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667-3201**Red and White vanquish Lady Godiva****Yeomen trounce Blues to all but clinch title**

By BOB LIVINGSTON

Two teams invaded Varsity Arena last Saturday night and both emerged victorious.

First the York University Yeomen defeated the University of Toronto Blues 4-1, and by doing so all but clinched their first league championship. Only a disastrous finish against RMC and Windsor this weekend will prevent the Yeomen from capturing the title.

Synergy the principle by which two and two equals five, was demonstrated last Saturday night as the second York team, the York hockey fans, thoroughly out-cheered the home crowd. The harder the fans cheered, the better the Yeomen played, and the better the Yeomen played, the louder the fans cheered.

FLYING PENALTY

The Yeomen came out flying in the first period but quickly ran into penalty trouble. With the penalties out of the way, the Yeomen went ahead 1-0 on a solo effort by team captain Doug Dunsmuir.

The Blues tied it up as Ivan MacFarlane converted on a power play opportunity, beating York goaltender Rick Quance. Quance had an outstanding night, turning back 36 of 37 shots.

Dave Wright put the York squad ahead for good, late in the first period when York had a two-man advantage. It was ironic that Wright scored the eventual winner, as he had spent one year at U of T before coming to York.

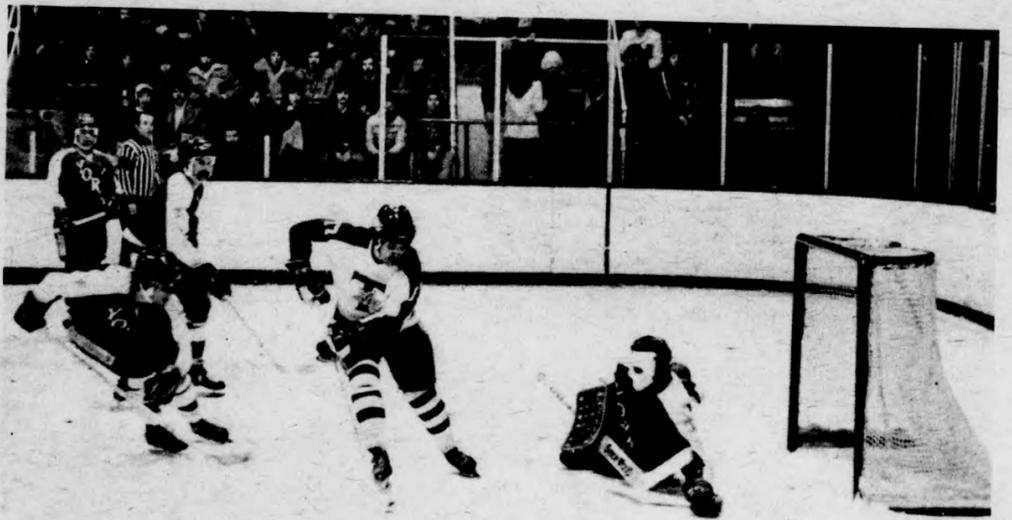
The Yeomen kept pressing in the second period, and Tim Ampleford scored a big goal to give York a 3-1 lead. The turning point in the game came late in the second period when York's Gord Cullen went off for elbowing.

The Blues came close on several goal mouth scrambles, but could not get the puck by Quance. Had the Blues scored, the Yeomen would have been ahead only by one going into the third, a situation which could have turned the game around.

OUTHUSTLING

The Yeomen again outhustled the Blues early in the third period as Dunsmuir rattled one off the post in the first minute of play. York had several good scoring opportunities, but it was up to Al Avery, the "silver fox", to put the game on ice, as he beat Blues' goaltender Bob Oss on a breakaway.

Although the game was well in hand with the score 4-1, it was important that the Yeomen maintain



Paul Hayden photo

A rare occurrence from Saturday's Yeomen/Blues hockey game is pictured above. Blues' Ivan MacFarlane has left behind him Yeomen defenders

Gord Cullen, Gerri Greenham and Dave Wright (top to bottom) and is actually threatening Rick Quance's virgin meshes.

that three-goal margin. Since the final league standing will likely see York and Toronto tied for first place in total points, both with 21, The league championship will then be decided on goals for and against.

Toronto earlier in the season beat the Yeomen 4-2, but with the 4-1 victory last Saturday, the cham-

pionship will go to the Yeomen.

In the final analysis, however, it was truly a team effort from both the players and the fans that won the game. To be able to walk into Varsity Arena and have the Lady Godiva Band drowned out by the Red and White Society had to give the players a tremendous lift.

Should all go as planned, the Yeomen will host the Laurentian Voyageurs for the semi-finals. With fan support like last Saturday and a few breaks, this team could win it all. At least they convinced me.

