

Sports and Recreation

Seasonal slalom slam

York ski team places 6th at Blue Mountain

By PAUL WOODHOUSE

Last Friday the York Ski Team travelled to Blue Mountain at Collingwood for their second giant slalom race of the season. Twelve Ontario University teams participated in the Molson-sponsored racing series. The York times were below potential as they placed only 3 men within the top 20 in a field of 72 racers. The finish left them in 6th spot with Queens taking top honours. This was a replay of the race the week before in which the Yeomen placed 5th.

Coach Glen McKay felt the soft, new snow hindered the teams performance. "We prefer a tighter, more technical course on icy conditions, that's where our strength lies." He also said the calibre of the competition this year is "incredibly keen". A major portion of the highly qualified racers come from the top A class of the Southern Ontario Ski Zone.

Pontiac Cup racer Rudy Toniczek, new to the team this year, is turning in the best times to date. He along with Rod Farmer and Paul Woodhouse are holding ground in the top 20 but none of

them are satisfied with their performances.

Giving depth to the team are zone racers John Snow and Blair Heslop who along with coach Glen McKay are confident that their best performances are yet to come.

The team finished 3rd last year and so were invited to compete in the Eastern North American, Can-Am Intercollegiate Ski Championships at Georgian Peaks, Collingwood in January. Elven University teams participated, five from the U.S.A. and six from Canada.

In the downhill event the inexperienced Yeomen finished 3rd best Canadian and 6th overall. Their best showing in this event came from Rudy Toniczek who came in 5th Canadian and 10th overall. In the giant slalom, Paul Woodhouse finished first for York with a fourth for the Canadians and a 13th in the field of 66. York ended in second place for the Canadians, coming 6th overall.

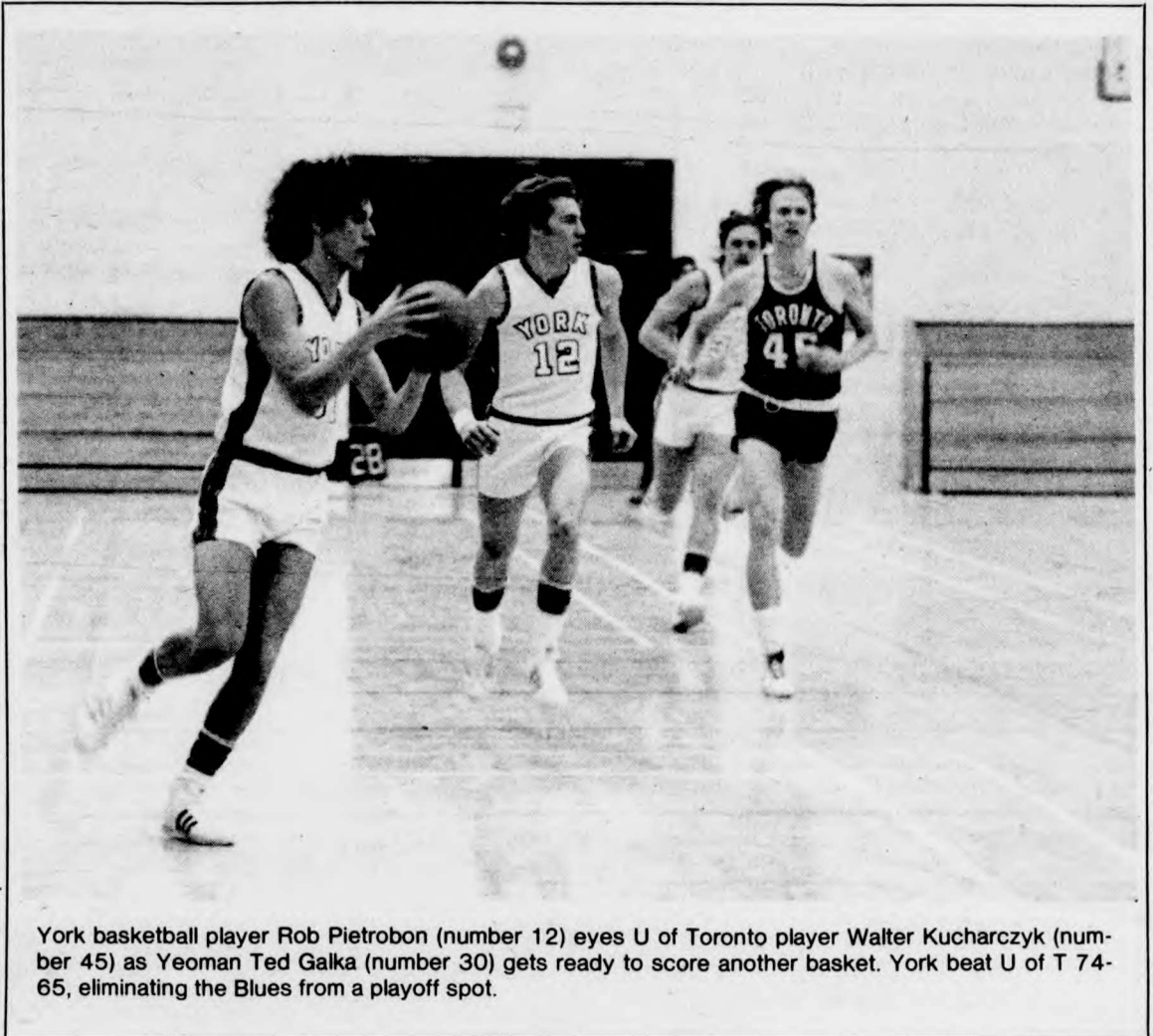
In the slalom Rod Farmer, placed 6th among the Canadians

