Power play prominent

Yeomen's puckluck runs out to Varsity

By ED PIWOWARCZYK

The power play was the deciding factor in the game as York's hockey Yeomen were downed 5-3 by the University of Toronto Blues, Tuesday night at the Ice Palace.

The Yeomen had come back in the final frame to erase a 3-1 deficit with their own extra-man tallies only to have Doug Herridge and Larry Hopkins ice the win for Toronto on power-play goals.

Neither coach was happy with the way the game was officiated. "The referee called every cheap penalty he could think of," complained York's Dave Chambers. His Toronto counterpart Tom Watt said, "I wish the referee had let both teams play the game."

Art Willer, who had earned the starting assignment in the nets after a good game against Laurentain, again came up with a hot hand and kept the game close in the first two periods until the Yeomen could start getting themselves untracked.

"It was a frustrating game for the whole team," said Willer. "If we didn't get those last two penalties I think we would have won the game because we had them going."

The Blues again displayed their superb skating and checking ability which have left them with an undefeated record in league play this season. The disciplined positional play stifled the York attack for the better part of the contest. The York power play, usually the Yeomen's most potent weapon, was defused until the third period.

The Yeomen had difficulty moving the puck out of their own end and failed to make the most of scoring opportunities in the Toronto end of the rink. York frequently took high shots from well out which gave Blues' netminder Jim Campbell little trouble. Coming out of their end, York forwards stood waiting for a pass instead of breaking to gain momentum in heading for the Toronto end.

York found itself in trouble from the outset as they picked up two minors after only 44 seconds of play. The Yeomen successfully killed off the two-man disadvantage but didn't manage a shot on goal when they had the power play minutes later.

Bill Fifield opened the scoring when he rifled a rebound past Willer at 8:12. York evened the count at 8:42 when John Marshall's blooper shot from the point found its way past the Toronto goalie.

Toronto went ahead 3-1 in the second period on power play goals by Ron Harris and Herridge, while the York extra-man attack sputtered when it was on the ice.

In the third period, York lost the services of centre Al Avery when he and Toronto's Rick Cornacchia were given match misconducts for fighting.

A succession of Toronto penalties allowed the Yeomen to even the count on power play goals by Paul Cerre and Peter Titanic from scrambles in front of the Blues' net.

Herridge and Hopkins came back to take advantage of two successive York penalties to round out the scoring at 5-3 late in the period.



York's Barry Jenkins races in for the puck which is behind Toronto's Gord Davies (20 in the dark jersey). Varsity took the match 5-3.

Friday night York locked up second place in the eastern OUAA when they downed the Laurentian Voyageurs 7-2.

Tim Ampleford notched three goals for the Yeomen while Gerri Greenham registered two. Singles went to Doug Dunsmuir and Bill Mackay. York had taken an easy 2-0 lead after one period only to run into a string of second period penalties which allowed Laurentian to score on the power play late in the period and tie the score with one second left on the clock.

In the final frame York went up 4-2 before a butt-ending call on the Voyageurs late in the period allowed the Yeomen to score three quick power play goals to make the final count 7-2.

PUCKNOTES:

The three stars of the Toronto contest were Willer, Herridge and Harris while Friday the kudos went to Ampleford, Greenham and Dunsmuir... Toronto outshot York 42-30 while the Yeomen outshot Laurentian 33-32... In women's hockey action Tuesday night York tied Toronto 1-1... The playoffs get under way Feb. 26 as York will be hosting the third place club, not yet determined. Game time is 8:15 p.m.

York Torch is still up for grabs

By RICK SPENCE

In intercollege sports activities last week, Stong, Osgoode and Bethune solidified their respective leads in the race for the York Torch.

In men's hockey MacLaughlin edged Winters 7-6, Stong blanked Osgoode 3-0, Glendon foiled Founders 4-2, Osgoode subdued Winters 4-2, Founders dumped McLaughlin 2-1, and the two titans, Stong and Glendon played to a 3-3 draw. In the consolation pool, Bethune

bested Calumet 5-0, and Vanier blasted Grads 13-0. Founders, Stong, Osgoode and Glendon advanced to the finals

In women's hockey, McLaughlin defaulted to Stong, and Glendon stomped Stong 6-1.

In men's basketball, Osgoode I conquered Calumet 56-34, Osgoode II belted Bethune I 34-24, Osgoode I stung Stong 62-44, Bethune I overcame Osgoode II 58-38, Bethune I outlasted Stong 58-50, and Bethune II defaulted to Calumet.

York nips Rams 68-65

By ALAN RISEN

York's basketball Yeomen solidified their hold on fourth place and the final playoff position in the OUAA East with a 68-65 overtime victory Saturday over the sixth-place Ryerson Rams.

The Yeomen win could be called anything but a team effort. Three players, Jeff Simbrow with 19 points, Vince Santoro with 17, and Ev Spence with 16 accounted for most of the York scoring.

