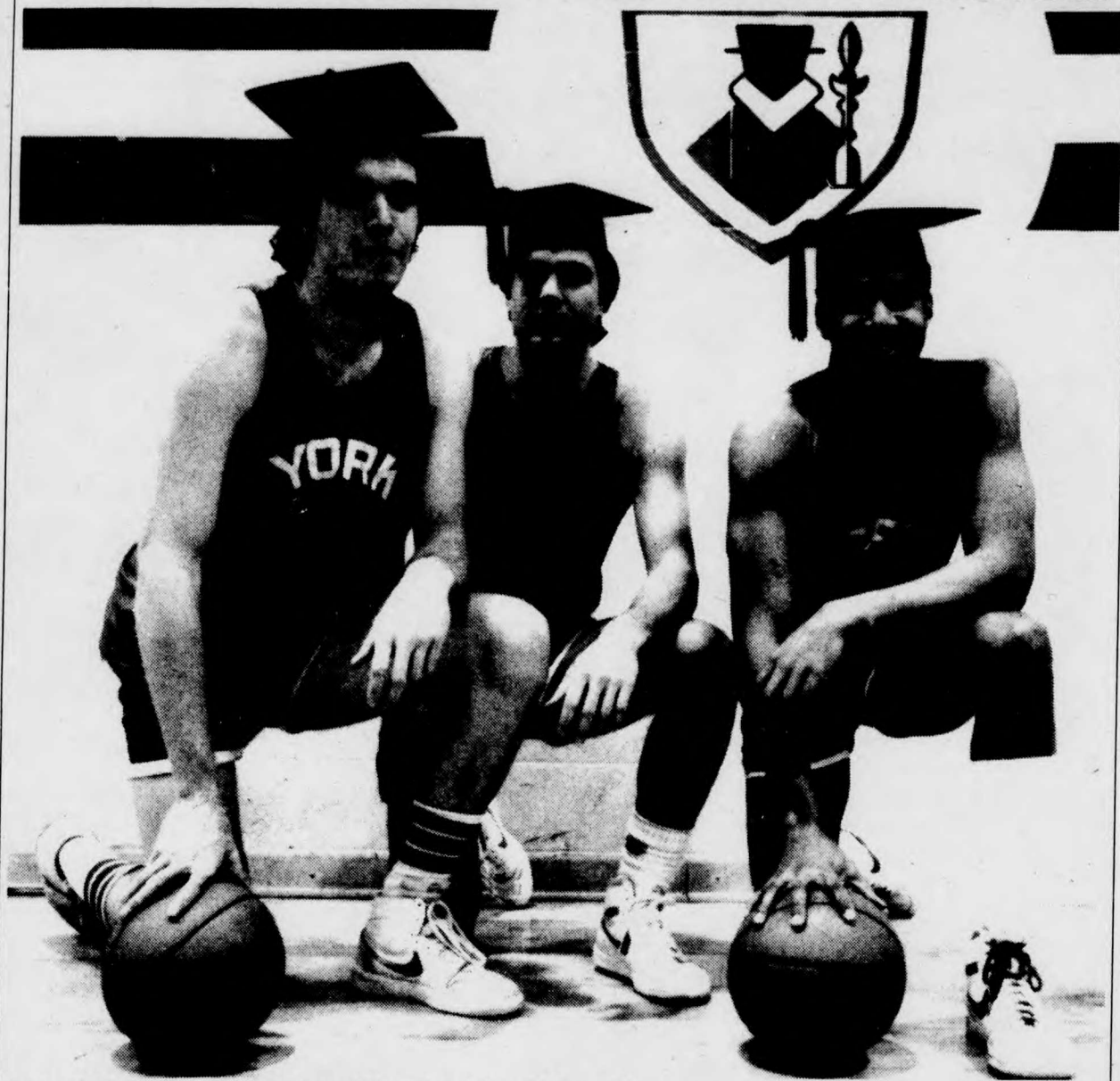


Three veteran Yeomen bid adieu



GRADUATING YEOMEN: From left—Tim Rider, Wayne Shaw and Mark Jones.

