

The crowds stayed away in droves

Coach sees new life in basketball players

By PAUL KELLOGG

Yes, it is true. There is a York Yeomen basketball team. York students can forget the turmoil of uncertainty they have undergone regarding its existence. It has now been confirmed from an unimpeachable source — the coach of the team, Bob Bain.

And yet, most Yorkites are unaware of the cagers; when asked what student support for the team was like last term, Bain stated very emphatically, "Terrible."

"We have a number of parents, some hard-core fans, and that's it.

York is one of the most apathetic universities I know of for athletics. And it has nothing to do with the way we play. Sure, we've had some bad games. But most of them, especially recently, have been fast, exciting and well-played.

"Earlier on I might have had unrealistic expectations. We're a really, really young team. Our play was very up and down at the beginning of the season. But after the last few games I'd say we're on our way."

The York team does have a very creditable record over the last few games. On December 13 it outfought

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, 87-82. The attack was led by Ed Siebert with 27 points and nine rebounds, and Ted Galka with 23 points and eight rebounds.

It was the Yeomen's superior accuracy which buried their hosts. York hit 36 of 67 field goal attempts while Laurier was 35 for 89.

On December 28, at York, the Yeomen lost a squeaker to McMaster, 90-84. York had two more field goals than Mac, but, as generous hosts, they gave their opponents 26 tries from the foul line. The 16 points sunk there gave McMaster the win. High man for York was Sam Brutto with 22 points and 9 rebounds.

Six days later, against the Warriors in Waterloo, our dribblers put in what coach Bain thinks might be their best performance of the year. Waterloo is generally conceded to be one of the strongest university teams, if not the strongest, in the country. They have a nasty habit of toying with and casually devouring their mortal opponents from such universities as York.

However, the Yeomen, although losing, were never out of the game; the final score was 96-83.

The next day, in a rematch with Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Yeomen, fresh from the Olympian heights of Warrior warfare, toyed with and discarded their guests, 88-61. York's scoring was nicely balanced with Ed Siebert, Sam Brutto, Bronko Samsa and Rob Pietrobon having 15, 14, 13 and 13 points respectively.

What's the secret? Ask coach Bain. "We're playing more man-to-man now than zone and mixing our styles more. Also, it took a few games to



From the files of the darkroom, a game from the past is resurrected as the York basketball team battles opponents from Ottawa.

gradually develop the confidence and experience necessary to play good ball."

Earlier in the season York was embarrassed by losing to Ryerson Polytechnical, a rather unexpected defeat at the hands of a team which

is, according to Bain, "not in the same gym as us."

York's chance for revenge comes this Friday in Tait Mackenzie at 8:15 p.m. The day after, at 2 p.m., York hosts Western. Rabid fans will not be turned away.

Teaching's highest form is coaching, says Bain

By PAUL KELLOGG

It is popular these days from the midst of our book and smoke-filled rooms, to look disdainfully upon organized team competition as inordinately expensive, unproductive and generally a waste of time. Excalibur thought it would be interesting to trudge into our local athletic haven in Tait Mackenzie and get an opposing point of view. The following is from a discussion Excalibur had with basketball coach Bob Bain.

Excalibur: What benefit do team members on the one hand, and the university community on the other, get from the existence of a university basketball team?

Bain: From the player's viewpoint, it has to do with the pursuit of excellence and the search for self-respect. Certainly there are other media through which these can be done. However, I believe team sports are particularly valuable. They are different in that they use the self and the body to achieve these goals.

We should balance our time between mind and body. Athletics develop other things than just physical skills. They develop certain social tools such as poise, determination, a desire to work hard at a given task.

As for the university, often a university's reputation is preced-

ed by that of its sporting teams. Waterloo's reputation was founded on athletics. It now has a reputation for academics as well. Who would even recognize the name of Sir Wilfrid Laurier if it didn't have a reputation for producing winning football teams?

The value of an academic diploma is more than just the letters "B.A." Its value is increased if it comes from a school that is highly visible. One important way to achieve visibility is through athletics.

A university team is just one part of the entire physical education structure at a university. The expertise and facilities are available to all students, giving them a chance to exercise their bodies as well as their minds. A university team simply provides a place where the most exceptional athletes fit in best.

Excalibur: Why do you coach?

Bain: It's simply that I love to work with people. I don't like books and academics all the time. You know, some people here won't like what I'm saying, but I really believe it.

The most important thing is taking from academics and applying it. It's useless without being practiced. You can't live with books all the time.

Bridging the gap between the academic and the practical is the job of a coach. I believe it's the highest form of teaching.

From karate to squash

York students can sweat it out

The new year brings to York students a slew of opportunities in sweat offered by the department of physical education, for those who wish either to be instructed or to compete in inter-college athletics.

