

Hockey Yeomen lose?

By "HOWIE" MARR

The York hockey Yeomen entered the Christmas break ranked number one in the country, but some exhibition losses could cost them their number one ranking.

The Yeomen travelled to Alberta to play the University of Calgary Invitational Hockey Tournament. The Yeomen failed to win any of their matches going 0-3 for the tournament. They lost by scores of 5-1, 4-3, and 7-2, to the University of Alberta,

Saskatchewan U, and Windsor respectively. The losses gave the Yeomen a disappointing sixth place finish in the six team tournament. However, the Yeomen were without the services of a few key players which certainly contributed to their dismal performance.

On the bright side for York, goalie Mark Applewhaite finally returned to the line-up after a long injury. Applewhaite's return should take the pressure off Scott Mosey, who

has had to handle all the goaltending duties in the interim. Scorers for York, in the tournament, included Greg Rolston, two goals, and Curtis Coyne also with two goals.

Coach Graham Wise indicated that he felt the tournament was profitable for the team despite the losses. "It got the team playing during the break and it gave us a chance to see the teams out West," said Wise. He went on to say that he thought the level of competition was high. Before

Yeomen basketball team hopeful of good bounce in '87-'88 season

By RICHARD CLARKE

With strong returning veterans this year, the basketball Yeomen, coaching staff and players alike, are optimistic about a successful '87-'88 campaign.

The addition of eight freshmen this year has head coach Bob Bain looking for leadership from fourth year veterans Jeff McDermid and Mike Sherwood. This formidable duo, the versatile McDermid and "the shaker" a.k.a. "Air-Wood" Sherwood, are both legitimate All-Canadian candidates and key to the team's chances for success. Additional help will come from last year's designated three-point bombardier Lance Winn, and fellow sophomore Stafford Lowe crashing the boards.

Two freshmen expected to contribute are James Kritz a six foot point guard from Guelph Centennial, and 6'5" forward George

Brown from Toronto's Bathurst Heights. Coach Bain has high hopes for Brown in the Yeomen future. "He has unlimited potential because of his physical ability and he is the quickest learner I've ever had," Bain said.

One of the team's major problems is a lack of size, Bain hopes to compensate for this with athleticism, quickness and conditioning. The Yeomen defence will be a mixture of man to man, match up zones and press defence in, an effort to keep their OUAAs opponents off balance, Bain said.

At the other end of the court, Bain emphasizes discipline and good shot selection on offense. In Bain's philosophy, "mental toughness, ... a belief in self more than anything else, and learning to win again, partially through games, partially through

practice," are the key elements for the Yeomen to be successful.

Thus far the preseason has shown the Yeomen that they can compete, and win, but they still have a lot of work ahead of them. "Things look pretty bleak right now, but the sun will rise soon," said Lowe the soft spoken sophomore. "We've played against the best already so we'll be more relaxed and confident in the OUAAs."

The Yeomen hope to be one of the better and more exciting teams in the OUAAs barring injury. If all the elements are there, and if the nucleus of incoming freshmen can mesh with the returning veterans, expect the Yeomen to be in the thick of the play-off picture.

The Yeomen play two games on the road this weekend before returning home for their season opener against Laurentian on Saturday January 16.



JAMES HOGGERT

Hey, it's just exhibition: Nevin Kardum battles a Waterloo player for the puck. The Yeomen were 1-5 over the holidays in non-league play. The season begins on January 12, at home, against Guelph.

the tournament, when asked whether York was as good a squad as Calgary, rated number two in the country, Wise said: "When we're healthy we're as good a team."

The Yeomen continued exhibition play with the North York Tournament, which they co-hosted with Seneca. The Yeomen had another rough time going 1-2 for the tournament.

York picked up a 7-6 overtime win against Sheriden in overtime, but dropped a 2-1 decision to their OUAAs opponents Waterloo, also in overtime. Regardless, the loss left the Yeomen with a chance at a third place finish. They promptly blew

that chance with a 6-4 loss to Brandon, who stole the game from the Yeomen in the third period. The loss left the Yeomen fourth out of eight teams.

Coach Wise thought the players "worked hard and that the effort was there." He indicated that injuries once again hampered York's efforts. A bright spot for York was the play of defenceman Bill Maguire, who was selected to the first all-star for the tournament.

The Yeomen get back to regular play on the road against Guelph on January 12. York expects to be in top form with almost all players returning from injuries to defend their undefeated record of 12-0-2.

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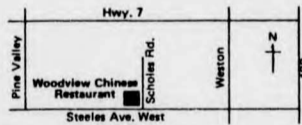
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