By JOEL SCOLER

When the topic of York teams comes up, the word success is often mentioned. The Yeomen are a powerful force in football, hockey, volleyball, and let us not forget our invincible gymnastic team. Also synonymous with success is Yeomen basketball.

1986 saw the culmination of another great season for the basketball Yeomen. Coach Bob Bain guided his players to an undefeated season in convincing fashion. OUAA all-star voting saw York place three players on the first team squad. Mark Jones repeated as an all star while Tim Rider was picked for the fifth time. Stuart Levinsky was selected for the first time. Levinsky has somewhat of a cult following at York. Loud cries of STUUU echo through Tait whenever he scores.

But the Yeomen are not restricted to the talent of the aforementioned players. Ron Hepburn, who has been described as *smooth as silk* by a local newspaper, teams with Jones to give



Dr. Defence

the Yeomen a strong backcourt. Wayne Shaw, better known as Dr. Defence, was picked as a second team all-star. Off the bench, Jeff McDermid leads the Yeomen with his high intensity and emotion. Paul Rosenberg and "Looooie" Karkabasis, future stars for the

Yeomen, are the big men off the bench.

At the end of this season, the Yeomen will say their goodbyes to three of the team's starting players. After 14 devoted seasons between them: Mark Jones, Tim Rider and Wayne Shaw's time have come to move onto bigger and better things.

Mark Jones always believed that "If I worked hard good things would happen." And Jones' hard work established him as one of the premier guards in the OUAA. But life for Jones is not restricted to basketball. "I always considered myself well rounded. Academics are as important to me as basketball," he said. Jones already possesses a BA in Economics and will graduate this year with a degree in administrative studies. After graduation Mark plans on pursuing a career in sports administration or sports finance.

The motto that has followed Tim Rider is that he's just "taking care of business." An OUAA all star every year at York, this year Rider was awarded the LeBel plaque as the OUAA east MVP.

Despite his departure, Rider feels that the team will continue winning. "Bob (Bain) will recruit a couple of players to fill the gaps and Stu (Levinsky), Doug (Kerr) and Lou (Karkabasis) will provide the leadership," explained Rider. Rider's future looks just as good. With his honors economics degree, he plans on a career in sales and marketing. As for basketball? "I'll continue to play with Estonia (a team in a local league)," said Rider.

Wayne Shaw, like his teammates Jones and Rider, will wave goodbye to the Yeomen after four years at York. But despite his fame on the court, Shaw was not recruited for basketball. "I was recruited by Mount Allison for soccer, but I wasn't prepared to make the commitment and left after one year," explained Shaw.

After moving to Toronto, Shaw decided to give university another chance. But basketball was not on his mind. "I didn't come to York with the intention of playing basketball, academics were my first priority," he said. Fortunately for

the Yeomen Shaw gave basketball a shot and the rest is history.

What's in the future for Wayne Shaw? "Next year I plan on attending teacher's college where I'll get my teaching degree," said Shaw. "Following that I intend on teaching and travelling in various countries."



Mark 'the truth' Jones

As sad as it is for Coach Bain to see the three men leave, he has not let this interfere with his plans on filling the voids that their departure will provide. "What we need is a big forward," Bain, a six time OUAA 'Coach of the Year,' said. Bain intends on recruiting some players but he stresses that "they must have the grades." Bain also added that "Not every player on the present roster is assured of a spot on next year's team."

While recognizing the loss of three starters, Bain does not see it as a major problem. "Mike Sherwood and Jeff (McDermid) will likely start next year, while Paul (Rosenberg) will fight for the big forward spot," said Bain. "Leadership also shouldn't be a problem. While leadership is a situational thing, Levinsky and Hepburn will be looked up to, to lead the team."

As Mark Jones, Tim Rider, and Wayne Shaw finish off their careers at York, the Yeomen will learn to win without them. One thing you can be sure of is that Yeomen basketball will remain synonymous with success.

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