

Sports

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Three for Ampleford

Puckmen master Marlins

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HAMILTON — York's hockey Yeomen kept three points back of the league-leading Toronto Blues by downing the McMaster Marlins 9-5 Saturday afternoon at the Hamilton Forum.

The Blues retained their three-point edge over the Yeomen in the standings by virtue of their 6-3 win over the Queen's Golden Gaels.

Tim Ampleford led the York attack by notching three goals. Peter Titanic added two, with singles going to Al Avery, Bill McKay, John Marshall and Rick Martin.

Randy Dickson was the top gun for the Marlins, beating York netminder Wayne Weatherbee twice.

The game was a scrumbly, sloppily-played affair, and though the yeomen had a decided edge in play, it was not until the third period that they solidi-

fied their win.

"We were good enough to win," said coach Dave Chambers after the game. "However, we were sloppy in our own end of the rink."

York's defensive laxness is perhaps best illustrated by the fact that McMaster was able to score after only 15 seconds of play, taking the face-off and then moving into the York end to backhand home their first goal.

York came right back, but squandered several good scoring opportunities by failing to finish off their plays around the McMaster net.

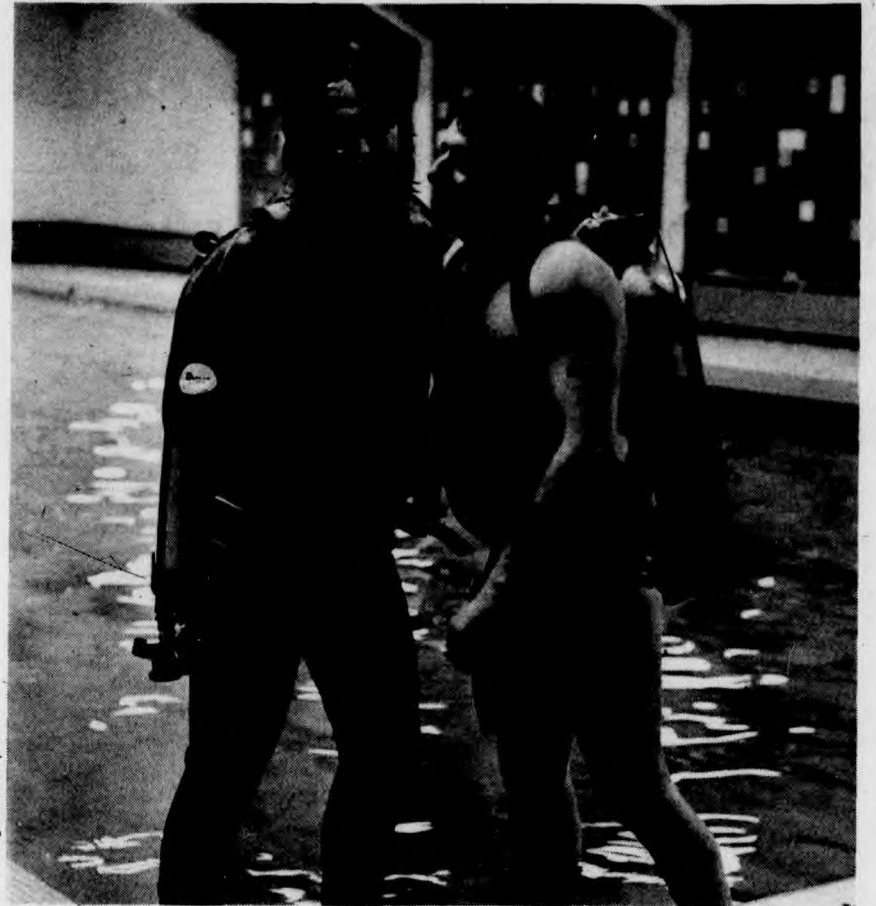
As a result, York had to settle for a 2-2 draw heading to the dressing room at the end of the period.

The second period was much the same as the first, with the Yeomen holding a 2-1 scoring edge to give them a 4-3 lead at the end of two periods.

The York squad finally exploded in

the final frame as they outgunned the Marlins 5-2 for a final 9-5 decision.

PUCKNOTES: York outshot McMaster 52-30... The OUAA statistics sheet of Jan. 21 showed Ampleford tied for the scoring lead in the eastern division with Laurentian's Mike Fox and Toronto's Don Pagnutti. All three had registered 31 points. Avery and Doug Dunsmuir were tied for the second-best totals with 29 points apiece. York retains its fifth place national ranking, but the U of T has slipped a notch. As of Jan 14, St. Mary's ranked first, followed by Toronto, Loyola and the University of Calgary, St. Francis Xavier, the University of Alberta, Waterloo and the University of Moncton... The Yeomen return to the Ice Palace Friday night for an encounter with the Queen's Golden Gaels at 9 p.m. Radio York will carry the game starting at 8:50 p.m.



