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MEN'S SCHEDULE

Fri. Dec. 3 BASKETBALL vs Laurentian, 8:15 pm
 Sat. Dec. 4 GYMNASTICS York Invitational 7:00 pm
 Sat. Dec. 4 FENCING at U. of Guelph 1:00 pm
 Sat. Dec. 4 SWIMMING at U. of Guelph 1:00 pm
 Sat. Dec. 4 VOLLEYBALL OUAAs Championships

WOMEN'S SCHEDULE

Fri. Dec. 3 BASKETBALL vs Carleton, 6:00 pm
 Sat. Dec. 4 vs Ottawa U., 10:30 pm
 Sat. Dec. 4 HOCKEY vs Queen's U., 11:00 am
 Sat. Dec. 4 SWIMMING OWIAA Invit. at McGill
 Fri. Dec. 3 VOLLEYBALL vs Carleton, 6:00 pm
 Sat. Dec. 4 vs Ottawa U., 10:30 am

Holden sparkles in 2-2 draw

By ANDY PICK

York goaltender Bill Holden regained some of his early-season form Tuesday night at York Arena, as the Yeomen skated the U of T Blues to a 2-2 tie.

The Blues fired 42 shots at Holden, many of them screened drives from the point. But Holden, in a complete turnabout from the 9-8 Yeomen win in Ottawa Sunday afternoon, rose to the occasion, thwarting Bill Buba on two breakaways and stopping several close-in shots. Holden was the key as the Yeomen had to come from behind twice to tie the fast-skating Blues.

Don Pagnutta of the Blues opened the scoring at 11:25 of the first period after getting around defenseman Jerry Greenham and tucking the puck under the sprawling Holden.

York captain Steve Latinovich, playing his first regular season home game after being ruled eligible, knotted the score with a pretty goal coming when both teams were two men short. Kent Pollard picked the puck up in his own end, eluded a Toronto forward and creating a three-on-two break, dropped the puck back to Latinovich inside the blueline and he found the bottom left hand corner.

Toronto went ahead when a shot from the point hit Gord Davies and

went past Holden. Pollard evened the game again at the 11-second mark of the third period, coming from behind the Blues' net and shoving the puck into the corner before Bruce Burna, the Toronto goalie could get across the crease.

It was a predominantly close checking game marred by poor passing and few really good scoring chances by either side. The Yeomen were really up for the game and skated better than they had all season. Brent Imlach was a notable example, playing an excellent two-way game for York against his ex-teammates. The Yeomen had to skate, for as York forward Paul Cerre put it: "All those guys are fantastic skaters. There's not one guy on that team that's slow."

