

From The Sports Desk

by Dave Carson

The York (Red) Rebels seem to be shaping into a very powerful squad. The hockey team has gained an overall average of some 20 pounds and several inches in height. Although the calibre of the team seems to have improved over last year and they definitely should be pressing the top teams in the league, the hopes of all the players may die in an open net.

Due to some external factors, York's hopeful goaltender Norm Sparrey has quit the team before the first exhibition game. There are two exhibition games this week and unless an experienced goalie shows up in time to help out the team, it appears that York's chances for a winning team will never materialize from beneath the shrouds of scrimmage.

Mr. Sparrey played with the team most of last season and appeared to be coming along as the strength of the team. Coach Bill Purcell said without an experienced goaltender the team will have no depth. Any hopes of winning a commanding position in the league this year will rest on the shoulderpads of the team.

In the past, teams faced with a similar situation have all too frequently responded by putting forth a strong effort and protecting an inexperienced netminder. It is not inconceivable that the Rebels could do this, but it is highly unlikely that they would be able to sustain the demanding effort needed to complete the entire season in such a manner.

Cuts are still being made as the squad prepares itself for the coming season--this does not mean the team is a finalized unit.

However strong or fast the team may appear and however strong or fast the team may appear and however many goals the players may score, the effort is wasted unless a strong defensive unit (particularly a goaltender) can prevent the opposition from piling up an insurmountable lead.

No matter how the game is played, it's goals that count. They win--and LOSE games.

WANTED

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The 1967-68 intercollegiate hockey season is drawing near. Bill Purcell, York's coach for the past three years, is satisfied with the progress of players in pre-season training, but has one outstanding problem--York lacks a goalie.

In losing 7-3 to St. Michael's Jr. B team, October 24, York was forced to use the opposition's substitute goal tender.

Surely in the confines of York University there is an experienced goalie who would like to play good intercollegiate hockey. Any players (not only goalies) wishing to try out for the York squad would be welcomed at Doublerink on Fridays, and Centennial Arena on Tuesdays. The times for both practice days are 5:00 pm, to 7:00 pm.

York's first exhibition game of the year against an excellent St. Michael's Jr. B team indicated a promising season ahead.

Although the result was a loss, York showed stamina and style in coping with its talented rivals. St. Michael's have been practising for six weeks already and occupy third place in the Jr. B loop; however, they did

not easily overcome a tight checking York hockey team.

St. Mike's was led by Larry Fullan and Bob Tunstead who each scored twice.

York goals were tallied by Dan Chapman, Kent Pollard from Bruce Easson, and Jim Dickinson from Pollard. Doug McBryde, York's swift right-winger, kept the opponents alert with some hard body checks as well as some wild shooting.

Players returning from last year's hockey club are R. Brown, B. Easson, R. Ericson, T. Wicks, D. McBryde, M. Tumpane, E. McGlenning, and K. Pollard (promoted from manager).



RUGGER: Final Home Game on Oct. 28

York plays its final home game of the rugger schedule this Saturday, October 28 at 11 a.m. on the field behind the T.M. Building.

This game against Osgoode will afford York the opportunity to avenge the loss they suffered visiting Osgoode.

Claire Potife says: evident evidence evades evasion

If these veterans perform as they did at the end of last season, York will have a successful year and good chance for first place.

This season's home games will be played on Tuesday's at North York Centennial Arena (Finch and Bathurst) and on Friday's at Doublerink (No. 7 highway and Jane Street). Game time is 4:00 pm. If you want to see some fast and exciting hockey support the York intercollegiate hockey team. Good attendance is expected at what should be York's major sporting event.

The Oracle Picks:

WEDNESDAY

Toronto beats L.A.
New York ties Chicago
Pittsburgh beats California
Minnesota beats St. Louis

THURSDAY

Montreal beats New York
Boston beats L.A.
Detroit beats California

SATURDAY

Toronto beats California
Montreal beats St. Louis
Detroit beats Philadelphia
Chicago beats Minnesota
L.A. beats Pittsburgh

SUNDAY

New York beats Toronto
Boston beats Pittsburgh
Chicago beats Detroit
California ties Philadelphia

SEASON RECORD:

Right: 10 Wrong: 16
Pct: .385

B-BALL TALK

by Dave Nimon

"A ROUGH TIME WITH THE REFS"

With little more than a week to go before the first exhibition game, the basketball practices take on more importance as further cuts are made. The final decisions hopefully will be made after an inter-squad game the night of October 31.

On November 7, York opens their exhibition schedule against Victoria College at York. Spectators are urged to come out and support the Windigos, as they play their first game in the new facilities.

When those who do watch the games see our players blasting the referees this year, there just might be a valid reason for it. For no less than four (and possibly five) members of the squad will themselves be qualified officials this year. Seeing that there are a few referees around who give the impression of being refugees from the CNIB, some Windigo complaints may be valid.

On the other hand, there are some referees in the OIAA who are, in this writer's opinion, outstanding in their officiating. Two that come to mind are Stan Crowley and Keith Davidson. These two gentlemen know the rules inside-out and backwards; consequently, any games they officiate in are well controlled and most enjoyable to watch.

Their officiating contrasts with the disgusting efforts put forth by the referees that work out of Kitchener at the Waterloo-Lutheran games. These bums are incompetent, out of shape and blind. It seems a shame that a fine team like the Golden Hawks are continually subjected to these guys and the situation points out the disparity of quality present amongst the officials in the league.

Just a note that the Laurentian Voyageurs have now given up 326 points in five games this season; they have yet to score a point!

Excalibur's resident soothsayer, the Oracle, is ready to give up his present job of predicting hockey results. After a disastrous week, these predictions are now less than 39 per cent accurate and he is ready to enter a more lucrative (according to him) career--selling used Edsels. Look someplace in this sports section for the garbage he has spouted forth this week.

Next week's article will list those who have made this year's basketball team along with a note or two concerning these players.

B-Ball Talk apologizes to Pro Tem's Rick Menear for spelling his name incorrectly in last week's article.

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