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York ends 3-game skid with first shutout of '85

By EDO VAN BELKOM

The York University hockey Yeomen, who have been struggling since the new year, were in excellent form last Friday night when they downed the Windsor Lancers by a score of 7-0.

It was the first victory for the Yeomen after losing the first three matches of '85, including a 5-3 loss two weeks ago to the University of Western Ontario Mustangs. The game was an extremely close contest with the Mustangs scoring an empty net goal, after what was believed to be a goal from the Yeomen bench was disallowed by the referee.

"We've played well in the past but we seem to be getting a lot of bad breaks; things just haven't been going our way," Yeoman head coach Dave Chambers said of his team's misfortunes.

Proof of the team's bad luck was evident last Friday when only 18 Yeomen were dressed for the game. Rob Bryson, Steve Avery, and Carl Divine were all out of the line up with hockey-related injuries, while Dave Andrioli was out with a rather serious cut on one of his toes in a firewood related injury. Those injuries, coupled with the departure of Scott Morrison to the Junior A London Knights because of scholastic reasons, left the Yeomen with a somewhat sparse squad.

All aspects of the Yeomen's game were sound. Their offence was varied with 11 different players in on the scoring, led by Don

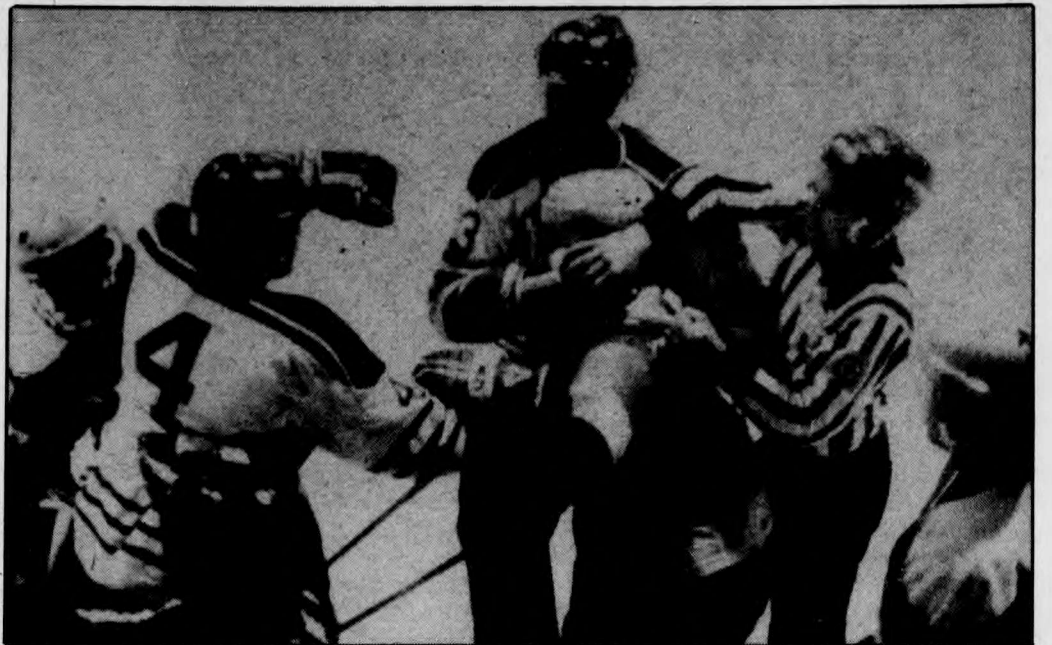
McLaren who had two goals and an assist. Netminder Mark Applewaite was solid throughout the game and was helped out by the ever present goal-posts in the final seconds of the game. The penalty killing was also consistent, making Waterloo's power play totally ineffective.

The game began as a close checking contest, with the action going end to end. Neither team seemed to have a great advantage in play until Yeoman Scott Magder scored with only six seconds to go in the first period. This proved to be the turning point, as the Yeomen dominated throughout the rest of the game.

Overall, Chambers was pleased with his team's play, especially in those areas that the Yeomen have been struggling with in the past. "We got better goaltending that we were getting before," Chambers said. "Mark (Applewaite) made the saves when we needed them, and we're starting to score goals. We haven't been scoring very much in our last few games."

