

Yeomen begin to realize potential with win over Laurier

By EDO VAN BELKOM

Many people were skeptical at the season's outset about Yeomen coach Dave Chambers' introduction of 18 rookies onto their 25-man roster.

But, the move is finally paying off as the Yeomen put together their second solid performance in as many games by humbling the first place Sir Wilfred Laurier Golden Hawks by a score of 10-2. The Hawks are ranked fourth nationally.

"I was disappointed by our performances in some of the earlier games, but the whole team played well and the breaks are going our way for a change," Chambers said.

York dominated in the first period, jumping out to a 3-0 lead before the halfway point. Laurier scored at the 12-minute mark but the Yeomen's offence never slackened, producing a goal one minute later.

Coming out strongly, Laurier held the balance of play early in the second period when York was short-handed for the duration of two penalties. Laurier applied intense pressure but York's penalty killing unit shut them down, and after the Yeomen were back at equal strength, they scored a quick goal that left the Hawks flat. They never recovered.

Mark Applewaite played another outstanding game in net for the Yeomen, making 28 saves, a number of which could be placed in the spectacular category.

"Mark deserves to be our number one goalie," Chambers said. "With our performances over the last two games we certainly don't want to change much right now."

On the other hand, Laurier's goal-tending evoked images of Swiss cheese. The Hawks' starting goaltender Steve Bienkoski was pulled from the game after he allowed four goals in the first period. His replacement didn't fare much better as the Yeomen snipers threaded the needle almost at will. Golden Hawk John Sheppard started the second period by allowing two goals on only three shots.

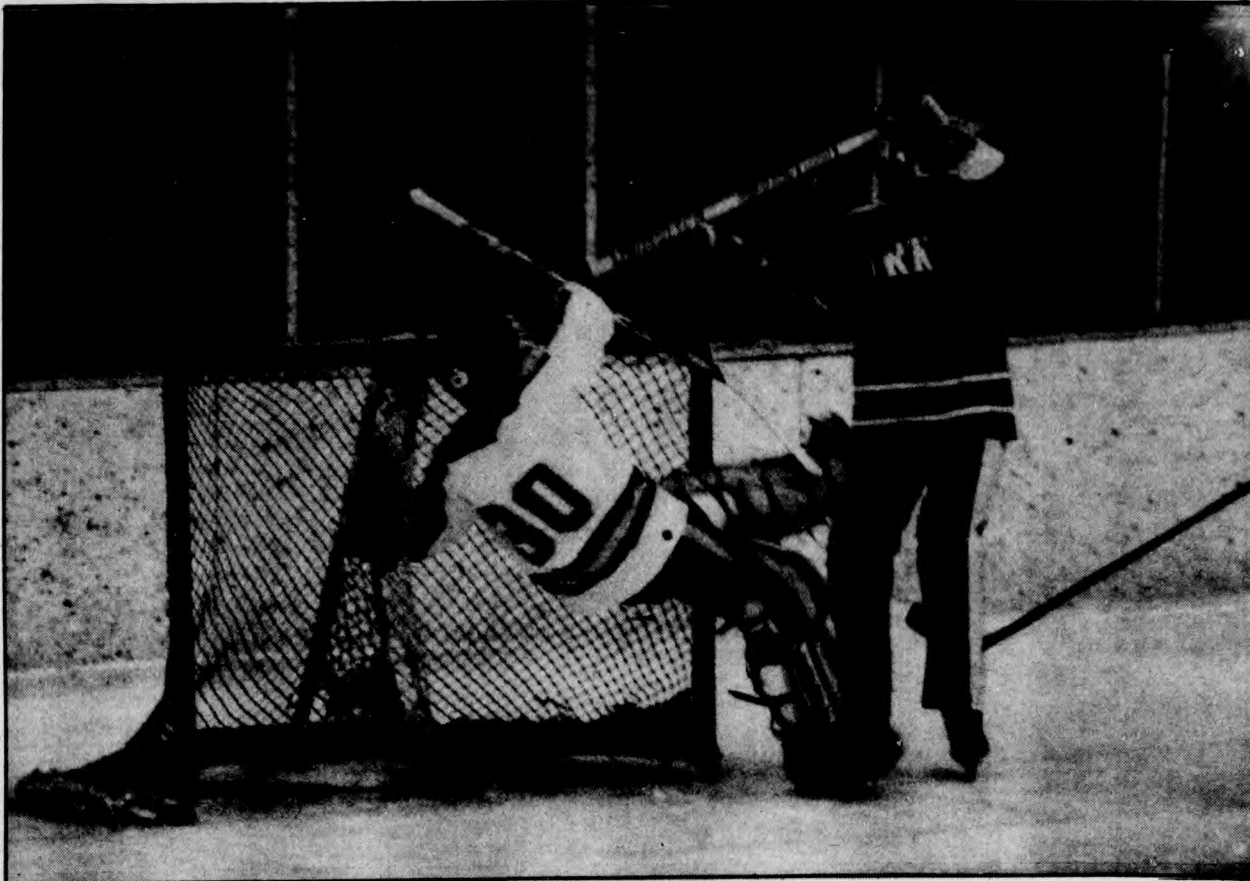
As the outcome of the game became less doubtful the Laurier players became frustrated and the action turned chippy. Yeoman Gary Corbiere fought with Laurier defenseman Jim Quinn and both were ejected from the game with fighting majors and game misconducts.

