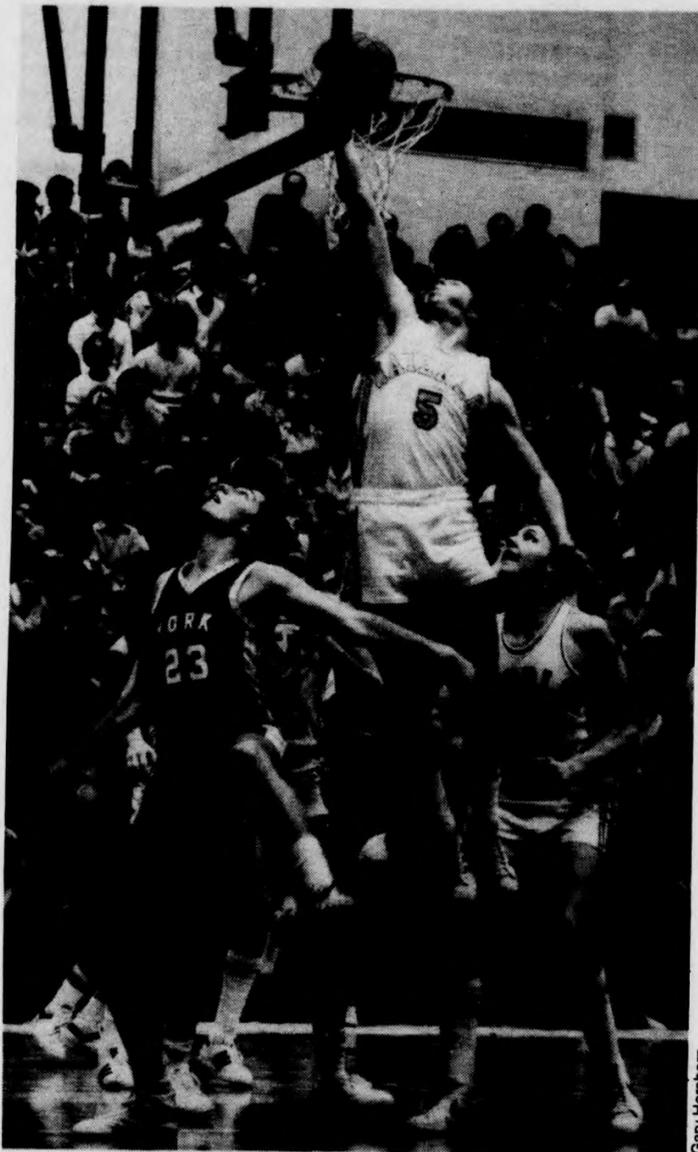


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Yeomen capture two of three tourneys



Waterloo's Clayton Ninham tips the ball into hoop while York's Ron Kaknewwicius (23) attempts to box out Warriors Ron Graham and Tom Fused.

By Bruce Gates

If the York Yeomen have made any New Year's resolutions, they are to keep on winning and to capture the CIAU basketball title this March in Calgary.

The team took some positive steps toward fulfilling these resolutions over the Christmas break by capturing two tournament championships and taking the consolation final in the other. In those three tourneys, the Yeomen lost only one game: a heartbreaking 88-86 loss to first-ranked St. Mary's Huskies at the Concordia Tournament on Dec. 8.

Although they were playing without two starters, 6 ft., 9 in. centre Lonnie Ramati and 6 ft., 7 in. Paul Layefsky, both of whom had law exams that week, the Yeomen led St. Mary's through most of the game and had a 15-point cushion with just under six minutes left, but costly turnovers resulted in a come-from-behind St. Mary's win.

Despite the loss, a new scorer emerged for the Yeomen in the person of 6 ft. 6 in. centre/forward Peter Greenway, who netted 30 points against St. Mary's, and another 25 points the following night when York tore apart Laurier, 104-66, to win the consolation. Greenway's performance was enough to earn him a spot on the tourney all-star team along with teammate Dave Coulthard, who got 20 against SMU.

Greenway has demonstrated that he's a tough, aggressive player who can score, but he'll have to be mindful of taking untimely fouls and unnecessarily fouling out of games, as he did against Alberta on December 28 in York's opening game of the first annual Excalibur Classic at Tait McKenzie.

Yeomen had no trouble beating the Golden Bears, 86-56; in fact the game was history by half time with York leading by 13 and completely dominating the court action. A balanced attack led by Dave Coulthard's 23 points, 15 for Lonnie Ramati, 12 for Eddie Siebert and 10 each for Bo Pelech and Chris McNeilly was too much for Alberta who got a high of 15 points from Dave Reich.

All signs were pointing to a York-Waterloo showdown Dec. 30, but the Windsor Lancers had other plans for the Yeomen, and nearly pulled them off. The Yeomen must have been looking past their Dec. 29 game with Windsor, for they didn't look as if they came to play and came up with their worst half of basketball in over a year.

York was simply outplayed in the first half, but as has happened so often this year, the Yeomen have

been able to turn it on when needed, and stormed back in the second half to overcome a 42-35 deficit to win this heartstopper 79-73.

Yeomen were lucky to pull that one out, and if it weren't for Bo Pelech, who scored 26 points and made several key defensive plays, York could have suffered an ignominious defeat. Ramati, who missed a Rince Landry and Jim Molyneaux each had 16 for Windsor.

