

York netmen win East title in overtime

By GARY SCHOLICH

The York basketball Yeomen added another OUA A post-season crown to their collection of titles by subduing a fierce U of T Blues squad in overtime, 79-77.

In the words of Coach Bob Bain, "We should've iced it long ago (in the game), but give the Blues credit. They showed great character. They made some near impossible shots."

Indeed, Saturday night's battle provided York with some vital preparation for the OUA A championship game against Waterloo this Saturday afternoon. Before this game, York compiled three unchallenged victories (113-75 at Queen's and 95-29 at RMC in regular season play, and 106-73 over Carleton in their conference semi-final).

Prior to the title game, York Athletic Director and men's hockey coach Dave Chambers made a presentation to Yeoman John Christensen, to honor him for his five years of play.

The packed house, which included numerous Toronto fans, witnessed a scrappy contest. Typical of recent meetings between the two squads, the Yeomen would build a cushion, only to have the Blues whittle it away.

More remarkable was the fact that all five of the Toronto starters had four fouls near the end of regulation time. (Blues guard Sam Hill fouled out with 1:40 left), but in spite of this handicap, Toronto kept up its aggressive level of play.

Leading 38-33 at the half, York increased their lead to 49-39, only to see the advantage evaporate as the clock wound down. With 32 seconds left and York clinging to a 67-65 lead, Jeff McDermid failed to seal the victory, his free throw spinning out of the rim. The Blues' Fred Murrell then hit a jumper with 12 seconds to go to force the overtime.

In this game, Bain's strategy made the difference. "The turning point was a change from man-to-man to a matchup zone defense. Timmy (Rider) stole the ball and we went up by four rather than them tying the score," said Bain. Rider was the big man for York, scoring a game-high 26 points.

In the overtime period Jeff McDermid hit a driving layup and a jumper for four of his 11 points, while Ron Hepburn knocked away a Blues pass and leaped to save it from going out of bounds, ensuring York a possession. The verdict was finalized when veteran guard Mark Jones hit a pair of crucial free throws.



Eyes in the back of his head: Roger Rollocks puts the arm on York's John Christensen. York beat the blues 79 - 77 in overtime to take the OUA A East Division title.

"Tim (Rider) played very well on the inside tonight. We were confident in overtime because we work on these situations in practice," said Christensen, who scored 19 points on the night.

Roger Rollocks led Toronto with 21 points while Fred Murrell added 15. Graham Reside and Jonathan Roy were strong off the Blues bench adding 11 and eight points respectively. NOTES: Foul shooting was a problem as

York hit only 11 of 24 attempts . . . Against Carleton, Mark Jones led with 24 points. Bill Holmes replied with 24 of his own . . . John Christensen is fifth in the OUA A East in scoring with a 19.4 points per game average. He is also fourth in the East in rebounding with 8.2 rebounds per game average . . . Yeomen are ranked eighth in the nation . . . This Saturday's OUA A final will be telecast live on CHCH TV starting at 2 p.m. from Waterloo.

Yeomen lose to Blues, rematch starts tonight at U of T

By EDO VAN BELKOM

The York Yeomen played extremely well in the final game of the regular season here at the Ice Palace last Thursday against the University of Toronto Varsity Blues: but not well enough to win.

The Yeomen played what was probably one of the most exciting games of the season, in front of the largest home crowd of the year. The crowd was by no means large by NHL standards, but, put a few hundred people in the Ice Palace and you've got yourself a crowd.

U of T was first to score at the midway point of the first period when one of the leading scorers for the Blues, Don MacLaughlin, was allowed to cruise down the right wing and let go a shot that found an opening on the long side of the net.

York replied with a goal by Dave Simurda, that was produced by a lot of hard work. Simurda was able to cause a traffic jam in front of the Blues goaltender on a shot from the point, and then was able to break free to put the rebound behind netminder Kevin Hamlin.

