

## Sports



York's Al Avery (11) and Tim Ampleford (21) raise their sticks in jubilation following Ampleford's power play goal in the second period in the Friday night

game against the University of Toronto Blues. The Blues downed the Yeomen 8-4 for York's first loss of the regular season.

## York cagers defeat Ryerson

By ALAN RISEN

Ryerson's basketball Rams, who chased York Tuesday night all the way to the final whistle before succumbing 62-57 are one of the biggest arguments against the polytechnical's withdrawal from OUAA athletic competition.

The entire Ryerson athletic budget is presently being reviewed by a task force to see if the money can't be better spent on intra-mural sports and other activities.

The biggest beef of the Student Union is the lack of competitiveness of their teams in the university league.

But the basketball Rams' fine play

this season, which included victories over Queen's and RMC before York handed them their first regular season defeat, shows that Ryerson teams can be competitive.

Ryerson coach Ed DiArmon disputed the story that Rams players can't put in the same dedication as athletes in other schools because of the teaching/working format at Ryerson.

"All my players attend practice regularly and are very dedicated to the team," said DiArmon. "I wouldn't accept a coaching position if the situation were otherwise."

Tuesday night at York's Tait McKenzie gym, the Rams showed their perseverance. They trailed the Yeomen from the opening tip, but stayed close and almost pulled the game out in the final two minutes.

York narrowly missed grabbing defeat from the jaws of victory when they allowed Ryerson to close the gap from 11 to three points with six minutes to go in the game.

The score see-sawed for the next three minutes and the Yeomen called time-out with the score board showing York out in front 60-57 with three minutes to go.

Coach Bob Bain instructed the Yeomen to put a freeze on the ball, and the strategy almost backfired as Ryerson stole possession. Both teams then proceeded to play dropy with the basketball until York's Mike Betcherman, consistently the team's top player this year, drove in for a lay-up and drew a foul. He sunk both shots from the charity line to ice away York's second victory in three starts.

Friday, the Yeomen ventured up to the dark interior of Sudbury to do battle with the Laurentian Voyageurs. The Sudbury Samurai, as they are affectionately known around the league due to the hatchet job usually performed by their hockey team, cut into York's early season optimism by trouncing them 100-75.

The Voyageurs, last year's eastern OUAA champs, shot an impressive 52 per cent from the floor compared to a measly 28 per cent for York.

Don Charuba led the Laurentian attack with 27 points and 18 rebounds. Ev Spence was York's high scorer with 18 points, followed by Vince Santoro and Betcherman, who hooped 12 apiece.

The taller Voyageurs, boasting centreman Paul Mouseau at 6'8", dominated the boards, often getting fourth and fifth shots at the York basket. Betcherman and Jeff Simbrow grabbed 15 rebounds each for York in the losing cause.

Sunday, the Yeomen were bounced 85-44 by Lakehead, the number two team in the nation. Romeo Calegario racked up 16 points for York, followed by Betcherman with 10.

## Blues put end to York win streak

By ED PIWOWARCZYK

The University of Toronto Blues gave no indication they were about to relinquish their hockey dynasty as they rolled over the sluggish York Yeomen 8-4 Friday night at Varsity arena.

The Blues, Ontario and national champions for the past five seasons, were supposed to be weakened by the loss of all-star forwards Bill Buba and Bob Munro and all-star netminder Bruce Durno. Coupling this with the fact the Blues lost three of four exhibition matches on a western swing, experts were making this the year the Varsity domination of the OUAA was to end.

Friday night, though, in a battle of the undefeated, the Blues picked up where they left off last spring, outplaying, outskating and outthrusting their opponents at all positions.

Don Pagnutti, Kent Ruhnke and Doug Herridge bagged two apiece for the Blues with singles going to Ivan McFarlane and Al Milnes.

Doug Dunsmuir led the York attack with two goals. Tim Ampleford and Rick Martin added to the total.

