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by Josh Rubin

Graham Wise knows he'll have some recruiting to do this off season.

Gone from the Yeomen's lineup next year will be OUAA scoring leader Brian MacDonald, who will be graduating.

Another likely absentee is team captain Mike Futa, who is currently mulling several options, including playing in Europe or going to Ohio State on a hockey scholarship.

And, for the first time in several years, the Yeomen's goaltending picture will be pretty cloudy.

With Mike Noonan, Willie Popp and possibly Ted Mielczarek and Terry Sawdon scrambling for the positions, Wise will have some tough choices to make.

Noonan, who joined the Yeomen after the winter break, ended up with a solid 3.00 average in the three games he played.

Popp, meanwhile, had a higher goals against (3.82) than Noonan, but had a slight edge in the save percentage department, with 87.8% to Noonan's 85.5%.

At this point, it isn't known if Ted Mielczarek will be back in the picture next season, but if he is, he could well add to the dilemma for Wise as well.

Despite losing MacDonald, however, the Yeomen should still be fairly strong up front in 1991-92.

With returnees like Belleville Bulls grad Jimmy Dean, who finished third in team scoring with 11 goals and 22 assists, the York forwards are likely to be wreaking havoc in the opponents' zones for some time to come.

Wise's heaviest recruiting effort is likely to be behind the blueline, though, as he tries to bolster what was a very young squad this past season.

Despite having veteran blueliner Guy Girouard and newcomers like Robb Radobenko and Steve Catney, many OUAA coaches agree that

Wise was shortstaffed in the defence department.

"Graham simply didn't have the kind of depth he would have liked to on defence," said one coach, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

One potential candidate is all-star high school defenceman Derek Vogel, who plays for Emery, in the North York league.

Al Rose, who coaches the squad at C.W. Jefferies, says Vogel is "a good, stay at home defenceman."

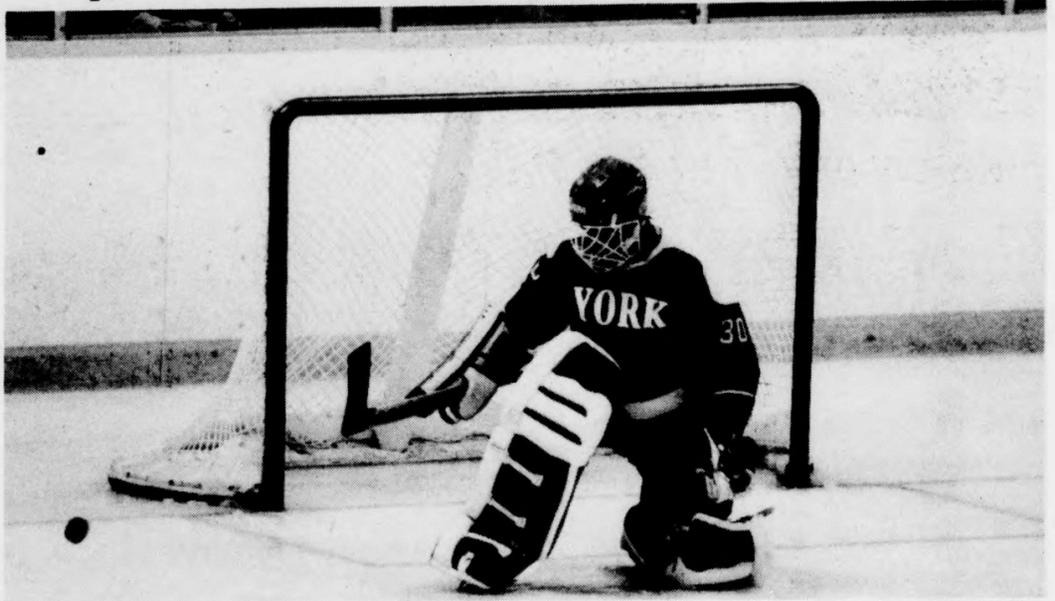
Rose, though, is frustrated by the lack of attention given to Ontario high school hockey by OUAA coaches.

"They simply have no idea of how good high school hockey has gotten," Rose said.

But one notable exception is UofT's Paul Titanic, who scooped five players from the high school ranks last season.

But as always this season, the Yeomen still put on a good show despite the difficulties they faced, and will be leaving a gap which is hard to fill during the off-season.