Chambers believes that the win against the Lancers might be a turning point in the Yeomen's season and says that the next few games are crucial for the securing of a playoff spot.

The Yeomen's next game is tonight at 7:30 at the Ice Palace against first place Laurier Golden Hawks, and Chambers feels that a big crowd for tonight's game might give his players the lift they need to put a series of wins together.



Yeomen Les Smith and Hugh Larkin discuss one of the finer points of hockey with a Windsor player.

Yeowomen dump the Blues

By MEL D. BROITMAN

'Let the Blues-Busting continue!' Such was the echo from the Ice Palace before last week's key OWIAA hockey game between the York Yeowomen and the University of Toronto Lady Blues. When the final buzzer sounded, York's domination over their cross-town rivals continued with their exciting 4-3 victory.

The win for the Yeowomen was their third consecutive home ice victory over Toronto this year. Previously they dumped the Lady Blues 3-2 in overtime at the annual York Invitational Tournament held in October. Earlier in the regular season they had crushed the Blues 8-3 at the Ice Palace.

"The team just gets so fired up when we play U of T, that they play their best hockey," said coach Sue Howard. "We get 110 percent out of everyone." It was Howard's first victory since she replaced former coach Al Taylor in the new year. Under Taylor their was some question as to the team's motivation; but Howard has brought to the club a new-found enthusiasm.

Barb Boyes opened the scoring for the Yeowomen, but the Lady Blues responded with

goals from Kelly Weaver and captain Sophie Radicki to take a 2-1 lead after two periods. Strong goaltending by York's Connie Wrightsell kept the Blues at bay until the Yeowomen finally found their skating legs for the third period. Two quick goals from Trin Pettingill shocked the Blues and gave York a 3-2 lead. Toronto soon replied to tie the score at three, setting the stage for a dramatic finish.

With only two minutes remaining, Yeowoman Annabelle Mezzara spotted left winger Judy Butler breaking alone into the slot. Butler took the pass in stride and fired a high wrist shot over the Blues netminder's glove hand, hitting the top corner of the net and sending the sparse but boisterous crowd into a frenzy.

With only the top three places qualifying for the playoffs in the OWIAA it was a big win for York. The victory left them comfortably in third spot and within striking range of first place Toronto.

Notes: In weekend action, the Yeowomen weren't as fortunate, dropping two games to Queen's by scores of 6-5 and 7-2.

Yeowomen blocked from win

By PETER BECKER

The York Yeowomen volleyball squad finished second to the nation-leading Winnipeg Lady Wesmen at the Dalhousie Invitational Volleyball Tournament last weekend.

"We played very well," Yeowomen coach Merv Mosher said. "Pleased would be the word to characterize last weekend."

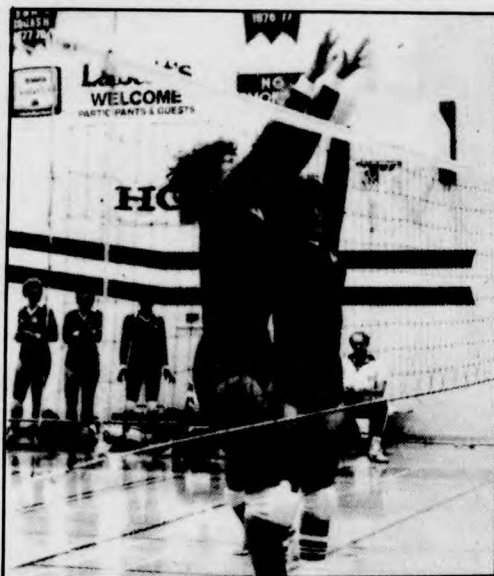
In their first match against Manitoba, York didn't waste any time setting the pace by beating the Bisons 15-7, 15-13, and 15-4. For their second of three round robin pool matches York faced Moncton. The Angus Blues of Moncton were no match for the powerful Yeowomen as the lopsided 15-4, 15-4, 15-6 score indicates.

York's third contest put them up against number three ranked Saskatchewan, but the fourth place Yeowomen needed four games to dispose of the challengers, 15-10, 14-16, 15-9, and 15-12.

After finishing first in their pool, York played the number two team in another pool, Dalhousie. In the semi-final, the Yeowomen walked over the host Tigers, 15-13, 15-4, and 15-10 to qualify for the gold medal match.