"They did what we talked about doing," said coach Dave Chambers in reference to the Toronto forechecking which kept York bottled up in their own end for most of the game.

The Varsity domination was established in the opening period when

the Blues peppered York netminder Wayne Weatherbee with 18 shots, while the Yeomen could only put six in the direction of the Toronto net. The only serious threat mounted by York in the period was a missed breakaway by winger Barry Jenkins.

Pagnutti opened scoring with a power play marker at 8:30 when he poked a loose puck past Weatherbee. The Blues went to the dressing room with a 2-0 lead when Pagnutti deflected a shot into the net on a power play at the end of the period.

After only three and a half minutes of the second period, the Blues had extended their lead to 4-0 on markers by Herridge and McFarlane.

York staged a mini-rally on two quick power play goals by Dunsmuir and Ampleford to narrow the gap to 4-2, a margin erased by Milnes and Herridge before the end of the period.

Ruhnke upped the Toronto margin to 8-2 with two goals in the final frame before Martin threaded a shot past Varsity netminder Jim Campbell, and Dunsmuir combined with Ampleford for the former's second goal.

PUCKNOTES: Toronto outshot York 53-26 . . . the Yeomen travel to Windsor for a league encounter with the Windsor Lancers before returning to the Ice Palace to meet the Guelph Gryphons in an exhibition match Tuesday at 8:15 p.m.

## Fewer defaults during past week

By RICK SPENCE

Games played and completed outnumbered defaults in last week's inter-college sports for the first time in some weeks, although women's sports still suffer from a lack of participation.

In men's hockey Glendon trounced MBA 13-4, Bethune clobbered the graduate's team 10-1, Founders humiliated Calumet 8-1, Stong hammered Winters 6-1, and McLaughlin mangled Osgoode 4-1.

In coed basketball Glendon bested Bethune 34-29, but Vanier defaulted to Winters, as did Founders to Stong.

Men's basketball was more active last week, with only one default, which Stong's second team ceded to Vanier. Osgoode's second team did better in out-scoring Founders 29-21, although Founders recovered to overcome McLaughlin 39-32.

In inner-tube water polo, Stong clinched a playoff berth in battering Bethune 10-3.

In women's basketball defaults, Vanier and Stong won over Winters and Bethune respectively, while Glendon and McLaughlin shared a double default.

## Sports Briefs

### Men's volleyball team takes first

OTTAWA — At the University of Ottawa Saturday, York's men's volleyball squad finished first in an eight-team tournament. York downed Queen's 2-1 and then defeated Royal Military College, Carleton and Ottawa by identical scores of 2-0.

