

## York cagers slam Geegees Look forward to OUAA final

Yeomen basketball team logs perfect 14-0 season for seventh Division championship, must now corral Mustangs in OUAA finals

By MARK ZWOLINSKI

It's neither hell nor highwater now.

The York Yeomen basketball team paved their way to the OUAA finals amidst a week that had them looking over their shoulders at a smarting memory of last year's one point 66-65 loss to arch-rival Waterloo Warriors while looking ahead to this Saturday's repeat showdown with those same Warriors.

It had all the earmarks of a classic confrontation—a meeting that both schools, and the entire league for that matter, had been pointing to since the new year.

But there was one little obstacle that no one really paid much attention to—the Western Mustangs.

They practically brought the house down in Waterloo on the televised Western conference title game last Saturday when they chopped down the mighty Warriors 93-88 in a triple overtime shocker.

The Warriors, number three ranked behind the Yeomen and Victoria, will have to wait until next year to entertain any rematch with York, and much worse, another trip to the final four in Halifax later this month.

So much for propositions.

The Yeomen, however, still figure largely in their half of the bargain. They dumped the Ottawa Geegees 95-77 last Friday night to gather their seventh East Division crown dating back to 1977-78.

They'll host the OUAA final, against the upstart Mustangs, this Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at the Tait Gym. The game will be

carried locally by CHCH TV, channel 11.

The nation's number two-ranked Yeomen, 14-0 over the regular schedule, upped their record to a staggering 99-3 over East Division opponents dating back to the 1978 season.

Now a perfect 14-0 in East Division playoff games, the Yeomen left little doubt in this one, opening up a 20-8 margin before the game was five minutes old.

Guard Mark Jones netted 16 of his 23 points on the game to lead York to a 46-31 lead at the half.

York never looked back after John Christensen's slam-dunk opened up a 20-point 67-47 lead by the seven-minute mark of the second half.

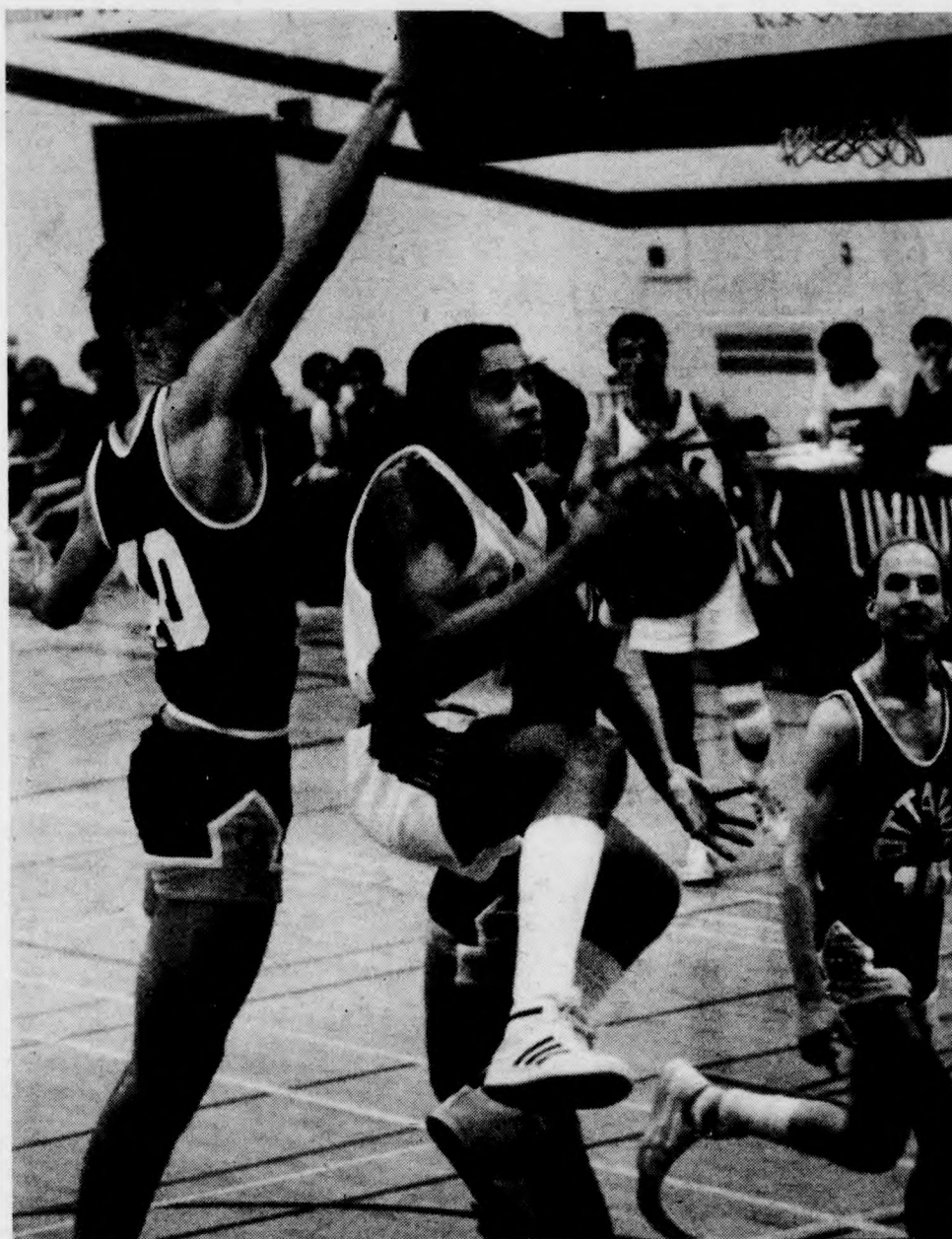
Christensen lead York in scoring with 27 points, while Enzo Spagnuolo added another 17.

