

Yeomen miss playoffs due to league ruling

By JAMES HOGGETT

The York Yeomen soccer team have finished their season on somewhat of a sour note. Because of the incompetence of the league's Judiciary Committee, York found themselves staying at home last weekend instead of being in Ottawa for the OUA A playoffs.

York lost their appeal of the committee's ruling and Laurentian was able to travel to Ottawa for the playoffs.

"It was very unprofessionally handled, I think," said York captain Tony Oliver. "It's very frustrating when they kept changing their mind. We didn't know what was happening. Once you make a decision you should not turn around and change it. If they (the Committee) were not sure of what to do they should not have told us we were in the playoffs. Instead they turned around and said we're out."

"It was definitely a lack of competence on the Committee's part," said Tony Salmon, a first year student in the Co-ordinated Business program. "It was strange that the East and West divisions were run under two different sets of rules. There should be a set of rules that will apply to both divisions."

"The rules in this case are very badly written and unclear," Crandles said. "The interpretation of the rules were very poorly done by the Committee."

Next season York will be in somewhat of a new division. The league is going through a change in alignment from two divisions to three. York's new division will consist of Western, Toronto, Windsor and either Laurentian or RMC. All of this was a complete surprise to Crandles and the other coaches. "They just laid it on the coaches," Crandles said. "By the time they told us, it was already set into effect." The league's reason for doing this Crandles said, was to create a stronger team rivalry.

However all is not bleak for the Yeomen. As they have shown this season, they are a much improved team from last year. Last year the Yeomen finished with a 4-6-2 record while this year they jumped to a 5-3-4 record. "This year has been a success in every way," said Crandles. "We improved our point production and

look to be in great shape for next year."

"The highlight of the season I thought was the first game against Laurentian," Salmon said. "We showed everybody what we could do and proved ourselves to be a real competitor."

"It's just too bad we didn't make it to the playoffs," Oliver said. "We played well all season and improved so much from last year: it's a disappointment not to be in the playoffs. I think we would have made it to the finals although I don't know how we would have made out in the Canadian championships because I'm not too familiar with the teams. However, the team was so pumped up with confidence I think we could have beaten anybody."

Notes: The Laurentian Voyageurs defeated Carleton 1-0 in overtime to win the OUA A soccer championships in Ottawa last weekend. Incidentally, York defeated Laurentian this year twice by scores of 2-0 and 3-1.

Last Saturday in Ottawa at an all-coaches meeting, Hunter Madeley was the only York player to be selected to the OUA A all-star team.

New coach keeps water polo team afloat

By EDO VAN BELKOM

When last year's water polo coach Kevin Jones went on sabbatical, he chose as his replacement for the '85-'86 season Brian Robertson, the goalie for the national squad. Robertson took the year off from his national team training and came to York while the rest of the national

team centralized around the Montreal area.

Robertson now sees dual duty for the Yeomen as the team's coach and goaltender. Over the weekend, the Yeomen played two games as host of a five-team league tournament. The Yeomen won their first match of the weekend, defeating the University of

Western Ontario by a 7-3 margin. Robertson, who played in goal for the game, was pleased by the result because in their previous match-up, York had been held to a tie.

In Robertson's opinion, Western was a little cocky going into the match and that made the victory that much better.

In their second match the Yeomen never came close against the defending OUA A champion McMaster Mauraders. York was humbled by a score of 20-5. York's objective in that game was to keep close because of the strength of McMaster's team. McMaster has several top calibre players who have tried out for the national team.

On top of losing the game against McMaster, the Yeomen also lost the services of one of their top players, Derek Weyrauch, who shattered a finger on his shooting hand. The finger was operated on but Weyrauch will be out for the duration of the season.

"He (Weyrauch) is a central point on our team and will be hard to replace," Robertson said.

Overall, the prospects for the team are good, and they expect to be in the final tournament at Queen's. Last year the team finished fourth.



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ONE THAT GOT AWAY: York goalie John Dawson takes a swipes at a ball that just eludes his reach as concerned McMaster subs look on. York lost 20-5 against last year's champs from Hamilton.

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