, followed by Linda Kunaskko who finished seventh and 14th, respectively. Grethchen Kerr leaped to seventh place honors in the vault and 17th in the all-round. Beth

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Johns and Kim Douglas rounded out the team's accomplishments finishing 18th and 19th, respectively, in the all-round.

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Old faces take up new positions at York

Chambers to head hockey, Cosentino new gridiron coach

By MARK ZWOLINSKI

York University announced the dual appointments of Dave Chambers and Frank Cosentino to the head coaching positions in the University's football and hockey programs yesterday afternoon.

Chambers, a physical education professor at York since 1972, takes over the men's hockey program from Bob Hedley who resigned from his coaching duties eight days ago after two years behind the York bench.

Cosentino, who also teaches physical education at York, fills the vacancy in the men's football program after Dave Pickett's resignation as head coach in October 1983.

Both Chambers and Cosentino are past coaches at York in their respective programs, and bring a wealth of both playing and coaching experience to their positions.

Chambers directed the ice-hockey Yeomen to national rankings in his five year stint as head coach from 1972 to 1977.

He took over as head coach of the Toronto Marlies from ex-Leaf great George Armstrong in the 1979-1980 season and guided the Dukes to a second-place finish in the Emms division.

Chambers moved to Europe after his OHA campaign where he coached the Italian national team for three

years before returning to York to resume his teaching career.

As a player he was a member of the Canadian National men's hockey team and holds physical education degrees from the University of Toronto and the University of British Columbia as well as a Ph.D. from Ohio State.

He is also the author of the book "Complete Hockey Instruction."

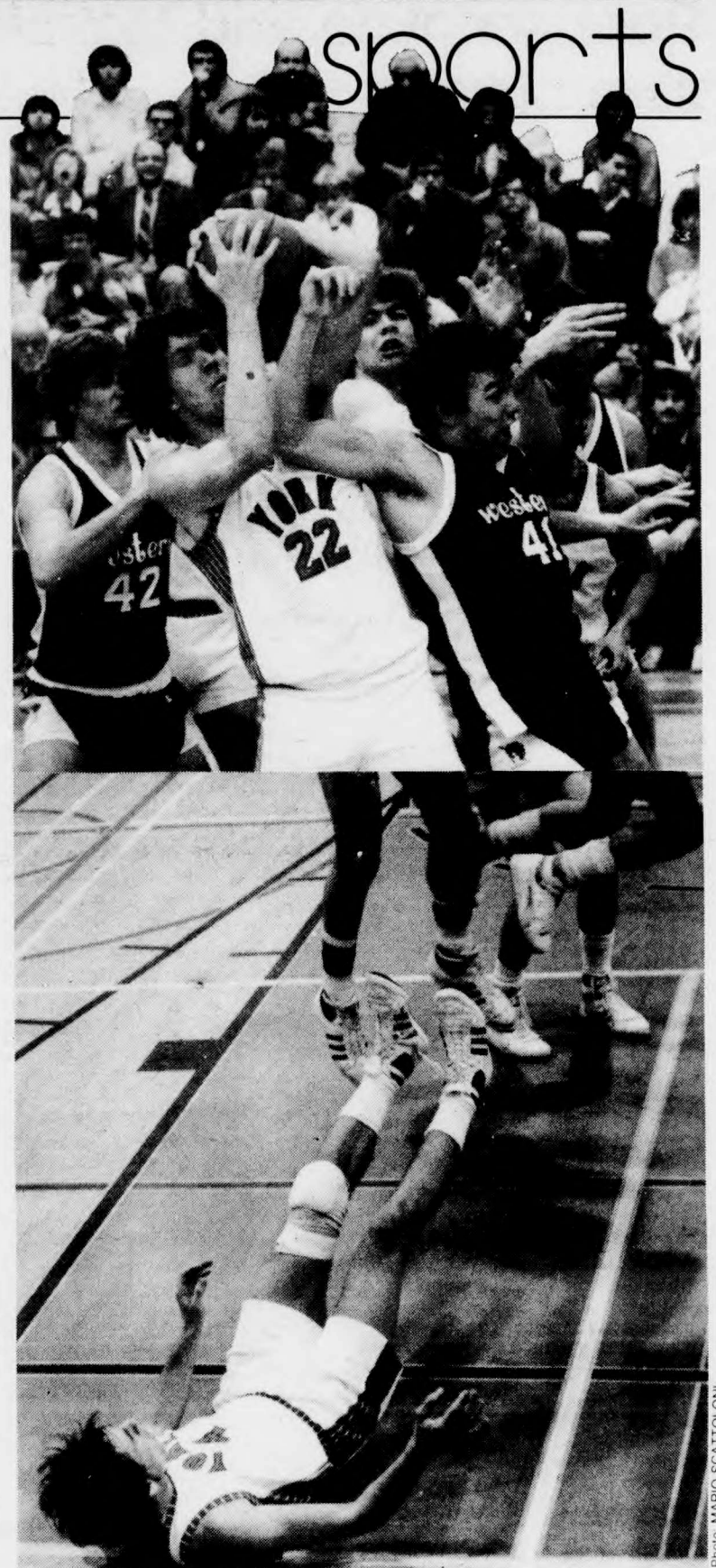
Cosentino, who spent 10 years as a quarterback in the CFL, playing with the Edmonton Eskimos, the Hamilton Tiger Cats, and the Toronto Argonauts, coached York to its best won-lost record (3-4) in the program's 11-year history back in the 1978-79 season.

