

Sports

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Western falls to hockey Yeomen, York moves into second place tie

By BOB LIVINGSTON

The Yeomen showed how hockey is meant to be played as they bombed the University of Western Ontario Mustangs 10-2 last Monday night in London. The Mustangs, who were ranked sixth in the nation and had lost only one game prior to the York game were, to say the least, flat for this game.

Partial explanation may be due to a freak injury suffered by the Mustang's starting goaltender Chris

Cathcart earlier in the week. Cathcart while wearing a mask, had a puck catch him in the eye, and is now in the hospital undergoing tests. According to Mustang coach Ron Watson the loss of Cathcart in the nets had a great psychological effect on the team.

YEOMEN STRIKE

The Yeomen came out flying in the first period, but it took two goals by captain Doug Dunsmuir within a ten second span to get the team going. Dunsmuir who had his troubles against Queen's last Friday, had little trouble in this game as he netted four goals.

Late in the first period the Yeomen struck quickly again, as Bill MacKay and Dunsmuir found the mark. The Mustangs had several good scoring opportunities, but Yeomen goaltender Peter Kostek, the game's first star, was more than equal to the occasion.

NO LETDOWN

The Yeomen kept up the pace in the second period and Rick Martin finally connected. Martin, however, probably won't remember this game for the goal he scored, but rather for the tremendous check he received later in the period. Lesson learned—keep thy head up.

Western finally got on the score sheet and it looked like a rally might be in the making. Kostek held the fort though, and Dunsmuir with his fourth goal of the game ended any rally.

The third period, with the outcome of the game already decided did provide some pretty goals. Doug Sellers changed sweaters for the game which proved lucky as he potted two, John Titus who played a great two-way game scored one, and Bob Wasson, not to be outdone by Sellers, waited until late in the game to score his goal.

BITS AND PIECES

With the win against Western, York moves into a second place tie with the Ottawa Gee-Gee, two points ahead of Queen's and four points behind Toronto...The Yeomen will make the play-offs with a second place finish being the most probable... Ottawa Gee-Gees, who had visions of first place, have lost all-star defenceman Steve Aubrey for the season, and are now scrambl-

ing to finish third...The three stars of the Western game were Peter Kostek, Doug Dunsmuir, and John Titus... Strange team, the Yeomen, as they have now bombed two highly ranked teams, Western and Ottawa, by identical scores of 10-2. They are definitely capable of winning it all—whether they do or not is another question.

The Western game was taped to be re-broadcast in the Toronto area this Saturday afternoon, but the players won't be able to see it. They will be in Bowling Green for a pair of exhibition games.

The next big Yeomen game will be on Saturday, February 8, at 8 p.m. at Varsity Arena against the Blues. While the game will probably not matter in league standings, a victory could provide an important psychological lift.

Last Friday night the Yeomen tied the Queen's Golden Gaels 3-3. Dave Wright, Tim Ampleford and Al Avery scored for York. Hot goaltending foiled York as Queen's goaltender Clyde Harris turned back 39 of 42 shots.

Sports calendar

- Curling, tomorrow and Saturday, sectionals at Trent University.
- Swimming, Saturday, Queen's University Swimming Invitational.



Paul Hayden photo

York skiing hopes tumble with top seed's stumble

GEORGIAN PEAKS — This was the site of the first ski race of the year last Friday. The varsity ski team put in a miserable showing, finishing well down in the standings. Only two of the six team members could handle the course without falling.

York's big hope, Dave Wilson, crashed on the first run of the two run course along with veteran Vesa Simanainen. Jim Wiggins and Rick McFadden disqualified themselves on the second run leaving Peter Lohuru (pictured above) and Mark Poray as the only point counters.

Lohuru skied fairly well, clocking a two run total time of 1:38.15 which was about eight seconds behind the winner. Poray, still feeling the effects of recent knee surgery and starting in the last seed, finished with a time of 1:40.58 which managed only a position in the top 25 out of the original 80 starters.

The team's problem, according to the coach, is that despite heavy pre-season training, the lack of money and snow has kept them from having any practices on the hills. Now that the team is practising during the week, the results should improve.

Two or three minor errors...

Among the old bills, bribes, Brunswick House letterheads and other official documents littering the sports desk this week, the editor happened to stumble upon a rather heated complaint about last week's men's hockey story.

Unfortunately, it was anonymous, so Excalibur doesn't know who it is addressing. Nonetheless, a reply will be attempted.

Indeed, the Yeomen goaltender was Rick Quance, not Wayne Weatherbee. This, the most serious error, is regrettable, but the buck can be partially passed. The "official" game programme lists Weatherbee as the Yeomen goaltender.

