

sports and recreation

Cagers take on Swedes in a friendly match



By Bruce Gates

The York Yeomen got a taste of Swedish-style basketball Monday night at Tait McKenzie, and although they beat the seventh-ranked Malbas club 103-75, the game itself was really just friendly

competition.

"It was more of a social thing than anything else," Yeomen coach Bob Bain said afterward.

The Swedish team is staying for four days on campus as York's guests, and Bain said he hopes when the Yeomen head overseas for a two-week European tour this May, the Malbas team will be able to provide them with the same type of arrangement.

York leaves for Sweden and Denmark May 14. The Yeomen are also hoping to play some games in Amsterdam.

Bain said the team is going overseas just as much for the cultural experience as for the basketball competition.

As for the Malbas, they are on a short North American tour that ends next week in New York. Bain said before his team's game against Malbas, "I didn't know what to expect. I tell you, I was scared before the game started."

Actually neither team knew quite what to expect of each other, and it showed in their play in the first half. Both teams played a deliberately slow-paced opening 20 minutes that ended with York on top 44-37.

By the second half, York pulled away from Malbas, aided by the hot

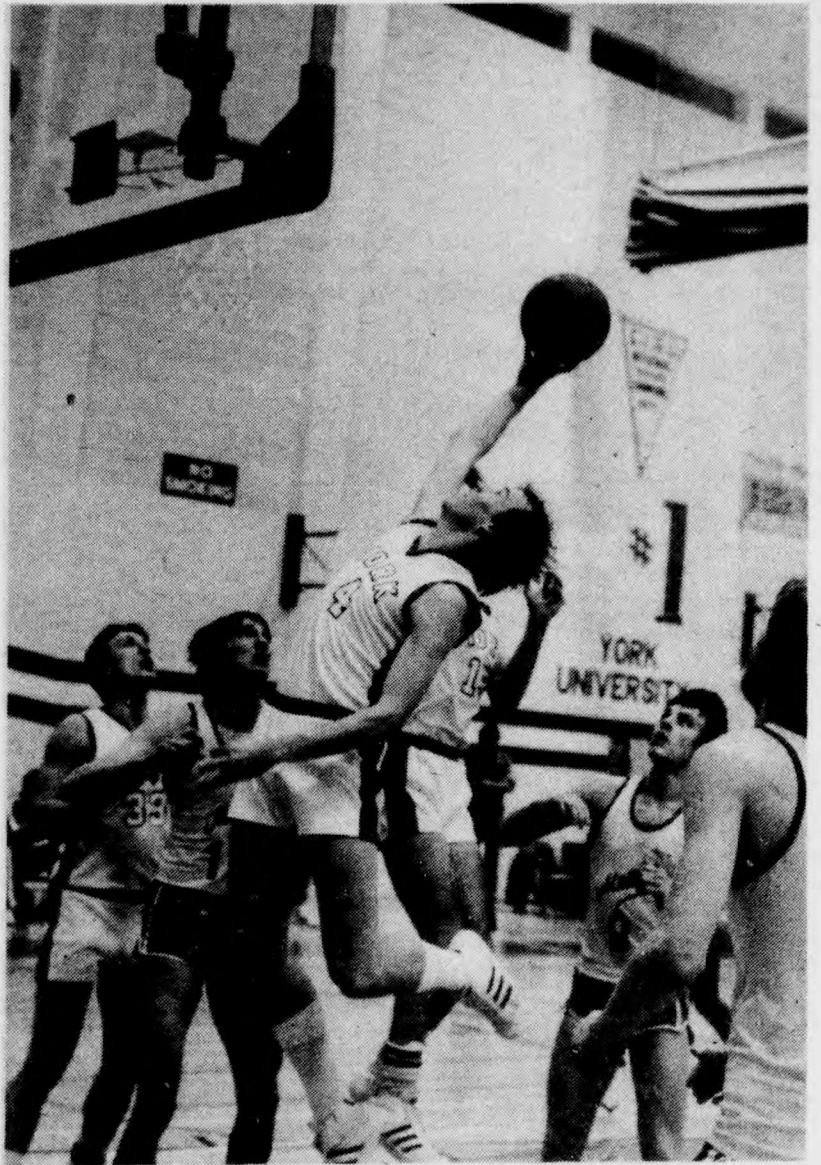
Yeomen hit Europe for two-week tour in May

second-half shooting of forward Bo Pelech, who sank 16 points from the outside. Centre Lonnie Ramati netted 15 second-half points on his way to a team high of 24, and played effectively inside.

But the big shooter of the game was the Swedish squad's slick Bill Collins, who's originally from the United States. The Malbas centre dominated his team's scoring statistics, pouring in 44 points on 23 field goal attempts.

York dominated the overall shooting statistics, averaging 59 per cent from the field, compared to Malbas' 46 per cent.

In addition to 24 points by Ramati and 22 by Pelech, Chris McNeilly sank 14 points and played for awhile at centre, Dave Coulthard netted 12 points, Ron Kaknevicus scored 10, Ted Galka had 8, Paul Jones potted 7, Mike Willins sank 4 and Harry Hunter potted 2.



Mike Willins reaches for York in 103-75 victory over Malbas.

Swimmers whup'em out West

At the exact time that swimmer Neil Harvey was to be awarded the Yeoman-of-the-Year title, he and his teammates were in Vancouver setting another national Canadian Open record.

