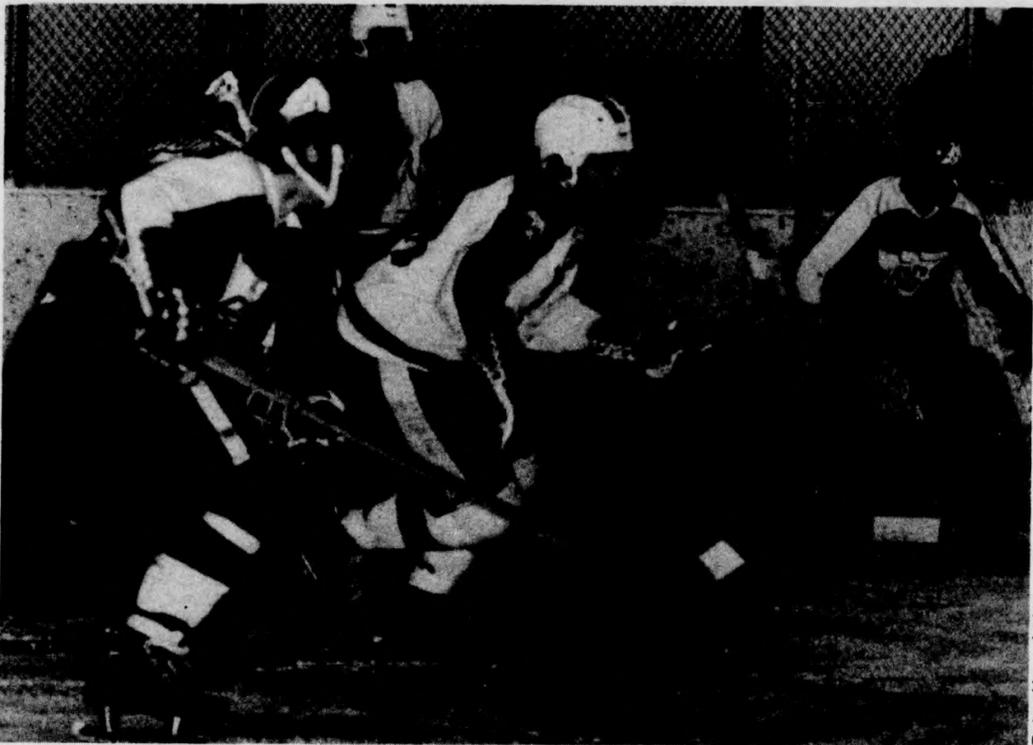


## Sports

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York's Doug Dunsmuir (in white) cruises in front of the Ottawa net looking for a loose puck in Saturday afternoon's match with the Gee Gees. Dunsmuir scored twice to lead York to a 7-2 win.

Peter Hsu photo

## New troika plus goaltender equals success for puckmen

By ED PIWOWARCZYK

York's hockey Yeomen overcame an early two-goal deficit and went on to down the University of Ottawa Gee Gees 7-2 Saturday afternoon at the Ice Palace.

Trailing 2-0 late in the first period, the Yeomen quickly evened the count before heading into the dressing room and then came back to dominate play in registering their win.

"We're coming on strong," said coach Dave Chambers after the game. "We've got good goaltending. (Net-minder) Wayne Weatherbee played well for us out there today."

Disgruntled Ottawa coach Hal Hansen said, "We were flat. We played a terrible game. We only played in spurts here and there."

York's attack was again led by the newly-formed troika of Bill MacKay, Doug Dunsmuir and Peter Titanic which notched four of the seven goals.

Dunsmuir and MacKay both scored twice with singles going to Tim

Ampleford, Paul Cerre and Dave Wright.

The fleet-footed Gee Gees got off to a fast start when they scored on a power play at the 2:40 mark, catching York up the ice to cash in on a three-on-one break.

The Ottawa squad didn't score again until 16:44, but in that time had a decided edge in play. York could muster little in the way of an attack in that time and the few chances they did have were thwarted by Ottawa goalie Alain Larose.

York finally got on the scoreboard when MacKay collected his first goal of the game. The Yeomen were fortunate to score since Larose had picked off MacKay's shot only to have the referee rule that his hand was inside the net.