Defensively, the Yeomen held the league's top scorer, Ryerson guard Rick Hagerman to 10 points. Hagerman had a poor night, hitting on only five field goals on 16 attempts. He also managed a measly three assists and three rebounds on the night.

His inability to maintain his league leading 19 points-per-game average was pointed to as a key factor in the Ram's defeat.

Ram's forward Dave Fogolin picked up the slack from his slumping guard and netted 22 points—tops for either team.

York lead at the half 32-29 but Ryerson turned the tables around in the second half to tie the score 61-61 at the end of regulation time.

The Yeomen picked up four points from guard Ev Spence en route to a 7-4 victory margin in the extra period. Santoro picked up two on a field goal and centre Romeo Calegaro hit on a free throw to round out the Yeomen's overtime scoring.

The win was critical in York's battle with Carleton for the final playoff berth, but the Yeomen are not expected to go beyond the quarter-finals.

The first round of playoffs sees the fourth place club (York) play at the home of the pennant winners (probably Ottawa). ●

 Ottawa has defeated York twice this year—82-64 at York and 75-63 in Ottawa—and are seen by many as a team that could go all the way. York's last game of the regular season is tomorrow night at home against the defending pennant champions from Laurentian. The Voyageurs currently hold down third spot in the East and should provide an interesting test as both teams prepare for post season action.

BASELINE BANTER: York's Simbrow, who at one time lead the league in scoring is now in seventh position. Mike Betcherman, playing most of the season with leg injuries is eighth...Windsor is currently in first place in the West and has'a good chance of de-throning defending champions Waterloo...Carleton's fifth place finish this year is a serious setback. The Ravens finished second to Laurentian last season.

compete for the last time this season in two weeks at the OUAA championships in Waterloo. Gymnasts sweep eastern finals

York divers place second, third

KINGSTON—In the OUAA eastern division men's gymnastics final held at Queen's University here on the weekend, York swept the individual and team titles

Sports Briefs

HAMILTON-At the McMaster swimming and diving invitational here Satur-

day, York divers Graham Samuels and Danny James placed second and third

respectively in both the one and three metre competition. The men's team will

York finished first in the four team competition, followed by Ottawa, RMC, and Queen's. York and Ottawa move on to the Ontario finals, against west division champs McMaster and U of T, to be held at York on Feb. 21 at Tait Mackenzie

York Swept the individual honours, with David Hunter finishing first with 46.85 points. Scott Tanner, Steve Maclain, Paul Maddock, Ross Hunt and Neil Gelman finished second, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh respectively.

Volleyball Yeowomen finish fifth

OTTAWA — At the eastern women's volleyball sectionals, York finished fifth in the six-team competition. The University of Toronto finished first with 20 points, followed by Ottawa with 16, Laurentian 10, Queen's 8, York 6 and Carleton 0.

York started strongly to down Queen's and Carleton 2-1 and 2-0 but ran into problems when facing Ottawa. Ottawa took the first game of the match 15-13 and went on to take the match 2-0.

The Yeowomen then dropped their matches to Toronto and Laurentian by identical scores of 2-0.

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Puckwomen topped 4-2

By DEBBIE CATE

Saturday morning York's hockey Yeowomen hosted the Western Mustangettes in a slow, tough game which proved to be more of a practice for the two clubs. Western came out on top 4-2.

Each squad was intent on picking up points, but as soon as a scoring play developed the opposing team stopped in short. This tight style resulted in few shots on goal although Western came out with a 19-12 edge.

With two seconds left in the first period the London team found the mark on a deflection off the York goalie. The Yeowomen got away only two shots on the Western net in the period.

Western received two penalties in the second period but York failed to take advantage of the situation. Western scored a short-handed goal and then stretched their lead to 3-0 by scoring at 9:27.

In the third period, York's Cathy Brown fooled the Western goalie on a low shot to make the score 3-1 only to have Western retaliate quickly on a goal from a goal-mouth scramble. The contest concluded with York's Liz Bowes deflecting a point shot to round out the scoring.

REBOUNDS: Western received a total of five penalties while York was handed only one—an obvious indication of weak power play strategy on the part of York. . . The Yeowomen travel to Guelph to play in the consolation round of the OWIAA championships Feb. 22 and 23.

Laurentian waterlogged

In a surprising display of offensive power, the men's varsity waterpolo team overwhelmed the visiting Laurentian team 19-8, Friday evening.

Art Keyfitz and Ted Kazanowski were York's outstanding scorers, with seven and six goals respectively. George Skene who played for only one period, added two, as did Fred Conroy. Other York marksmen were Tom Thompson and defenceman Ben Flock.

Ted Drobacz was high scorer for Laurentian with five.

York students are reminded that Wednesday evening games (9:00-11:00) will continue throughout the term, and that males or females interested are invited to participate.

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