and 13th overall.

In the combined results over the week, York finished 3rd Canadian school and 6th overall. The power-

ful Queens team defeated the previously dominant American teams as well as all the Canadian schools to take first place overall.

The next race for the York skiers is a slalom this Friday at Georgian Peaks.



York basketball player Rob Pietrobon (number 12) eyes U of Toronto player Walter Kucharczyk (number 45) as Yeoman Ted Galka (number 30) gets ready to score another basket. York beat U of T 74-65, eliminating the Blues from a playoff spot.

What's in a name?

By DAVE FULLER

I used to curse those hacks who would inevitably spell the name of my hockey hero incorrectly. The fools, the inconsiderate frauds, they called themselves writers yet they could not for the life of them spell a name as simple as Eddie Litzenberger.

Or was it Litsenburger?

I vowed then to avenge my idol of this crime, and to instill a new spirit of responsibility in the minds of writers everywhere when I became an editor. And now, after long years of waiting I have achieved my goal, I can redress all those typographic wrongs.

But hold, what is this headline, in bold, thirty-six point type at the head of my very own sports page:

HACKSHAW HAT-TRICK PUTS YEOMEN PAST STINGERS

Ron HAWKSHAW is many things — a captain, a leading scorer — but he is certainly not a hack. How on earth could such a slanderous slip have escaped my eyes?

It took the ever vigilant editor of the Winter's Seer, Phil Carr, to point out that we at Excalibur had also done a disservice to Ron's teammate Brian BURTCH. Ah well, two slips, surely my readers can overlook them, after all it never happened before...

On second thought, perhaps there were a few other times when, through some combination of writer error and our typesetter's sly sense of humour, we could have goofed.

Mike BETCHERMAN was hurled into oblivion early in the year, as were Aldo D'ALFONSO and Luigi DI MARTELLI, all Yeomen of some repute.

"Rook" SILIS goes by the name Arvids with an "s" and there is no such person as Karem Jabbad, his name is Karam VIR SINGH.

But nor are we male chauvinists at Excalibur, no sir, we managed to misspell the names of many of the Yeowomen as well.

We were reminded that "York Gymnast" has graduated and no longer competes for the team, but has been replaced by Marion BOYLE who has put in many long hard hours of practice only to have her name overlooked by some amateur reporter. Chris LOVETT-DOUST and Gayle BROCKELBANK were made the victims of simple proofreading mistakes along with Liz MacGREGOR and Karen MERRICK.

On one occasion we incorrectly identified reporter Dudley Carrothers as being none other than Mike STEIGER, a member of the Yeomen "Rufby" team, although we suspect the responsibility for that one must lie with coach Mick Dunning.

