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**MAKING A MANOEUVRE ON RMC:** York's Ian Ferguson moves in for the shot.

**York wins two games**

By RANDY UGOLINI

Don't wake up the York Yeomen! This must be the cry heard 'round the OUAA after York's annihilation of Queen's and RMC last weekend at the Ice Palace.

For the Yeomen, a team that had been coasting on a year-long unbeaten string, their 3-1 loss to Western last Wednesday apparently woke them up to the prospect of being beatable. The result was back-to-back blowout victories over Queen's and RMC which firmly established the Yeomen in first place, well ahead of their central division rivals.

In Friday night's contest, the Yeomen handed Queen's an 8-0 shellacking in front of a sparse York crowd.

The first period was characterized by sloppy puckhandling and loose defence on the part of the Yeomen. Allowing the Queen's forwards to walk into the offensive zone, York's defence appeared to lapse into what might have been a continuation of the Western game. However, goals by Lawrence Smith and Doug Archie allowed the Yeomen to escape the first with a two goal lead.

After regrouping between periods, the Yeomen came out flying in the second and third. Controlling the play at both ends of the ice, York dominated the weaker Queen's side.

"In the first period we were flat," explained Yeoman head coach Graham Wise, "But as the game went on, we got stronger and everyone came together to put in a solid effort."

Netting the Yeomen goals were Ian Ferguson, Duane Smith, Neven Kardum, Lawrence Smith (2), and Bob Nicholson (2). Nicholson also picked up 3 assists en route to claiming the Yeoman player of the game honours. Yeoman goaltender Scott Mosey had a relatively easy night, facing only 16 shots to bag his third shutout of the season.

After the game, veteran York

defenceman Dave Andreoli discussed the importance of the Western loss. "It was a good learning experience and relieved a lot of pressure for us. The loss came at a good time, with only 7 games remaining it woke us up and made us realize that we're not going to win every game."

In Saturday's match, York victimized the Royal Military College, winning by a margin of 9-2. Although there were more hockey players than admission payers in attendance, the Yeomen displayed the type of hockey that has ranked them #1 in the province. York outplayed the regimented RMC squad from the outset. Bolting into a quick two-goal lead on goals by Ian Ferguson and Brian Macdonald, the Yeomen never looked back.

With key players out with injuries, York has been forced to play recent games with 3 forward lines and 5 defencemen. By scoring 17 goals in 2 games, however, the Yeomen have proven that they have no shortage of talent.

Yeoman forward Duane Smith is impressed by the team's depth. "Now that certain players are out of the lineup, everybody has to put in a big effort. In situations like this, the whole team must contribute to win," he said.

Other Yeomen scorers were Darren Gani (2), Nick Kiriakou, Duane Smith and Kent Brimmer (3). In addition to his hat trick—his second in three games, Brimmer set up 4 more on the weekend which landed him the York player of the game award against RMC.

"This is a good time for the team to come together," said Brimmer after the game. "We're beginning to peak toward the playoffs. All the guys are confident and looking forward to playing in the playoffs."

The Yeomen need one more win to clinch first place. They travel to Concordia and McGill before facing U of T at home on Feb. 17.

**Wrestlers in top three**

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think we have a better programme." The Yeomen clearly demonstrated that their training and conditioning were superior.

Stan Tzogas, Stuart Tate and Carl Soderstrom also dominated their matches with an assortment of high-skilled techniques and acrobatic manoeuvres. York showed that going into the OUAA Championships, they will be very tough in the light and middle-weight divisions.

"It's sort of nip and tuck with two other schools. We're in the top three. It'll be us, Western, and Mac that wins in the top three," said an optimistic Park.

York will send one wrestler from each weight class to the OUAA's. Park says he's fairly confident of his teams chances but is quick to add, that "coaches never feel very confident."

Don Murray, the coach of the Brockport team was ecstatic about the idea of making the trip to York an annual event. "Well I'd like to keep it like this. He (Park) came

down there, we came up here. We're two different styles of wrestling but it's good for my kids to get exposed to this style and it's good for his kids to come down and see ours."

Murray had nothing but praise for York's hospitality. "Everything was well done, match was well officiated. He (the referee) was patient with my kids because they didn't know some of the rules." Murray also directed some kind comments to the Yeomen, "It's a very good team, excellent," he said.

Murray was also perplexed to hear that a team of York's calibre is not properly funded or supported by the University.

The Yeomen raise almost all of their own money whereas in the United States, the Brockport team is fully-funded and supported by the school.

funding, Park and his team intend to show that they are a team of destiny. The Yeomen wrestling team continue to steam-roll their competitors in their quest for a National Championship.

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