Rohan McLean chipped in 23 points to lead the Geegees. Forward Pascal DeCouvreur supplied another 18.

About 500 fans paid tribute to York's graduating forward Grant Parobec, who played his last East Division game Friday night.

The fifth year computer science major played 193 games in a red and white jersey and averaged 12 points per game as a starter through five seasons.

From 1980 onwards, however, Parobec seasoned into one of the Yeomen's more potent weapons, logging an 18-point per game average while playing a major role in York's record winning streak and OUAA championship.



Yeoman barrels through for two in York's 95-77 victory over Ottawa Geegees. The win sent the undefeated team to the OUAA finals on Saturday.

Photo: MARIO SCATTALONI

## Blow your own horn

By MARK ZWOLINSKI

Want to make a little noise? If hootin' and hollerin' is your cup of tea come out and give your all this Saturday afternoon when the York Yeomen take on the Western Mustangs in the Ontario University Athletic Association Championship. Spectators can purchase kazoo noisemakers at the door and join in the festivities.

If noisemakers aren't your bag come and support the nation's number-two ranked Yeomen as they vie for their seventh title in their last home game of the year. Game time is 2 p.m. and a sellout crowd is expected. For more information, call Angello Kioussis at 667-3734.

## Coach quits

By AARON RODGERS

Yeomen hockey coach Bob Hedley resigned Tuesday because York was unable to provide him with a full-time job.

Hedley, a graduate of the University of Western Ontario, spent two years commuting to York from Oshawa's Durham College since taking over from teacher-coach Dave Chambers (who had taken a leave of absence).

Hedley believes that as part-time coach he was not close enough to the players he had coached to a 25-22-1 record.

York's Athletic Director, Nobby Wirkowski, considers Hedley's departure "unfortunate," yet explained that funds are "inadequate" to hire a full-time coach.

Chambers, having returned to the academic staff, may reappear as the Yeomen's coach next fall.

Hedley could not be reached for comment.

## Bad luck streak extends Yeomen's loss record

York volleyballers lose three games to Waterloo in Ontario University Athletic Association final

By MARK ZWOLINSKI

The Yeoman volleyball team had been left distraught over an untimely injury on more occasions than they care to remember this year.

