

## Sports



York's Dave Murray (22) gets the puck from centre Al Avery from the face off in Sunday afternoon's encounter with the Laurentian Voyageurs in Sudbury.

York downed the Laurentian squad 7-5 to retain sole possession of second place in the OUAA East.

## York ice brigade exploits defence to beat Laurentian

By ED PIWOWARCZYK

SUDBURY—York's hockey Yeomen were opportunists around the net and exploited defensive weaknesses to register a 7-5 over the Laurentian Voyageurs here Sunday afternoon.

"We were still a bit rusty, but any time you come out of Laurentian with two points you're in good shape," said coach Dave Chambers after the game.

"Bill McKay played a hell of a game for us," said assistant coach Jim Wilson, "and Wayne Weatherbee made two big saves with the score 6-5 before we came back to score the seventh goal."

McKay, who played intermediate hockey in Sudbury, centred Doug Dunsmuir and Peter Titanic in collecting a goal and three assists. McKay was instrumental in setting up both the winning and insurance goals.

Tim Ampleford led the York snipers with two goals with the other singles going to Al Avery, Barry Jenkins, Rick Martin and Titanic.

The Voyageurs got a four-goal effort from Mike Fox, last year an all-star defenceman who has been moved to left wing this season.

### DEFENCE MISSING

Two of the Laurentian strong points of last season, strong defensive play and physical aggressiveness, were missing in their match with the Yeomen. York forwards were left uncovered in the Laurentian end and were able to skate the Voyageur rearguards to set up breakaways and two-on-one plays.

Fox opened the scoring at 4:23 when he slipped the puck past Weatherbee in a goal-mouth scramble. York came back with goals by Avery and McKay to take a 2-1 lead before the end of the period.

Laurentian opened quickly to tie the score when Fox collected his second goal at 1:13. York regained the lead on the power play when Ampleford backhanded a high shot past Voyageur netminder Dave Tataryn at 7:01.

Fox evened the count again midway through the period only to have Ampleford reply a minute later.

Martin gave the Yeomen a two-goal bulge when he scored on a two-on-one break with the teams playing four aside. Laurentian narrowed the gap to one goal when they scored at 17:28.

Titanic scored what proved to be the winner when he took a long lead pass,

scouted around the Laurentian defence to rifle a low shot past Tataryn.

In the final frame, Fox scored on the power play at 8:50 to narrow the margin to 6-5.

With just under two minutes remaining in the game, Weatherbee came up with the clutch stops to preserve the win for York. With two Laurentian forwards parked in the goalmouth to bang home the puck in a scramble in front of the net, Weatherbee managed to stop a sure scoring play with a pad save.

"I stopped the initial shot with my pad and the forward couldn't lift the puck over," said Weatherbee.

York then wrapped up the game when Jenkins scored on the power play when Laurentian was penalized for too many men on the ice.

On Friday evening the Yeomen dropped an 8-6 decision to the Waterloo Warriors in exhibition play.

### TEAM DISORGANIZED

York fell apart in the second period of the contest when the Warriors outscored them 5-1. The Yeomen were completely disorganized in their own end as the Waterloo forwards were allowed to roam about at will.

"The second period was the worst period we played all year," said Chambers after the game.

Most of the damage was done by the Waterloo line of Mike Guimond, Ron Hawkshaw and Russ Elliott. The troika notched six of the eight Waterloo goals.

York recovered to outplay the Warriors in the third period and score three goals, but the second period 8-3 deficit was impossible to overcome.

Avery, Ampleford, Jenkins, Titanic, Dave Murray and Dave Wright were the York Marksmen.

**PUCKNOTES:** York was outshot in both the Laurentian and Waterloo matches, 43-31 and 46-32 respectively.... Heading into the holidays York was listed as the fifth best college hockey team in Canada. Ranked first was the University of Toronto followed by St. Mary's, Loyola and the University of British Columbia. Following York were Calgary, St. Francis Xavier, Alberta, Waterloo and Winnipeg.... The Yeomen will be hosting the University of Ottawa Gee Gees Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Ice Palace.

## York scores overtime victory

By ED PIWOWARCZYK

FLINT, Michigan—An overtime goal by Bill MacKay gave York's hockey Yeomen a 5-4 victory over the Air Force Academy Falcons in the consolation round of the third annual Industrial Mutual Association tournament here Friday Dec. 28.

Trailing 4-3 in the final minute of regular time, the Yeomen lifted netminder Art Willer in favour of an extra attacker, a move which paid off when Barry Jenkins banked a shot off a Falcon skate to send the game into overtime at 19:37.

York pressed the Falcons in their own end for most of the early part of the ten-minute overtime period but it wasn't until 5:03 that McKay was able to take advantage of a player change to beat the lone defender and flip a wrist shot past Falcon goalie Al Morrison.

"We played very well and I think we've arrived as a team. It was a good team effort," said coach Dave Chambers after the game.

### AIR FORCE SURPRISING

The Yeomen needed the overall performance to overcome the surprising play of Air Force, surprising in as much as the completely American team was able to force both their opponents to come from behind and play an overtime round. The previous night Air Force lost 7-6 in overtime to the tournament champion University of Michigan Wolverines, bolstered, as the top American college teams are, with Canadians.

"They're more balanced and have some better individuals than two years ago when I saw them at Ohio State," said Chambers. "They still don't do some things as well as Canadian players, such as shooting the puck. But I think that in ten years very few Canadians will be playing down here."

### FAST START

York got off to a fast start when Jenkins opened the scoring at 1:19 of the first period. The Falcons recovered to score three unanswered goals, one of them on the power play, before the end of the period.