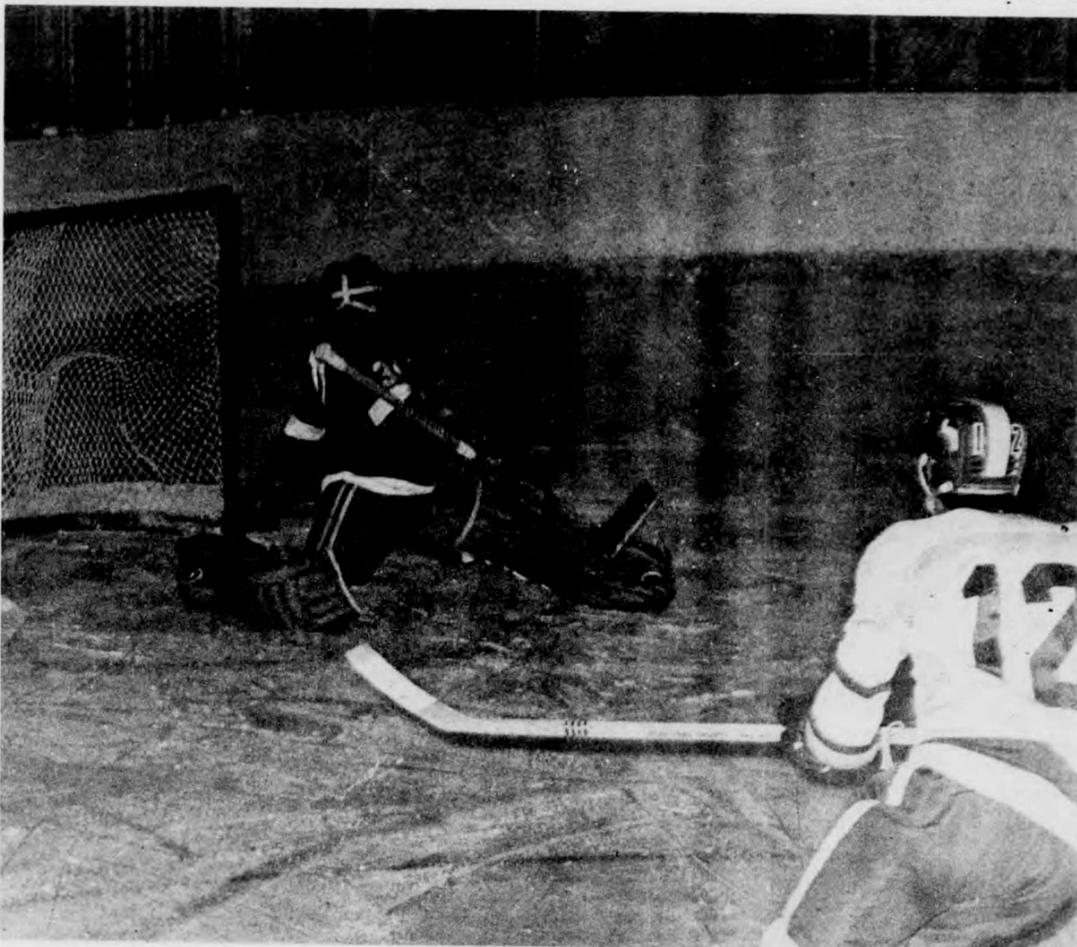
Pick's Picks

.....The Yeomen were satisfied with the tie, but many players thought that they could have won.....

York now has a record of 5-0-1 and a comfortable six-point lead in first place, over the Blues, who have three games in hand.....

Attendance at the game was estimated at 1100, as several hundred of the Varsity fans expected, did not turn up.....

Next home game is not until January.



Kent Pollard (12) watches as York captain Steve Latinovich's shot slips past U of T goalie Bruce Burna in Tuesday night's game at York. Burna stopped 32, Bill Holden got 42.

photo by TIM CLARK

Professional basketball comes to Toronto in style

By RON KAUFMAN

Tonight, Dec. 2nd, at Maple Leaf Gardens, the first of two scheduled professional double-headers take place. The 1971 Eastern Division Champion, Baltimore Bullets will play the Buffalo Braves in a regular season game.

The action begins at 7:00 p.m. with the Harlem Magicians and the legendary Marques Haynes taking on a group of Canadian All-Stars led by Bobby Croft, a former 6 ft. 10 in. professional star and number one draft choice of the Dallas Chaparrals of the A.B.A.

The main event features several superstars of basketball. The Bullets, presently in first place in the Central Division of the N.B.A., are led by Wes Unseld, Gus Johnson and Archie Clark plus the underrated Jack Marin and an exciting new prospect, 21-year-old guard Phil Chenier.

Unseld, only 6 ft. 7½ in. is one of the top centres in the league. His quick release off the defensive boards is the key to the Bullet lastbreak. Clark, obtained from Philadelphia, recently scored a personal high of 40 points against the

Atlanta Hawks.

A recent addition to the line-up is forward Dave Stallworth who astounded both the basketball and medical worlds by returning to action after suffering a heart attack. Dave "the Rave" most recently gained fame for being one of the celebrated "minute-men" who helped the New York Knicks to their championship in 1970.

The Buffalo Braves are a vastly improved team in comparison to the squad that made its debut in the league last season. The new floor leader is Walt Hazzard, who came to Buffalo from Atlanta in an off-season trade. Playing alongside Hazzard in the backcourt is rookie

Fred Hilton who's rapidly becoming a star performer.

Up front, the Braves have 7 ft. 1 in. rookie centre Elmore Smith, who plays defence in a manner similar to that of the great Bill Russell. The leading scorer for the Braves is 6 ft. 8 in. forward Bob Kauffman who's presently averaging 22 points and 11 rebounds per game. The fifth starter will either be former number one draft pick John Hummer or rookie surprise Randy Smith, a former three-sport All-American from Buffalo State, who's presently averaging just under 13 points per game.

As of press time, Brave Coach John McCarthy was still

hospitalized with an intestinal disorder. Either G.M. Eddie Donovan or Captain Hazzard will assume coaching duties for the game.

Students should note that over 8,000 seats are available at a special 50 percent discount. The blues, selling for \$3.30 are an especially good deal, considering the calibre of the game.

The game is being promoted by Pro Basketball Productions. The two men involved, Ruby Richman and Norm Freedman, have set their sights on obtaining a pro franchise for Toronto and, with poor attendance figures in Cincinnati, Houston and Oakland, P.B.P.'s goal could soon be realized with a successful turnout at this game.

Sports Viewpoint

It appears that my article (not really an attack) on College football has raised questions which need further explanation. Alan Ross in his Excalibur (Nov. 11) letter raised three points, so it seems only proper to answer them.

