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By LORNE MANLY

The York Yeomen hockey team began their season in fine form last week with victories over both McMaster and RMC.

The Yeomen outshot the Marauders 53-19 on their way to a 7-2 opening game victory last Thursday. Against RMC they peppered the net with 51 shots gaining a 5-4 win. Despite the wins, Coach Dave Chambers was concerned with the number of scoring opportunities the team failed to capitalize on.

"We're still having trouble scoring," Chambers said, "and we'll have to bear down more. We controlled the play but against the tougher teams we're going to have to score on those chances."

The victory over McMaster was not as lopsided as the score indicates. The game was close until the Yeomen put it out of reach in the third period. McMaster was only down by two goals after two periods as York failed to capitalize on its scoring opportunities. Don McLaren led the team with two goals and five points and Hugh Larkin chipped in two goals as well.

Against RMC the Yeomen only scored five goals, making the game much closer than it should have been.

"We're making the goalies we play look hot. We're shooting too high; with 51 shots we should have scored more than five goals," Chambers said.

Some of the penalties the referees called on York were "brutal," Chambers said. Two of RMC's goals came on the power play allowing them to stay in the game. The second power

Hockey Yeomen dominate RMC, McMaster to take two straight in opening games of OUAA season

play goal came midway through the third period, cutting the Yeomen lead to one, and making the last few minutes a nerve-racking time for the 90 fans in attendance.

Outshooting RMC 22-5, York had plenty of chances to clinch the game in the third period, but the Yeomen couldn't score. Tim Gorman, in RMC's net, made some fabulous saves on York's McLaren, Scott Morrison and Dave Simurda, stymieing the Yeomen in quick succession.

Even though RMC was outshot, they still had a fair number of scoring chances.

Sloppy Yeomen play gave RMC some last minute chances but Don Crupi came up big in goal for York. Miscues by RMC also helped York hang in the game. One RMC forward lost the puck on a shorthanded breakaway.

One encouraging aspect of York's offence was that every line scored at least one goal. Goals were scored by Adam Parsons, Gary Corbiere, Carl Divine, Hugh Larkin and Brian Gray. This can only help the Yeomen, making the team that much harder to defend against. The opposition, in future, will not be able to key on one main scoring line.

The nicest goal of the game occurred in the second period. Divine, positioned perfectly at the right corner of the net, tipped in Kevin Vansickle's centering pass and pushed York in front 3-2. Chambers would love to see more plays finished off as well as that. But, as Chambers said, "It (the game) shouldn't have been that close, but we'll take the two points."

Yeomen sunk in water polo

By JONATHAN LISUS

York's male water polo team was outmaneuvered in the pool by the McMaster and Waterloo teams last weekend 16-6 and 9-9 respectively.

In York's first game against Waterloo the Yeomen jumped to an early lead and secured a two-goal advantage going into the fourth quarter. But the Yeomen were unable to hold on defensively, and allowed Waterloo to tie the game at nine with just 18 seconds remaining.

Despite a strong effort in their second game against McMaster the Yeomen lost 16-6.

Derek Weyrauch had stellar performances in both games, scoring eight of the Yeomen's 15 goals.

The Yeomen, who were OUAA Champions in 1982 view the 1984 season as a rebuilding year. They are currently in third place.

Only a handful of players remain from the winning roster of two seasons ago. One of those absent is York's star goalkeeper Bryan Robertson, who was recently recruited by the Canadian National Team. Also missing is former National Team member and Yeoman, Trevor Man, who is now the team's assistant coach.