A minute later, Dunsmuir connected on the power play to even the count at 2-2.

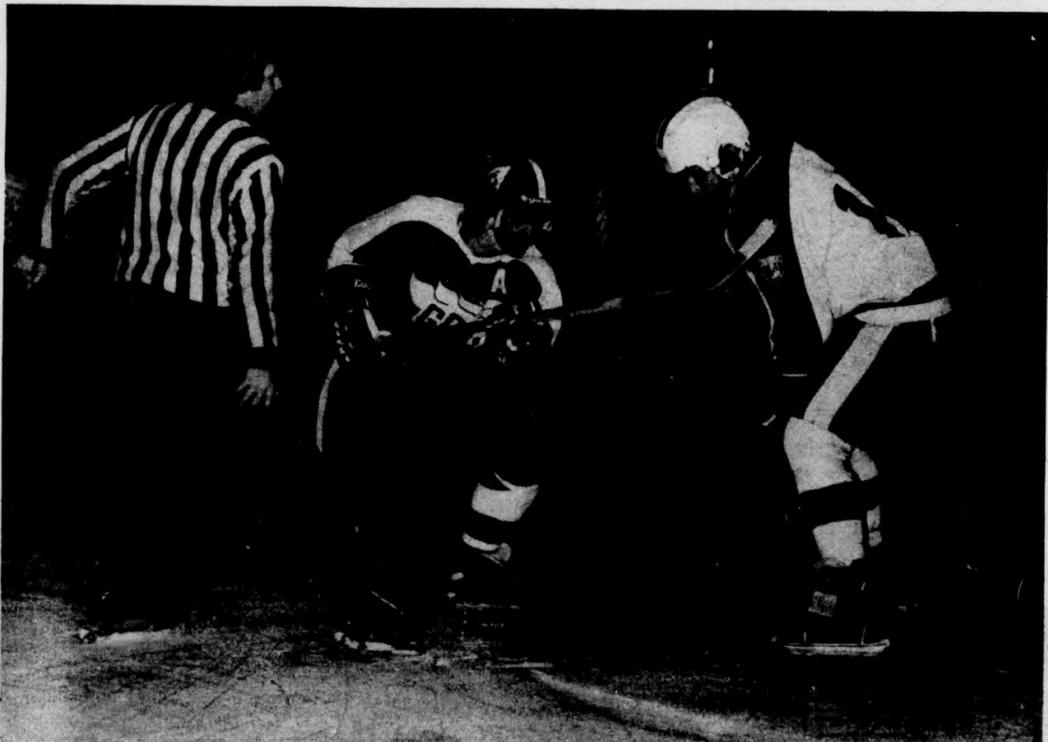
York took the lead at 5:51 of the second period when Wright's slap shot

from the blue line went between Larose's legs.

The Gee Gees faded badly after Wright's marker.

MacKay and Dunsmuir, each with their second goals, gave York a 5-2 bulge at the end of the second period. Ampleford and Cerre rounded out the scoring in the final frame.

**PUCKNOTES:** York outshot Ottawa 36-29 ... Dunsmuir, MacKay and Weatherbee were chosen as the three stars ... The Yeomen have a home stand of three games in four nights this week. Friday night at 8:15 p.m. York hosts the Carleton Ravens. The Ravens were clipped 11-2 by York in their previous encounter, but last week forced the University of Toronto Blues to come from behind 3-2. Saturday at 2 p.m. the Yeomen will meet the Brock Badgers, while at 8:15 the opposition will be the University of Western Ontario Mustangs, currently in first place in the western division. All games are in the Ice Palace.



York's Al Avery (in white) battles his counterpart, Dan Hurtubise, for the puck in a faceoff in Saturday afternoon's match with the University of Ottawa Gee Gees. The players at times had trouble finding the puck, but we're sure our sharp-eyed readers will have

no problem spotting the elusive piece of rubber. The winner will receive a specially autographed picture of Gerry Odrowski. The decision of the judges is final. All entries should be addressed to Excalibur and must be postmarked no later than midnight Jan. 16.

