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Yeomen end season as Blues win Queen's Cup thriller 6-2

By ROGER HUDSON and PETER WOODS

The traditionally strong Toronto Blues opened the scoring of the OUAA finals against York before an explosive capacity crowd at Varsity Arena at the eight minute mark of the first period with an unassisted goal by Gord Davies. This was due to some sloppy playing in the Yeomen's end and Toronto capitalized on the mistakes. But the red machine came back as Brian Penrose and Steve Latinovich combined to set-up Brent Imlach for the tying goal.

Penalties marred the second period and the pressure was on both goalies. The Blues then picked up the pace with quick shots and end to end rushes. The resounding rebounds and Bill Holden's saves were memorable moments of a well played hockey period. Toronto did score but by no means was it a lopsided game to this point. When they did score, Steve Latinovich was off the ice. He was injured in the opening minutes of the period, only to return to a 2-1 Toronto lead.

Third period action saw the Blues

dump in another goal in the first minutes of play. Yet as in the regular season York mounted a third-period attack.

Ed Zuccato scored at the four minute mark and then a most unusual disputed goal was called back. That could have tied the game but the referee did not think the puck crossed that "fated" red line.

"What could have been a piece of cake, became the beggars crumbs." York seemed to falter after this and three unanswered goals by the Blues in a span of six minutes was enough to bury the army of red jerseys. Although four goals down, Yeomen continued their usual rough aggressive style but could not break the ice and the power of the OUAA champions — the Toronto Blues.

PUCK-NOTES: If you've never seen a college hockey game or known the excitement of a good hard-nose, fast-skating match you should have been at the York-Toronto final ... Varsity Arena held a loud, bursting enormously competitive crowd that would have taken the roof off if possible.



Varsity goalie Bruce Durno watches anxiously as Blues defenceman Len Burman bats a Yeoman shot down near the crease. Durno

played a good game although York's Bill Holden was much busier and played an excellent game to finish out his career at York.

York breezes over Guelph into finals

By ROGER HUDSON and PETER WOODS

The "red machine" went through the motions Friday night to clobber Guelph 6-2 in the semi-finals before a exuberant crowd at Varsity Arena.

This was the match York hoped to use in preparation for the powerful Toronto club who had just finished polishing off Western 5-2 to make it to the celebrated finals.

Don Fraser opened the scoring with a beautiful solo rush to beat Ken Lockett the Gryphon goalie. Minutes later Ron McNeil jumped

on a loose puck and fed it to Brent Imlach who in turn scooped it to Steve Latinovich to make it 2-0

In the second period York played mediocre but still managed to pot two more markers. This time it was Kent Pollard and George Kemp doing the dirty work to eliminate the second place west division team.

Yeomen became a little too careless in the third period allowing Guelph to score two goals. Imlach and Frank Grace then finished off the scoring to send the Gryphons to the showers and the Yeomen into the OUAA finals.

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**Last of a Series
End of a Dream**
By PHIL CRANLEY

The hockey season is over for the Yeomen; but their spirit lives on. As Varsity Blues captain Dave McDowall was receiving the Queen's Cup at centre ice, after taking the OUAA final 6-2, the deafening chant of 'YEOMEN, YEOMEN' drowned out the presentation.

It was a fitting salute by York fans to the players who had provided so

many thrills and excitement this year.

Saturday night's final was close until about halfway through the third period. The score was 3-2 for the Blues when Steve Latinovich, playing his last game for York, slipped the puck under Varsity goalie Dave Tataryn. The Yeomen players raised their sticks in jubilation at having tied the score.

At the same time, however, the referee was signalling 'no goal'. The ref' (who, as the Lady Godiva Band pointed out, was 'the best referee that money can buy') ruled that the puck had not crossed the goal-line.

Less than two minutes later, the Blues capitalized on a sloppy clearing play and added their fourth goal to sew it up.

The Blues now advance to the Canadian Championships in Sherbrooke next week. With no. 1 ranked Loyola having been upset by their Montreal rival Sir George Williams, 1-0, the Quebec final on Friday, the Varsity squad has a good chance to win it all. We at York with them all the (bad) luck in the world.

Coach Bill Purcell deserves a tremendous amount of credit for the job he did this year. But next year he faces an unbelievably mammoth rebuilding program. Nine first stringers will be gone, and with no recruiting money in his pocket, Purcell's job will be that much more difficult.

In a closing note; as I made my rounds in the Yeomen dressing room each and every player wished me to thank the York fans for their support this year, which has been described as 'amazing', 'terrific', 'incredible', 'gratifying',

Personally, this is my swan song on the scene of university journalism. Covering Yeomen hockey for three years was exhilarating and very satisfying. In 75 league games and 12 playoff games I only had to write losing stories for 3 league and 4 playoff games: Enjoyable, to say

the least!! Best of luck to future Yeomen teams and to the Red & White society: York once, York twice!+&(?'??&(



"York Yeomen cry the Blues."

Nine Yeomen bid a farewell to arms

By ALAN RISEN

Nine Yeomen including three all-stars played their own version of Hemmingway's A Farewell To Arms Saturday night at Varsity Arena. York's 6-2 defeat to U of T marked the end, not only to the season but to the college hockey careers of Steve Latinovich, Bill Holden, Ed Zuccato, Brent Imlach, Kent Pollard, Frank Grace, George Kemp, John Hirst and Don Fraser.

At least two of the graduating Yeomen plan to seek power and glory in the NHL. Goaltender Bill Holden has been invited to the Leaf's training camp and hopes to take advantage of Bernie Parent's carpetbagging trip to Miami.

Captain Steve Latinovich is almost assured of a starting position with the Detroit Red Wings next season. The all-star left-wingers biggest problem will be paying income tax in 1973.

For York coach Bill Purcell next season poses a more perplexing problem. Having nine veterans graduating is not unusual and each season is a rebuilding one in college hockey.

What bright new prospects does he have coming to camp next fall? Purcell was asked. "I'll know when I open the door and see who's standing there," he answered.

York seems has no recruiting program. Other teams such as Laurentian and U of T, to only name a couple, offer good young hockey players "student aids" to attend their respective universities. Some Universities (Loyola for example) have a full time coach who receives a salary in the five figures and who openly recruits players.

Purcell is not against the idea of student aids. A hockey player puts in a great deal of time and effort and the university should be able to help him out in buying his books or some small thing like that.

But York has no such program. So we have to hope that hockey players will come here by the grace of God, and work from there.

At the beginning of the season it looked as though God had not been too generous to York. But surprisingly this year's squad turned out to be, in Purcell's words, "the best team ever at York."

Purcell attributes their success in winning the league pennant and reaching the finals in the playoffs to hard work and dedication by the players who practised for two hours every afternoon in the cold dark "Ice Palace".

Purcell failed to mention that he works harder and sacrifices more than any of the players. It takes a great coach to produce a winning record under trying circumstances.

Notes — York goalie Bill Holden broke his skates in practise Saturday and had to play with a pair he borrowed from backup netminder Ed Buckman ... Purcell pointed out that if York had had a decent arena we could have hosted the finals. "We could also have played exhibition matches with the Russians and the top ranked teams in Canada like Loyola," he said. He also suggested that the students suffer by not seeing these games and the players suffer by losing the experience. Also, a new arena would attract the good young athletes ... U of T who sports a line up of ex-Jr. A hockey players can attest to this.

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