

**Teams shaky on camera**

# Short basketballers give Toronto the Blues

By ALAN RISEN

York's hustling basketball Yeomen continued their winning ways in OUAA competition with a convincing 78-68 drubbing of the University of Toronto Varsity Blues before a packed Benson Building crowd Tuesday night.

The victory evened out York's seasonal record at three wins and three losses, as they moved ahead of the Blues, who are now 3-4, in the race for a playoff position.

The Yeomen victory was earned by solid team play and hustle. As Varsity coach John McManus said after the game, "We played very poor defence. We were out-rebounded, out-hustled, out-fought, out-everything."

Both teams seemed nervous, perhaps because CHCH-TV was taping the game for broadcast on Saturday afternoon. Or perhaps it was just the bright television lights, but both teams shot erratically in the first

half, Toronto hitting on only 36 per cent of their shots, and York on a measly 30 per cent.

The Yeomen, who led 21-12 at one point, saw their lead dwindle until Varsity finally tied the game at 31-31 with less than a minute left in the half.

But York's all-star guard, Evrad Spence, came out in the second half with a hot hand and quickly sank three jumpers to shoot York into a lead which they never relinquished.

The talented York backcourt player was the subject of comment by both coaches after the game. McManus said, "(Glenn) Scott let Spence shoot. Anytime you let him shoot you'll end up on the short end of the score. He's too good a player."

And York coach Bob Bain explained that the Yeomen were trying to feed the ball to the right side of the court because of the glaring television lights. This helped Spence, who was looking into them most of the

first half.

The Yeomen also got a strong performance from Ed Siebert, who is starting to play more aggressively and asserted himself on the defensive boards. Rob Pietrobon displayed some clever inside moves offensively (19 points) and strong rebounding defensively (13) in the winning effort.

**Baseline Banter** • It's not difficult to pinpoint the reason for York's problem along the boards. They're

the shortest team in the league, possibly the nation.

The Yeomen dropped both games of their weekend jaunt in New York State, 69-61 to Villa Maria and 110-78 to Bryant and Stratton.

• The recent death of Waterloo's all-star forward Mike Moser, holder of such OUAA records as most points in a season (335) and most field goals in a game (19), was a shock to everyone who knew him.

Moser was well-liked and

respected for his personal qualities as well as his exceptional basketball talent. For example, in the last game he played against York, he was guarded by Romeo Callegaro. Callegaro remembers Moser congratulating him for his fine play as they were racing down the court.

• The Yeomen depart tomorrow for a two-game road trip including games with Queen's and RMC. They are home January 31 for a return contest with the Golden Gaels.

## Skating Yeowomen hit Kingston

Tracing figure eights mainly for fun, York's figure skating team placed third at the Queen's Invitational last week.

The third place finish was less important, however, than the experience the team acquired — it was the first time this year York has iced a team at all. Furthermore, instead of the usual dozen or so members, York had only six. Despite these disadvantages, they managed a respectable 54 points.

Queen's, the home team, took first handily with 124 points, assisted by a gael of supporters. University of Toronto (74) was second, while McMaster (47) came fourth.

The small size of the team was compensated for by some excellent individual showings. In the Senior Ladies Similar Dance, Susan Arnoff and Lindsay Histrop waltzed to a

first place finish. Arnoff doubled her blue ribbons, combining with Ray Naismith for a first place finish in the Junior Mixed Dance. Arnoff just missed the hat trick, placing second in the Open Ladies Dance.

The Novice Mixed Dance saw Debbie Hunter and Richard Cook capture second spot. Debbie Hunter and Helen Stepien came third in the Junior Ladies Similar Dance. Stepien had another third in the Novice Ladies Singles, while Lindsay Histrop and Sue Arnoff rounded out the bulk of York's point total, plac-

ing third in the Senior Ladies Similar Pairs.

The meet may have been, as coach Nadine Morton said, mainly for fun, but the prosaic matter of finances wasn't so amusing.

"Glendon College paid for accommodation. The physical education department was rather reluctant to support us as the money dried up. However, we hope to hang in there."

As to the team's performance, Morton said, "We did beat McMaster which is encouraging. But most important, we did our best."

### Curling combo draws to full house

Three aspiring lawyers and a token MBA student proved to be the winning combination on Friday, January 17 Chinguacousy Curling Club.

In playdowns to choose the team representing York in university bonspiels, Doug Kirk (the token businessman), Doug Wilson, Dave Fleet and skip John Pearson (all Osgoode students), defeated a rink skipped by John Coyle in the best of three playdown.

Pearson's rink won the opener 7-4, lost the second 8-4, but clinched it in the third with an exciting 7-6 win.

The new Yeomen curl at Trent on February 1 in the eastern section of the OUAA championships. The finals are at Queen's the following weekend.

Pearson's victory effectively dispels one persistent myth on the York campus: Osgoode produces more than high-income Perry Masons.

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