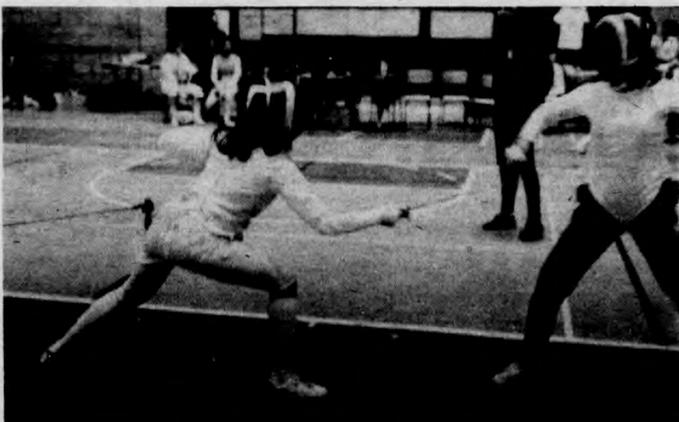
Yes, Al Avery had one goal, not two. Yes, the Yeomen regained the lead on goals by Dunsmuir and Ampleford, not by Clements and Avery. However, all our scoring statistics were taken from the shaky pen of the "official" scorekeeper.

Finally, the various omissions and mistakes in the cutlines for the photographs were simply a result of our inability to decipher the sweater numbers.

For these factual errors we apologize. The names, scores and numbers should have been double-checked.

Two points come to mind, however. The article, for the most part, fulfilled its purpose of conveying to sports page readers a general impression of the game.

Secondly, any and all responses to articles on the sports page, even if anonymous, are welcomed with open arms.



Kathi Doody photo

Fencers flop in Ottawa tourney

Last weekend, York's two women fencing teams saw action at the Carleton Invitational fencing tournament in Ottawa.

Through double elimination procedures, York's A team managed a fifth spot from 10 teams, third in the university teams. York's A team of Catherine Pike, Linda Corbett and Kathi Doody succumbed to defeat at the early outset to the Ottawa RA Club, then rallied to undermine Trent and Carleton before receiving a final drubbing from U of T.

The York B team of Mary Tass, Isobel Mosseller and Bev Youngblut did not fare as well, as they were eliminated in their first two attempts. The Ontario and Quebec Winter Games teams provided stiff competition, since they were formed from the best fencers in the league.

By defeating Ryerson, York advances to the finals to be held January 31-February 1 at the University of Toronto.

Ambitious organizers overbook, too many athletes crowd track

By PAUL KELLOGG

Half a thousand athletes sweated for York on Saturday, running and leaping through CNE's cavernous indoor track facilities.

The occasion was the fourth annual York University indoor track and field meet. The last three meets have been limited to university teams and involved far fewer athletes than the meet on Saturday. This year, however, in an ambitious and expansive mood, the organizers of the meet decided to include high school athletes as well.

The results of this decision were almost too successful. With more than 500 competitors, the meet was long and at times verged on the chaotic. Competition lasted from 10:45 in the morning to 5:30 in the afternoon. The track, which under normal conditions is suitable for at the most 12 runners, at times held upwards of 25.

Dave Smith, distance coach of the track team (the other coaches being Tudor Bompa and George Gluppe) complained about the length and said that in the future, all the preliminary heats will be held on Friday, Saturday being reserved for finals.

The University of Toronto team breezed into first place among the university teams, finishing with 89 points. Queen's was second with 58 and Brock third with 42.

York finished in the bottom half of the 16 universities, ending up in 12th spot with 18 points.

"We didn't have a particularly good day" said Smith after the meet had finished. "For indoor meets, the kids have to train down at CNE, which has the only indoor track in Toronto. Only the really keen individuals are willing to spend an hour and a half on the TTC to get in some running.

"I see a real need in Toronto for a facility that will hold three or four thousand spectators and be suitable for indoor track and field," he added.

As it is, spectators are discouraged from attending meets held at the CNE. There are bleachers for only 50 or 60 enthusiastic parents or sports vagabonds, and any large turnout would only lead to crowding and confusion.

This is unfortunate, because the track competition in Ontario is of a high calibre and is improving steadily. According to Coach Smith, any athletes who wish to compete at a university level have to remain in training year-round because of the stiff competition. Also, students who previously went to school in the States to pursue track earnestly are beginning to realize there is good

coaching and competition here in Ontario.

Running Commentary: Excalibur asked about the problems and methods Smith had in coaching track and field. He emphasized the necessity of training right alongside the team-members.

"Running beside the boys gives me some idea of what they're going through. It's difficult and rather unjust to just stand there with a stopwatch and say 'good going fellows, do another ten miles'."

• Three American universities participated in the meet: Buffalo State (fourth place, 35 points), Rochester (12th place, 10½ points), and Niagara College (15th place, no points). According to reliable sources, the meet impressed them sufficiently that they intend to participate in it annually.

Founders swamps Glendon in watered down hockey

Well, the Founders girls hockey team really skated like the wind last Thursday night at Glendon.

It was a whole new game for the Founders girls as they had never played on an outdoor rink before. The entire game was played without netting on the goals, and due to the mild weather, non-swimmers were forced to wear life preservers when entering certain zones of the sink—I mean rink.

However, once everyone's lighters ran out, the flood lights were turned on for the girls and they managed to overcome all barriers and beat the Glendon team 1-0.

Water and all, it was an exciting

game for both the lively spectators and the players.

Puck notes: Inter-college sports at York exist in a vacuum. They receive little or no publicity.

It is arguable, however, that they are more important than the activities of the university teams. Participants in inter-college sports are not aspiring professionals but individual students out to have a good time. Inter-college sports are closer to home for York students than the activities of the university teams.

If there is a college sporting activity you would like covered, let us know. If you have a literary bent, submit an article. Mass media does the rest.