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Move to Sudbury for finals

Yeomen dump Hawks 8-1 & 11-3

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In a renewed display of checking tenacity the York Yeomen eliminated the Waterloo Lutheran Golden Hawks in last Friday's sudden-death OIAA semi-final playoff. Adopting a new style of man-to-man coverage in preparation for Saturday's game with Laurentian.

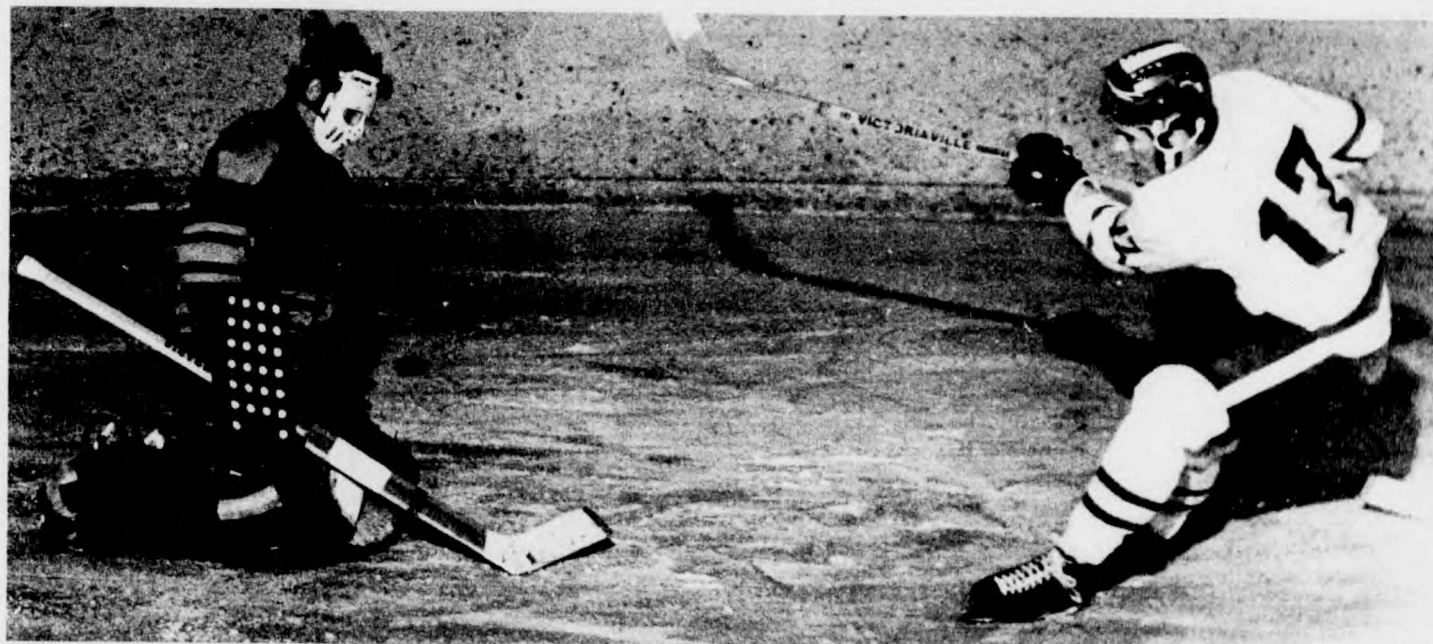
Goalie Bill Holden had very little work in the York nets whereas his counterpart for Waterloo George Blinkhorn was bombarded by 42 shots.

Selected as the first star of the game was Frank Grace who scored two goals and added an assist. Frank was by far the hardest worker on the ice. He was just recently moved to left wing for centreman Roger Bowness and right winger Licio Cengarle. This line was clicking all night long with Bowness counting a goal and three assists while Cengarle assisted on both of Grace's goals.

Playing in only his second game since he came out of retirement, Ed Zuccato sparkled on the York defence. Apart from breaking up numerous offensive thrusts by Lutheran, Zuccato moved the puck out of his own end very well. As a bonus he scored a goal and two assists.