The finale of the Excalibur Classic ended Dec. 30 with York out-pointing Waterloo, 77-57, to take the championship. In a game that saw more enthusiasm on the part of Waterloo fans than the hometowners, York slowly took control of the boards and isolated on Waterloo's big scorer, Seymour Hadwen.

Hitting the double figures for York were Ramati with 23 points, Ted Galka with 12, Coulthard with 11 and Pelech with 10. Pelech also received a well-deserved MVP award and joined teammate Ramati on the tourney all star team.

York's biggest test took place last weekend during the Nova Scotia Invitational at Acadia in Wolfville. For the first time they would face three tough teams on consecutive nights. Needless to say they passed the test with flying colours, sweeping the Acadia tourney.

Led by 28 points from Lonnie Ramati, 20 from Dave Coulthard and 10 from Paul Layefsky, York rolled over Dalhousie, 96-58 in the first game.

But game two was a tough defensive struggle: a close 66-65 win over St. Francis Xavier. It was the fewest points York has scored since Nov. 4, 1977. With just over a minute remaining and York trailing 63-62, Lonnie Ramati fouled out, but the Yeomen regrouped and with some clutch rebounding by Eddie Siebert and some key free throws by both Siebert and Coulthard, York pulled off the win. Peter Greenway and Ramati each had team high scores of 13 points. Coulthard had 10.

The championship game Saturday night between York and Acadia gave the Yeomen a chance to even a score with the Axemen: Acadia had beaten York, 82-71, last March in the CIAU semi finals. But if revenge is sweet, then York's 82-79 victory over Acadia was icing on the cake. It was the first time in something like two years that Acadia has lost there.

Coulthard exploded for 34 points against the Axemen, and he and teammate Pelech were selected to the all-star team with Coulthard also winning the MVP honour. Mike Hazzard had 31 for Acadia.

York beats McMaster Marlins 7-4

By Bruce Gates

Two power-play goals in the first period and four second-period scores were enough for York University Yeomen to weather a three-goal rally by McMaster Marlins late in the game, enabling them to skate to a 7-4 exhibition victory at the York Ice Box.

Bob Fukumoto and Steve Falker led Yeomen with two goals each, while Roger "Dodger" Dorey, Tony Robinson, Paul Johnson and Al Sinclair scored singles. Mike Chederowski, Jim Wilson, Tom Nunn and Mike Bradica replied for McMaster.

Whistle stops: York outshot McMaster 54-35.... Yeomen are

tied for third with Queen's in the OUAA East Division with a 2-3-2 win-loss record. York has a game in hand on Queen's.... York's next game is tomorrow night in Waterloo.

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Riders requested

By Mary Desrochers

The York University Equestrian team rode to victory in the intercollegiate equestrian event in Hamilton in November of 1977. Riding for York was Reg Barns, Sara Galloon and Hugh Mendleson, York competitors took the championship by winning the team relay and jumping events.

On the weekend of Jan 27, 1979, at Chingquosy, riders will have the opportunity to duplicate last year's performance. Anyone interested in riding for York or being involved as a groom or a club member is asked to contact Hugh Mendleson at 883-5846 on weekends and 485-3413 on weekdays.



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Cheerleaders ruin York's good image

Bain is doing great things for basketball in the Toronto area."

The one major disappointment of the tournament was the behaviour of the York cheerleaders. The crew, led by five males dressed in drag, took the polish off of York's victory and was a detriment to the school's image. Their immature cheers and childish antics, which included yelling while the Warriors were shooting foul shots, shouldn't be tolerated any longer. York has too much class for that.

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Ron Smith, coach of York Yeomen hockey team, is hoping his team will carry the momentum they had in December through January. York won two games, defeating Queen's Golden Gaels and the University of Ottawa Gee Gees.

Smith says he's very happy with

the play of the team, but is particularly impressed with the play of Paul Johnson and Al Sinclair. "Johnson and Sinclair have been



the real offensive spark plugs for us and I'm happy with the defensive unit on the whole."

Goaltender Doug Morley has been hit with the flu bug and Warren Matiko of Stong College's Intercollegiate team has been filling in for Morley at practices. Chances are Matiko won't suit up for any varsity games this year as it would affect his eligibility on the intercollegiate level.

In women's hockey, York coach Norm Dodgson is pleased with the improvement the Yeowomen have made over the past year. "Right now we are in second place, which is a marked improvement since we only won one game all last year," Dodgson commented. "I'm pleased with the play of captain Linda Barrie and fellow centre Betty - Ann Armstrong (daughter of former Toronto Maple Leaf captain George Armstrong.) Defensively, Cindy Byrne has been very strong for us.

All three girls are in the top ten scorers in the league.

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Unfortunately for Canadian college football, last Saturday's Can-Am Bowl, where Canada pits its best players and coaches against whoever is available in the United States colleges, was

nothing more than a disaster.

Under the warm sunny skies of Tampa, Fla., Team U.S.A. taught the Canadians a lesson, trouncing Team Canada 34-14 before a small crowd of 11,033 in a 75,000-seat stadium.

And, even though the Americans had only one week to learn the Canadian rules, Team U.S.A. managed to execute the plays a lot sharper than their opposition.

Quarterback Dave Marler of Mississippi State, who completed 19 of 25 passes for 224 yards, led the American squad and was named their most valuable player.

No one is sure whether or not there will be another Can-Am contest, but if the annual event is to continue, organizers definitely must make changes.

Holding the game in Tampa is like playing the Stanley Cup final in Oakland, Calif., who cares?