"We knew we could break the record," said coach Byron MacDonald, "and hearing of Neil's election to Yeoman-of-the-Year makes this night one of the best nights ever for York swimming."

The victorious 4x50 metre freestyle relay team was composed of Gabor Mezo, John Bevan, Mark Erwin and Gary MacDonald.

"We whupped 'em," was the

comment of Gary MacDonald; nicknamed the "Shadow" because that is all most of the competition ever sees of him.

The unfortunate occurrence at the meet was the sports governing body's Catch-22 on Neil Harvey. After being selected to represent Canada against the Russians in a meet in Toronto next April because of his double silver medal performances here, Neil chose to turn that squad down in favour of being on the team that would travel to England this week to compete in the World Invitational.

Unknown to Harvey, if you turned down the former, you could not go on the English tour — so he was left off both teams.

Other medals garnered by the Yeomen included an individual gold by York's most valuable swimmer, Gary MacDonald, in his specialty, the 50 metre freestyle.

Mark Erwin added a bronze in that race as well. And the 4x100 metre freestyle relay team of

MacDonald, Erwin, Mezo and Graham Sutch captured the silver medal.

Cameron Rothery and Martin Tiidus also contributed valuable points in their events.

Overall, the Yeomen placed fourth in the men's team standings, a very commendable performance for the young squad.

"I believe that our finish is the highest any university team has ever placed in these championships so I feel we accomplished our goal of showing the rest of the country that York runs a top class university swim program," said coach MacDonald.

The team will get their first break in six months when they break for exams this month following which some resume twice-a-day training in hopes of garnering a place on this summer's Commonwealth Games team, while the others will keep training less frequently so they are ready when next year's season begins the first week of school.

My word!
Cricket
at York

By Mary Desrochers

"Cricket is a relaxing game which brings people together and allows them to compete on a friendly basis," says Eugene Rollins, chairman-secretary of the York University Cricket Club.

The club operates on a spring-summer programme. While it has been at York since 1970, not everybody knows of its existence. The team has played most of the Toronto cricket clubs but its common competitors are University of Toronto and Geulph.

As many as 16 games are the usual number played in a season. This year the York Cricket Club is entering the Toronto District League.

Originally an English sport, cricket saw great popularity when it was introduced in the West Indies and has continued to enjoy an ever-increasing appeal on the national-international level.

Aside from the aspects of friendly competition, the sport is also a centre of social activity. Matches start from about 1 pm and continue to 6 or 6:30 pm. Family and friends turn out to lend support and to cheer on their respective teams.

Those interested in joining the York Cricket Club are asked to contact Ken Simon at 241-5437 or Eugene Rollins at 534-0885.

Rugby at York just gets bigger and better



Anyone who becomes familiar with rugby at York University soon finds that the varsity Yeomen are only one part of an extensive rugby program that runs from April until November each year.

The game is also organized at the club level with four teams entered in leagues ranging from Ontario Senior 'A' to Toronto and District Intermediate 'E'.

The York Yeomen Rugby Football Club has been in existence for the past six years and has grown into one of the largest and most successful clubs in all of Ontario.

At first the club was created to give the varsity players more experience by extending their playing season.

However, with the passage of time, the club has also served the purpose of keeping graduate players affiliated with York and the rugby team.

Alumni now make up at least 60 to 70 per cent of the teams. The Yeomen also draw players and supporters from individuals in the outside community who wish to affiliate themselves with the university and the game.

"The rugby club serves the needs of all the players at York," says club

captain Bill Currie, a York graduate who presently teaches high school. "The first team is obviously in a very highly competitive situation; however, this is graduated down to the fourth team which supplies an excellent medium for the inexperienced individual and the person who is more interested in the social aspect of the game."

The Yeomen are presently preparing for the 1978 season training in the Tait McKenzie gym on Wednesday nights until the end of March.

They will then switch to outdoors on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 6 pm.

"In order to prepare for our league competition which begins at the end of May, we have scheduled five weeks of 'friendly' matches and a training weekend in Collingwood," said Mike Dinning, varsity team coach. "We have scheduled multiple game fixtures against the Toronto Irish, Belleville, Hamilton, Cornell, and the Chesapeake Rugby Club from Baltimore in order to prepare."

best player on the ice, Simpson plans to play pro hockey in Germany next winter.

Leading the way for York was none other than president H. Ian Macdonald, who scored on a tip-in and assisted on another goal by Mel Ransom. Macdonald, playing like the Gordie Howe of house league hockey, came close to scoring on four other occasions.

Eric Willis and Paul Stager rounded out the York scoring, while Doug Adair notched the other CFTO marker.

Only one penalty was called; that to CFTO's Blair Glenn.

York Collection ties CFTO

By Rick Beales

The 'York Collection' hockey team — comprised of staff and faculty members — met with CFTO-TV's 'Basset Hounds' last Saturday at the Ice Palace in a game producing no winners. Not only did the sides play to a 4-4 tie, but the gate proceeds were also held to a standstill.

The game, a benefit for cancer research, attracted only 43 paying customers. Not many expected to see the Montreal Canadiens, but the turnout was still disappointing.

Dave Simpson of CFTO led all scorers with three goals. Easily the