

sports

Recruitment is the problem

Wanted: one wheeler dealer for York

SPORTORIAL
By **ROB ROWLAND**

Look at the records of the York Yeomen and Yeowomen and ask: Why?

Why does York always end up with a raw deal in the meetings of the intercollegiate back rooms? Ask why, and then ask "What does York really need?" More Phd's to teach deep knee-bends? A new football coach? A new arena? A nice healthy sport like track and field where there is no nasty competition?

No. What York really needs now is a wheeler-dealer, one of those politicians who shouldn't have to exist in sports but is sadly needed in the cutthroat world of intercollegiate athletics.

One of the reasons York has received the raw deal from scheduling; from the outside media like The Globe and Mail, the now defunct Telegram; the Sun; CFTO and the other universities, is that York has none of the political insight needed if we are to get a fair shake.

Look at the history of York sports and ask why?

Why wasn't Bill Holden chosen for the Student Nats while an unknown from coach Clare Drake's Alberta Golden Bears went to Lake Placid and allowed the Russians to whip Canada?

Why didn't the York Yeomen have the home ice advantage in the recent OUAA championships after finishing first during the season?

Why wasn't York invited to the Hockey Canada tournament after York finished in the finals last year? Why haven't we been able to get the outside funds necessary to finish the complex with the 8,000 seat arena, the football stadium and the playing fields now that the government no longer supports them?

Why do so many York athletes feel that York — a major university in Canada's second largest city with thousands of students and many high-calibre athletes — has been virtually ignored in intercollegiate ranks.

The answer is that we need someone with political acumen in the Phys. Ed. department. Politics should have no place in the sports world. But it does. From the Olympic level down to the smallest pee wee hockey league, political deals are made.

Those over at Tait MacKenzie should realize that idealism is not enough to obtain desired goals. To give our teams a fair chance to compete on the field or the ice, York must be prepared to compete in the smoke-filled back rooms of the OUAA Family Compact.

Viewpoint on sport

B-ball all-stars

Heartiest of congratulations should be given to Bob Wepler, York's 6 ft. 6 in. centre for his election to the second all-star team. Bob is a player well-deserving of the selection to the team. Let us hope that Bob decides to return to York next year. The team will certainly need a player of his calibre.

I certainly agree with Ron Kaufman that more members of the Yeomen should have been selected to the team, but such is the way of all-star voting. But I disagree with Kaufman's sour grapes attitude



York's football team is one of the worst in the country. Good publicity would help recruitment.

when he tried to construct excuses for the absence of Yeomen from the team. It appears to me that this attitude is typical of a coach after his team's loss, when he says, "The refereeing was terrible; that's why we lost." Not once in the article in Excalibur's March 9, edition did Kaufman congratulate Wepler.

So at this time, on behalf of all the fans of the Yeomen basketball team, congratulations Bob, for a great season, and on your selection to the all-star team. *From me too — Kaufman*
—David Andrews,

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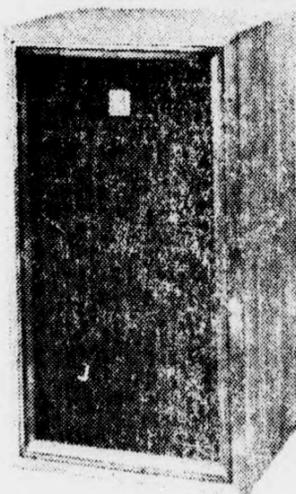
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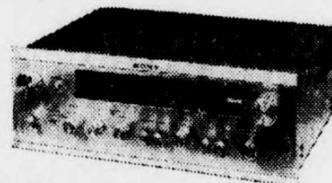


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