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MEN'S HOCKEY PLAYOFFS:

Friday, March 10 6:30 pm No. 2 East vs No. 1 West
 9:00 pm No. 1 East vs No. 2 West
 Saturday, Mar. 11 8:00 pm Ontario Finals

PLACE: Varsity Arena TICKETS: \$1.00 Students, Others \$2.00
 Further information: Phone 928-3087

York vaults over Voyageurs to 6-1 victory

A standing-room-only crowd saw the York Yeomen overpower the Laurentian Voyageurs 6-1 in the OUAA quarter-finals Tuesday night at the York Ice Palace.

After a two-week layoff the Yeomen got off to a slow start in a game that was marred by rough, hard-nose play. End to end rushes, and rink-wide passes were displayed during a scoreless first 10 minutes of play.

Then Latinovich, returning from the Student Games in Lake Placid, showed why he was picked for the first all-star team, netting two goals in the last half of the period.

Latinovich hit for his third marker in the opening minutes of the second frame. It looked as if the game was all wrapped up but a minute later Laurentian beat York goalie Bill Holden for their first goal.

The Voyageurs came on strong sending one shot right across an open goal mouth and leaving another on the goal line.

Holden was the stand-out in this case stopping an onslaught of black rubber. After a few close calls, hit goal posts and disallowed goals,

Paul Cerre popped in the fourth York goal.

York came out shooting and checking in the third period more than they had in the previous two and Latinovich again was prominent, setting up Ron McNeil's goal halfway through the period.

Tempers flared and after a few high sticking calls, a minor skirmish broke out. York's Frank Grace took advantage of a manpower advantage by scoring the final goal of the game.

PUCKNOTES — The line of Latinovich, McNeil and Brent Imlach was selected as the three stars. The officials handed out 21 penalties in the game, 11 to York and 10 to Laurentian, including 3 majors. York's Brian Penrose was a familiar face in the penalty box with 5 minors and a major . . . York meets Guelph in the semi-finals at Varsity Arena on Friday night at 9:00 o'clock . . . Four Yeomen were selected to the eastern OUAA all-star team. They were: forward Steve Latinovich, first team; goaltender Bill Holden, forward Barry Jenkins and defenseman Ed Zuccato to the second team.



York's Barry Jenkins (on his knees) gets 1 Yeomen victory. Photo by David Leach clobbered by a Laurentian player in Tuesday's 6-

Playoff preview

HOLDEN HOLDS KEY TO CHAMPIONSHIP

By ALAN RISEN

Despite the firepower displayed by York in running up scores like 21-0 and 20-0 against Ryerson, 14-3 against Brock and 12-2 against Laurentian it be the goaltending of Bill Holden that will be the key factor in their drive for the championship this weekend at Varsity Arena.

Barring a major upset it will be York versus Varsity in the finals.

Both of their two previous meetings this year were goaltenders' battles. The first game ended in a 2-2 draw and U. of T. squeaked by 4-3 with a last minute goal in the other.

The match-up in the nets should be a classic with York's Bill Holden facing either first team all-star Dave Tataryn or Bruce Durno, who was the key figure in Varsity's stunning 5-1 win over Russia.

Friday night York meets Guelph in the semi-finals as a result of York's 6-1 win over Laurentian and Guelph's 2-1 victory over McMaster in the quarter-finals Tuesday. In a previous encounter Yeomen were easy 5-2 victors over Guelph and should not have too much trouble Friday night.

In the other semi-final match U. of T., 10-1 winners over Ottawa Tuesday, play Western, whom they beat earlier this year 5-1.

In the Laurentian game Tuesday night the Yeomen displayed good offensive power as they ripped 42 shots at Matt Thorp, the Voyageur goalie. Laurentian replied with 29 shots at Holden, several of them tough, from close in.

Holden's efforts held them out in the first 10 minutes of the game

before his teammates settled down and started to give him support. Subsequently York skated off with a 2-0 lead at the end of the first frame and the Voyageurs were forced to open up in the second. York capitalized on the loose defence to score twice more.

Holden was very steady throughout the game making 28 stops. He will have to be at least as good in the semis and the finals when York meets Varsity for the championship.

York's number two goalie, Ed Buckman, has seen limited action this year. Coach Bill Purcell has confidence in him though and believes he can fill in very capably if anything should happen to Holden.

As this is Holden's last year with the Yeomen Buckman is the top candidate for the starting position next year. Purcell claims he has shown as much ability in practice as most of the first string goalies in the league. Why then has he not started in any games this year? "You have to go with a winner," explains Purcell in reference to Holden.

Maybe so but that's putting a lot of pressure on one man.

Notes . . . The present playoff set-up has met with universal criticism. Voyageur coach Jack Porter and Purcell both complained that it is ridiculous to have one-game, sudden death playoffs . . . A best two-out-of-three match was suggested by both coaches . . . The playoff schedule is also difficult to understand — the two teams that make it to the finals have to play three games in five nights . . . Porter does not feel this is a disadvantage to anyone but Holden was quick to point out it is particularly hard on the goalies. . . He would like to see at least one day's rest between games.

Squash champs

The finals of the 4th annual York squash championship are being held at 12:00 today at Tait McKenzie. Vying for the Murray Ross Cup and the rank of no. one singles player at York are Paul Frost and Saul Ticktin, both members of the

Yeomen team. In the semi-finals Frost beat Labib 3-2 and Ticktin defeated John Hughs, a former Yeoman and the present title holder, 3-0. The championships is an open tournament for all York students and faculty.

Sportorial

By PHIL CRANLEY Yeomen Look To The East

After Tuesday nights easy victory over Laurentian in the OUAA quarter-finals, the York Yeomen (hockey version) started to think seriously about being present at the Canadian Championships next Thursday, Friday and Saturday (March 16-18) in Sherbrooke Quebec.

The semi-final match tomorrow night (Friday) against Guelph will be routine; but nobody is taking the Saturday night final at Varsity Arena against the Blues very lightly.

Of course the big stumbling block to Sherbrooke is the powerful team from south Toronto. If the dressing room atmosphere is any indication, however, our Yeomen will be equal to the task.

Returning from the World Student Games Steve Latinovich bagged three early goals to salt away the season for the helpless Voyageurs. Unfortunately the referee and linesmen ruined an otherwise well-played game by missing several blatant penalties and disallowing

two Yeomen goals. York outshot the Voyageurs 20-4 in the final period and the final score of 6-1 did not reflect the advantage that the home side enjoyed throughout the game.

They even had the edge in the fisticuffs department as Brian Penrose finished off a six penalty evening with a decisive one rounder. Laurentian's Dave Parks was the victim of several solid hooks and uppercuts to the head by the educated fists of Penrose.

Ed Zuccato played extremely well on defence as did versatile Dave Wright. In a surprise selection,

Zuccato was named to the league's all-star team.

Other Yeomen players picked for the OUAA's dream squad, were Bill Holden, Barry Jenkins and Latinovich.

A Leaf Resurgence?

Unless Dave Keon and Norm Ullman do a complete turnaround, the present Leaf uprising will be short-lived. How long do you think the Spencer-Dupere-Jarry combination can be counted on to stop the sinking ship?

It's the established stars who are not performing as expected.

Yeoman of the week

For the second time this year the Yeoman of the Week award is presented to a coach. This week it goes to Tom Zivic who guided the gymnastics team to a successful defense of their national title. For details see gymnastics story p. 20.

The Yeomen of the week receives a free pizza from Bobby Orr's Pizza.



Yeomen sharpening up for finals.