

Hockey Yeomen back on the winning track

By EDO VAN BELKOM

Now that's more like the York Yeomen hockey team we've come to know.

A 12-2 romp over Ryerson Rams and a win over Dalhousie Tigers 5-2 in the championship game of the Lobster Pot Tournament in Halifax seems to have the team back on track.

The only question now is whether the coaching staff can keep the team on the straight and narrow long enough to avoid a major derailment.

"We played sound basic hockey over the weekend," said Yeomen assistant coach Graham Wise. "I think they (the players) realize that it boils down to hard work. All the teams want to play well against us, (so) we have to rise to the occasion."

The hard work ethic was in force in Halifax as the Yeomen came back from a 3-0 first period deficit in their first game against the University of Prince Edward Island Panthers to win 6-5. Scott Mosey played in goal both games and was hard at work, allowing only four goals against him in the five periods following the early setback.

Mosey's performance earned him a selection onto the tournament all-star team and he was joined there by Yeomen defenseman and captain Bill Maguire.

"We might have been a little over

confident early in the year," said Yeomen winger Greg Rolston. "We might have thought we were a little better than we really are. I definitely think we have the team to do as well as we did last year, it's just that we have to work hard at it."

Last Wednesday, York gave Ryerson Rams their first pasting of the regular season.

Rolston kept on going from where he left off last season by scoring just 38 seconds into the game, for York's first regular season goal. Ryerson tied it up seven minutes later and for a while it looked as if they were going to make a game of it. At the end of the first, York was up by only a single goal with the score 2-1.

In the second period however, York was back in form scoring four unanswered goals and added six more in the third.

Alright, so it's only Ryerson, but it still gave the team something that was desperately needed, a convincing win.

"I think the game was a good confidence builder," said Wise. "It got their confidence level up and it extended over into the weekend tournament. We have the team to do it (win), it's just a question of when they were going to do it."

The Yeomen play at home this Saturday night against the Windsor Lancers.



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THE SLAUGHTERING OF THE RAMS: The York Yeomen opened up their OUAA regular season with a 12-2 drubbing of the Ryerson Rams.

York rookie swimmers initiated at Alumni meet

By MEIYIN YAP

The York swim team officially kicked off its season with a blare of trumpets at the Alumni meet during Homecoming last weekend.

To add a touch of style, the Alumni brought along their own fanfare in the form of three trumpet players (one of the musicians, Howard Leathers, was a varsity swim team member from 1976-1978). The events at the meet included the 100 metre individual medley relay, 50 metre butterfly.

The varsity men won by a narrow margin of one point (30 to 29 points). An especially strong performance was turned in by team captain Adam Robinson. The Alumni men had a very strong team led by Neil Harvey,

a former Canadian record holder for 100 metre and 200 metre backstroke, and Bruce Kaufmann, Ontario University Athletic Association (OUAA) record holder for 50 metre freestyle.

The varsity women won by an easy margin, 56 to 17 points. Solid performances were given by Anne Bruner (assistant team captain) and rookie Cheryl Stickley. "This year's prospects look very exciting," coach Carol Wilson said. "We have 17 women and 15 men on the team. The women's team is very strong with a good depth compared to the men but there are a few outstanding swimmers on the men's team," commented Wilson.

At the end of the racing heats, the Alumni joined the varsity team in the

initiation process of this year's 10 rookies. The team selection was based on the athletes' performance over four weeks of intensive practices which included five to six water workouts a week, dryland training and weights.

To honour the rookies that made the team, returning team members marked the rookies by drawing (with a black permanent ink marker) the swimming club insignia on the back of the right thigh of the female roo-

kies and a top-hat man figure on the chest of the male rookies.

The rookies were forced to wear diapers, push water-filled balloons along the floor and grab for toilet paper they couldn't see while lying on their stomachs. The initiation culminated with the swimmers being walked single file to the other end of the pool. Amid cries of "It smells like tuna!" and "I'm not eating this!", each rookie ate or slurped their share of the "initiation food," which was

cherry-flavoured jello placed in a bag in which the goggle folded rookies (their goggles were filled with cotton balls) stuck their faces.

Finally, the team captain ordered each rookie to open their mouths. Reassuring the rookies that they wouldn't die from the official food of the swim team, a spear of asparagus was shoved into their mouths. "Eat it all up. Good. Congratulations and welcome to the York Swim Team" was the official welcome.

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