U of T scored once again before the end of the first frame, when Phil Drouillard was all alone in the slot, with all the time in the world to pick the spot he wanted. That spot was the top right hand corner, just above the outstretched glove of York goalie Mark Applewaite.

The second period was by far the best for the Yeomen, they applied pressure throughout the period and if it were not for the outstanding goaltending of Hamlin York might have been able to pull out in front. The pair of Dave Simurda and Gary Corbiere combined once again for a goal to tie the score for the second time in the game.

Simurda's and Corbiere's role in the game was to check the top U of T shooters. They did an outstanding job shutting down their top line after the first period and their hard work and perseverance in the offensive zone paid off with

a pair of goals. York outshot the Blues in the second period by a 17 - 6 margin.

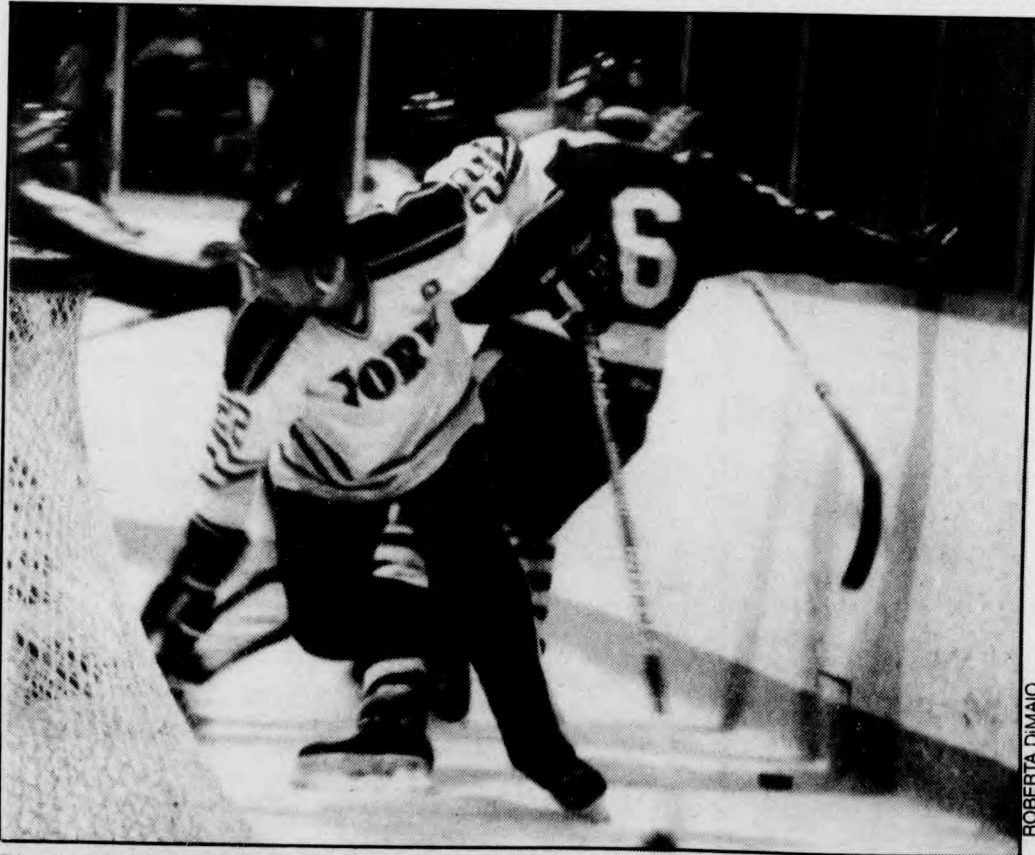
"We played well tonight," Coach Dave Chambers said of his team's performance, "but we didn't finish off the play around their net, and they had good goaltending."

With six minutes gone in the third period the Blues scored what proved to be the winner on a shot from the right side that found a hole between the pads of Appelwaite and dribbled into the net.

