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THE ARCHIE SHOW: Doug Archie tries to deposit one by Windsor goalie Richard Paliani. The Yeomen damped the Lancers 5-2, but Paliani kept it close through two periods. Archie picked up the player of the game award.

Fans pack the Ice Palace

By JAMES HOGGETT
and "HOWIE" MARR

If you happened not to be one of the 1,125 fans in attendance last Friday night at the Ice Palace, what you missed was one of the finest goaltending clinics ever given.

Game one of the Queen's Cup semi-finals saw the seventh ranked Western Mustangs lock horns with last year's CIAU champions Trois Rivières Les Patriotes.

The fifth ranked Les Patriotes were totally dominated by the Mustangs, who blasted 47 shots at UQTR netminder Claude Guerard. If it were not for the superb goaltending by Guerard, Western would certainly have tallied up goals into the double digits.

As it turned out, some last minute heroics saw Les Patriotes score the tying goal late in the third period, sending the game into overtime.

But UQTR's luck ran out in overtime, as Mike Tomlak, Western's top goal scorer, fired home the game winner at 2:23 of the second 10-minute overtime frame giving the Mustangs a 3-2 victory.

"It was a tough game to lose," said UQTR head coach Dany Dube. "It was a type of game that neither team deserved to lose."

"The loss is quite painful for our

young team," Dube went on to say, "but the experience will build a lot of character and we'll be back again next year."

"The key for us was to win this one," said Mustang's coach Barry Martinelli. "We have never won an OUA A championship before and that's our main focus. I don't care who we play next, although we do owe York one. What ever happens at the CIAU's next week will be gravy, our main concern here is coming home with the OUA A championships."

Game two saw the York Yeomen, currently ranked third in the country, take on the tenth-ranked Windsor Lancers.

Once again, as in the first game, goaltending was a dominant factor. The Yeomen were all over Windsor goalie Richard Paliani, who faced 41 shots. But his efforts were for naught, as the Lancers dropped a 5-2 decision to a superior Yeomen team. Scoring for York were Kent Brimmer, Lawrence Smith, Duane Smith, Lou Kiriakou, and Tom Van Natter, each netting one apiece.

"Paliani has played superb for us all season," said Lancer's head coach Rick Cranker. "Our goaltending has been our strongest quality.

It's not often that we're held to two goals so I also have to give credit to York's defence for the win."

Equally impressive for the Yeomen was the play of veteran netminder Scott Mosey, who turned away 20 shots.

York was held scoreless by the "Paliani Show" for half the game. It wasn't until 9:43 of the second period when Kent Brimmer scored the game's first goal and the Yeomen led 1-0.

Then, 1:21 seconds later, Tom VanNatter popped in another and the Yeomen lead 2-0. But Windsor got one back before the period was out.

In the third, the Yeomen exploded with three goals, while the Lancers netted only one, on the powerplay, at 17:19 of the third.

"At the start of the game we were frustrated," said York coach Graham Wise, "but once we got a couple of quick goals we relaxed and started to play our game."

The victory sent the Yeomen into a head-to-head confrontation with the Mustangs, the third time in 10 days. Once again, the Yeomen came out on top by a 5-1 score, and in the process captured their fourth straight OUA A title.

Wrestling Yeomen stung by Concordia

By MARIO PIETRANGELO

It was a three-way battle for first place at the CIAU Wrestling championships, and for the second consecutive year, York placed second, just behind the Concordia Stingers. Concordia's total of 21 points at the end of the competition edged out York and McMaster which accumulated scores of 17 and 16 points respectively.

York coach John Park feels that Concordia has an advantage because they are in the weak Atlantic Conference, and therefore they are able to qualify more athletes to the CIAU championships.

Under the present system the Western, Atlantic, and Ontario regions each send two athletes to the CIAU's. Park notes that this is unfair because Ontario has more than 50% of the wrestling programmes in Canada, yet they are only able to send one third of the wrestlers. Park hopes that a realignment of each conference will remedy this imbalance.

York's only gold medalist at the CIAU's was Stan Tzogas. Tzogas now has an impressive record which includes two CIAU Championships and one CIAU silver medal. Coach Park said, "Stan really fought well. He had the flu all week, and was wrestling with a sore hand. He was down 4 to 0, but came back strong to win 10-4.

Tzogas indicated that wrestling at

a physically disadvantaged position, made the victory extra-special. "Winning always feels good," said Tzogas, "but as long as you give it your best effort then it really doesn't matter if you win or lose."

Yeoman Courtney Lewis was a silver medalist, but as he indicated, "I feel I can wrestle a lot better." Lewis felt that getting behind early in his final match hurt his chance of winning because he had to open up and take more chances, and this only compounded his problems.

John Cho, also a silver medalist, said "I'm never happy with second place. I had a chance to pin him (Brock's Marty Calder), but I blew it." Cho indicated that overall it was a good tournament, and he was pleased to see Tzogas win.

York's Steve Sammons wrestled well to capture the silver medal. However, a nemesis to Sammons all year has been McMaster's Chris Woodcroft and in front of a large Marauder crowd, Woodcroft was once again able to come out on top.

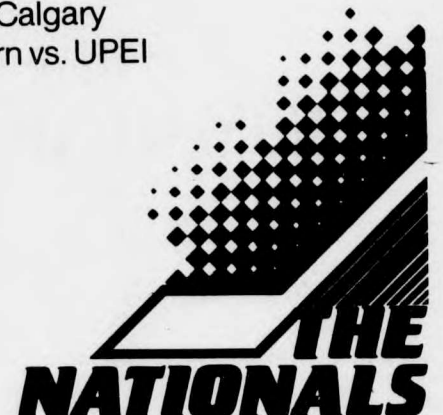
A pleasant surprise for York was Stuart Tate. Tate while wrestling two weight classes above his natural weight was able to win a gold medal at the OUA A championships, and last week added a CIAU bronze medal to his list of accomplishments.

The York wrestling team is now gearing up for the Olympic trials which take place in two weeks in Hamilton.

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