The power play marker came while rearguard Dave Wright was serving a five-minute sentence for taking netminder Morrison into the boards when he wandered out of his crease. The penalty extended into the second period.

Air Force almost scored another extra-man goal on the same penalty in the first minute of the second period only to have the puck held on the goal line by Willer.

Doug Dunsmuir narrowed the gap to 3-2 with a power play goal at 4:12 with Tim Ampleford evening the score at 12:11.

It wasn't until 14:04 of the third

period that the Flacons took a 4-3 lead immediately following a goal-line save by Morrison when Ampleford broke in alone behind the Air Force defence.

York's persistence with the extra attacker in the Air Force end in the final minute of play gave them the tie to set the stage for this overtime win.

### YORK BLASTED

The Yeomen's efforts against Air Force were in direct contrast to their play against the Soo Lakers of Lake Superior State College the previous evening. The Lakers blasted York 9-2 to qualify for the championship round with the University of Michigan.

Centre Kim Gellert led the Lakers by collecting four goals, two of them short-handed markers. Ampleford and Peter Titanic on the power play put York on the scoreboard.

York's defensive problems were perhaps best illustrated by the fact that the Lakers were able to score three times while the Yeomen had the man advantage. On one of those goals, two Lakers were left uncovered in front of the York net and had no problem putting in the puck once it came out from along the boards.

To compound York's difficulties, Wayne Weatherbee had a disastrous game in the York net, not looking sharp at any point in the contest and letting in some soft goals, such as the first one which went between his legs.

By ALLAN RISEN

Given the choice of a) taking a Christmas holiday in Florida or b) coaching a high school basketball team in a tournament at York University, which would you choose.

If you answered "a", you belong to the large group of York refugees who fly south every winter. If you selected "b", you fall into the unique category of people who dedicate themselves to working with teenage students without remuneration—people known as high school coaches.

George Harvey Secondary School's Bill Koztick was quickly initiated into these ranks when he received an invitation this fall to enter his basketball team in York's Annual High School Invitational during the Christmas break.

"I had planned to take a vacation trip to Florida," said first-year coach Koztick who took these trips annually in the past. But he cancelled his plans in order to take his team to the York tournament. "And I'd do it all over again," he said.

### YOURK TOURNAMENT BEST

"The York tournament is the best

The Lakers opened quickly, scoring after two minutes of play. Left wing Marc Gaudreault extended the Laker margin to 3-0 before the end of the first period with a pair of unassisted goals.

The Lakers had extended their lead to 6-0 before Titanic scored with the extra-man advantage 15 minutes into the second frame. The Lakers scored a minute later to re-establish their six-goal edge.

In the third period, Ampleford scored at 2:39 but Lake Superior State scored two more unanswered goals to make the final count 9-2.

The only game the Yeomen had played before the tournament was a chippy exhibition tilt with the Wexford Raiders of the Tier II Provincial Jr. A league at the Hyland Arena Dec. 22.

York took the match 7-4 and got two-goal performances from Ampleford and Titanic, Titanic's second goal coming with Wexford enjoying the man advantage. Dunsmuir, Gerri Grrenham and Wright also tallied.

**PUCKNOTES:** The University of Michigan won the tournament for the second time when they downed Lake Superior State 6-3 in the championship match... Gellert's four goals against York was a tournament record... The Lakers outshot the Yeomen 52-33 as did the Falcons 39-34.

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one around, and given the chance to play in any tournament I'd take this one," said the Harvey coach.

"It was a well-run tournament, and I can't speak highly enough of it," he continued. "It's good experience for our kids and gives them a chance to evaluate themselves against other teams they won't see during the regular season."

As for York, co-ordinator of athletics Nobby Wirkowski says that exposing the university to 240 high school players and 800 fans is beneficial.

The George Harvey Hawks lost a close game to Runnymede in the second round, 47-45, after downing Westwood 53-46 in the opener.

### SOMETHING TO PROVE

"We were disappointed about our loss," said Koztick, "and we think we are a better team than we showed in the tournament."

"But now we have something to prove. In fact, the kids have been practising harder and playing better since the tournament. And before the tournament the team was working ex-

tra hard in practices because we had something to work toward. The kids were excited and they enjoyed the tournament, so I think it was very worthwhile."

George Harvey and Runnymede both play in the York regional high school league, so a new rivalry has been created which should continue into league play during the regular season.

Runnymede advanced all the way to the finals in the York tournament, dumping Lorne Park (53-40), Whitby's Henry Street (52-41) and George Harvey before bowing 65-38 to the champions from North Toronto.

### CONSOLATION CHAMPIONSHIPS

Brebeuf took the Consolation championships in the 16-team tourney with a 73-55 win over Lorne Park in the final match. North Albion finished the tournament in third place by defeating the other semi-finalist team, Henry Street, 62-47 in a play-off.

The individual star of the tournament was North Toronto's Dave Gordon who tied the tournament

record of 90 points set by Tony Berti of Winston Churchill last year.

Gordon, of course, was named to the tourney's all-star team. The other members of the team came from four other schools: Brent Hubbard from Brebeuf, Yuriy Pelech from Runnymede, Greg Maunder from Henry Street and Carmen Bifolchi from North Albion.

The George Harvey Hawks, who have dominated this event in the past, winning in 1969, 1971 and 1972, will have to wait until next year to try again for the championship. That is, if their coach will give up his vacation again.

### RECREATIONAL SOCCER

will get under way Sunday from 1-2:30 p.m. and will run every Sunday in that time slot except in Jan. 20. All those interested are welcome to take part. For further information contact Declan Neary at 781-3132.