

National championships today

Yeomen beat Laurentian, win OIAA trophy

By JOHN MADDEN

The hockey Yeomen won the right to represent the Ontario Intercollegiate Athletic Association at the national championships in Charlottetown, by defeating the Laurentian Voyageurs 8-2 Saturday night at York's arena. Laurentian had beaten Waterloo-Lutheran 8-2 in the semi-final, the previous night.

The national championships begin today with York meeting St. Mary's Huskies of the Maritime League, and the University of Toronto Blues of the OQAA taking on the Alberta Golden Bears.

Winner of the latter game goes to the finals on Saturday, while winner of the York-St. Mary's game meets the Ottawa-St. Lawrence League representative, the Loyola Warriors Friday, before advancing to the finals.

The Yeomen would have to win three straight games to become national champions.

The game last Saturday, played before about 1,100 fans, featured sustained action and skating and countless good body checks. Yeomen Roger Galipeau and Ed Zuccato were particularly effective in this respect.

At times, this belligerent atmosphere deteriorated to produce a few incidents which could almost be labelled vicious. Referee Moe Schank assessed 32 penalties — 15 to York and 17 to Laurentian. Most of the infractions were for high-sticking, elbowing or roughing.

There were several fights during the game and two Laurentian players were thrown out. Goalie Pat Grace received a match penalty early in the third period when he charged out to centre ice attempting to clobber York's Galipeau. Later in the period, Voyageur John Dediana was evicted for fighting with referee Schank.

Laurentian's coach, Jack Porter, supported his player's arguments that the refereeing was lousy. However, this reporter thought Schank did a capable job under difficult circumstances. He called several penalties early in the game in an effort to curb intense emotions evident from the opening faceoff.

Laurentian centre Kent Pollard suggested the York players had seen the semi-final the night before and figured they would have to outrough Laurentian. There were also a couple of fights in that game.

The Yeomen had a radically different interpretation. They felt the Voyageurs initiated most of the violence and they had no alternative but to retaliate. Bruce Penny said: "They tried to run us out of the arena."

Porter refused to use the fact that his club had played the night before as an excuse for their defeat. He also felt York will do well in Charlottetown because of its excellent defense and strong goaltending.

Pollard said the key to York's victory was its goaltending and defense. He admitted that his club was hurting after the Lutheran game but said that this was "not really an excuse."

The Yeomen had been looking forward to this game since they clinched first place Feb. 13. Describing the mood in the dressing room before the game, Stroud said the players were confident but not over-confident. "Everyone knew he had to play his best to win," he said.

"Guarded optimism" was the way Brian Dunn described it. Dunn remarked that everyone was really "hyper" between periods — everyone was yelling instructions and encouragements to his mates.

Coach Bill Purcell recalled that when he assumed the coaching position five years ago, he promised the York people a championship in five years. His prediction was dead on.

Nobby Wirkowski pointed out that the ice surface at the Charlottetown arena is small, and speculated that this would be an advantage to the Yeomen because they have an abundance of big players.

The first period of the game featured sustained action and was the most exciting 20 minutes of varsity hockey this year. Controlling the play in the early minutes, Laurentian opened the scoring when Mike Jakubo connected on a breakaway.

However, Bruce Penny scored shortly after on a penalty shot. Penny related later that he gained experience taking penalty shots when he was playing-coach in Ayr, Scotland. While he was there, the referees called a penalty shot almost every game, and Penny had about a dozen.

Penny said he had intended to deke the goalie, because Rodger Bowness had scored that way in Sudbury. However, the goalie refused to move out so he shot from about 10 feet out.

Pollard remarked that, although the penalty shot was not the turning point of the game, it destroyed his club's momentum.

Roger Galipeau, on a solo rush, and Stroud from Steve Latinovitch and Bob Modray gave the home side a 3-1 lead after the first period.

The Yeomen tallied three quick goals early in the second period, to gain control of the game. All three goals came when York was killing penalties. In fact, Licio Cengarle and George Corn both scored while killing the same penalty. Stroud also scored while York was a man short.

Latinovitch connected later in the second period and again in the third to finish the York scoring. The Yeomen played defensive

hockey in the third period and were called for icing on several occasions. Latinovitch pointed out: "We knew if they didn't score, there was no way they could win."

At the game's conclusion, OIAA secretary Larry Nancekeville presented the league trophy to Stroud. In a short speech, Stroud said the victory was the result of hard work by every member of the team. He then thanked the fans for supporting the club in spite of the

cold. "This trophy also belongs to the fans," he said.

Ice Chips: the OIAA all-star team was announced before the game. The Yeomen placed four members on the squad — Goalie Bill Holden, defenseman Dave Kosoy and forwards Stroud and Latinovitch. . . Mike Penny's junior varsity team closed off a successful season with a 10-2-3 record . . . Yeomen's record now is 23-3-1 . . . Saturday's win was their 18th in a row.



CHALK UP ANOTHER POINT

Laurentian goalie Pat Long sticks to the post as York's Licio Cengarle moves around him to score another goal for the Yeomen. Voyageur John Dediano looks on.

Excalibur -- Tim Clark

'Canadian sport Americanized' — Bruce Kidd

By MIKE BLUMENTHAL

"Canadian sport has become Americanized," Bruce Kidd, one of Canada's all-time great long-distance runners, says.

Appearing as a guest speaker in professor Ian Lumsden's Atkinson course last week, Kidd was particularly rough on the NHL. He recalled that Clarence Campbell has said quite often that the NHL is not a Canadian League. "The only reason that they have their head office in Montreal is to avoid the anti-combines laws in the States," he charged.

Asked if the NHL could survive if the salaries of the national team were higher, he said that it could not.

"Canadian players don't like living in the States," he said. "They don't like to have full beer cans thrown in their faces." He recalled that Health and Welfare Minister John Munroe has pledged that the national team will not go into competition with the NHL.

Kidd explained how the NHL has created a monopoly for itself over

the source of players through a series of agreements with the CAHA. "Every boy who is interested in playing professional hockey is controlled by the NHL from age 13. During this time he is treated as a commodity, and his education suffers.

"The average player entering the majors has been shifted from city to city five times during his apprenticeship," he said.

Kidd said that Americanization of sport is happening at the university level, too. Over the past five years, Acadian University has imported five U.S. coaches — who have imported U.S. players — and has spent \$3 million on an athletic complex, "in order to attract more alumni funds."

The result, Kidd said, is that 90 per cent of the athletic budget is spent on the varsity team, and only 10 per cent on intramural. "The students can't get into the athletic complex when the varsity teams are practising, and when they're playing the complex is locked up in

order to encourage students to watch their team play," he said.

"Sport and society are integrally linked," he said. "In North America, sport is commercial activity, displaying racism, and requiring progressively greater levels of specialization. In its last published six-month report, Maple Leaf Gardens claimed a profit of \$800,000, he said.

Another student in the course related his experience in the Argos' training camp. "The black players bunked in a corner, away from the white players' bunks. About half-way through the training period a rumor was spread around that there was a quota for black players," he charged.

Kidd also mentioned the MA thesis of Bruce McFarlane now chairman of the sociology department at Carleton University. He found that the lifestyle and value scale of sportscasters and sportswriters resemble those of

public relations men more than those of other journalists.

McFarlane found two reasons for this. Firstly, the sportswriter tends to identify with a team, and this affects his objectivity. Secondly, they get up to 60 per cent of their

income in the form of kickbacks.

"This has a lot to do with the fact that most Canadians are spectators, rather than participants in sports activities. There is hardly any coverage of non-commercial sports," Kidd said.

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