The gold medal contest needed five games to determine the winner. The Yeowomen won two of the first three games in the match only to lose the last two by lopsided scores. The final scores were 11-15, 15-12, 13-15, 15-5, and 15-4 in Winnipeg's favor.

"We just seemed to run out of gas," Mosher said, "although out side of the pool was



tougher (than Winnipeg's)."

After a slow start by the Yeowomen, they seem to be hitting their stride just in time for the upcoming national championships to be held here at York in March.

Notes: Yeowomen named to the tournament all-star team were Jill Graham and Mary Ann Boyles . . . York coach Merv Mosher feels that Trish Barnes and Nancy Watson deserved honorable mention for their outstanding play last weekend . . . Next big challenge for York will be when they travel to U of T to face the Blues January 30.

Spikers nail bronze at tourney

By PETER BECKER

"Not bad, but we were hoping to do better," Yeomen volleyball coach Wally Dyba said of his team's bronze medal winning performance at the Dalhousie Invitational Volleyball Tournament last weekend.

The Yeomen finished on top of their four-team pool, by beating Laval in three straight games (15-9, 15-12 and 15-11) and the Winnipeg Wesmen, who at that time were ranked ahead of the Yeomen in the national polls. Ranking not withstanding, York handled the Wesmen in three games, 15-7, 15-13 and 15-12.

In a meaningless third match (York had already won their pool), Moncton came up short against the Yeomen, 15-7, 15-6 and 18-16.

In the semi-final match, from which the winner advanced to the gold medal contest while the loser battled for the bronze, York

drew the host Dalhousie squad. Playing in front of a home town crowd Dalhousie fought two-and-a-half hours for the give-game win.

At times during the final game in the match, York could easily have iced the confrontation. They were up 8-2, and at another point, 13-11 only to see those margins disappear. Dalhousie became the opportunists winning the match 9-15, 15-9, 12-15, 15-16 and 16-14.

"We made errors at crucial times," said Dyba. "That was the best match I've seen Dalhousie play."

Outstanding Yeoman in the semi-final contest goes to Steve Burch, who had 24 kills and 13 digs in the match.

To win the bronze York defeated Winnipeg for the second time in the tournament, 15-11, 15-5, 6-15, 7-15 and 15-5.

Undefeated streak continues

By PETER BECKER

The Yeomen basketball squad kept their unblemished record intact as they won two games this past weekend.

Last Friday they hosted the Ottawa Gee Gees in what can best be described as a chippy game, with York winning handily 65-54. And then on Sunday they travelled to Sudbury to take on the Laurentian Voyageurs. In that game York pushed their record to six wins and no losses, handling Laurentian 85-58.

The Yeomen win against Ottawa was led by newcomer Stuart Levinski. Levinski was four for eight from the line and hit nine field goals for a total of 22 points for the night. Rob Taylor, a 6' 5" forward, led the Gee Gees in scoring with 19 points.

Gee Gees' Jeff Grosspietsch put on a fine display of free throw shooting by connecting on eight of 10 attempts. Grosspietsch had 18 points on the night.

York's freshman guard Mike Sherwood played a very poised game, deserving of more court time in the future. Yeomen Wayne Shaw and Jeff McDermid also put in fine performances.

A disappointment in Friday's game was the play of the two veterans, John Christensen and Tim Rider. Christensen had 11 points in the game, hitting on just seven of 12 from the line. Christensen should be totaling more points for a man of his size, and should dictate the pace of the game both on offence and defense, but in this game he failed to do either.

Rider connected for only nine points, all of them coming in the second half. His play last Friday could only be described as lacklustre. Both big men have to revitalize their game, to become more aggressive, crash the boards every opportunity and go up strong with a power move whenever they move into the paint.

Notes: In the stats department John Christensen (before last week's games) was averaging 19.3 points per game and seven rebounds per game . . . This weekend the Yeomen host Laurentian on Friday night and RMC on Saturday . . . Suggestion to coach Bain: give Louie Karkabasis a shot, not just a couple of minutes . . . The Sports Network (TSN) televised last Friday's game live across the nation.



I got it: Yeoman Tim Rider rises above the crowd to pull down a rebound as York defeated the Ottawa Gee Gees 65-54.