Other York marksmen were Don West, Paul Cerre and Murray Stroud.

As a team, the Yeomen seem to be much more together in their efforts. Perhaps it is the new checking system that coach Purcell has initiated, or the return of Zuccato to the Yeomen defence has increased their confidence. The sudden-death final against Laurentian takes place in Sudbury this Saturday night at 8:00 pm. It would be sweet revenge to knock off the team that prevented York from taking first place.



Don Fraser rifles a breakaway drive at Hawk goalie George Blinkhorn in Saturday's contest. photo by Tim Clark

Last Wednesday, in the season finale, the Yeomen handled the same Lutheran squad 11-3. The team showed an improved attitude in that it was more than willing to go through the motions of sixty minutes of meaningless hockey, the playoff positions had already been decided (except if York absolutely folded).

York 11, Hawks 3

The first period the Yeomen carried the edge in the play but their attempts to pull ahead were thwarted by poor passing.

The second period marked the beginning of the inevitable end for the visitors as the Yeomen scored four goals to leave the ice leading 5-2.

The third period saw the team score six times.

The play of the Yeomen was encouraging in that the team never let up and kept the pressure on constantly. The Yeomen scored four unassisted markers resulting from this tactic. Furthermore the Yeomen outshot Lutheran 43-24.

Bruce Penny, Kent Pollard, Roger Bowness, and Murray Stroud each scored twice while Licio Cengarle, John Hirst and Roger Galipeau, scored one each.

Hirst opened the scoring in the first period which ended tied one apiece, with a slap shot that eluded the Waterloo-Lutheran goalie. Stroud put York ahead after eight seconds of the second period, Roger Bowness counted the eventual winner a few minutes later.

PUCK PATTERN: The Canadian Championships start next Thursday evening in Sudbury and continue on Friday and Saturday (March 11, 12, and 13). The Varsity Blues won the OQAA playoffs, and will represent that league in the first round against the OIAA winner (York or Laurentian). Teams from the Western Intercollegiate, Atlantic Intercollegiate, Ottawa-St. Lawrence and the O.Q. and O.I. leagues will represent their respective parts of Canada in the Championships. EXCALIBUR picks York and St. Mary's meeting in the final game on Saturday March 13. Due to the lack of advertising time between the OIAA final and beginning of the CIAU championships, watch the Vanier-Founders ramp and the Central Square for people selling tickets for the

three day hockey orgy in Sudbury. Should our prediction come true and York wins the OIAA final, then tickets will probably go on sale Tuesday or Wednesday for the combined bus and accommodation arrangements. The top six scorers for York this year were Stroud, Latinovich, Ron Mark, Bowness, Bob Modray, and Kent Pollard. Dave Kosoy went to court last Monday to do battle with the league on his eligibility status, only to find that the league had crossed him up by giving his lawyer last year's copy of the league constitution causing a three-week delay. This time lag would make the whole case worthless since the championships will be over before then. Kosoy's lawyer has dropped proceedings and said that he would try to negotiate a settlement with the league.

Gymnastics championships at York this Saturday

On Friday, March 5 and Saturday, March 6, York will host the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union Men's and Women's Gymnastic Championships.

Athletes and teams from the four women's conferences and five men's conferences across Canada will compete for both individual and team titles in the two-day event.

The women's section of these championships will see a six-membered conference team from each of the four conferences — the West, the Maritimes, the Ontario-Quebec Conference and the Women's Intercollegiate Two Conference Association — competing for the team crown while the men's section will pit the top six individuals and the top team from each of the five Canadian conferences against each other.

The Women's Intercollegiate Two Conference Association will be led by three York gymnasts in their attempt to clinch the team title. York's own Sue Buchanan, a member of the National Gymnastic Team that travelled to Yugoslavia for the World Gymnastic Championships and also one of the two people in Canada to receive a government bursary in gymnastics this year, is a strong contender for the individual women's title. She will however, face strong competition from her own team-mates, Liz Swinton, who was a member of the World Student Games team that competed in Turin, Italy last summer, and Ruth Hope, a member of the Ontario Junior Team at the National Gymnastic Championships. Other stiff competition in the fight for the individual title will come in the form of Glenna Sebestyen, who was a member of the 1968 Women's Olympic Team in Mexico City, and Janet Terry of the University of British Columbia, who is a member of the British Columbia Senior Women's Gymnastic Team.

