

Hockey Yeomen finish first

By KARIM HAJEE

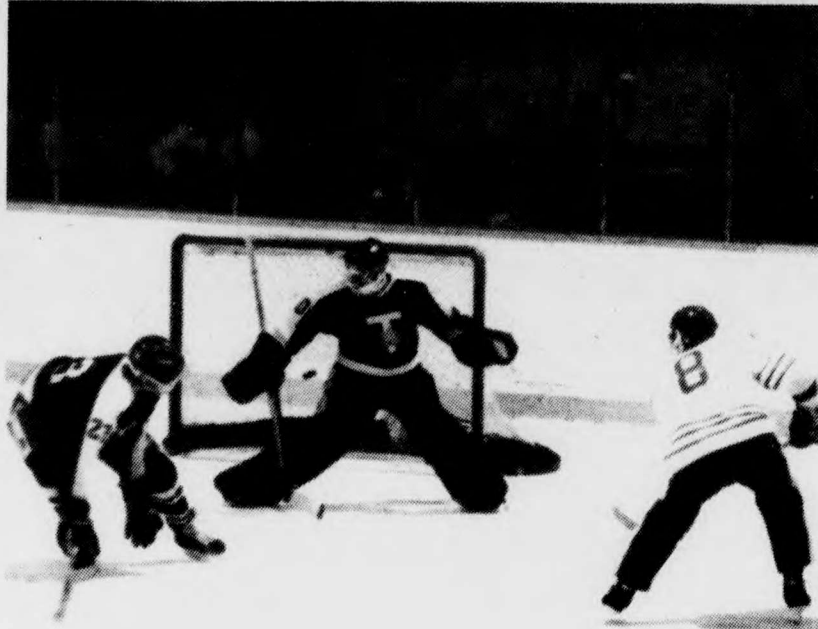
Traditionally, a York vs UoT hockey game always draws a good crowd and is played with great intensity. But when the Blues trail the Yeomen by 20 points in the standings and are out of the playoffs for the first time since 1962, the rivalry between the two teams quickly disintegrates.

Last Wednesday night, York played host to the Varsity Blues while many of us were basking in the Florida sunshine in the heart of reading week. Surprisingly enough, the Blues showed up for the hockey game. After the first period of play the Blues and Yeomen were tied at one, and Blues goaltender Paul Hunter had turned away 20 of 21 shots. If that isn't surprising enough, after two periods of play the Blues were in front of the Yeomen 2-1, and this time goaltender Paul Hunter had turned away all 21 shots sent his way. But the shots would soon take their toll on the freshman goaltender.

The third period saw the Yeomen come out blazing, scoring four goals on thirteen shots. Hunter finally broke down, allowing Nick Kiriakou two goals, one on an excellent individual effort, and one each to Brian McDonald, and Bill Maguire. Duane Smith scored the opening goal for York, making the final York 5, UoT 2.

**Yeomen 5
Blues 2**

The win gave the Yeomen their nineteenth victory of the season against one loss and five ties. For the Blues, it was their twelfth loss of the season and extended their winless streak to nine. York outshot UoT 55-28, but had it not been for some fine goaltending the game would



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HE SHOOTS, HE SCORES: York Yeoman Nick Kiriakou puts one by University of Toronto netminder Paul Hunter. The Yeomen open post-season play tonight against the Laurier Golden Hawks at the Ice Palace.

have been over midway through the first period.

"Hunter played an outstanding game for them in net," said Yeoman head coach Graham Wise. "He really stumped us in the first two periods. We knew we had to keep working and not get frustrated."

The victory capped an undefeated season for goaltender Scott Mosey, who was shaken up on a hard rising slapshot that caught him in the cage. The cage was bent, but fortunately

Mosey was okay and finished the game.

On Friday night York travelled to Waterloo in their final regular season tilt. York came out on top of a 7-5 decision giving them a 20-1-5 record heading into the playoffs. Next Thursday night York hosts Laurier in the first of a best of three Central division semi-final series. Game time is 7:30, but get there early if you plan on having a seat. If you can't make it down to the Ice Palace, CHRY 105.5 FM will be carrying the game live, starting at 7:25.

York to playoff against U of T

By KATARINA GULEJ

York's 69-64 victory over Ryerson last Tuesday proved that the Yeomen basketball team has the necessary qualities of a winning team—namely, persistence, determination, aggressiveness, and a lot of enthusiasm.

The Yeomen's major shortcoming last Tuesday was their poor defense, which stayed with them throughout the game.

Coach Bob Bain was happy with the outcome of the game although he admitted the team had a slow start. He said that he was unable to recognize his team during the first half; a team that lacked intensity, shooting consistency and basketball skill execution.

But the team remained aggressive, and veteran Jeff McDermid, ultimately scored the winning basket. With 17 seconds left in the game and the Rams leading by one point, the two points McDermid gained through foul shots were essential to the victory. "It was a tough game," McDermid said after the win, "With the support of guys on the bench and the cheering fans we were able to score when we really needed it," added McDermid.

The intensity of the game near the end of the second half was almost unbearable, not only for the players and coaches but also for the increasingly anxious spectators.

York was defensively weak and Ryerson was taking full advantage. On offense the Yeomen were slow and lacked play strategy. York shooting was inconsistent and many of the baskets were scored on rebounds.

With only moments left in the game the Yeomen began to hustle and control the game.

Their aggressive style in the last quarter pushed York into a one point lead for the first time in the game with only 1:24 remaining. This small advantage gave the Yeomen the con-

fidence needed to complete the comeback.

George Brown, one of the teams strongest players replaced teammate Stafford in the second half, and felt the team was lucky to win. "The team did not play well defensively or offensively," Brown said, "except for the last two minutes of the game." Brown himself was disappointed in the way he played during

the game and is determined to make amends in the Yeomen's next game, against Queen's.

Saturday's game against Ottawa also resulted in a York win, this time by a more comfortable score of 71-61. Sunday's game however, was lost to Carleton 69-60. The Yeomen's last two wins brings them up to 4th place going into the OUA championship, March 4th to the 6th.



BARAK AMBEREIZ

AH, THE MCDERMID FACTOR: Veteran Jeff McDermid has performed well all year. The Yeomen finished the year 6-6 and will face Toronto on Friday at Varsity.



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