This goal proved to be the turning point of

the game. Although play remained close the Yeomen couldn't come back to tie the game for the third time. U of T scored another goal late in the game and the final score was 4-2. Proof of York's good play was the fact that they outshot the blues 38-29.

Notes: Gary Corbiere was the CJRY Molson's third star of the game . . . Dave Simurda scored both goals for the Yeomen: he had only accumulated four before this game . . . If the Yeomen had won or tied the game the playoff game would have been held at home . . . York



Rivalry will continue: Don McLaren as well as the rest of the Yeomen will meet again tonight as Varsity in OUA A semi-final action.

Volleyball Yeowomen capture OWIAA title, head for nationals

By DEBORAH KIRKWOOD

The York Yeowomen Volleyball team is one step closer to the National championship which has so far eluded them, as they captured their fourth consecutive Ontario Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Association (OWIAA) championships held in Ottawa on the weekend. The Yeowomen, currently ranked third in the nation behind Winnipeg and Calgary—recent Canadian Western University Athletic Association (CWUAA) champions—took the championships in impressive fashion. In the four matches they played, the Yeowomen didn't drop a game.

In their opening matches Friday, the Yeowomen disposed of both the University of Waterloo (15-2, 15-3, 15-3) and Wilfred Laurier in an equally impressive show of offensive strength (15-3, 15-1, 15-7).

Their semi-final match was against cross-town rivals U of T, and the Yeowomen blitzed the opposition in three straight games, registering a 15-3, 15-10, 15-3 victory.

In Saturday's final they faced tournament hosts University of Ottawa Gee Gees whose regular season record (9-1) was equally impressive. In fact the only losses registered by either team during the regular season were against each other. But in the end, it was the Yeowomen who prevailed as they walked away with the title again in straight games, posting a 15-9, 15-7, 15-5 victory.

After collecting the team title, York continued to pick up honors as individual awards were then extended.

Nancy Watson, Jill Graham and Mary Anne Boyles were named tournament all-stars. Fourth year member Donna Kastelic was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

League all-stars were also announced. Trish Barnes was named a Second Team all-star, and the threesome of Graham, Boyles and Kastelic added to their collection of awards, as they were named First Team all-stars as well.

The Yeowomen will now be focusing their attention on the National championships being held here on March 7-9. Although the competition will be fierce, this year's Yeowomen team is experienced enough, but more important, "hungry" enough to take a real shot at the title.

ended the regular season in fifth place with a 15 and 9 record. Last year's record was 10, 13 and 1. The Yeomen did not make the playoffs last season.

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The hockey Yeomen won a hard-fought, close-checking game at Laurentian on Tuesday night to advance into the semi-final round of the playoffs for the first time in four years. The pucksters defeated the Voyageurs and now go on to play the University of Toronto Blues in a best of three series which will begin tonight at Varsity Arena.

Yeoman Head Coach Dave Chambers said York was helped in the game by the fact that they played the Sudbury team in back-to-back games only two weeks ago. "It helped that we knew them and their team," Chambers said.

Mark Applewaite played exceptionally well, stopping 35 shots against one of the highest scoring teams in the OUA A. Laurentian scored first in the first period but the Yeomen came back to lead by a score of 2-1 by the end of the second frame.

Don McLaren scored twice for York while singles were added by John Cambell and Brian Gray. Rick Simpson collected three assists playing on the left side in place of the injured Rick Morrocco. Mike James had two assists.

Carl Divine did not play as well, and along with the injured Morrocco will not play in the first game against U of T. Defenceman Dave Andreoli will be moved up on to a forward line in order to make up for the injuries.

Notes: Two of the York goals were scored on the power play . . . The series against U of T might become a revival of a rivalry that was at a peak during the seventies when York played of U of T almost yearly for the championship . . . The first game of the semi-final will be at 7:30 tonight at Varsity Arena. The second game will be at the Ice Palace Saturday night and the third game, if necessary will be held on Monday night at Varsity Arena.