



York tennis coach Eric Bojesen called Yeoman Nick Barthes (above) one of York's "bright spots."

The Blues are back

by Brian Amuchastegui

Last weekend, the University of Toronto Varsity Blues defeated the York Yeomen 6-5 in double overtime to capture first place in the UofT 1989-1990 Sneak Preview Tournament. Showcasing their trademark style of strong offensive forechecking and solid defence, the Yeomen showed both character and determination in their tournament performance.

On Saturday, York played its first game of the tournament against the Ryerson Rams. Ryerson opened the scoring in the first period on a goal by left-winger Darren Matias. The Yeomen evened the score 12 minutes into the game on a goal by York forward Mike Futa. The goal gave the York team some momentum, and it responded with a more offensive attack and solid back-checking which carried into the second period.

At 2:41 of the second period, Lucky Degrazia gave the Yeomen a 2-1 lead. Taking advantage of a power-play situation, Ram defenceman Jim Luciuk tied the game just over a minute later. Ryerson continued to keep the play in the York end, but stellar goaltending from Yeoman Willie Popp prevented the Rams from scoring again. Kevin Bonello scored the go-ahead goal for York at 11:12 on a deflected shot from Luciano Fagioli.

York's Kevin Bonello added an insurance marker at 4:17 of the third period and an empty net goal was netted with half a minute to play to seal a 5-2 Yeomen victory.

The championship game between the host UofT Blues (who defeated the Brock Badgers 10-2 on Saturday to advance to the final) and the Yeomen was a thrilling, action-packed conclusion to a weekend of great hockey.

The game jumped off to a quick start, with UofT forward Dean Haig opening the scoring 19 seconds into the first period. York sniper Kevin Bonello responded with equal speed by tying the game 12 seconds later. Brian MacDonald put York ahead 2-1 at 3:30 on a blast from just inside the UofT blueline.

The Yeomen continued their offensive onslaught and went ahead 3-1 on a re-directed shot by Luigi Vigilanti. At 11:35 of the period, the Blues narrowed the gap to 3-2 when forward Steve Boyd flipped a shot over the shoulder of the York goaltender.

Throughout the last two periods, the clamp was a seesaw affair with the Yeomen hanging on to a slim one-goal lead until late in the third period when UofT forward Chris Vickers scored on a hard slapshot to send the game into overtime.

Both teams had excellent scoring opportunities in the first overtime period, but outstanding goaltending foiled their many attempts. After 10 minutes of play, the score remained 5-5.

At 4:04 of the second overtime period, Blues' defenceman Jeff Columbus drilled a hard slapshot eluding Yeomen goaltender Ted Mierczarek, winning the game at 6-5.

Earlier in the day, Ryerson defeated the Brock Badgers 10-6 to capture the consolation game.

Despite the tournament loss, Yeomen head coach Graham Wise believes his team's hunt for a consecutive national title remains very strong.

"Although we have lost some experience on the team, we have some guys who were there last year and some new players who have really matured," said Wise. "As long as we continue to remain competitive and come to the rink every night to play, this team can definitely do a good job."

Tennis Yeomen outclassed

by Paul Brooks

On September 29, York's National Tennis Centre was the site of the Ontario Universities Athletic Association (OUAA) East Sectional finals. It was not a good day for the York squad who, in tough competition against teams from the University of Toronto and Queen's, placed third in the gruelling roundrobin tournament.

Under sunny but cool conditions, the day-long event consisted of both singles and doubles play, with a single point awarded for each match won. York could only muster a record of 3 and 5 in its eight singles matches, and would go 0 for 4 in doubles play. As a result of their 3 and 9 show-

ing, York placed third in the tournament, well back of Toronto's 8 and 4 mark. Queen's finished second with a record of 7 and 5.

York coach Eric Bojesen conceded that the tournament did not go as well as he would have liked, but said there were some bright spots, such as the play of Nick Barthes. In singles play versus UofT, Barthes defeated Mike Sued 6-1, 67, 6-1. In his other singles match Barthes edged Tony Roth of Queen's in a tight match, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5.

"Nick's play was the most positive part of the day," said Bojesen. "He played very well."

Bojesen also singled out the play of Gary Gottlieb, who supplied York with its only other victory, defeating UofT's Altaf Rahim,

6-2, 7-5.

Despite the 3 and 9 record, there were some tough losses. Gottlieb was defeated in his other match, despite forcing it to three sets, while Alex Nestor and the doubles tandem of Friedman and Connery also took matches to the maximum number of sets before bowing out.

Bojesen summed up the tournament, saying, "It was not one of our better days." Adding to the disappointment was the fact that as a result of its place finish, York does not qualify for the OUAA finals slated for mid-October. UofT advances with not only the top team score, but top singles player Chris Lai, and the top doubles team of Lai and John Marsalek.

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