

# Introducing . . .

## York's winning hockey Yeomen

York's hockey Yeomen finished their winningest regular season, winning all 10 of their games. This weekend they will play in the OIAA play-offs here at York. Victory will mean a trip to Charlottetown, PEI, and a chance for the national championship. In the article below, EXCALIBUR hockey writer John Madden gives thumbnail sketches of each Yeomen.

### Goalies

**Bill Holden** — A primary reason for the Yeomen's excellent record, Bill has consistently been outstanding in goal. Although Holden played for the Downsview Juniors last year, he picked up most of his skills playing road hockey.

Holden revealed that his teammates have been very helpful in practise, correcting him when he plays the angles wrong or drops to the ice too often. "Most guys in this league know a goalie's weak spots, so if you make the first move, you're dead," he said. Bill remarked that Gerry McNamara, who has attended some York practices, has given him confidence. "McNamara pointed out some things I didn't know, such as when making saves on the ice, to use the stick not the skates."

**Peter Allen** — The Yeomen back up goalie, Pete also plays right wing for the junior varsity team. Allen remarked that he sometimes feels like 'Clark Kent' in making the switch from goalie to forward, but added that his double role makes it easy to keep in shape. Allen was goalie for the Leaside high school team last year. Two years ago, Roger Galipeau was his coach at Leaside.

### Defencemen

**Don West** — The youngest member on the team, Don has been paired with Ed Zuccato for his two years with the Yeomen. "I really like playing with Ed; we know each other's moves. We both like to rush and we both know when the other one is going to rush or hang back."

West explained that since the forwards have been back-checking, the defencemen can stand up at the blue line and bodycheck.

**Ed Zuccato** — Ed played two years for St. Mike's Junior 'B' Buzzers and was an OIAA all-star last year when he scored five goals, a record for a York defenceman.

Continuing with what his partner said, Zuccato explained that he and West talk things out, especially when something is going wrong. "You can't talk much on the ice, except yelling some instructions, but we try to solve our problems on the bench or at practice."

**Roger Galipeau** — Roger has played with the St. Mike's Memorial Cup winning team, University of Michigan, the Fort Wayne Komets in the International League, Osgoode and York. He lists his two biggest highlights as winning the Memorial Cup and the NCAA championship with U. of Michigan, and his best coach as Father Bauer. Galipeau pointed out the importance of experience, timing and knowing your teammates' moves and styles.

Forechecking is a matter of knowing when the opposition has control of the puck and then picking up your check. Galipeau was paired with Dave Kosoy last year at Osgoode and knows what his partner will do in any given situation.

**Ron Porter** — In his third year with the varsity club, Ron said his game-winning goal against the University of Toronto Blues a year ago has been the highlight of his three years at York. He described it as a "three hopper from the blue line". But no one cares how it happened, as long as it went in.

Porter feels Paul Erickson is the best defenceman he has been paired with while at York. A victim of mononucleosis before Christmas, Ron has found it difficult to regain his strength and conditioning. He played Jr. 'B' with the Weston Dodgers before coming to York.

**Dave Kosoy** — An outstanding football player, Dave was an offensive guard and place kicker at University of Akron. While there, he won the school letter three times. He was offered an Argo contract, but elected to come to Osgoode. He was with the Cleveland Americans in the U.S. amateur hockey league and played with Osgoode last year.

Kosoy has established York records for most assists and total points for a defenceman in a season and most number of penalty minutes in a season. Having Kosoy on the blue line is a great psychological advantage for the forwards. They know if the going gets rough no one will push them around.

### Forwards

**Murray Stroud** — Murray has broken York's records for most goals and assists in a season. He described his role as captain as "a spokesman for the players" who direct their complaints through him to the coach. He tries to get the players to speak up at team meetings because dissension results if they keep their problems to themselves.

Stroud feels his right winger, Bob Modray, has everything a pro scout looks for — great skating and forechecking ability and a strong shot. He remarked that his left winger, Steve Latinovitch has "the best shot in the league by far" and is also a good stickhandler who is very hard to knock off the puck because of his strength.

**Steve Latinovitch** — Steve played Junior 'A' for St. Catharines and was in the Central Pro League two years ago with Dallas. He won the OIAA scoring championship last year with Brock. Latinovitch feels Stroud is one of the best centres he has played with — "a good hard worker,



Policeman-turned-Yeoman Bruce Penny seems to be restraining fleeing Waterloo player.

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one of the most valuable players I've had the good fortune to team up with."

He also praised his right winger, Modray. "He plays his position well and is willing to listen if there is something to help the line out. I like him at the start of the season, even when I wasn't playing with him."

**Bob Modray** — In his third year with the Yeomen, Bob played two years of Junior 'B' with Weston before coming to York. Modray obviously enjoys playing on a line with Stroud and Latinovitch. He explains that Stroud likes to control the puck and usually has it when the winger is hitting the blue line which is the perfect time to take a pass.