Pucknotes:

Laurentian continued their fine play, defeating the Ottawa Gee-Gees 4-2 over the weekend. They will be a different team from the one that lost to the Yeomen 10-3 earlier in the season.

The Yeomen host Royal Military College this Friday night, game time 8 p.m. at the Ice Palace. According to what I hear from the players, it should be a friendly match.

Clowning Yeomen gymnasts triumph in Kingston as three team members leave to leap in Lethbridge

By PAUL KELLOGG

Last week, in a confident display of self-confessed superiority, York's gymnastic teams left their opponents strewn on the mat and gasping for breath, coming first over-all in two separate meets.

On Saturday, at the Eastern Sectional Championships held in Kingston, the Yeomen acted like the easy victors they eventually were even before the meet began. During pre-competition warm-ups, assistant coach Masaaki Naosaki said that York would have no problems. According to Naosaki, the big meet is the OUAA championship on February 22 in Ottawa.

Team-member Dave Goertz went even farther. Speaking of Saturday's meet and the upcoming championships, he said, "These two are just warm-ups. The meet we're gearing up for is the Canadian Championship in Calgary."

So superior is the Yeomen team to their counterparts in the eastern OUAA, that they could afford the luxury of leaving three of their top competitors at home. Dave Steeper,

Bob Carisse and Paul Maddock all missed the Kingston meet, preparing for competition in Lethbridge the following Monday.

The self-assurance spilled onto the competition floor. As a sober line-up of competitors and spectators stood at attention for the national anthem, the Yeomen attempted an impromptu barbershop quartet in a sing-along to the scratchy L.P.

And in warm-ups, as members of other teams seriously and assiduously attempted to perfect their most difficult routines, the York team clowned about the mats, feigning failure, fear and injury doing the log roll.

The confidence was justified. York finished with 239.3 points, a new team record, followed distantly by host Queen's (182), Ottawa (168) and RMC (145.7).

The difference in the teams, apparent throughout, was most obvious in the floor exercises. Most of the other competitors, especially those from RMC, looked to be mechanically repeating some well-rehearsed techniques.

Many of the Yeomen, on the other hand, seemed (to this unqualified observer) to be performing with some originality and enjoyment. It showed up in the standings with York's Scott Tannar, Dave Goertz and Dan Boland finishing one, two, three (8.30, 8.15 and 7.65 points respectively).

The race for top individual honours among the Yeomen was not decided until the last performance on the parallel bars the last event. Scott Tannar, the gymnast who closed out the meet, took top spot on the bars with 8.70 and consequently top Yeomen honours with 46.30. He was

followed by Dave Goertz (45.55) and Steve McLean (44.65).

Kayler captures top title

On Friday, York's distaff gymnasts were hostesses for an invitational involving Western, McMaster, Ottawa, Queen's and York.

From 6:30 p.m. on into the evening as cartilages snapped after the opening speeches of Mary Lyons and Dr. Bryce Taylor, visiting teams breathed the thin air of victory at almost no level of competition.

The one exception was with the juniors, where York succumbed to a strong Western team, 87.68 to 86.86. Queen's was third with 85.22.

Despite the loss of the team title, it was Yeowoman Martha Kayler who captured the individual all-round title with 30.46 points. Most of these points came from a first on the balance beam and a second in the floor exercises.

A surprisingly good showing was submitted by Lisa Beverly. Her first place on uneven parallel bars and second on the balance beam were achieved despite her recent recovery from an injury suffered at the first meet of the year.

In intermediate competition, the natural order of things was re-established. With 88.13 points, York came first followed by Western (87.65) and McMaster (70.67).

First on beam and vaulting, Debbie Alderman of York won the intermediate individual title. Western's Barbara Kane was second, sandwiched between Alderman and Yeowoman Rhonda Kemeny in third spot.

Linda Henshaw of York captured individual honours at the senior B level, chiefly on the strength of an outstanding and original floor routine.

At the Senior A level, the Yeowomen have four national team members. Of these, Lise Arsenault was first over-all with 35.89 points, Nancy McDonnell second (35.47) and Teresa McDonnell third (34.78).

When the top three senior scores were added up, York had an easy victory with 106.14 points followed by Queen's (76.8) and Western (48.84).

The next test of the Yeowomen's skills is this Saturday, February 15 at U of T. The occasion is the Ontario University Gymnastic Meet.



Paul Kellogg photos

Two members of the York gymnastics team which travelled to Kingston on Saturday are pictured above. Dan Boland at left is on the parallel bars, while teammate Frank Circelli performs on the high bar.



The Yeomen won the meet handily, setting a new team record in the process.