

Varsity fast break fails

Yeomen clinch third with win over Blues

By PAUL KELLOGG

Continuing a recent tradition of giving Varsity the blues, the Yeomen's basketball squad defeated University of Toronto 76-61 on Tuesday.

It is apparent that the recent Godiva bass drum incident is having unexpected repercussions

on university athletics. Still hung over from Saturday's rowdy demolition of the hockey Blues', an almost noisy crowd of close to 300 turned out to spur on the Yeomen.

The first half saw a much closer game than the final score would indicate. After thirty minutes, York led only by four, 33-29.

However from the start of the second half, York began rolling up a lead that at one point topped 20 points. When asked after the game, Yeomen guard Ev Spence said, "The key was stopping their fast break. It's something we worked on all week."

The pace of the game did not slow down as the Yeomen began to put it out of reach. A case in point was provided when the Blues, capitalizing on an errant long shot by York's Rob Pietrobon, narrowed

the score to 51-41, utilising their otherwise stifled fast break.

Immediately, Bain's voice was heard, telling his players to limit themselves to short shots.

Ten seconds later, as if on cue, Pietrobon tried an instant replay of the shot that had prompted Bain's warning in the first place. The shot connected and when the dust had cleared two minutes later, York led 60-45.

As it became apparent that the game was all York's, Bain began

giving some of his lesser-known stars a bit of floor time. A favourite with the crowd was Nick Del Principe.

Probably the shortest man in the league, Principe was greeted with rousing applause and cries of "atta boy, Nicki". Principe responded by running circles around the towering Blues and snaring two points for the day.

High man for the Yeomen was Ted Galka, with 20, followed by Pietrobon (15), Ed Siebert (9) and Ev Spence (9).

The Yeomen split two games on the weekend when they travelled to Ottawa. Ottawa beat them 70-57 on Friday and York topped Carleton 71-63 the day after. With the two victories last week, York is now assured of third place and a play-off berth. They will meet Laurentian in quarter-final action February 22.

Tomorrow, they get a taste of playing beside the nickel mines as they round out the regular season in Sudbury against that same Laurentian team.



Paul Hayden photo

Pounding the Godiva beat

Friday night, duping a local janitor and disguised as plumbers, a clandestine mob of York students made off with the bass drum of the Lady Godiva marching band, affiliated with the University of Toronto Engineers' Varsity Blues' Fan Club.

Excalibur, in the time-honoured tradition of investigative crime reporting, surreptitiously planted among the criminals an enterprising staffer who was able to get this picture of the gang. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of these gentlemen is urged to contact the U of T hockey team. They have a personal stake in the gang's capture (and wish it was the robbers collective hearts) since, as is well-known, the loss of Godiva's bass with instrumental in the Blues' 4-1 loss to the Yeomen (see story, p. 20). A word of caution. Each gang member is known to be armed and legged.

Fabulous Founders fellows beat broomball Biz Bucks

By TONY MAGISTRALE

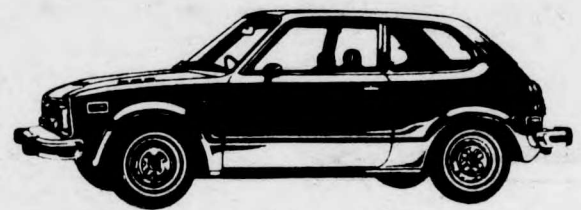
Never in the annals of broomball history has there been such an exciting and bruising game as that between Founders and Biz (MBA) Bucks, played on Wednesday, February 5.

True to form, the Bucks went down to their third consecutive defeat, to the tune of 4-0. This score would suggest that it was worse than that. This defeat brought into question the abilities of the Bucks' coach, one Robert 'Hewitt' Livingstone, who turned up for the game late and sauced.

Despite the defeat, the Biz team never lost heart. They came into this game with plenty of spirit, and immediately after the game they returned to Norman's (basement, Bethune) for some more.

Throughout the game the Bucks played with agility and grace that would have made Eddie Shack look rather ordinary.

The flow of the game was marred by one bad call on the part of the referee. Half-way through the second period, one of the female members of the Biz team made a pass at one of the male players, and got two minutes for hooking.



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