Pats at home for OUAA championship

Lesser teams might have collapsed under the pressure.

This weekend, however, one game away from elimination, the UQTR (Universite de Quebec a Trois Rivieres) Patriotes thumped the University of Toronto Blues by a combined score of 14-4 to take their best of three OUAA East final 2-1.

With the series victory for the Patriotes comes a berth in the national tournament and a chance to defend their CIAU title the weekend of March 14 and 15.

The Patriotes' home-ice victories this weekend came on the heels of a heartbreaking double overtime 5-4 loss at Varsity arena last Thursday.

In the matchup Thursday, the Blues came back from a 4-2 third period

deficit for the electrifying win. Still, an apparent goal that would have given the Patriotes a commanding 5-3 lead with seven minutes to go was called back by referee Ralph Sparks, who claimed he'd blown the whistle before the puck entered the net.

Sparks, however, was about the only one in attendance who actually heard the whistle (if it was blown at all). At least one reporter present was disgusted, if not surprised, by the call.

In fairness, though, the Patriotes played nowhere near their capacity in the first game. In front of over 2,000 screaming partisan fans in Trois Rivieres, however, they looked much more like defending national champs.

Next up for the Patriotes is a one game matchup with OUAA West champions the Laurier Golden Hawks for the league championship. In a delicious stroke of irony, the Patriotes will be hosting the game, which will determine bragging rights for the very league which turfed them out for next

After the Ontario contest, which functions as essentially an exhibition match (both division champions qualify for the Canadian championships) it's off to the National's '92 tournament, where the Patriotes hope to win their second consecutive CIAU title and third national crown ever.

Tickets for both semifinal matches and the final can be bought through the Nationals '92 hotline at 872-5000

The semifinals take place the afternoon of Saturday March 14, while Sunday's final faces off at 1:00 pm..

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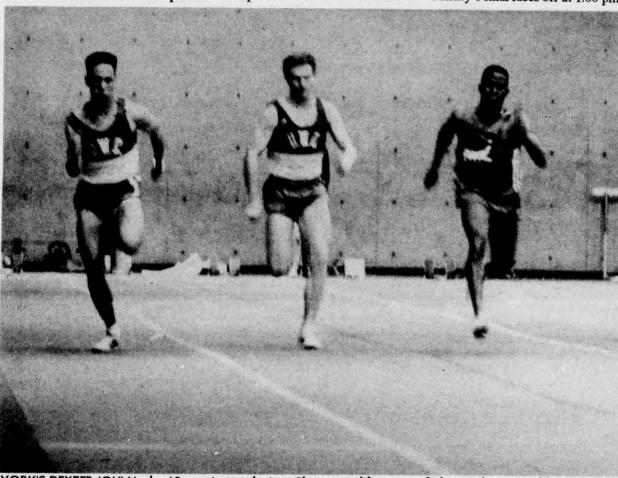
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YORK'S DEXTER JOHN in the 60m sprints at the Last Chance qualifiers at UofT last Friday. No additional York athletes qualified for the Nationals here. York's main challenge right now is the provincial championships this weekend at Windsor

Yeomen strong, women iffy heading into Ontario finals by Riccardo Sala

Right next door to the Motor City, the University of Windsor will be hosting another group of motors when the provincial track and field championships take place there this weekend.

For York, the story there will be as it has been all season — a men's team capable of moving past University of foronto for a second place finish. while the Yeowomen will have to content themselves with a young team that will likely not equal last year's silver medal at the championships.

Those year long results were echoed in the last meet of the regular season, the Last Chance Qualifiers, last Friday at UofT.

The Yeoman 4x200m relay team finished first. In the 300 mrace, York's Kevin Benner was third, while teammate Corey Burnett won the 600m event.

York's Doug Wood won the pole vault with a mark of 5.50m.

In the women's section, York's Angie Coon finished third in the 60m

No Yeomen or Yeowomen not already qualified for the Nationals did so at UofT.

Going into Windsor, the Yeowomen are the fifth ranked Ontario team, behind Windsor, Western, UofT and Queen's.

"We're (the Yeowomen) hoping to beat Queen's and finish fourth. That's realistic," York assistant coach

Vickie Croley said.

The Yeomen meanwhile are looking forward to improving on last

between Windsor, Uof T and us at this big," Croley added.

point. Windsor is untouchable, but we do have the talent and the depth to beat UofT. It's just going to depend on individual performances, plus our "The men's championship will be relays are going to have to come up

Hoop-a-Thon at Tait raises money for Huntington disease research

Special to Excalibur

Toronto high school students put their basketball savvy to work at Tait McKenzie for a higher cause last Saturday, taking part in the second annual Metro Toronto Hoop-a-Thon to fight Huntington Disease.

Huntington disease is a hereditary brain disorder affecting one in one thousand Canadians. It is a degenerative disease which over the course of 10-25 years leads to total incapacitation and eventually death. There is no cure for Huntington's and no effective treatment.

The Saturday basketball event is one way that the Huntington Society of Canada is trying to raise awareness for its cause.

Students were selected from 55 schools, representing nine Metro area boards of education. These representatives made it to the Saturday meet after being selected last fall and earlier in the winter.

The top male and female scorer from each school was chosen, as well basketball team, for his help Saturas the top fundraisers, to represent day.

their schools at York.

Taking the overall title on the boy's side was Brian Heany from St. Michael's College School, who successfully shot in 117 baskets in five minutes

In the girl's competition the top scorer was Sacred Heart's Kelly

Angelo Arciero, a Downsview Secondary school student, won a MIPPS computer for his fundraising effort, which netted \$350 on behalf of Huntington disease research.

The top fundraising school was Martingrove Collegiate Institute, which raised \$2400.

The adults hit the courts in the afternoon. Teams of five players each shot for two minutes. A team from Tridel raised over \$2800 in that event through pledges, winning the first prize of a Skybox date to see the Blue

Special thanks goes to Al Scragg, assistant coach of the Yeowoman