But the same old streak of bad luck returned to plague them one more time. And it couldn't have done any worse with its selection.

The Yeomen dropped a three games to one 15-11, 10-15, 5-15, and 13-15 decision to the Waterloo Warriors in the Ontario University Athletic Association league final in Waterloo last Saturday night.

Setter-ace attacker Dave Sanek suffered a sprained ankle after the first game in the contest and had to sit out for the duration of

the match.

With York up one game to none, and leading the second by a 4-2 margin, Sanek was at the net in his regular blocking assignment pattern.

After leaping to complete a block, he returned to the ground but keeled his ankle under when he landed off-balance on his blocking partner's foot.

He was immediately taken out of the game and brought with him a large dose of the Yeomen's poise and attack efficiency.

"It really disrupted our poise," said coach Wally Dyba. "He's an integral part of our success. He virtually runs out attacking game and we weren't prepared to overcome his loss, at least not on the moment's notice."

Dyba, who doubled Sanek's duties from his primary job as an ace attacker to setter as well, substituted John Boyce into the game.

Boyce had been a setter for the Yeomen all year, but since Sanek's workload was altered, he saw less and less action.

"He did a good job considering the situation," Dyba said. "Boyce has set for us before, but the problem there was that he set Sanek most of the time—you can't afford not

to use your best hitter."

"An awful lot of pressure was put on him all at once to keep up the momentum with a guy like Sanek sitting on the bench. Everybody just lost their poise as a result."

The Yeomen brought themselves through a roller coaster season this year in fine form despite a rash of injuries that marred the majority of their schedule.

They ranked as high as number seven in the country, a feat they had to earn after failing to register in the top ten for more than half the season.

They also restored the OUAA's East Division championship trophy to the Tait building, redeeming a three-game blow-out they suffered last year to the U of T Blues.

The core of the team is returning for next season and should develop into a solid unit for the CIAU championships which will be hosted at York in March 1985.

"This year was the year of the challenge," Dyba said. "As on any team we had our moments, but we had more positive ones than negative. The challenge was put to the players and they responded well."

## Yeowomen V-ball squad proves they're number one

By ELISSA S. FREEMAN

Being considered as the number one team in the province is one thing, but proving it is quite another.

Coach Merv Mosher and his Yeowomen volleyball team fulfilled both expectations, however, as they brought home the Ontario Championship for the third year in a row.

At last weekend's Ontario Women's Interuniversity Athletic Association final at Waterloo, the Yeowomen dropped only one game throughout the entire tournament to exhibit their dominating style of play.

During the round-robin competition, York overcame Waterloo in the first match winning 15-1, 12-15, 15-2, 15-2. Mosher attributes the one-game loss to "a case of the

jitters, maybe because it suddenly hit the girls that they were finally in the big tournament." After suffering a minor scare, when Jill Graham sprained her ankle, both the third-year veteran and the Yeowomen squad rebounded to defeat Ottawa 15-13, 15-13, 15-5 and streamrolled to a 15-5, 15-11, 15-6 victory over Queen's.

In the final match against Ottawa, York swept the series 15-11, 15-6, 15-6 after fighting back from a 10-2 deficit in the first game.

"In the final we made silly mistakes," said Mosher. "But then we tightened up and played some excellent defense."

As an added bonus to the team's efforts, Yeowomen Donna Kastelic and Marla Taylor were named to the OWIAA first all-

star team, while Graham and Gina Thompson were second team honorees.

The provincial title now puts York en route to a berth in the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union finals at Laval University in Quebec City, March 9-11.

Unlike last year's squad, which struggled through the league's schedule before capturing the OWIAA crown, the 1984 edition of the Yeowomen is much stronger and should provide some surprises for the competition.

"We've been to the nationals twice before and we're looking forward to doing well," said Mosher.

"I feel that there could be a team that will probably upset some of the big guns this year and hopefully it will be us."