Peter Hsu photo

## Cagers hit skids at critical stage

By ALAN RISEN

OTTAWA — York's basketball Yeomen continued their descent from the OUAA East's first division with back-to-back losses in Bytown Friday and Saturday to the University of Ottawa Gee Gees and the Carleton Ravens.

Carleton and Ottawa both finished ahead of York last season in the final standings. The Yeomen sneaked into the playoffs though, by edging out the University of Toronto Blues for the fourth and final berth. Both Toronto and York finished with identical six-and-six win-loss records, but the Yeomen won their series against Toronto. Laurentian, in first place, was the other playoff team.

This year the Blues are an improved team, so York must win its games against these teams if they are to make the playoffs.

Strangely, in the period from Jan. 8 to Jan. 19, York is playing Toronto, Ottawa, and Carleton twice. The Yeomen entered this critical stage of their schedule with big wins over Hilbert College from the United States and Royal Military College.

Piling up lopsided scores in these contests, the Yeomen were confidently looking toward the next four games.

The first one was last Tuesday at home against Toronto. York came up flat and were bounced 88-58. Coach Bob Bain locked the team in the dressing room for 40 minutes after that game before the press was allowed in. One can only guess what he was telling them.

Friday they travelled to the capital for games with Ottawa and Carleton.

Both were narrow defeats. The Gee Gees took Friday night's contest 75-63, but the margin was closer to four points for most of the game.

Perennial all-star Merv Sabey was the big man for Ottawa as he netted 17 points and hauled in 11 rebounds. Paul Hubbard added 16 points and nine rebounds; John Huff scored only eight points, but pulled in 11 big ones off the glass.

The York scoring was evenly divided among four of the five starters. Guards Evrad Spence and Vince Santoro each scored 12 points, as did forward Jeff Simbrow, a member of Canada's Maccabiah team last summer. Mike "Bumper" Betcherman, who's been a fine addition to the Yeomen this year, scored 11 points and was the team's leading rebounder with 10.

York's shooting was again erratic as they hit for only 20 of 65 from the floor.

The game the following day against Carleton was a heartbreaker as the Yeomen lost by two points to a team they should have beaten.

Simbrow had his finest game this year, scoring 24 points and recovering nine rebounds. Santoro had 12 points, Brian Silverstein nine, Branko Samsa and Spence eight, Romeo Callegaro seven, and Betcherman six.

Carl Mitchell was high man for the Ravens with 22 points, followed by all-star Jon Love with 16 and brother Drew Love with 14. It was suggested that the Yeomen were killed from too much Love.

York plays Carleton in a critical return match Saturday at Tait. Tip-off is at 8:15 pm.

## Waterpolo volunteers?

Although their season of inter-university competition ended in November, York's waterpolo team continues to play in the Toronto City League. Any person, male or female, of any degree of swimming ability is invited to participate. Basic instruction and substantial playing experience will be provided. Most games will be between 9 and 11 p.m. Wednesdays in the Tait pool. For further information call Dr. Kevin Jones at 667-3270 or Dick Watson at 661-3902.



Alan Risen photo

## York sixth at volleyball tournament

At the Waterloo invitational women's volleyball tournament over the weekend, York tied for sixth with Laurentian in the 12-team event. Western finished in first place followed by Waterloo. The York scores are as follows: against Guelph 15-7, 12-15; against Lakehead 15-13, 12-15; against Toronto 2-15, 7-15; against Waterloo 6-15, 9-15; against Queen's 2-15, 4-15; against Laurentian 6-15, 15-10; against Michigan 15-5, 13-15; against Windsor 15-1, 15-8.

## Sport squad shift

In an effort to bolster the sagging Excalibur offence, first round draft pick Rick Spence was brought up from the minors (intercollege reporting) to replace veteran Ed Piwowarczyk as sports editor. Head coach Brian Milner felt that better use could be made of Piwowarczyk's versatility ("He's great in the corners") and that Spence rated the promotion after a fine first half. Terms of the contract were not disclosed.

## A new recruit?

Six year old Gabriel Tacconelli decided to test the court at Tait McKenzie gym for himself during halftime of a recent York basketball game. Referee Fred Nogas signals the forthcoming foul shot as Gabriel sets himself at the line. The youngster was attending his first-ever basketball game.