York student Richard Gould (left) and scuba instructor Joe Caputo prepare to explore the depths of the Downsview Secondary swimming pool. Excalibur's C. T. Squassero went along and gives his impressions of the fast-growing sport in a story on p. 15.

Puckwomen sunk by quick goals
York loses Loyola championship

By DEBBIE CATE

This past weekend, the York puckwomen travelled to Montreal to defend their championship at the seventh annual Loyola Invitational. However, the host team, Loyola Tommies, came out on top.

The York team started out on 'the right skate' Friday night. They trounced Cornell's 'Big Red' 11-0. The hat-trick performances of Liz Bowes and defencewoman Dawn Gardham paced the York victory, with singles going to Karen McCague, Lorraine Baker, Debbie Cate, Cathy Brown, and Anne Weaver.

York's Jean Panagopka and Sue Flake handled an easy eleven shots between the pipes, while the Cornell netminder contended with 43 shots on goal by York.

The Yeowomen scored two goals on the power play and twice while shorthanded.

Earlier that evening, Loyola Tommies downed Brown University Pandas 11-0. With two powerful teams entering the championship game on Saturday (York and Loyola), the numerous Montreal fans expected to see a close battle.

Unfortunately for York, two of their defencewomen were unable to play Saturday afternoon. Left with only one regular defencewoman, the "Tommies" continually broke through the Red and White machine.

Within the first two and a half minutes of play, Loyola ex-

ploded for three quick goals. York's Cathy Brown scored at the 7:43 mark of the first period, breaking Loyola goalie Janet Norman's seven game shutout record. By the end of the first period, the score was 5-1 for Loyola.

The Loyola defence seemed invincible for the rest of the contest, and although a number of scoring opportunities arose, York was unable to capitalize. As a result, the Loyola Tommies chalked up three more points to end the game 8-1, blasting a total of 43 shots through the York defence.

Despite the loss, coach Bruce Shilton told the team "You tried hard and played well — I'm proud of you."

York's Cathy Brown skated away with all-star honours, while three players from Loyola, and another from Cornell collected the other individual trophies.

According to Pat Boland, women's athletic co-ordinator at Loyola, this was Loyola's first victory in its own annual tournament.

In the consolation final, between the two American teams, Cornell downed Brown 4-2.

Last week in regular league play, York's Yeowomen were downed by McMaster 7-2, with singles going to Anne Weaver and Judy Goodhead.

Tomorrow night at 7 p.m., the puckwomen take on the Queen's Golden Gaels at the Ice Palace, whom York downed earlier in the season 4-0. Spectator support would be appreciated.

Queen's cagers too bad to win,
York playoff hopes still alive

By ALAN RISEN

Sophomore guard Ev Spence sunk four free throws in the final minute of play to ice a victory for York's basketball Yeomen over the visiting Queen's Golden Gaels Friday night at Tait McKenzie.

Until Spence's foul line heroics, the game was up for grabs—and it seemed as though neither team wanted it. Both teams threw the ball into the stands almost as often as into the basket.

Queen's clumsy Gaels showed a lot of spirit but little ability; otherwise they could easily have won the game. They took the lead in the second half after trailing 32-31 at halftime, but proceeded to throw or give the ball away so often one got the impression they wanted York to win.

The Yeomen couldn't help but accommodate them in the final outcome but they resisted the gift as best as they could.

They also played give-away with the ball and managed only 60 shots at their opponents' basket (hitting on 24). From the charity stripe 'hey hit just slightly over 50 per cent (nine out of 17).

But the Gaels seemed to sense that York was having trouble, so they allowed the Yeomen a stretch of eight minutes during late in the game during which they didn't score a point, to pull the game out of reach.

But York managed to keep the score close until their freeze in the closing

minute forced the Gaels to take penalties.

The Gaels, who have only won one game all season, can be excused for playing poorly. Firstly, they are out of playoff contention. And secondly, they are a poor team.

The Yeomen, however, have no such alibis. They are a team of high potential and are currently very close to the Carleton Ravens for the fourth and final playoff berth.

The York roster boasts the league-leading scorer in Jeff Simbrow, and two of the better guards around in Vince Santoro and Ev Spence.

Former U of T man Mike Betcherman, now at Osgoode Hall, is one of the better outside shooters in the league. And in Bob Bain, York is reputed to have one of the best basketball strategists in the nation.

