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Hoopers overwhelm visiting Yanks



York's Chris McNeilly in mid-dribble at last Thursday's game

By Bruce Gates

"The Yeomen are moving now," was coach Bob Bain's verdict in the dressing room last Thursday night after his team had overwhelmed the visiting University of Manitoba Bisons, 101-66, in an exhibition basketball game.

Bain's words were a self-fulfilling prophecy, as York took another game on the weekend in Detroit - a 73-62 win over Shaw College. Dave Coulthard's 20 points and 15 by Lonnie Ramati did the damage there.

"So far we haven't played many tough teams," Bain explained. And that's the problem. York is in a class of its own in the OUAA East this year, and the team should easily win the conference and perhaps even the All-Ontarios again, unless the team goes belly up or grows soft from a lack of competition, which is something that concerns Bain.

The OUAA East is no yardstick of the Yeomen's capabilities. Nor was the Manitoba game, because the Bisons are a mere shadow of the team that was ranked number one in Canada last year. This year they're not even in the top ten.

Players like all-Canadian Martin Riley, 7 ft. centre Cliff Bell, and standout 6 ft. 2 in. swingman Greg Danils are no longer playing and leave the Bisons with only three or four experienced players.

"Our guys are too young and inexperienced yet as a team," offered Martin Riley, who's now one of Manitoba's assistant coaches.

If Riley were still playing, the score between York and the Bisons would have been closer. As it turned out, the game started as a barnburner and ended as a yawner. Lonnie Ramati opened the scoring with a hook shot. Then both teams traded points until Manitoba opened up a brief eight-point lead.

But by halftime, York had stormed back to lead, 48-34, and never looked back. They added 12 points in the first three minutes of the second half, which allowed them to sub freely and coast to victory.

Early in the game Bain felt Manitoba "hurt us badly inside" but that problem disappeared when the York offence caught fire and when Bain inserted Peter Greenway into the lineup.

"We've asked Peter to go pretty hard on the boards because he's tough there," Bain explained, and the strategy worked against Manitoba.

Toughness. That's a quality the Yeomen will need plenty of in order to beat the top Atlantic schools, where aggressive play is par for the course.

But if players like 6 ft. 7 in. Peter Greenway, 6 ft. 7 in. Paul Layefsky, 6 ft. 6 in. Ed Siebert and 6 ft. 4 in. Bo Pelech can use their ample size and muscle under the boards to help Lonnie Ramati in rebounding, the Yeomen could be very tough for anyone to stop.

Free throws: York goes to Guelph this weekend for a tournament... Against Manitoba, Lonnie Ramati sank 24 points, Dave Coulthard had 18, Chris McNeilly 14, Paul Jones and Bo Pelech 8 each, Peter Greenway 7, Lester Smith, Ed Siebert, Paul Layefsky 6 each, Ted Galka 4 and Ron Kaknevicus had 3 assists. John Taylor had 19 for Manitoba.

Gruelling badminton contest

By Mike Wallace

Badminton has not seen a more gruelling competition than last weekend's annual York invitational. Eight Ontario universities were represented by 13 teams in a two-day, double elimination tournament ending late last Saturday evening with overall finals in the singles and doubles events.

Yeoman coach Russ Evans said the team of Miki Lesmana, Peter Tiller, Brock Evans and Karam Vir-Singh performed "as well as could be expected for this time of the season."

York's first seeded doubles of Miki and Peter were eliminated in the semi-final round to a powerful McMaster team who went on to win that event in a tough decision over Queen's.

Tournament organizer, Jaan Vares said, "We were really sweating near the end. We had one trophy for an overall team champion with Queen's only two points ahead of Ryerson."

Had Ryerson upset Queen's in the doubles, the two teams would not only have been tied in overall points, but also in games won per match, matches played, and points achieved per match. The Queen's - Ryerson decision almost came down to a single, sudden death match. As it turned out, Queen's went home with the silver plate achieving a team total of 47 points.

They were closely followed by Ryerson with 45, and McMaster with 39. York placed fifth overall

with a team total of 32.

Singles winners were Mike Lam of U of T, Chris Treadwell and Neil Pitcher from Ryerson, and Queen's Neil McGowan.

Doubles matches saw Ryerson over McMaster in the first seed, and Queen's barely beating Ryerson in the second seed to become overall champs.

Organizers said the evaluations filled out by the athletes showed a favourable response toward the tournament with everyone admitting they are looking forward to returning next year, if possible. Hopefully, York's team will be hungrier then and can keep the plate at home for the fans next season.

Morley makes saves in the net for York

By Lawrence Knox

If you were to ask York University goaltender Doug Morley his reasons for playing college hockey, he won't tell you it's to become rich and famous.

The 19-year-old first year student, who is interested in becoming a physical education teacher, says the major reason is that he enjoys the sport so much.

