All-star selections for hockey Yeomen

By JAMES HOGGETT

After a long, hard-fought season, two Yeomen were rewarded for their efforts by being selected to the OUAA all-stars.

Greg Rolston and Nick Kiriakou were both voted to the OUAA all-star team, along with head coach Graham Wise, voted coach of the year by

After guiding his team to a spectacular 20-1-5 regular season record Wise was an easy selection, this being his first year at the helm.

"I feel very honoured being selected," Wise said, "but I feel very fortunate that I had such a wonderful group of hard-working talented players and quality assistant coaches. I couldn't have done it with out them. It was a total team effort."

Wise still has two years left on his coaching contract. He is also no stranger to coaching the Yeomen, as he spent the last six years as assistant coach under Dave Chambers who left under sabbatical to coach the Canadian National Junior team.

'I think both Greg and Nick are very deserving of the award," Wise



The Cooper boys and their father: York coach Graham Wise is flanked by Nick Kiriakou (right) and Greg Rolston (left). Wise selected OUAA coach of the year, while Rolston and Kiriakou picked up all-star honours.

said of his players selection to the all-star teams. "Both are hard working and have excellent hockey

Rolston, a veteran of the Yeomen for three years, was born in the United States. Earlier this year, Rolston was a late cut with the St. Louis Blues of the NHL. Instead of remaining in the St. Louis farm system, the 6', 200 lb. winger decided to head back to York and finish his education.

"It's really a big honour," Rolston said. "I've been lucky to play with a great bunch of guys, because for them it was easy to produce."

The 23-year-old Rolston tallied 43 points, (26 goals and 17 assists) in 22 games.

Two years ago, Nick Kiriakou was cut from the Yeomen training camp. He was told he needed to improve on his defensive skills. And that is what Kiriakou did. Playing for the Junior B Wexford Raiders, Kiriakou went on to become the leading scorer and League MVP.

This year Kiriakou led the Yeomen with 20 goals, 38 assists for a total of 58 points. This placed him 8th in the OUAA scoring and 12th in the nation.

This climb from fledgling try-out to OUAA All-Star has earned the 5'-11", 190 pound centre was granted a try-out with the New York Rangers of the NHL.

"I am very pleased about being selected," Kiriakou said, "I couldn't have done it if it wasn't for the great bunch of guys I was playing with."

Unfortunately for the Yeomen, both Rolston, and Kiriakou will be graduating this year.

Despite being selected OUAA All-Stars, neither Rolston, Kiriakou or, indeed, any of their fellow Yeomen were nominated to the All-Canadian selection.

"I have no idea why we were completely overlooked," said a bewildered Rolston. "I think Nick should have been nominated due to the outstanding season he's had."

"It's the second year in a row we have been completely overlooked," Rolston said, "for some reason they keep looking by us."

Kiriakou shrugged situation off. "I'm not too disappointed," Kiriakou said, "luck just wasn't our way that's all."



DINO MAKES THE SAVE: Calgary netminder Grant McPhail stops this one as Yeoman Lawrence Smith moves in to get the rebound. The Yeomen went on to down the Dinosaurs by a score of 4-3, earning a berth in the championship final in which they beat Western to take the CIAU crown.

osaurs extinct after loss

By "HOWIE" MARR and JAMES HOGGETT

Canadian national rankings are often completely useless-the York Yeomen and Western Mustangs both proved exactly that this past weekend.

The third-ranked Yeomen eliminated the second-ranked Calgary Dinosaurs by a 4-3 margin, while the fourth-ranked Mustangs disposed of number one ranked UPEI by a 3-1 count, in the CIAU final four tournament. For the Yeomen, their third place position owed more to lacklustre exhibition play than to a regular season in which they were a sparkling 20-1-5. The Yeomen proved once again that when it counts they are ready to play.

In a surprise move, York coach Graham Wise started Mark Applewhaite in net against Calgary, in place of Scott Mosey. It was a surprise because Wise has alternated his goalies in the past, and it was Mosey's turn to start. "Applewhaite was more suited to Calgary's style," said Wise after the game.

Wise's move paid big div Applewhaite was instrumental in the Yeomen victory. The fourth-year goalie was coming off a brilliant

OUAA final in which he stoned Western en route to player-of-the-game honours. Once again it was Applewhaite's turn to shine as he blanked the Dinosaurs over the first two periods.

York's Brian MacDonald opened the scoring with a powerplay goal from Nick Kiriakou and Darren Gani. York held on to the slim 1-0 lead throughout the first period, despite five powerplay opportunities for the Dinosaurs. In total the Dinosaurs had 12 powerplays in the game, but could only convert on two occasions. Calgary coach George Kingston said his team was impatient on the powerplay. "We usually have more discipline, three times we took penalties that took away the powerplay," said Kingston.

Yeomen 4 **Dinosaurs 3**

York was able to increase their lead to 2-0 as Brian Small poked the puck into the Calgary net after a scramble in front. Greg Rolston made it 3-0, moving into the slot and whistling one by Calgary goalie Grant McPhail. It was York's second powerplay goal of the night.

While the partisan York crowd rejoiced and taunted McPhail, the Dinosaurs refused to give up and finally beat Applewhaite. Brent Meckling moved in from his point position on the powerplay and floated one by the screened York goalie. The Dinosaurs weren't through as Terry Houlder closed the gap to 3-2.

With Mike James already serving two minutes for cross checking Calgary took a calculated risk by asking for a measurement of Kent Brimmer's stick. Brimmer stick was ruled illegal and he was assessed a two-minute penalty, giving the Dinosaurs the two-man advantage that led to their second goal. "I felt we needed a five on three at the time," sid Kingston after the game.

After closing the gap, the Dinosaurs seemed to take the momentum away from the Yeomen; but Brian Small, York's player of the game, restored York's two-goal lead. Small's goal turned out to be the game winner, but not before Calgary closed the gap for the second time in the period. Kevin Ingalis made it 4-3 on a shot Applewhaite should have had. The last five minutes saw the

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