

# SPORTS

## Hawks goalie golden in victory over Yeomen

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The Laurier Golden Hawks came into the York ice arena last Saturday with one thing in mind: to emerge from the building with two points in the win column.

Backed by Terry Thomson's outstanding goaltending, the Hawks were able to take advantage of an injury-riddled Yeomen line-up and walked away with a 5-1 victory.

Laurier now takes over sole possession of first place in the OUAA's, overtaking the nation's number one ranked U of T Blues. The win was a significant one for the Hawks, who now go two points up on the Blues, and, with six games remaining, are ensured of at least a bye through the first round of the playoffs.

Toronto holds a two games in

hand advantage over the Hawks, but if the two teams were to finish the season deadlocked, Laurier would be awarded first place by the margin of a 4-4 tie, and a 5-2 victory over the Blues earlier this season.

"They were ready for this one tonight," York coach Bob Hedley admitted. "It was a psychological win for them. They came to play their best possible 60 minutes of hockey."

The loss drops the York won-loss record to 9-8, after an 8-6 shoot-out with the Guelph Gryphons just two days earlier. Still hanging on to that sixth and final play-off spot, the Yeomen have eight games remaining of which they must win five to ensure a post season berth in the OUAA championship rounds.

It was Thomson's netminding that stoned Yeomen snipers, especially in the second and third periods, after York had opened the scoring when James Canton rapped in a goal at 4:54 of the first period.

### Thomson proves his rating

Thomson, the nation's number one rated varsity goaltender, stopped all but one of the 31 shots he faced, and provided the cushion his mates needed when the Yeomen threatened to narrow their four goal margin. "When you can come in and allow one goal in 31 shots, well then that's pretty good goaltending in any league," Hedley said.

At the other end of the rink, York's regular goaltender, Dave Stewart, has been experiencing some stretch drive jitters which have affected his play in the last two games. In Thursday's 8-6 victory over Guelph, York suffered an early setback when Stewart was beaten five times in the first 12 shots on goal. Hedley subsequently replaced him with back-up goalie James Edwards, who allowed only one goal in the rest of the Guelph game. Edwards also got the start in the Laurier game and could not be faulted with any of the five Hawk goals.

### Regulars missing

The Yeomen were also three men short for the Laurier game as left-winger Steve Fietler and defencemen



Photo: Mario Scatolone

Leftwinger Scott Magdar doesn't give up easy along the boards. Laurier tripped up the Yeomen's playoff drive with a 5-1 victory.

Les Smith and John Campbell did not suit up.

Smith suffered a knee injury in the opening minutes of Thursday's game at Guelph and had to leave the ice for the dressing room. Campbell, one of the top scoring defencemen in the country, re-injured a rotor cuff in his shoulder and is sidelined indefinitely.

"Any time this team is short some

of its key players, it's going to be tough to put together any kind of consistency, especially against a top ranked team like Laurier. We should be in better shape for the remainder of the season though. Four of the eight games we have left are against teams under .500, but it's going to take a full team to make any kind of run at the top," said coach Hedley.

## Sportlite

ELISSA S. FREEMAN

Last weekend Dr. Brent Rushall, a recognized world authority in sports psychology, held a three day seminar called "A Practical Approach to Sports Psychology." The program was sponsored by Sports In Perspective Inc., and the York University Administration Program.

As a noted team psychologist for Canada's National swimming, wrestling and downhill ski teams, Rushall's most recent claim to fame was his success with Canadian number one ski-jumper, Horst Bulau.

The 43 member audience was made up mostly of high school shys ed. teachers and coaches. "The main objectives of the seminar," explained Rushall, "are to gain an awareness of applied psychology to sport and to emphasize the motivation and competition preparation of the athlete."

Last week, Bulau publicly credited Rushall with improving his jumping performance. "Horst felt insecure about a couple of things and wasn't quite sure what it was," said Rushall. "So we talked it over certain aspects concerning his consistency and control before competition. We figured out that Horst must keep from being distracted by others, he must concentrate on his image and focus his attention on what he's going to do and thirdly, he must keep warm and active during competition."

The Canadian jumping sensation recently won the first two jumps in a three meet Swiss Championship last week and is only 12 World Cup points behind Finnish ace Matti Nykaenen.



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