So why the failure to reach their potential? Experience may be one reason. Only Santoro, Spence and Simbrow have OUAA experience. And height, or lack of it, may be another reason. York has no player over 6'5".

But coach Bain was aware of these handicaps at the beginning of the season and styled his team to compensate for them. As a result York became a running team that tried to accomplish with speed and strategy what they lacked in height and experience.

And many times this year it worked. In individual games York has looked very impressive, especially in their 81-71 upset victory over national-

ly ranked Loyola Warriors.

But inconsistency has been a key note in the York game this year, and has barred them from establishing themselves as a top contending team.

Last week, for example, the Yeomen played their best home game this year, beating Carleton 64-52 in a vital contest. Their performance precipitated lavish praise from Ravens' coach Greg Poole.

Friday's shoddy performance against Queen's had coach Bain muttering to himself long after the final whistle.

"I think they (the Yeomen) thought all they had to do was walk out on the floor in their uniforms and they'd win," said Bain.

"Well, you got away with a win," said Queen's coach Richard Banks.

"We got away with it, and that was all," replied Bain.

BASELINE BANTER: Simbrow was top scorer for York with 15 points, followed by Spence with 14 and Betcherman with 12...Romeo Calegario hauled in nine rebounds to lead York in that department...Bob Smart had 16 points to lead the Gaels' alleged attack... York now goes on a two week road trip. Saturday they play Toronto at the Benson Building (at 2 p.m.) and the following Saturday they travel to Ryerson... Next home game, and the final game of the regular season, is Friday Feb. 15 against the powerful Laurentian Voyaguers. Tip-off for this potentially exciting game is at 8:15 p.m. See page 15 for standings.

Sports Briefs

Women's volleyball tourney coming up

The Yeowomen volleyball team, coming off a loss of three games to one against McMaster on January 22, will be hosting a York University invitational tournament at Tait this weekend. The event is Challenge Cup II, and the team hopes to do better at home than they did at Challenge Cup I, held in November at the U of T. Ten university teams will be competing, with the games held on both Friday and Saturday. Action gets underway tomorrow at 1 p.m.

Gymnasts sweep Ottawa Invitational

The men's gymnastic team, youngest of York's varsity squads, continued its winning ways at the University of Ottawa invitational tournament last weekend, finishing first in the seven-team event.

York placed first with 227 points, 29 more than second place Laval, and well ahead of the U of T, Ottawa, Royal Military College, McMaster and Queen's.

Individually, York took six of the first nine spots. Dave Hunter finished first, through his efforts on the rings and the horizontal bar, Bob Carffe finished third, and Scott Hunter was fourth.

Swimmers and divers finish fourth

KINGSTON — The women's swimming and diving team came away with a fourth place finish at the seven-team Queen's invitational meet here Saturday. York earned a fourth place finish in both the 400 metre medley relay and the 400 metre freestyle relay. In the diving competition, Kathy Lane finished first in both the one metre and three metre events.

York's volleyball team crushes foes

At an eight-team men's volleyball tournament held at Tait McKenzie, York was a dominant force in the competition. The Yeomen downed their opponents from Queen's, Royal Military College, Carleton and the University of Ottawa by identical scores of 2-0.

Track team places fourth at meet

At the York Invitational track meet on Saturday the Yeomen placed fifth with 42 points, only 3 points out of 2nd place.

Larry Reynolds was York's top performer, winning the 1500m in a meet-record time of 3:54.6 and placing second in the 800m (1:56.2).

Dave Milgram placed second in the 50m dash with a time of 6.0 seconds, after having run 5.8 in his heat. Ken Hamilton was second in the 5000m (15:10.8). Robin Pond was third in the 1500m (3:56.8) and Harry Ainslie took fifth in the 5000m.

Ski team eyes Molson varsity crown

CALABOGIS PEAKS — After two runs on the first pro-style dual slalom course of the season here last weekend, the men's varsity ski team finished in third place, behind Queen's University and the U of T. This, combined with the previous week's second place finish, now boosts York into first spot. After the two races York has 17 points followed by Queen's with 14.

Mark Poray finished in eighth place, Paul Woodhouse captured ninth and Captain Rick McFadden, after a poor first run, charged back on the second to take twelfth position. This weekend was unquestionably the most successful race in years for the varsity skiers, with three members cracking into the top twenty and two of those into the first ten positions.

Until this year, no York skiers had been able to finish better than eighteenth in a race, but due to intensive pre-season training the team is doing one hundred per cent better. With four races remaining in the series, coach Mark Poray is counting on the team to continue their winning ways and take the Molson's University Ski Series.

The next race will be this weekend at the Craighighth Ski Club hosted by McMaster.