

Cagers' best not enough

By ALAN RISEN

OTTAWA—York's basketball Yeomen finished the cage season on a bittersweet note last Tuesday in Ottawa.

"It was our best effort of the season," said coach Bob Bain. "I was proud of the way we played out there."

But the Yeomen fell just short of upsetting the East division champions, Ottawa Gee Gees, losing the quarter-final match 65-57.

It was a familiar story for the 1973-74 York cagers. They hit well from the outside, scoring on 47 per cent of their shots. However, their lack of height

proved fatal along the boards, where Ottawa outrebounded them 39 to 23. And their lack of bench strength forced Bain to keep a tired five on the court down to the final whistle.

The Yeomen opened in a rush and took a 13-2 lead. Centre Romeo Calegario played an excellent first half, checking Ottawa's Merv Sabey, who took top scorer and first team allstar laurels this season.

York took a 34-31 lead into the dressing room at halftime, but tired in the second half. As time began to run out York took chances which allowed Ottawa to widen their lead.

Jeff Simbrow and Vince Santoro

were top gunners for York with 14 points each, followed by Ev Spence with 12, Calegario with nine and Mike Betcherman with six.

Dave Cronin topped the Ottawa score sheet with 16 points followed by Sabey with 14 and Pat Woodburn with 10. The 6'7" Sabey's biggest contribution was in the rebounding department where he captured 19, only four less than the York total.

BASELINE BANTER: York actually hit more consistently than Ottawa, 47 per cent to 43 per cent, but the Gee Gees' control of the boards allowed them to take 13 more shots... The Yeomen, who at one time had four players in the top ten scoring of the OUAA East finished with only one, Jeff Simbrow, and he was tenth.

In the other quarter-final matches, Laurentian nipped Toronto 73-72, Waterloo downed Guelph 84-78, and Windsor dropped McMaster 79-72. Waterloo edged out Windsor 74-71 for third place in the consolation game...

Waterloo and Ottawa plus an OUAA wild card team not announced at press time (probably Laurentian) advance to nationals in Waterloo.

Waterloo's Mike Moser set a new single season scoring record this year by amassing 335 points. He beat Dave West's record from 1963-64 of 314. West played for U of T.

York's Ev Spence was the sole Yeoman on the OUAA all-star team released this week. Joining the Yeoman ace were Don Charuba of



Ottawa centre Merv Sabey (44 in the white jersey) goes up for another two points despite the efforts of Jeff Simbrow (dark sweater, left). Simbrow was York's top scorer in the game (with 14 points) and in the regular season.

Laurentian, Jon Love of Carleton, John Plaskacz and Merv Sabey of Ottawa.

The Toronto Blues, who failed to place anyone on the first team were represented by Randy Filinski on the second squad. Also named to the team were Carleton's Paul Armstrong,

Ryerson's Rick Hagarman, Laurentian's Mike Visser and Ottawa's Pat Woodburn.

Many felt that York's Vince Santoro should not have been left off... Jon Love and Merv Sabey were repeaters.

The Canadian championship game will be televised live Saturday on CBC.

Stirling wins silver

By CYRANO SCARAMOUCHE

The York fencing team wrapped up a successful season at McMaster last week by finishing third in a field of eleven universities. Windsor won the tournament due to its large team, and the recently-formed Carleton team placed second, with three of the six first-place berths.

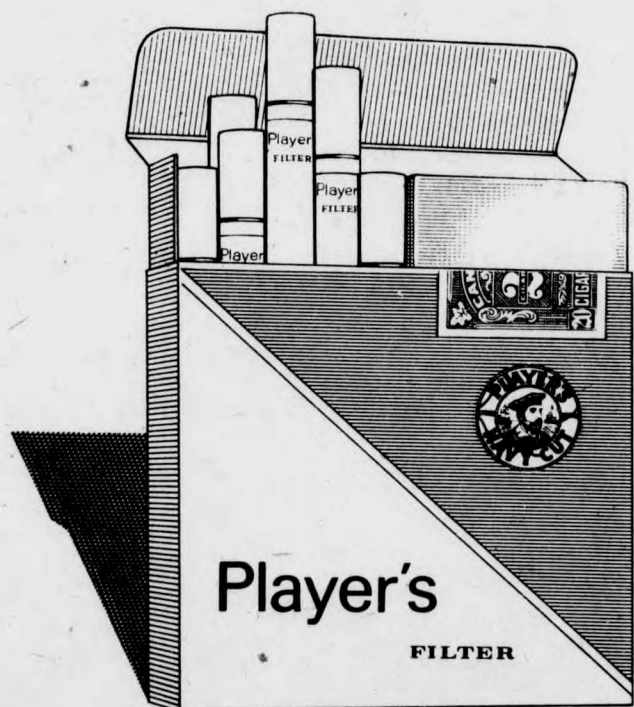
York's third place finish establishes its status as a major power in the years to come, especially over its archrivals, the fourth-place University of Toronto.

Individually York placed two competitors in the finals, in sabre and foil. Gunnar Ozols, captain of the foil team, fenced well to take the gold medal, marking the first time a York fencer has won a gold medal in OUAA competition.

In the sabre competition Grey Stirling cut his way to a silver medal. York failed to place anyone in the epee, which was won for the second straight year by Ben Joyce of Carleton.

York placed only a foil team in the team events, the team of Gunnar Ozols, Jim Lampard, and George Lavorato. The team was not expected to make the finals earlier in the season, but hard work and determination brought them to their eventual second place finish, behind Toronto.

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