Regarding Latinovitch, Modray said: "Steve's got the shot and there's always lots of rebounds lying around". An avid card player, Bob usually gets in a game with Brian Dunn, Dave Kosoy, George Corn or Licio Cengarle to pass the hours on bus trips.

**Rodger Bowness** — The club's second leading scorer, Rodger has played Junior 'A' with North Bay, and has played college hockey at Laurentian, McMaster and Osgoode. His wingmen for the season have been Licio Cengarle and Brian Dunn. No one on the line has specific duties and there is no elaborate system for going into the corners. The first one in goes after the puck. Since Cengarle was his right winger last year at Osgoode, Bowness can anticipate his moves.

Rodger believes the Yeomen are the best college team he has played on, because of the depth and a terrific spirit. "There are no cliques; the guys are more mature and work as a unit."

**Brian Dunn** — An OIAA veteran, Brian has played three years at Windsor and one at Osgoode. Before his college career, he was a defenceman with St. Mike's Junior 'B' Buzzers with Licio Cengarle.

He is tied with Laurentian's Mike Jacubo for most games played in the OIAA and holds the league record for most penalty minutes. Dunn has played mostly forward this year but he played some defence, and is a dependable penalty killer.

**Licio Cengarle** — A strong skater, who is hard to knock off the puck when breaking down the wing. Licio has scored consistently this year as well as notching many important goals (such as the tying goal against U of T with two minutes remaining in the game).

Regarding team morale, Cengarle stressed the team's "solidarity" and its ability to work as a "real unit". "Winning makes working that much easier", he said. Cengarle played Junior 'B' at St. Mike's and was with Osgoode last year.

**Donnie Young** — Don is Glendon's representative on the team. A good playmaker and stickhandler, Young was with York's varsity team two years ago. He had a tryout at Oakland's training camp this autumn.

**George Corn** — George spent two and a half years with Queen's varsity club and was with Osgoode last year. He rates the Yeomen as "far superior to Queen's". In fact, this is the best team he has been with.

When playing centre, George likes to be the first man

into the corner after the puck. This enables the wingers to play their positions. He feels his line's priority is checking but nevertheless, they have certainly scored their share of important goals this season.

**John Robb** — John considers his primary duty to be checking, which he does excellently. He is always covering his winger when the opposition has the puck. Because of his hustle, the defencemen can stay up at the blue line and concentrate on the puck carrier. Robb played with Osgoode the last two years.

An excellent golfer, Robb has a handicap of one and has a membership at Summit Golf Club. He is looking forward to playing in the Canadian Amateur two years from now at Summit, and feels he has a good chance of winning.

**Bruce Penny** — Bruce played for Dixie and Port Credit in the Metro Junior 'B' League. He was also with Ryerson and a club in Senior 'B' League.

He was playing coach in Scotland with the Ayr Rangers, a team on the outskirts of Glasgow. Bruce spent three years with the Mississauga Police Force. Like Dunn, Penny has played defence frequently this year and has scored his share of goals. He does not think his line is just a checking line. "We've scored too many goals to be considered just a checking line."

**Andy Schweda** — One of the top players on last year's team, Andy plays either left wing or centre. A good skater and forechecker, Schweda gets his share of goals. When asked to comment about the club, he said that the Yeomen have "a lot of spirit" and explained that the Osgoode players have a settling influence. "They know what direction they're going," he said.

### Staff

**Bill Purcell** — Bill has brought years of professional experience to his job as York coach. Alex Smart, his Junior 'A' coach at Ottawa, has influenced his own coaching attitudes. "Smart treated his players like men and took everyone on his word. But, if you let him down, it was the end."

Elaborating on this, Bill emphasized the importance of trusting your players and treating them as individuals. He lists last year's victory over U of T as the biggest moment in his five years at York.

**Mike Penny** — Coach of the junior varsity team and varsity manager, Mike was a Junior 'B' defenceman for Aurora two years ago. He is also a parttime scout for the New York Rangers, covering minor hockey in Toronto and surrounding areas.

**Mert Prophet** — A former professional goalie, Mert played Junior 'A' at Hamilton before joining the air force where he played goal for their hockey club. He went on to Washington, Providence, Fort Worth, the Quebec Senior League and Indianapolis in the American League. He became trainer with the Indianapolis club when Lefty Wilson went to the Detroit Red Wings. He took courses in first aid, such as anatomy, physiology and kinesiology at Butler University in 1956. After working as trainer for the Indianapolis hockey and baseball clubs and at Butler U., Mert went to the Argos and then to York.

He is founder and past president of the Canadian Trainers Association and director of District Ten (i.e., all of Canada) for the National Athletic Trainers Association.

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