As a coach at the University of Western Ontario, Cosentino guided the Mustangs to Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union (CIAU) titles in 1971 and 1974.

He will be joined by another former CFL great, Knobby Wirkowski, who was named associate head coach in addition to his position of coordinator of men's athletics at York.

Wirkowski, a native of Chicago who founded York's football program in 1971, quarterbacked the Toronto Argonauts to their last Grey Cup championship (before the 1983 season) in 1952.

"If we were able to go out and pick three coaches, those three would have been the people we wanted," said Stuart Robbins, director of Physical Education and Athletics at York. "We are very pleased to have three great people serving our athletic programs."



Number 22 Tim Rider (top) has legs, but they're a lot nicer than the ones that Enzo Spagnuolo (bottom) is looking at from his down under vantage point. York won their 5th OUAA crown in 7 years with a 92-76 decision over the Western Mustangs.

Tough season for wrestlers

By AARON RODGERS

York wrestler Aaron Hume finished third in the Ontario University Athletic Association finals—qualifying for the CIAU championship—as the team ended their season two weeks ago.

Hume, who finished fifth at the CIAU finals in Saskatoon, enjoyed a successful year. Though regularly in the 158 lb. class he wrestled at 167 lbs. at McMaster and won.

He didn't do as well at the Canada Cup where he was defeated after two rounds of stiff competition. He also won the Queen's Invitational, in his own class.

Coach Albert Venditti described the year as "inconsistent," blaming the Yeomen's less than spectacular season on a "big turnover with many new guys" since many had graduated or stopped wrestling since last year.

Wrestler Kevin Gregg said that this was his "worst year ever" after five years of competition and believes the York administration doesn't give adequate recognition to the wrestling program. Gregg cited the "negative attitude" towards wrestling as one of his reasons for transferring to Western where there is a "more positive attitude exemplified by having a full-time coach and more than one mat surface."

About Gregg's complaints, Aaron said that's "the way it goes" and agreed that York had a poor administration. He agrees that a teacher-coach would be more convenient and that as it stands the coach "doesn't have the pull" that a full-time coach would have.

Both wrestlers also spoke of the rumored attempt to hold the Canada Cup at York instead of Humber College. Such an event would have "put York on the Map" since it was an international tournament with television coverage. Venditti said that it was simply a "matter of booking."

The coach added that wrestling has always been a "low-priority sport" with a "backdoor for facilities, equipment, budget, and press."

Venditti agrees that a full-time or teacher-coach would be helpful and is optimistic about the team for next year. He enjoys coaching and likes to see the progress in people like Hume who he has coached since coming to York.