"All my life, I seemed to find a place in hockey," Morley said. "I have no real ambition - just want to play the game as long as I can."

Morley, a native of Toronto, currently lives in Orillia, but resides in Founders College during the school year. Last year, Morley played goal for the Bracebridge Bears.

"I used to commute 75 miles to and from practices and games, usually around three or four times a week.

"I wanted to play for York because I don't have a car or transportation to play in any other league and it is less expensive."

Morley began playing hockey 10 years ago, in road hockey games in his neighbourhood. His brother, also plays goal for the Orillia Travellers in the Ontario Hockey Association junior B League.

Morley says it's hard to compare himself with his brother.

"We didn't play the same kind of game. I play my best game when I'm ready and challenge the shooters. It's when you sit back in the net that a lot of goals are scored.

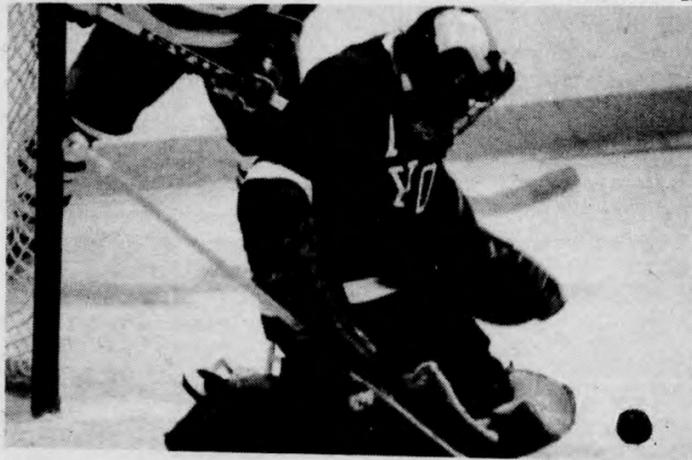
Morley started his first game last Wednesday night against the high-scoring University of Toronto Blues. Blues shut out York 3-0, but without some impressive saves by Morley, the score could have been higher.

"I was nervous, but happy that Ron (Smith) decided to put me in

net, because there is no better time to start than against the best. I was kind of surprised, but not totally shocked by his decision. I thought

since George (Darnowski, York's other goalie) had played so well in the other games he might start."

"George and I usually don't



Bryon Johnson

know who's starting a game until the practice before a game. But there is no conflict between George or me on who starts. We work together in practice and shout encouragement to each other from the bench."

Morley's second start of the season was an 8-1 loss to Laurentian Voyageurs last Friday; coach Smith said Doug wasn't to blame for the score.

"On every goal they scored, we had a defensive mistake," Smith said. "During the game I thought there were at least three or four but after looking at the game films Saturday, I noticed that Doug played the angles well and wasn't to blame."

York will host Ottawa Gees tomorrow night at the Ice Palace. Game time is 8:15 pm.

B-ballers tied for first in league

The basketball Yeowomen brought down a 59-29 win over the Ryerson Ewes last Wednesday in their first home game of the season.

Elaine Stuart placed York with 13 points, while Anne Kinsella came through with 11 points and Marj Watt with nine. Patti Gillis picked up 19 rebounds. Ryerson's Vicky Bourne netted 12 points.

This was the third victory chalked up by the Yeowomen who are now undefeated in regular season play.

Wednesday also marked the first occasion York faced Ryerson in women's basketball action this year. Ryerson's coach, Skip Letheren, was a former York coach of five years.

New to the post for York this year is Frances Flint, full time faculty member in physical

education.

The team is currently tied for first place with Carleton and U of T in the Tier II division of Ontario Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Association basketball. According to Flint, the goal for this season is to be one of the top seven university teams in the province

and play in Tier 1 next year.

"We'll give ourselves another year to win the championships," says Flint. "We're a new team with five new players."

So far York is putting in the best performances of its history. Last year saw the Yeowomen win two victories and suffer 13 defeats.

York curling

Curling at York has started again. Until December 8, any group of four male curlers at York may challenge the present team to represent the university. Couples wishing to represent York are also able to participate in forthcoming bonspiels. For people who are more socially inclined, the inter-college system provides a chance to experience the game with less pressure than the competitive varsity situation. The inter-college system sponsors men's, women's and mixed curling throughout January and February. Contact Mike Davidson (6308) for further details.

Gym tournament this weekend

The 10th Anniversary York Invitational Gymnastics competition will be taking place this Saturday at 7 pm. in the Tait McKenzie Building. Teams will be there representing McMaster, Queen's, U of T, Western and Eastern Michigan. In addition to York's regular competition squad, there will be teams of York alumni and future York students who presently train here.

The Yeomen, who have won all previous nine invitationals, are weakened by injuries of late, and the absence of Marc Epprecht, who will be away representing Canada at an international competition in England. Strong performances will be needed to carry them to victory over an invigorated alumnus and promising U of T team.