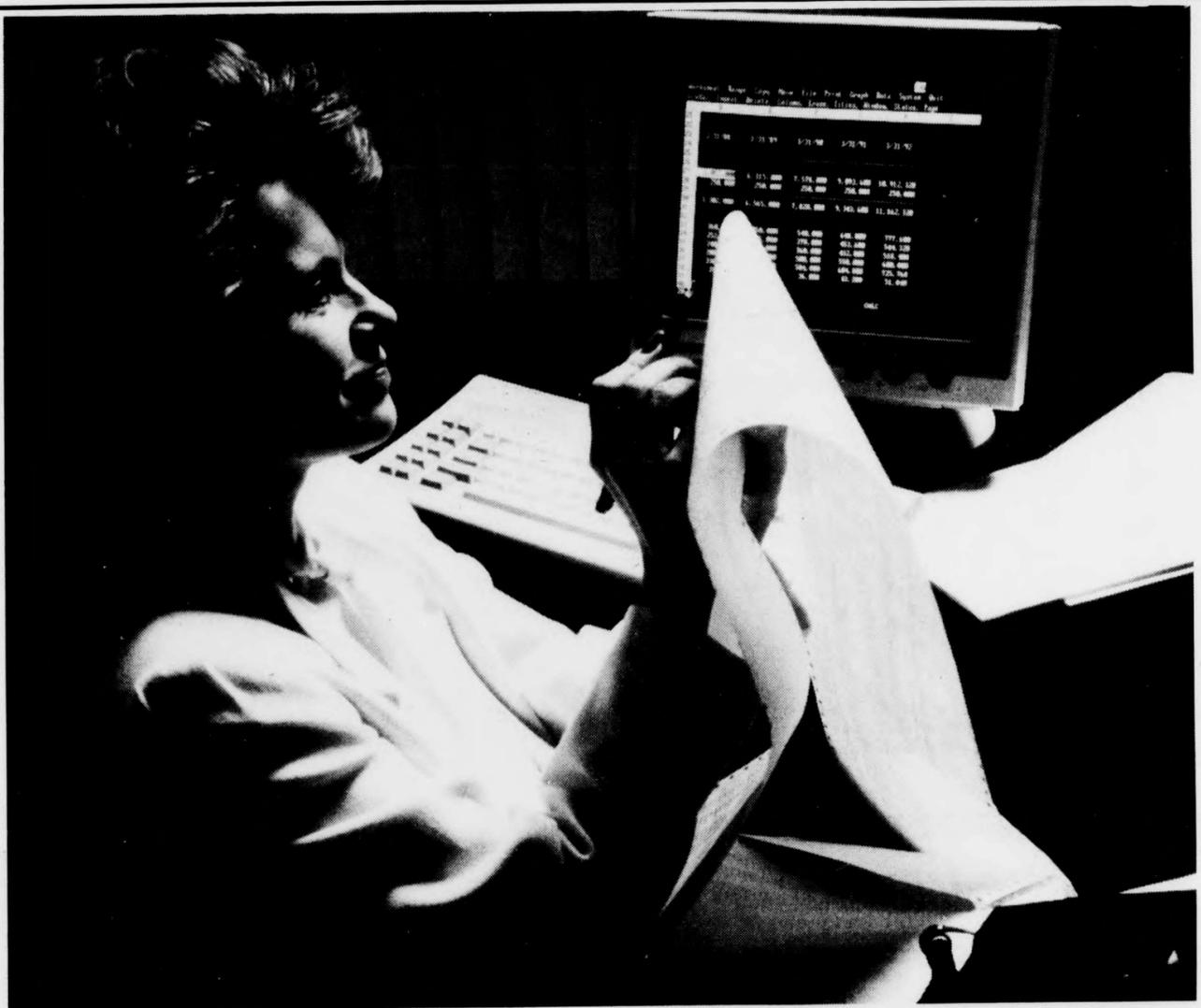
As one fan put it, "When was the last time there wasn't Yeomen hockey in March."



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WILL HE OR WON'T HE?: Ted Mielczarek, pictured here, is one of the more significant question marks in the Yeomen's personnel department next year. If he decides to come back after a suspension late this season, Mielczarek will likely have to battle it out

with three others for the starting job: Willie Popp, newcomer Mike Noonan and Terry "VHS" Sawdon. York coach Graham Wise is also expected to have his hands full in the recruiting department, especially behind the blueline.



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