### York will host diving tournament

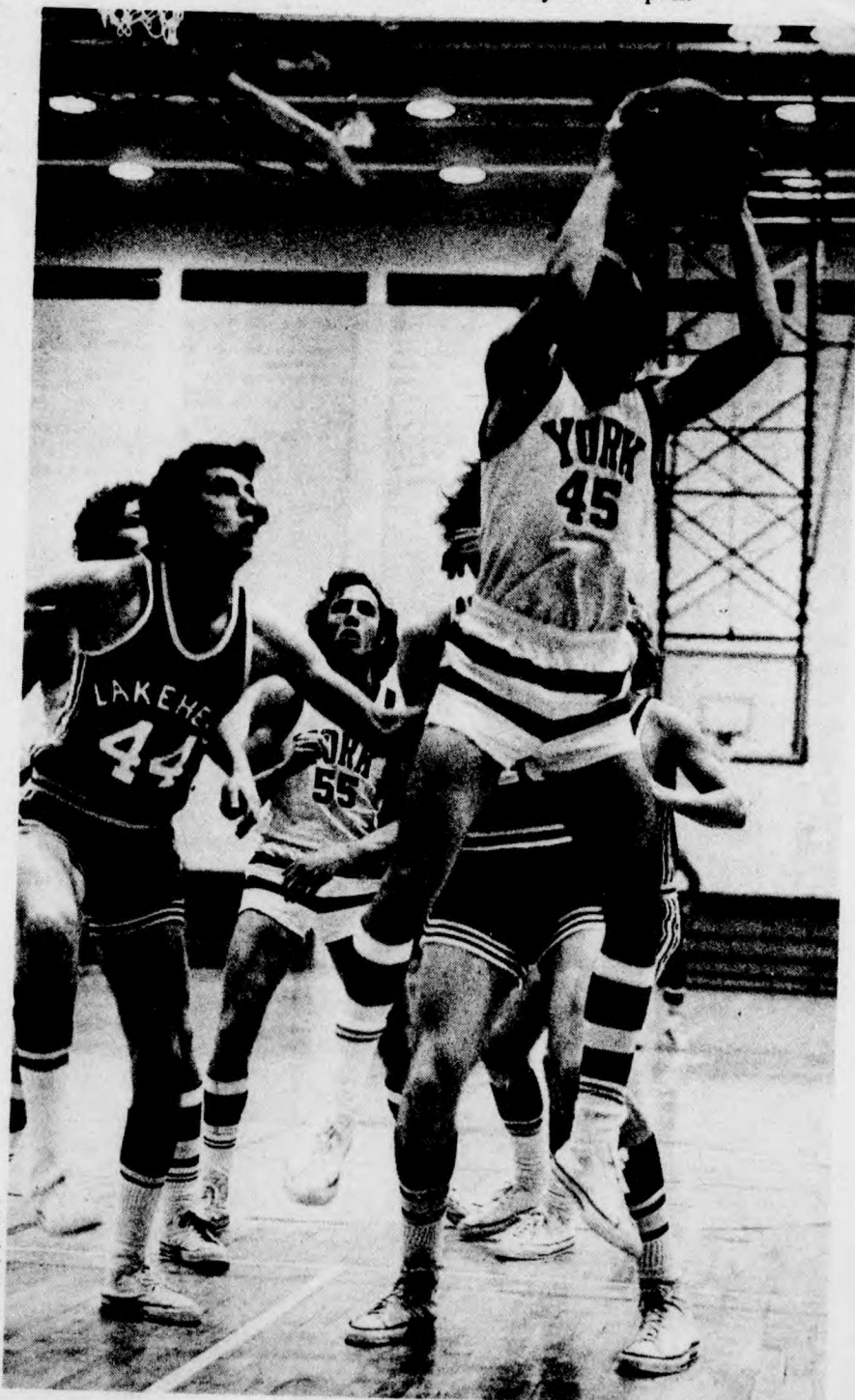
York will be hosting a diving tournament for both men and women Saturday. Besides York, the competitors will include the University of Toronto, McMaster, Laurentian, Guelph and Western. The action gets under way at 10 a.m.

### Volunteers needed for spirit band

Not to be outdone by their counterparts at the University of Toronto, a group of York students are getting together to try to form a spirit band to rival the Lady Godiva engineering band. Anyone who can play a musical instrument well enough to give a semblance of musical tone should contact Alex through the music office at Stong or phone him evenings at 769-1070.

### Wanted

One hundred female phys. ed. students are urgently needed to complete a questionnaire. Please come to the Excalibur office, Room 111, Central Square anytime today or tomorrow.



Bob Foley photo

York's rookie sensation Mike Betcherman leaps high to pull down a rebound against Lakehead, Sunday afternoon at Tait McKenzie gym. Betcherman's acrobatics were to no avail in this contest as the powerful Lakehead contingent proved their number two national standing by clobbering the Yeomen 85-44 in the exhibition game. York fared no better Friday night in regular season action in Sudbury where they were buried 100-75 by the Laurentian Voyageurs. But led by Betcherman's hot hand Tuesday night the Yeomen racked the Ryerson Rams 62-57 to raise their season's record to 2-1. Next home game for the cagers is Wednesday night against Guelph. Tip-off is 8:15 p.m.