(a) My figure of \$50,000 was not taken from a hat, nor did I attribute it to the football budget. That figure was reached after much speculation on added costs not included in the budget. These include such expenses as floodlights (never used), sophisticated goal posts, a new field, the increased cost of salaries, the upkeep of equipment and so on and so forth. It has even been pointed out that the figure may be conservative, which may have some connection with the refusal of the phys. ed. department to release any figures.

(b) Yes, I feel that there is reason to keep a sport if enough people want to play it. However there are three considerations. Firstly, touch football can hardly be put in the same category as it requires the minimum of expense and is run by the students. Secondly, the purpose of a sport should be geared to the participant and not the spectator and thirdly the number of people who showed an interest in playing football for York was minimal. The question that I raised was whether York's time and money should be directed to a sport which (i) requires great expense, (ii) is geared to the spectator, (iii) has diminished the amateur ethics of sport in general.

The question still remains and whereas I have had much support for my views, I have not as yet heard an argument as to why York needs football.

(c) The third point made was a personal one. The only relevance between my article and my affiliations to Rugged is that I felt unqualified to attack York football for, (as Rob Rowland tells me) "I was not raised in the Canadian cultural system". I therefore decided to raise the question rather than solve it. Secondly, I reflect the feelings of participants in other purely amateur sports which do exhibit the "sporting ethic", (fencing and gymnastics for example) who have been either cut back or rigidly confined in their budget. It boils down to participation. Rugged and hockey, which last year were the most popular sports on the university level, were not given a cent this year to support their Junior or Intermediate teams. Finally, I was in no way plugging rugged, (which without any help from me is gaining popularity by leaps and bounds) and as the managing editor of Excalibur will testify, I had originally requested to use a pseudonym above the article but was refused. My only concluding wish is that a positive argument in favour of York football will appear and if debate can evolve, then so much the better.

Nick Mitchell

Pick Picks

Steve Geller is back with his betting lines this week, while Andy Pick is continuing his predominantly successful selections. Season Record: 11 right, 4 wrong, 3 ties.

Grey Cup Game: Calgary over Toronto.....Due to the uncertainty of the teams' capabilities, we felt we needed an extra week to make a decision on the outcome of this 'classic'. Calgary by 3. Bet your house.

New York Jets over Dallas: Dallas won a tough game over the Rams last week and will be looking to take a stranglehold on first place in the eastern division with a win here. Joe Namath played in his first game of the season for the Jets last week and almost engineered an upset win over the 49ers. He'll probably be playing the whole game against Dallas and because of that, I'll gamble (and it's a big one) on the Jets. Namath's uncanny ability to read defenses, combined with the running of John Riggins and the catching of Don Maynard and Rich Caster, will penetrate the Dallas defense. For Dallas, Duane Thomas still hasn't shown much of last year's form, while Roger Staubach has not played consistently at quarterback.....Cowboys by 8. (The Jets with those 8 points, looks like a good bet — A.P.)

Cincinnati over Cleveland: Cincinnati needs this game to retain any chance of making the playoffs. Both teams are coming off decisive victories last week, but Cincinnati has a healthy Virgil Carter directing an explosive offense and a staunch defense led by tackle Mike Deid. Bill Nelsen has revived the Brown offense in recent games but the young Bengal team needs this game more than the veteran Browns do.....Cleveland by 5. (Another good one — A.P.)

Baltimore over Buffalo: Buffalo won their first and possibly last game of the season Sunday against New

England, with Dennis Shaw throwing two touchdown passes to J.D. Hill. The Colts meanwhile, demolished the Oakland Raiders, 37-14, with Norm Bulaich leading the way by scoring twice. The Colts need the game to stay one and a half games behind Miami and remain in the running for the runner-up playoff spot. The Colts should win handily.....Baltimore by 14.

Los Angeles over New Orleans: First draft choice Archie Manning has completely revived the Saints offense, with their latest victory being over the Green Bay Packers last Sunday. The running of fullback Tony Baker and the receiving of Dan Abramowicz and Dave Parks have been instrumental in the resurrection of the New Orleans offense. Archie's Army will come up against a tough defense in the Rams, but Archie led the Saints over the Rams in their previous meeting this season. The Rams have improved immensely since then; defeating the 49ers, Lions, and Falcons along the way. The Rams lost a tough one to Dallas last week and will be looking to climb back into first place with a win here.....Rams by 7.

Washington over New York Giants: The Giants have been the disappointment of the NFL this season, while the Redskins have been the pleasant surprise. The Giants were in the race for first place in their division up to the last game of the season last year, but with the early loss of Ron Johnson this season, the offense couldn't function effectively and the defense for some reason fell completely apart. The Redskins on the other hand have banded together a rejuvenated quarterback, in Bill Kilmer, three veteran linebackers in Maxie Baughan, Jack Pardee and Myron Pottios and a renegade receiver in Roy Jefferson to create a legitimate championship contender.....Redskins by 8.