"They got a little down," Chambers said, "because they haven't been handled like that so far this season. They had an off night and were due for a loss."

Led by Les Smith who scored two goals and an assist, and by Don McLaren who netted his first OUA hat-trick, the entire Yeomen team played a solid game. Defenseman Mike James was the only player not to receive a point in the team effort.

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On Saturday, the Yeomen travelled to Hamilton and easily defeated the McMaster Marlins 8-3 in a game highlighted by rough play and a number of questionable calls made by the officials. One potential scoring opportunity was whistled down by the referee because of an altercation going on behind the play, but no penalties were handed out.



UPENDED: Yeoman Carl Divine puts a McMaster goalie in his place. The Yeomen beat Laurier 10-2 and McMaster 8-3 in last week's action.

Centre Brian Gray was outstanding for the Yeomen, collecting two goals and three assists, and Mark Applewaite was solid in net once again.

Detroit native Hugh Larkin, who had two goals and was well on his way to putting in a stellar performance for Yeomen, had to leave the

game near the end of the second period with a separated shoulder. Larkin's forechecking and strong work in the corners will be missed as he will probably be out the balance of the season.

Notes: Rick Morrocco did not play in either game because of illness, but

will rejoin the Yeomen on the weekend . . . York is fourth in the OUA standings, the top six teams make the playoffs . . . Out of the three losses dealt to Laurier and U of T, two were at the hands of the Yeomen . . . York travels to Laurentian for back-to-back games against the Voyageurs on Saturday and Sunday.

B-ball Yeomen discipline RMC

By GARY SCHOLICH

The York basketball Yeomen maintained their undefeated record in OUA East competition by defeating the Laurentian Voyageurs 90-73, and the Royal Military College Redmen by a devastating score of 105-40. The two homestand victories raised the Yeomen record to an 8-0 count.

The Friday night game against Laurentian saw a much sharper

Voyageur squad than the one that was crushed 85-58 in Sudbury by York. Down 41-34 at the half, the Voyageurs pulled to within three at 47-44. However, York was able to pad its advantage when Voyageur forward Jeff McKibbin was neutralized by four personal fouls.

John Christensen played a magnificent inside game, scoring a game high 29 points. The key was his territory and he made strong use of his

height advantage against the smaller opponents.

"The game against Ottawa," Christensen said, "was my worst in a long time. Tonight's game was a pivotal one, and I'm happy to have broken out of my slump."

Guard Ron Hepburn added 18 points with his precision shooting.

"It was Ron's best game of the season," coach Bob Bain said. Rookie guard Bill Manos had fine night, coming off the bench in the second half to add eight points with some clean ball-handling. His midair driving hook shot led to a three-point play. For Laurentian, McKibbin led with 16, while Jeff Gark added 15.

York hit 41 of 73 from the field, but only eight of 16 from the free throw line. However the statistic that really stood out was the turnover ratio. Laurentian had 20, while the Yeomen displayed tremendous discipline, committing only five.

Saturday's game was a horrible mismatch. The Yeomen basically scored at will against the vastly overmatch RMC Redmen. From neat little passing plays to post play to perimeter shooting, the Yeomen dominated all facets of the game. Eventually, the reserves mopped up the playing time and merely picked up where the starters left off.

Christensen led with 18 points (16 in the second half, including one dunk), while Tim Rider poured in 17. The next two top scorers were rookie reserves Manos and Doug Kerr with 14 points each. Mike Minicola led RMC with 17.

Other rookies made their presence felt in the game. Mike Sherwood electrified the crowd with two dunks, but he was denied both times on chargin calls. In addition, Lou Karkabasis and Pete Luik blocked a shot each on the same RMC offensive series.

The game was not a classic as far as statistics were concerned. York hit only eight of 27 free throws. More telling was RMC's woeful 13 of 46 converted field goal attempts and 30 turnovers.

York fencing team foiled in semi-final tournament

By PETER BECKER

Disappointing is the only way to describe the York fencing team's performance last Saturday at the Ontario Mid-East division Fencing semi-finals held at the upper gym at Tait.

In the team competition, this was one of the most frustrating displays in recent history. Last year the team as a whole, including all the disciplines, placed fourth overall in Ontario.

This year at the semi-finals, the sabre team, which finished second in Ontario last year, didn't even qualify to advance to the finals to be held in Ottawa in two weeks. The sabre team lost all three of its matches in tournament play.

Individually, Warren Kotler and Mat Pindera executed at a sufficient level in their duels to represent York at the individual finals, also in Ottawa.