We left no stone unturned in our search for ways to immortalize fictitious persons. Indeed, we even wronged our own reporters, Walter RIGOBON and Tim UUKSULAINEN. And tennis watcher Lyan FAULDT actually left in a huff, never to be seen again.

We took great pains to butcher the names of whole teams too. In one fell swoop we misspelled the names of three more hockey Yeomen, Dave CHALK, Peter ASCHERL and Aidan FLATLEY. (Aidan's name was included because I can't believe we could have gone a whole year without getting some part of it wrong.)

We took a few stabs at the coaches too, just ask Richard POLATYNSKI and Maasaki NAOSAKI.

Ted GALKA, Marc EPPRECHT, Rich LYLE and Chris DORLAND were the last names on a list that you readers will most assuredly add to before I've had a chance to discover the rest of the athletes whose monickers we've maimed.

And I am no longer imbued with a self-righteous fury when I read Eddie Littsunburgher's name in all its abberated forms. Eddie doesn't play hockey any more.

Volleyballers vie for victory, team unsure of playoff standing

By WALLY DYBA

The York Yeomen volleyball team will be playing in their most important tournament of the season on Sunday, February 6, at Ryerson. Currently tied for second place in the OUAA East Division with University of Toronto, York must defeat their crosstown rivals in order to assure themselves a berth into the playoffs the following weekend.

"Our playoff chances looked good at Christmas, but after our last matches when we lost to Queen's and U of T defeated Laurentian, there's a dogfight for

the playoffs with no team being absolutely sure of a berth," Yeoman coach Wally Dyba said.

Laurentian holds top spot with a 6-1 won-lost record, followed closely by York and U of T at 5-2 and then Queen's at 4-3.

"The guys have been working hard and with the type of programme that we've incorporated, we'll be peaking for the matches against U of T and Laurentian," Dyba added. If York defeats both teams they could conceivably capture first place and host the OUAA playoffs. However,

if they lost their match against U of T they would be virtually out of the playoffs.

York was scheduled to play in a tournament last weekend. However, weather conditions forced a cancellation.

"We would have liked to have played since we're adding a few more wrinkles to our attack but the layoff might have been helpful", Dyba said.

"Lino Girardo, a key middle blocker came to practice Monday morning smiling for the first time all season," he added.

McLaughlin Flames drop 5-4 decision to host U of Sudbury

By BARRY RAMSAY

The McLaughlin Flames gave up three goals in the last ten minutes of the championship game of the 7th annual Laurentian University Intercollegiate Hockey Tournament held in Sudbury this weekend, as they went down to a 5-4 defeat to the host University of Sudbury College. McLaughlin had jumped into a 4-2 lead early in the third period on goals by John Trace and John Gardiner, but three consecutive goals by Sudbury late in the game left McLaughlin with a second place finish in the 16 team tourney.

McLaughlin downed the Canadian Chiropractic College 2-1 on Thursday and followed with a 5-4 overtime win on Friday over Laurentian Phys. Ed. In the semi-finals the Flames upset heavily

favoured Algoma College from Sault Ste. Marie, 6-3, to advance to the championship game. McLaughlin goaltender, Larry McKeigan was a stand-out in all contests and received the Best Goaltender of the tournament award. The McLaughlin showing was particularly impressive considering they were missing four regular players and were forced to play with only two lines.

Glendon College also came up with an impressive performance, taking the consolation championship in a 7-6 comeback victory over the Canadian Chiropractic College. Trailing 5 - 1 midway through the match, Glendon tied the score, dropped behind again, and then tallied twice more late in the game for the win. Glendon had lost an earlier 4-1 decision to Sud-

bury, but followed by shutting out Erindale College from Toronto 6-0 and Sports Administration from Laurentian 4-0 to qualify for the consolation finals.

The defending champions, Stong Green Machine, won their first game 3-0 over Erindale but were trounced 6-1 by Sudbury despite outplaying them in the second and third periods.

The other York entry, Vanier Maroons, lost a close 5-4 game to Laurentian P.E. and were eliminated by the Chiropractic College by a 6-1 score in their second match.

The Laurentian tournament is the largest of its kind with the best teams in Ontario attending. Aside from York, Laurentian and Toronto, other universities represented were Guelph, Trent, and Carleton.