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Big loss to Laurier brings Yeomen down to earth

By EDO VAN BELKOM

Last year the York Yeomen hockey team won both the OUAA and the CIAU titles. This year's edition of the Yeomen have to prove themselves all over again and judging by a 7-2 loss to the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks last Thursday they have a long way to go to repeat as champions.

"They outhit us and outshot us. We didn't seem to be tough enough in the corners," said a disappointed York head coach Dave Chambers.

"We thought our team was up for the game but since we won last year everyone seems to be up for us," Chambers added.

The Yeomen had beaten the Hawks previously in the York/Seneca tournament, and tied them just a week before in Waterloo, but those games seemed to have no bearing on Thursday's game.

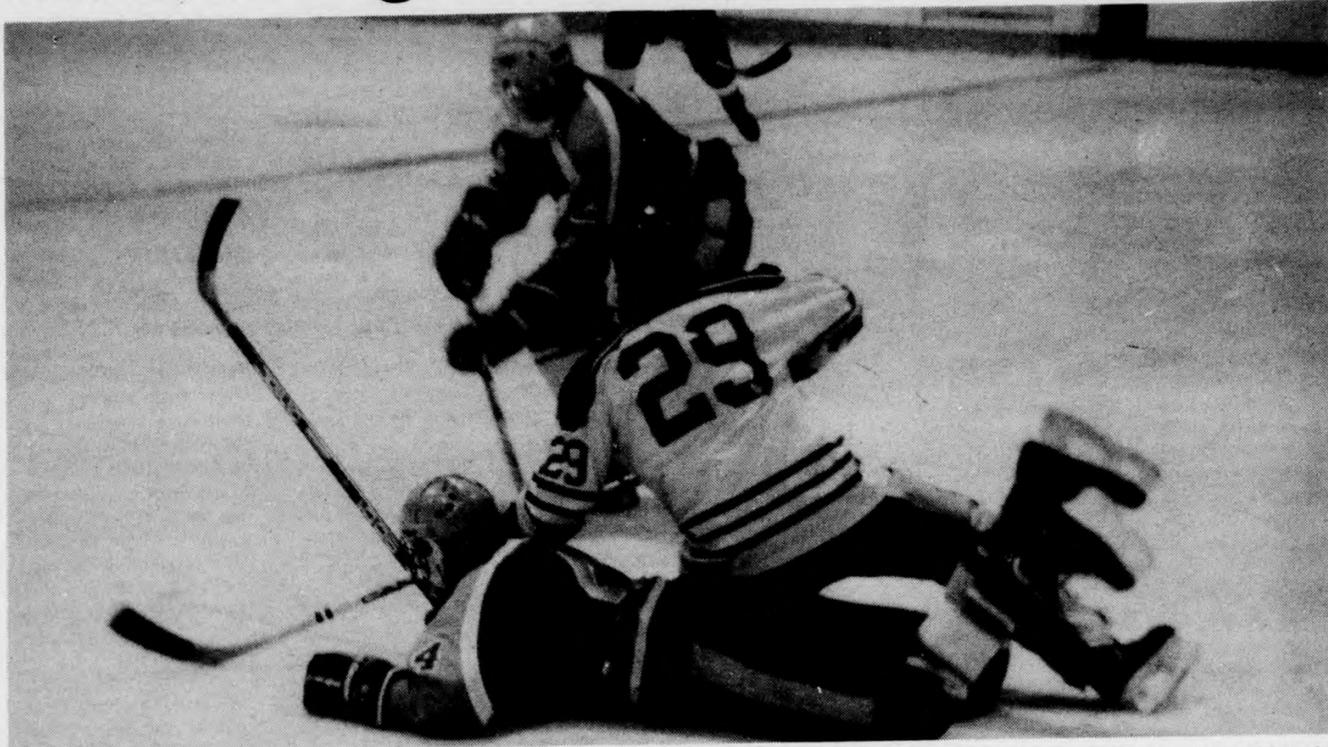
The Yeomen got on the board first when defenceman Mike James blasted a shot through a crowd in front of the net. The first period ended with York on top 1-0. In the second period Laurier took over, scoring two goals to end the period up by one.

In the third, Laurier walked all over the Yeomen, scoring the first goal of the period at only the 35 second mark. The Hawks quickly added four more goals before they were done. York added a late goal but it was just too little too late as the final score was 7-2 for the Golden Hawks.

The Yeomen were outplayed in every facet of the game and hurt themselves further with a number of 'stupid penalties' according to Chambers, that occurred behind the play. In contrast to York's listless play was the enthusiastic bench and intense play of the Golden Hawks.

"If we have any illusions of being the best in the country, this game should bring us down to earth," Chambers said.

Scott Mosey started in goal for York but was



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SITTING DOWN ON THE JOB: Yeomen winger Gary Corbiere finds possibly the best seat in the house at the expense of Laurier defencemen Greg Sliz. However, Laurier was sitting in the winner's chair with a 7-2 victory.

pulled with 10 minutes gone in the third period and six goals behind him. York's second goalie Mark Applewhaite replaced Mosey after being given the back-up role at the start of the game.

