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Twelve good ones out of twelve

Yeomen basketballers touted as best ever

By ROBERT EASTO

The basketball Yeomen raised a few eyebrows last season by registering an impressive 11-3 record, good enough to tie for second place in the OUAA East. One might assume that coach Bob Bain would be content to strive for comparable success this season. To the contrary, Bain is enthusiastically touting this year's team as one of York's strongest ever and is aiming for bigger and better things.

That several veterans had to be cut from the squad is indicative of the talent that Bain brought to training camp this year. "Although I was in an awkward position and found the task of releasing the veteran players very

difficult," said Bain, "it points out to me that we are indeed much stronger than last year."

Whether Bain's optimism will be justified will depend on whether the Yeomen can handle their perennial problem — lack of height. Bain hopes to minimize this disadvantage by "forcing other teams to play our style of game which will be a fast break style of offence coupled with continuous pressure on defence." The Yeomen defence was the league's stingiest last season and a comparable performance is requisite.

Offensively, Romeo Gallegaro returns for another shot at league scoring honours.

A first team all-star, Callegaro averaged 18.7 points per game and

missed last season's title by four points. Callegaro was also the fourth leading rebounder last season. At the other forward spot, eight leading scorer and second team all-star Ed Siebert returns.

At centre, second year man Chris Dorland must continue the rapid development he displayed last season if York is to be able to handle the league's big men.

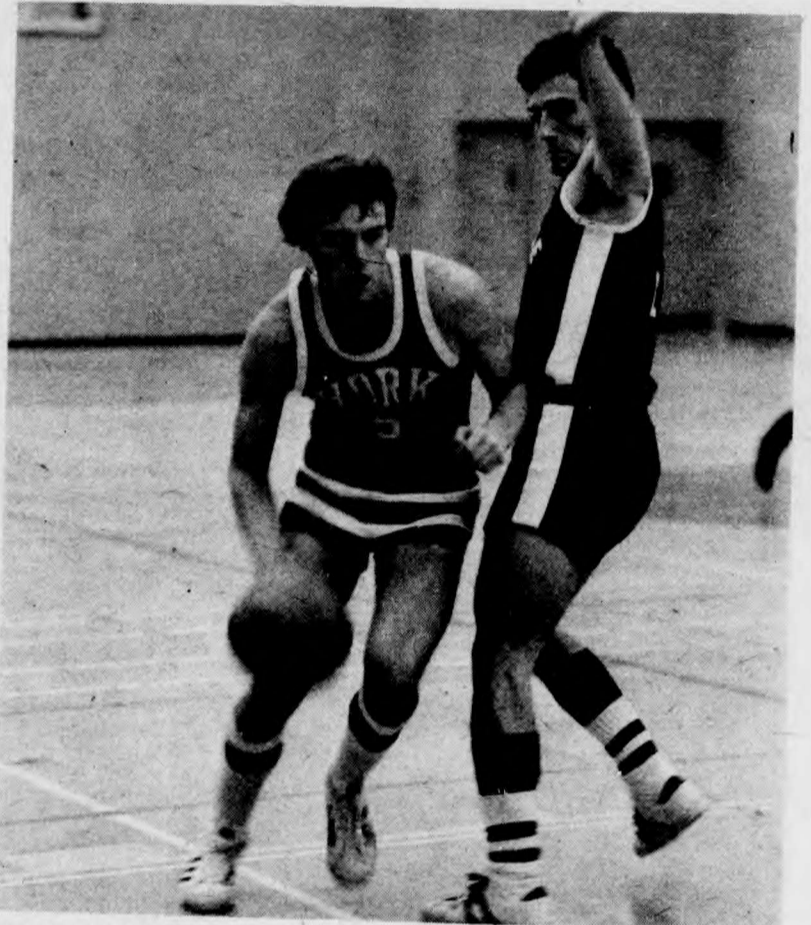
The backcourt will be led by Ev Spence and Ted Galka. Spence was a second team all-star last season, his third straight all-star selection. Although he was the squad's third leading scorer, last year was a mediocre one for Galka. The return to his form of two seasons past will greatly ameliorate the Yeomen title chances.

Bain is particularly pleased with the depth of this year's Yeomen. In short he says, "We've got twelve good players out of twelve." This depth will enable York to fully utilize its fast break style in an attempt to wear opponents down.

Three reasons for Bain's pleasure are forward Chris McNeilly, and guards Paul D'Agostino and Warren Cresswell, all proven veterans. Two more are Rob Pietrobon and Mike Betchermen, two varsity players who are returning after missing the entire season last year.

An unexpected bonus came in the person of Harry Hunter, a transfer student from the University of Victoria, who came to camp unheralded and established himself as an excellent performer at both guard and forward.

The only freshman to make the



Byron Johnson photo

team is Mike Willins whom Bain feels has great potential.

That the Yeomen will qualify for the playoffs appears certain. The consensus is that Laurentian is once again the team to beat in the OUAA East. York, Carleton and Ottawa will all battle for second place and any one of these teams could capture top spot should Laurentian falter.

Last year, the Yeomen were narrowly eliminated in the quarter-finals by Ottawa in a game for

which many Yeomen starters were ill. The Yeomen intend to continue their season somewhat longer this year.

After a narrow exhibition loss to McMaster last week, the Yeomen rebounded for a convincing 65-47 victory over Erin-dale on the weekend. Bain was particularly happy with the team's defensive performance.

The regular season begins this Saturday against Queen's in the Tait Mackenzie gymnasium.