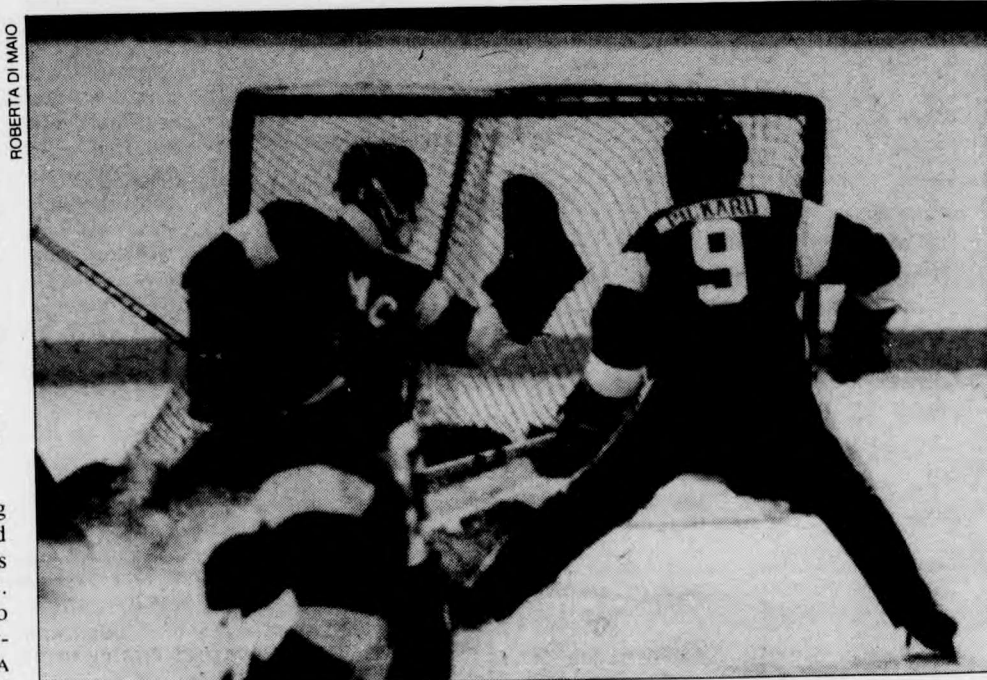
Probably the greatest obstacle for the Yeomen to overcome in their bid for a playoff berth is the departure of Robertson from their net.

Rookie John Dawson is currently playing goal. In spite of Dawson's inexperience head coach Kevin Jones and Man both agree that his performance to date has been impressive. However, the rookie still has a long way to go before he fills Robertson's swim trunks. Weyrauch, a member of the top-ranked OWPA Toronto Golden Jets, Captain Joe Skelly and an encouraging array of rookies will help replace the outgoing veterans.

In spite of their inexperience Coach Jones is confident in the team's ability to clinch a playoff spot, "if they pull together and incorporate the individual talent into a concerted team effort," Jones said.

Admitting the team has gotten off to a slow start this season, Jones adds that it is not too late to gain lost ground. In order to secure a playoff spot the team must win its remaining six games against Waterloo, Western and Toronto: a difficult not impossible task.

The Yeomen meet the Toronto Varsity Blues and Waterloo this weekend at the University of Toronto Athletic Centre.



Outstanding goaltending from York's Don Crupi and RMC's Tim Gorman highlighted Saturday's hockey game. York won the contest 5-4.

Yeowomen playoff-bound

By DEBBIE KIRKWOOD

The York Yeowomen rediscovered their scoring touch and defeated the University of Waterloo 6-1 in a match at York last Wednesday.

With their victory the Yeowomen have secured a spot in the Ontario Women's Intercollegiate Athletics Association (OWIAA) championships being held this weekend at Lampport Stadium.

This victory ironically has made the Yeowomen's road to the OWIAA finals, and hence a birth at the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletics Union (CIAU) Championships difficult to say the least.

Since they lost a couple of games they should have won (most notably the loss to McMaster) York has to face McGill as their first playoff

opponent and then previously undefeated U of T in the second and crucial match.

"We figure, if we want or deserve a place at the CIAU Championships we should be provincial champions first" said the Yeowomen's leading scorer, Gail Stewart. "Therefore our goal simply is to defeat U of T in that second match," Stewart said.

York has one other obstacle to overcome. The OWIAA championships will be held at U of T's Lampport Stadium which is equipped with artificial turf. York's team is accustomed to playing on real grass. This could prove to be a problem if the Yeowomen can't adapt to the new surface. A comparable analogy in tennis would be practicing and competing on clay courts (the slower surface) for the entire regular season, then being forced to play on grass (the fastest surface) for the provincial title.

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