

U of T Blues national champs

Miss first game 4-1; Yeomen come third

By JOHN MADDEN

The clock finally struck 12 for the hockey Yeomen. The York club was set back 4-1 by the St. Mary's Huskies last Thursday in the opening game of the national championships in Charlottetown, P.E.I.

But the Yeomen defeated the University of Alberta team 11-13 and Loyola 7-3 in the consolation round to capture third place in the five team tournament. The University of Toronto Blues took the national championship for the fourth time in five years by edging St. Mary's 3-2 Saturday night.

Despite winning two of three games the Yeomen were disappointed they did not reach the final. They felt they should have been on the ice challenging the Blues Saturday night instead of watching from the sidelines.

York's loss to the St. Mary's Huskies was a result of the Yeomen turning in one of their poorer efforts and St. Mary's solid checking and outstanding goaltending.

The Yeomen outplayed the Huskies for the first 10 minutes but they were unable to beat goalie Chuck Goddard. With two goals within 24 seconds in the final minute of the first period the Huskies built up a 3-0 lead by the end of the period.

Scoring goals in bunches is a habit for St. Mary's. They did the same in their league final against St. Francis Xavier.

After the first period, the York club was obviously at a disadvantage. Yeoman goalie Bill Holden remarked that with St. Mary's checking as well as they were it was very difficult to come

back. The Yeomen, especially the defensemen, were not checking with their normal belligerence, but as coach Bill Purcell pointed out you sometimes can't hit when you get three goals behind.

Murray Stroud deflected Ed Zuccato's shot from the blueline in the third period but that was the only York score.

This is not to say the Yeomen fell apart—they were defeated by an excellent hockey team. The Huskies are a solid checking unit with an outstanding defense and goalie. Even their big line of Jerry Cameron, Ron Hindson and Ed Hebert, which scored three goals against York, checked well.

Murray Stroud called the Huskie defense "superb" and revealed that they always blocked the middle, forcing the York forwards to go outside and having to settle for bad angle shots.

Two St. Mary's defensemen, John Murray and Brian O'Byrne, made the tournament all-star team. Incidentally John Murray played left wing on a line with Stroud with the Marlie bantam team.

The big man in the game and the tournament was goalie Goddard. As Stroud said: "When you got past the defense there was still Goddard." The former Peterborough Junior A netminder allowed only four goals in three games and was selected to the all star team.

Goddard and his mates proved their worth in the final against U of T. The Huskies rallied for two goals in the third period to tie the game 2-2 but U of T's Paul Laurent, playing his last college game, scored the winner with 14 seconds remaining in regulation time. Laurent got the puck about 15 feet in front of the net and moved in closer before firing a low shot that beat Goddard. After Laurent's goal the Huskies forced a faceoff in Varsity's end and almost scored with one second remaining on a shot that slid across the crease.

Goddard was again brilliant. On one occasion, he stopped four close-in rebound shots in succession. Just before Laurent's goal, he made a superlative glove save on Varsity's John Wright. Stroud said Goddard's catch was

so quick "it wasn't even reflex action."

After the loss to St. Mary's the Yeomen skated to two impressive victories over Alberta and Loyola. It's a credit to the maturity of the players and to the tremendous spirit on the club that the Yeomen bounced back after the St. Mary's loss—lesser clubs would have folded after a similar disappointment.

Coach Bill Purcell let it be known that his club was out to score more goals than anyone else in the tournament. Holden remarked: "We were out for a killing; we wanted to prove ourselves."

The Yeomen destroyed the Alberta Golden Bears 11-3 on Friday. Steve Latinovitch and Roger Bowness collected three goals each while Bob Modray had two and Stroud, Licio Cengarle and Brian Dunn had singles. Stroud also had five assists while Modray and Cengarle had three and two assists respectively.

On Saturday, York beat Loyola 7-3. Before the tournament Loyola had been ranked number one in Canada. Latinovitch again had three goals while Dave Kosoy tallied twice. Stroud and Latinovitch had singles.

The four leading scorers in the tournament were Yeomen: Stroud, with three goals and eight assists; Latinovitch, six goals and four assists; Modray, two goals and five assists; and Bowness, four goals and two assists.

The six all-star positions went to U of T and St. Mary's but many felt that Latinovitch, who had two hat tricks in a row, should have been included. There were about 25 members of the Canadian College Hockey Coaches Association at the tournament and many were impressed by Latinovitch's ability to keep his hard shot low. Most of his goals were hard low shots to the goalie's far side.