Fencers aggressive but inexperience shows

Guts and aggressiveness had to make up for inexperience last Saturday as York's men's and women's fencing teams fought through their first tournament of the season, the Western Invitational.

York held out little hope for success at the meet due to the large proportion of newcomers that make up both teams. While some members had had fencing experience, there were only one or two veterans who had competed before.

The women's team, lead by Sharon Boothby, was able to hold on to a fifth place finish, just missing fourth after a barrage with Ryerson. The playoff event was won by the designated fencer from Ryerson over Boothby who had won 14 of her 25 bouts going into the barrage.

The round robin tourney was particularly grueling, as it required close to ten hours to complete, leaving most competitors mentally and physically exhausted at the end. Despite the severity of the test, the Yeowomen

forced their opponents to come up strong in order to win.

York placed fifth behind Ryerson defeating handily the contingents from Brock and McMaster.

The men's team also fared reasonably well, although they were loathe to mention their standing amongst the other varsity squads.

With one returnee from last year and two rookies, the men were pleased to see what they termed an eighty percent improvement over last year's effort. Given time and exposure to competition, the team feels they can look forward to a very successful year and eventually the finals.

Top fencer for the Yeomen was Joseph Chan who won seven of his 11 bouts.

Next weekend the men will travel to Kingston for the RMC Open. The women will journey to Ryerson the following weekend.

York is in the OUAA's central division along with Ryerson, Trent, and Western.

Sports Briefs

Dare we even broach the subject, this soon after the fact?

In light of yet another disappointment to pigskin fans this past weekend, does anyone want to even think about football?

Although he is probably wondering if the sun will ever rise over Tait McKenzie fields again, Dick Aldridge is thinking about football right now.

It should not be too hard to surmise what sort of things are running through Aldridge's mind. The continual bad mouthing of York's attempts need not be repeated here, its effects are already felt where they are needed least.

But is there any hope at all?

As far as the Yeomen's professional counterparts are concerned, there is little hope that the Argo's will survive the summer without some big changes.

Those changes need not and indeed must not be made at York before the new plan of late last July allowed to follow its course.

"I couldn't understand why York couldn't field a better team," said Aldridge at the season's end.

"I think I have something to offer the kids" are the words that meant optimism in the early going, and they are words which might all too quickly be said in the past tense.

Dick Aldridge has been stung hard by the scorn of football followers at York, by the people in his own field who do not want to be associated with a lost cause. New coach, new season, yet still they quit.

For Aldridge the opportunity to go into next season fully prepared, is something which he owes to himself and the members of the team who stuck it out in this the year of yet another failed comeback for the Yeomen.

The playoffs be damned, let's see some new recruits brought up from high school and let's let Dick Aldridge tell them about the challenge he saw when he first came to York, only five months ago. This time they might even decide stick it out. And the sun could even rise too.

McMaster ices the competition

York's traditional Invitational Ice Hockey Tournament took place last Friday, November 5 and 6. The teams involved were McMaster, U of Toronto, Queen's, Western, York and Seneca. McMaster University showed a strong start being successful in three decisive games against U of T, York and Queen's respectively.

They never appeared in much trouble in their games; helped of course by their excellent line-up of girls. They have three women who also play for the Mississauga Indians; these are Lois Cole, Mern Coventy and Penny Meitz, which is the best woman's team in Ontario.

Although the purpose of the tournament is to enable coaches to experiment with their line-ups it is apparent that McMaster has already passed this stage in team development and will be one of the top contenders for the O.W.I.A.A. championships in February.

After a rather shaky start against McMaster, U of T went on to win the consolation championship by beating out Seneca and Western.

U of T's coach, Dave McMaster was York's coach last year which has sparked an already flourishing rivalry.

Both Queen's and Western failed to place in this particular tournament but made strong team appearances.

It was a surprise to see Seneca College play so well last weekend, as they are not involved in this league.

Due to the fact that York's is rebuilding this year they need more time to play together as a team before anyone can risk

predicting results for the upcoming season.

The hopefuls for this year's team are Linda Berry at centre, in her third season and Betty Ann Armstrong on wing as a rookie.

Dana Phillips, who is in her second year with York, also plays for Mississauga. Brenda Stewart

will tend the nets for her second season. The York Yeowomen won their first game against Seneca 4-3 but went on to lose a humiliating 9-0 game against to a strong McMaster team.

York's next home game is Wednesday, November 10th, at 7 pm against U of T.

Ski Tips

By Stan Stitzturn

After a new skier has mastered the art of standing up on his skis, he invariably finds that stopping or slowing his decent can be more difficult than he thought.

After carefully choosing a gently sloping hill, well clear of barns, cars, tows and other obstacles, the next manoeuvre one should master is the snow plow.

Place yourself in a starting position on the slope by facing down the hill using your poles in front of you for support. Next, position your skis with the tails out and the tips about nine inches apart. This should put you in a wedge or plow position with the skis resting on the inside edges.

By removing your poles from in front of you and pushing off slightly you will begin your descent. Outside pressure applied to the heels of the skis will maintain the snow plow position.

Opening and closing the width of the plow affects the amount of pressure on the inside edges of the skis. This is basic to all controlling manoeuvres that we will be discussing in the next few weeks.

For practice in controlling plow width, allow the skis to run together and then push the heels apart again. Repeat this exercise until you are able to change your skis position and rate of descent at will.

HOT TIPS — Get professional instruction. A well meaning friend will probably pass on as many bad habits as he will good pointers. Lessons are available at most resorts but make sure they are teaching the Canadian Ski Instructors Alliance method. You will be instructed in the latest techniques that are easy to understand and will be the same across Canada.