"Mark has one of the toughest course loads on the team," goaltender coach Steve Knish said. "He had a lot of exams coming up so we gave him the week to concentrate on his studies."

Applewhaite was given the nod for last Sun-

day's game in Waterloo against the Warriors. Although Applewhaite played 'pretty well' according to Chambers, another problem surfaced in York's 4-3 loss: The Yeomen lack scoring punch. Evidence of this is the fact that in the third period against Waterloo York outshot the Warriors 25-1 but could not take advantage of their numerous opportunities.

"We're in a slump," Chambers said. "We're playing pretty well but we're not clicking. We

have a number of players who can score but we don't have one big shooter like we had last year," Chambers added, referring to last year's OUAA goalscoring leader Don McLaren.

"Of course it's difficult with 11 new players on the team but we didn't expect to struggle this year as we did last year. We have to get back on track," Chambers said.

Notes: York played at home to U of T last night but the result was not available at press time...

Tough schedule prepares York for nationals

By EDO VAN BELKOM

York's wrestling team has been busy the past couple of weeks competing against university, national and international competition.

Last Friday, selected members of the York team took on wrestlers from McMaster University, and on the following day York wrestlers competed in the Ryerson open. On Tuesday night members of the team went up against members of the Japanese National

team in the Tait gym.

According to York wrestling head coach John Park, these events give his team experience on the way to the national championships which is the event his wrestlers are gearing up for.

Tuesday night's competition against the Japanese was a good test for York as they had many of their top wrestlers present. Although York only took three of the nine events, coach

Park was pleased with his team's performance. "The Japanese team is very strong," Park said. "It's made up of the number one and two wrestlers in their country. Apart from our three victories their were a number of matches that were very close."

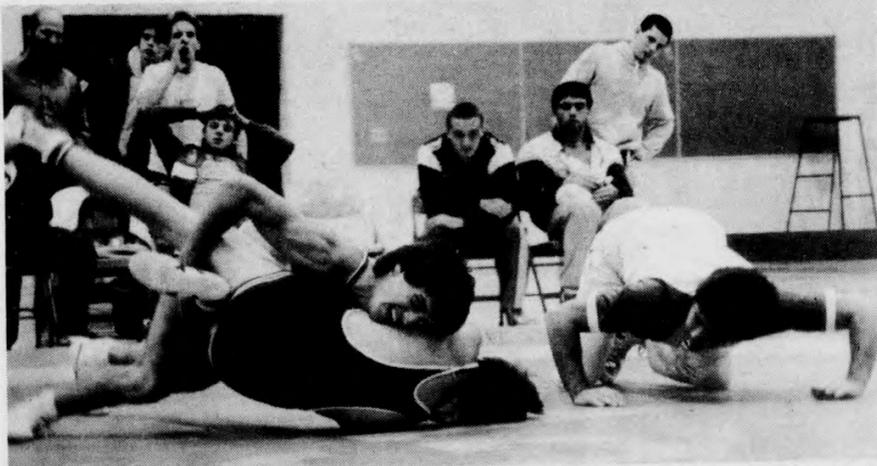
One York wrestler who has been very successful of late is Steve Sammons. Sammons competes in the 48kg (105 lbs) and defeated Toshiyasu Nagaoka of Japan who finished second in the Japanese nationals as well as winning the U.S. open. Sammons also defeated his McMaster counterpart Mike Matsuba in last Friday's meet.

The Japanese team is in Canada for the Canada Cup wrestling championships, which brings wrestling teams from Canada, Cuba, Korea, Australia and the United States. Canada will be entering six competitors in each weight classification.

"Because it's being held in Canada there are all kinds of countries that want to come here," Park said. "It has a lot to do with the fact that Canada is a beautiful country."

Park believes that when the competition is moved to the summer next year there will be even more countries coming to participate. Park says that in the summer teams will want to come to Canada and do a little sightseeing while they're here.

Six York students will be competing in this year's Canada Cup, which will be held at Humber College tomorrow and Saturday.



GOING DOWN FOR THE COUNT: York's Alfie Blain (bottom) finds himself in a perilous position at the hands of McMaster's John Dibenidetto. The referee looks on.

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Yeowomen still undefeated

By MANOJ PRAJAPAT

The York Yeowomen hockey team improved their won-loss record to a perfect 5-0 with two victories this past week.

York dominated Guelph 7-1 last Thursday and followed with a 6-5 squeaker over McMaster on Saturday.

"This is exactly where I expected the team to be," head coach Sue Howard said. "We're beating the teams we should be beating."

McMaster's performance was much improved over the one they gave here at York two weeks ago. York won that contest 4-1.

"They (McMaster) were a much better team this time," Howard said, "We didn't play that badly."

York jumped out to an early 2-0 lead. McMaster narrowed the gap and the teams then traded goals from there on in.

Against Guelph, it was no contest, the Yeowomen were in command right from the start. Rhonda White and Andrea Demarco paced York with three goals each while Judy Gilbert counted a single.



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