In the foil division, where York placed third last year in Ontario, the



team fell short of moving to the finals. Max Ng will be the sole Yorker taking the red and white to the finals.

A total disintegration occurred in the epee classification for the York team which was shut out.

Yeomen rout Rams

By GARY SCHOLICH

The York basketball Yeomen soundly defeated the Ryerson Rams 93-63, before a medium-sized crowd last night at Tait McKenzie. York was never seriously challenged. In fact, the Yeomen capitalized on many Ram turnovers in racing out to an early 12-2 lead. The Yeomen displayed an aggressive man-to-man defense that rattled their opponents.

"We had no real changes in our game plan," Yeomen coach Bob Bain said, "from our last meeting. We were more prepared for their 3-2 zone (three men at high post, two on low)."

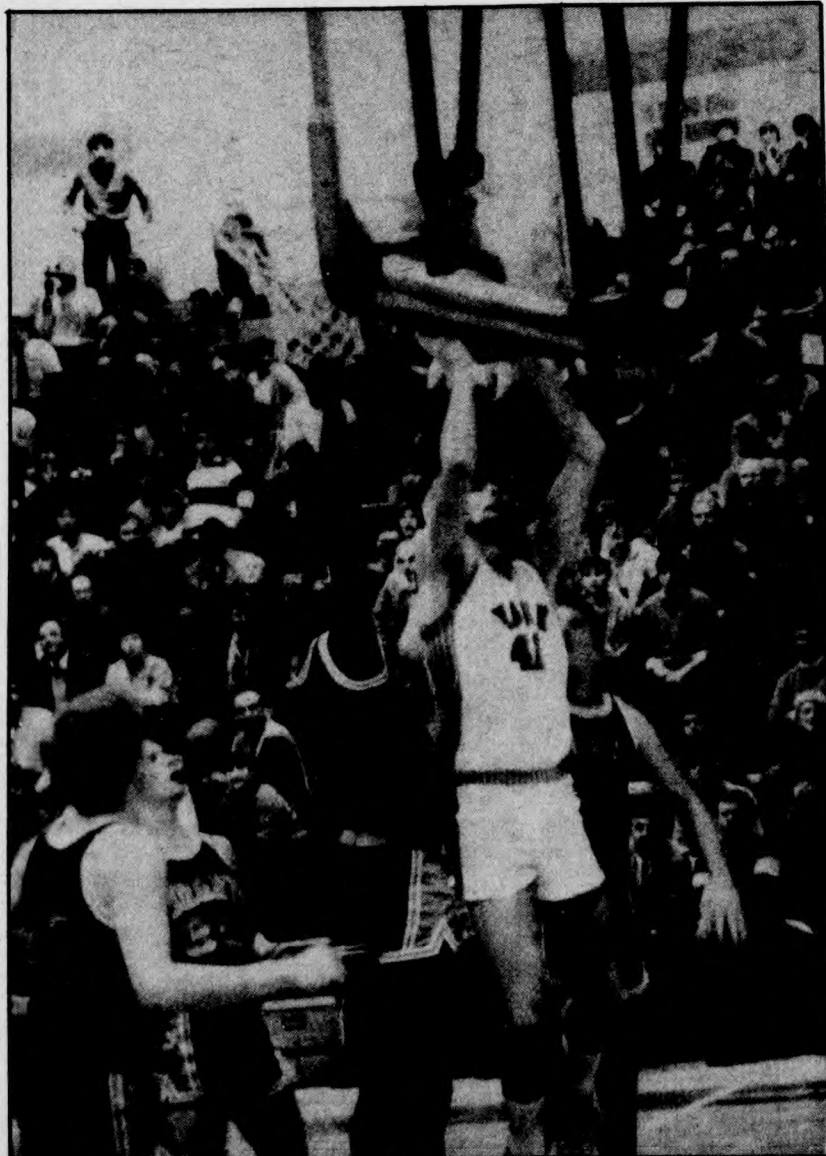
This defensive scheme allowed York to pad its lead while Ryerson played more evenly, using a 2-3 zone and a man-to-man alignment. At Ryerson, though, the 3-2 was a problem.

Although settled down at halftime

(down 49-33), the Rams started off by throwing turnovers. The real damage was inflicted once they reverted back to the 3-2 zone as York pulled off another run of points. In addition, York also dominated the offensive and defensive boards, and shut off the inside game.

York was led by Tim Rider's 18 points along with 14 by John Christensen. Jeff McDermid and Stuart Levinsky came off the bench with 12 and 11 respectively. Rob Hager and James Voskuil hit 21 and 17 for the Rams.

Notes: The York bench has been picking up the slack very well. They have had to because starting forward Tim Rider and starting guard Mark Jones have not been able to play up to their full capabilities. Rider is recovering from the flu, while Jones has an ankle injury that has been slow in mending.



BIG MAN BREAKS SLUMP: York's John Christensen nets two of the 61 points he collected over the last three games.