Instruction

Registration is necessary only where indicated. For those who have to register, contact Dave Smith at 667-3529.

Badminton: Beginners can learn the art of bird-beltling from Jan. 15 to Feb. 12, every Wednesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Upper Gym. Registration is required.

Fencing: Foils fly every Thursday, 8-10 p.m. from Jan. 16 to March 27 in the Upper Gym. This is not for beginners but rather intermediates, and you must register.

Judo: Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Jan. 13 to March 24; beginning judo students can travel to the Judo Room to flip over their opponents. Intermediate and advanced instruction is every Thursday, 7:30-9:30, Jan. 16 to March 27, also in the Judo Room.

Karate: Tired of Versa pork chops? Try a Karate chop instead. Beginners can learn it Wednesday from 7:30-9 p.m., Jan. 15 to March 26. Intermediate and advanced is every Saturday, 10:30-noon, Jan. 18 to March 29. All classes are in the Upper Gym.

Modern Dance: Beginning and intermediate modern dancers can receive instruction Thursdays from 4:5-30 starting Jan. 14 and going to Feb. 11. Register and go to the Judo Room.

Skating: Learn to skate every Tuesday from 7-8, Jan. 14 to Feb. 11 at the Ice Arena.

Scuba Diving: With two sections, you have a choice of times. Try Mondays from 6-8, Jan. 15 to March 26. It's in the pool and you have to register.

Squash: Instruction starts Feb. 26, Thursday from 7-8 in the Squash courts. It ends March 27 in the same place. Registered students only.

Table Tennis: Novice ping-pongers register and then descend on the Judo Room Tuesday from 7-8, Jan. 14 to Feb. 11.

Weight Training: In the weight room, Jan. 15 to Feb. 12, Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 both men and women can train with weights, Mr. and Ms. Universe.

Swimming: For those swimmers classified as pre-beginner, beginner junior or survival, instruction is Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 9, Jan. 14 to Feb. 13. Intermediate and Senior get the same times only from Feb. 25 to March 27. Bronze and Award of Merit are slated for Tuesday, 7:00-9:00, Jan. 14-March 25. It all happens in the pool, after you've registered.

Inter-College

All of the following sports are entered at competition. The competition dates listed below are tentative, the final decision being made at the organizers' meetings. To find the definite places and dates, contact your student inter-college representatives through the college council. Each of these sports is co-ed.

Squash: Organizer's meeting is Thursday, Jan. 24 at 4:30 p.m. Tentative competition dates are Feb. 3-13 inclusive at 6:30 p.m.

Badminton: Organizer's meeting is Thursday, Jan. 30 at 4:30 p.m. The competition is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 25 5:00 p.m.

Archery: The organizers gather on Monday, Feb. 10 at 4:30 p.m. Competition is slated for Mon., March 10, 6:00 p.m. at Glendon.

Table Tennis: Organizer's meeting is Thursday, Feb. 13 at 4:30 p.m. Men's competition is scheduled for March 11, women's for March 12 and the coed for March 13.

Sharp notes

This weekend, in Tait Mackenzie, York hosts a fencing tournament. Foil competition is 11 a.m. Saturday, sabre at 1, while epee is 10 a.m. Sunday.

Shortage of snow proves no deterrent as ten skiers try out for York team

By MARK PORAY

BARRY'S BAY, Ont. - Ten skiers pete for six places on the university red team and four on the newly-formed white team. The shortage of snow on Mt. Madawska was no deterrent during the two days of hard training and competition.

On Saturday, each man made four runs down a long, flat giant slalom course. The three top times were set by Peter Lohuaru (72.1 seconds), Rick McFadden (72.6 seconds) and Dave Wilson (72.9 seconds).

On Sunday, Wilson turned in two blistering runs on a tight and tiring slalom course. His combined time was 53.9 seconds. Close behind was Jim Wiggins, this year's assistant coach, with a combined time of 55.6 seconds. Lohuaru, a rookie, was third, clocking 56.4 seconds.

The red team will compete in its first race on January 17 at Georgian Peaks. Wilson will be seeded first, followed by Lohuaru, McFadden, Wiggins, Vesa Simanainen and Mark Poray.

The white team will be composed of captain Rod Farmer, Paul Woodhouse, Glenn McKay and Allan Borczak.

If their performances last weekend are any indication, both teams should be tough contenders this season.

Exhibition split for Yeomen

In Christmas shinny, the hockey Yeomen split a pair of exhibition matches. Last Saturday, they lost 6-4 to Waterloo Warriors in Waterloo. On Monday, they made up for the loss with a 7-3 victory over Clarkson College from New York on the Yeomen's home ice.

In upcoming action, the team travels to Lake Superior University for two games this Friday and Saturday. Finally returning to York for a home game, they meet the University of Guelph this Tuesday. Game time is 8:15 at the ice arena.

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