

S P O R T S

Yeomen tops in OUAA hockey for second straight year

Laurier downed in two straight for Queen's Cup

By EDO VAN BELKOM

After edging out the Waterloo Warriors and the U of T Varsity Blues, the York Yeomen seemed to coast past the Laurier Golden Hawks to win their second consecutive OUAA title. The Yeomen downed the Hawks in two straight games, 6-4 in the opener in Waterloo, and 6-3 in the second game at the Ice Palace last Saturday night. The Yeomen were never behind in the score in either of the two games.

York advanced to the final by eliminating the Blues two games to one, with two of the games decided in overtime, all three decided by a single goal. Laurier advanced by knocking off Western, last year's OUAA finalists, in two games straight, one going into overtime, the second into double overtime.

In winning the Queen's Cup last year, the Yeomen were first time winners but according to some of the players this year's victory is slightly sweeter because it was won at home. "This win is three times better than last year because we won it at home in front of a great crowd," said second year defenceman Mike James, who contributed a goal and three assists over the two game final.

York 6 - Laurier 4

Second year centre and alternate captain, Brian Gray had a little different perspective on the championship. "Last year no one expected us to win but this year our number one goal from day one was to be in the CIAU championships (this year in Edmonton's Northlands Coliseum). Winning the OUAA championships is step number one toward that goal," he said.

Head coach Dave Chambers, although happy with this year's win will never forget last year's win as it was his first. "The first one is always a little bit special, I was more excited about that one," Chambers said. "Of course this one is important because we wanted to repeat and also because we wanted to win it at home."

In the first game, York jumped out to an early lead and pulled out to a 3-1 margin before Laurier started a late rally that tied the game at three. With the game tied York's Kent Brimmer put the game out of reach, notching his second and third goals of the game putting York up by two. A late goal by Laurier and an empty net goal for the Yeomen made the final 6-4.

Brimmer, playing in his first game since he separated his shoulder in York's 6-0 regular season loss to U of T, had the hat trick while Bob Nicholson, Gary Corbiere, and Brian Small added singles.

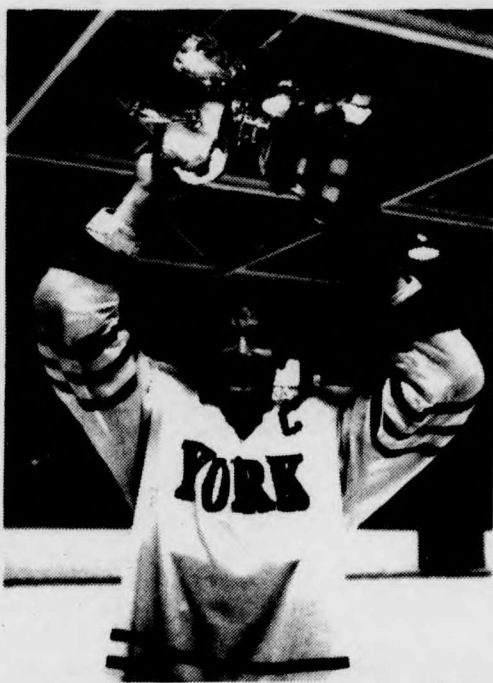
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The second game at the Ice Palace, played before a crowd in excess of 1,000 was over after the first period. York jumped to a 1-0 lead after only 32 seconds of play and went up 3-0 on four shots as Mike Moffat, the former Boston Bruins goalie, looked extremely shaky in the early going. By the end of the period York led 4-0. Laurier, however, did mount a comeback, coming as close as 4-3 but two goals in the final period by York put the game on ice. The final: York 6, Laurier 3.

By virtue of York's win, they will be hosting a CIAU regional championship this weekend at Varsity Arena. The Yeomen go up against the Dalhousie Tigers, beginning Friday night at 7:30. York will have to win two of the three games to advance to the CIAU final the following week in Edmonton. No one seems happy with these playdowns and this 'basketball' type format will not last. Chambers has gone on record saying that traditionally in hockey, losers pack their bags while winners keep on going. The regionals are supposed to get the best four teams in the final but will only cost time and money. However, the playdown goes on this weekend, with tickets available at Tait, and free bus rides to Varsity leaving Tait each night at 6:00.



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Top: What looks like a sure goal for York's Kent Brimmer didn't even come close. Right: Goaltender Mark Applewhaite tended net in both games. He was awarded the Jack Kennedy award for the series' MVP. Above: Yeomen captain, Bill Maguire displays the Queen's Cup.



Final Four berth on hold for another year

By GARY SCHOLICH

For the York Yeomen basketball team, visions of a Final Four berth were put on hold for at least another year.

The Yeomen were eliminated by the host Acadia Axemen in the first game of the CIAU East Regional. The Axemen won convincingly, 86-69.

Acadia 86 - York 69

"We knew what they would do," said York coach Bob Bain. "We had a good scouting report on them, and our plan was to force the wings to disrupt their 'Flex' offense."

Bain also said, "We really can't fault our defense. I don't know if we really had enough pressure on them, but we were in position. Academic just hit a lot of good shots, and that built up their confidence."

PEI 73 - York 60

Peter Morris led the Axemen with 18 points, while Stu Levinsky and Louis Karkabasis paced York with 14 each.

With the departures of Tim Rider, Wayne Shaw and Mark Jones, York loses a wealth of experience. However Bain sees Levinsky, Ron Hepburn, Mike Sherwood, Paul Rosenberg,

and Jeff McDermid as the nucleus for next year's club.

Bain will now be concentrating on recruiting, and he sees a very competitive atmosphere. Not only are there a lot of other coaches looking at prospects, but York does not offer any financial aid for players.

NOTE: Next year, York will have its own High School and University tournaments once again . . . Bain felt that the promotional efforts by Lisa Britton were the best he had ever seen at Tait McKenzie Gymnasium . . . PEI defeated York 73-60 to take the third-place game in the East Regional.

Mel's voice carries across province Taken out of context, article's meaning twisted

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Mel's Right

by Jonathan Sadleir
Sports Editor

If one turns to the Feb. 6/86 sports section of the York newspaper *Excalibur*, one is faced with a gleaming bearded face triumphantly superimposed over the name Mel Broitman. Mel is a columnist. Mel is opinionated. Mel gives new meaning to the word obnoxious.

Why the hostility? Well, the following quotes are excerpted from his article. You be the judge. They are particularly relevant in lieu of Monday night's basketball game at York in which the Warriors downed the Yeoman 74-58.

"The Yeoman may sit eternally upon their throne."

The throne you say. I can only agree. The throne seems an appropriate place. Just be sure to lock the door and flush when you're through.

"Maybe we should forget the OUAA. For bas-

ketball connoisseurs, Bob Bain (York's coach) can always sell tickets to his practices."

Those of you who have read Steve Hayman's article this week will remember some of his observations - and I quote "They won the warmup; we won the game," analyzed UW's Jerry "Spud" Nolli after an impressive York dunk show in the pre-game went for naught. There is little doubt that York's pre-game dunk-fest is impressive. However, as one Imprint staff member quipped, "They may as well be dunking doughnuts."

As far as considering Mel's opinions as those of a connoisseur one may as well ask Ronald McDonald if he has any suggestions for a good place to dine while one is in Paris.

"York doesn't lose home games."

Well Mel, I can only hope that you and Coach Bain are successful in your bid to sell tickets for practices, because, Mel, you're right. You should forget about the OUAA!

Don't forget to come out this weekend and enjoy the CIAU Regional Championships.