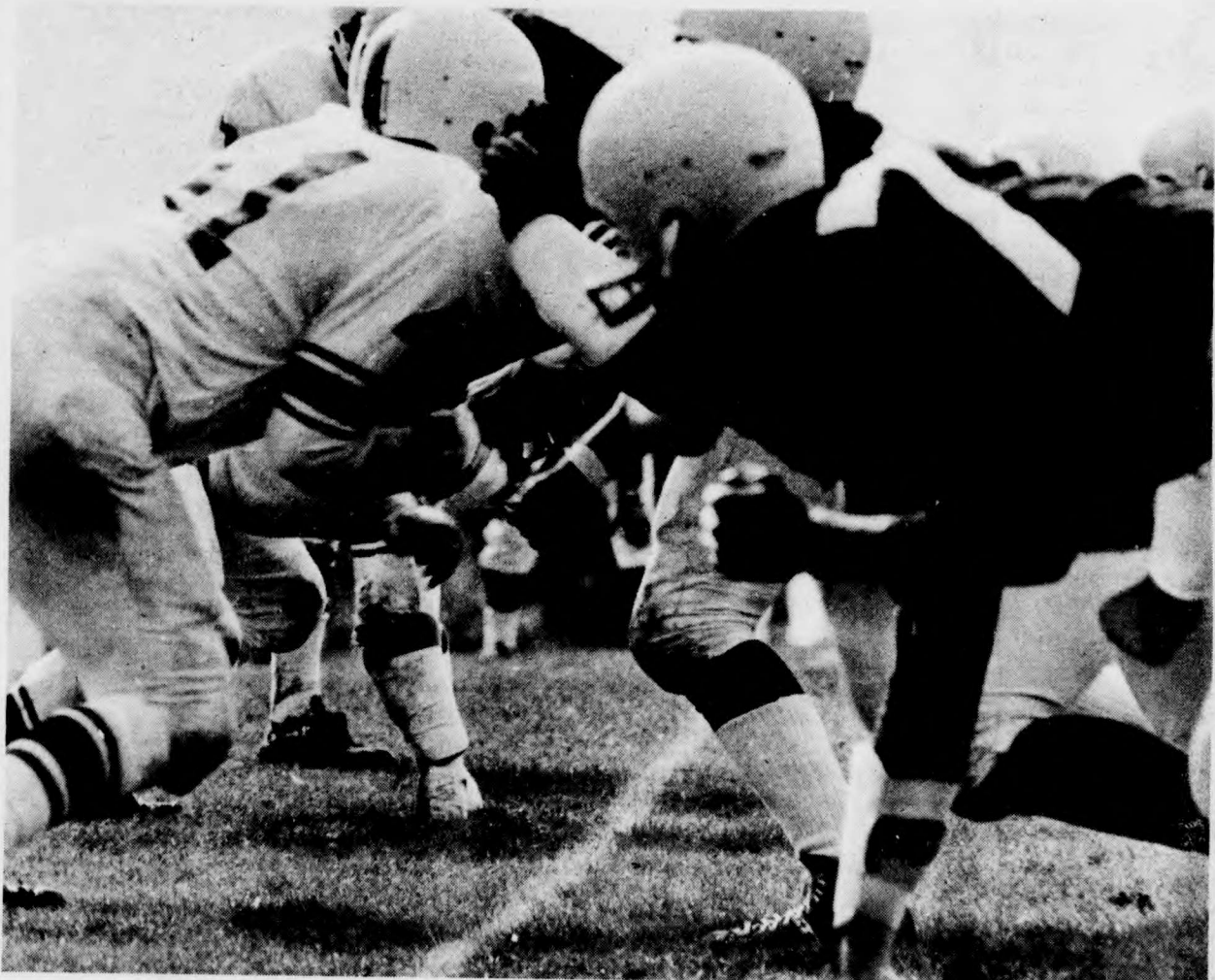
Before the tournament the Montreal sports writers were

referring to York as the "dark horse". This was the first time York had been in hockey's national championship and they had no idea of the club's ability.

The Yeomen are not national champions. We still have to catch U of T. But considering the long hockey traditions at other successful universities its quite a feat to be the third ranked hockey club in Canada after only five years.

It was only three years ago that York's varsity club practised at the outdoor rink at Glendon and it has only been two years since the club had to haul its equipment to Centennial arena and Doublerinks for games and practices.

Ice chips: On behalf of the players Murray Stroud wants to thank those who signed the telegram that was sent to Charlottetown . . . Including exhibitions, league games and playoffs the Yeomen finished with a phenomenal record: 25 wins, four losses and one tie.



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York's Kinsman 2nd on high bar

Tom Kinsman of York helped the Eastern Canada team defeat the West by a score of 224.50 to 220.70 in the national invitational gymnastics meet held over the weekend at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. He finished a commendable second in the high bar event to Steve Mitruk of McMaster. Mitruk was the outstanding athlete in the competition, winning four of the six individual men's titles.

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Squash squad wins OIAA to end season

The York Squash squad climaxed their successful season recently by taking the OIAA squash title at Lakehead.

Coming up with almost a clean sweep they dropped only one match out of 15 to beat Ryerson, Trent and Lakehead.

This title added to the Waterloo Invitational title taken in mid-February marked the most successful squash season ever for York. Winning three out of five invitational matches, they also ran a successful and tough team in the hard-playing Toronto B League.

ANOTHER SEASON ENDS . . . AND A NEW ONE IS ON THE WAY
 Football in March? No, but that's the next season to come, now that hockey is over for the year. See you on the field in September!

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