The Men's Championships will see the familiar red and white colours of York representing the Ontario Intercollegiate

Athletic Association in its bid to grab York's first national team title. York's team will be led by veteran Tom Kinsmen who competed last summer at the World Student Games in Turin, Italy. Tom has been a strong competitor for York for the past four years and is now the nucleus of a very powerful York team coached by Tom Zivic.

Kinsmen's biggest competition will come from Steve Mitruk of McMaster who was a member of the World Student Games team last summer in addition to being a member of Canada's National Gymnastic Team this year. Another strong competitor in this individual title fight will be the University of Saskatchewan's Tim Sedgewick who was a member of last year's World Student Games team and winner of the gold medal in vaulting at the recent Canada Winter Games.

The preliminaries will be held Friday afternoon from 1:30 pm and will commence again at 7:00 pm. Friday night with the top six gymnasts in each of the six men's and four women's events continuing to the finals on Saturday. Saturday's programme will commence at 1:45 pm with the traditional march of the athletes.

This is a golden opportunity to see many of Canada's top gymnasts in action and all are encouraged to attend and help cheer York on to its first national title.

Founders wins mixed curling

The team of Bill Schultz, Shirley Thomas, Tom Blackwell and Morgan Murray emerged victorious in the first annual York mixed curling championships held last Friday at Humber Highland Curling Club. The Founders team gained the three victories necessary to take the title, as teams from the various colleges participated. Osgoode, skipped by George Gruetzner, placed second, with Paul Warner's Glendon rink a close third.

O.I.A.A. Final standings

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Laurentian	10	0	0	106	21	20
York	8	2	0	97	28	16
Wat-Luth.	6	4	0	62	49	12
Ryerson	2	7	1	35	71	5
Brock	2	7	1	35	102	5
Trent	1	9	0	37	93	2

League leading scorers

	G	A	T
Tom Deacon - Laurentian	15	25	40
Murray Stroud - York	17	19	36
Ed Taylor - Laurentian	12	17	29
Steve Latinovich - York	15	13	28
Mike Fox - Laurentian	12	16	28
Ron Mark - York	10	14	24

Womens B-Ball 2nd

By NANCY BANICK

Last weekend the women's basketball finals were played at Queen's University. York completed a very successful year by placing second in the consolation flight, losing to a very strong Toronto team. The trend again this year was for the West to have the strongest teams, though the host Queen's team almost managed to make it to the playoffs.

On the first day of the three day tournament, York played Sir George William's University and defeated them by the score of 60-31. Melanie Leigh and Sue Tupling played excellent games for York. As a result of this victory, York managed a berth in the semi-finals.

Due to the absence of the University of Montreal from the tournament the York team managed to make it to the finals against the winners of the Laurentian and Ottawa game. Laurentia managed to defeat Ottawa but just by three points.

The York team played an excellent game against Laurentia with fine rebounding and excellent plays they completely dominated the Laurentian team to win 36-27. The score would have been higher if the shooting percentage of the York team had been better. In the other quarter-final match, Toronto managed to squeak past a strong

pressing Windsor team by the score of 45-42.

The finals were between Toronto and York. York played well but the height of the Toronto team cut the rebounding of the York team almost in half. The final score was 53-28 in favour of Toronto. A Fine game was played by Barb Eidt and Eva Hill.

In the top flight Waterloo won all their games and were scheduled to meet the second place team. However McMaster, Queen's and Guelph were all tied, but because of the greater points accumulated by McMaster during the tournament, McMaster met Waterloo in the Finals. Waterloo proved to be superior to the Mac team and defeated them 58-36.

This year, York had an excellent team. With the fine coaching of Miss Joan Stevenson, the team greatly improved over the year. Susan Tupling, Eva Hill, Jean Landa and Barb Eidt were steady performers for the team. The team loses two players to graduation this year, however most players will probably return next year.

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