

Puckmen in first after 12-2 win

By ROGER HUDSON and PETER WOODS

York Yeomen closed out their regular schedule in the hockey race with a 12-2 win over Laurentian Voyageurs last Friday night.

With this win the Yeomen are in first place one point ahead of the Varsity Blues. The Blues have one game to play and they need a tie or a win to capture first.

The Blues might have trouble with

their game at Laurentian Sunday, because they will be without at least seven regulars. These players will be with Canada's student national team at the World Student Games at Lake Placid.

Laurentian is not really as weak as last Friday's score at York would indicate. The "red machine" just simply overpowered the Voyageurs running up a 7-0 lead going into the last half of the game.

Frank Grace led the Yeomen with three goals, one of them being a blistering shot from the blue line in which the Voyageur goalie could only make a small, futile attempt.

Barry Jenkins came out of a small slump to display the kind of hockey of which he certainly is capable. Between the moves and checks, he scored two goals and set up three more markers.

Other goal getters were Latinovich, Wright, Imlach, Hirst, Cerre, and Don Fraser.

PUCKNOTES...The three stars were Grace, Jenkins and Latinovich...

The Yeomen ended off the schedule with 16 wins, two ties and one loss. The playoffs start here in ten days.



STROUD IS BACK

Former Yeomen star Murray Stroud was back in action last weekend playing hockey. Only this time he was playing for the Osgoode Owls who downed all competition to win the Ontario Law Schools Championship last weekend. Stroud scored three goals in the final game against Western. Photo by Tim Clark

- YORK 12 - LAURENTIAN 2**
- First Period**
 1. York, Jenkins (Hirst, Penrose) 16:08
 2. York, Wright (Pollard) 17:27
 Penalties — D. Morris L, Fraser Y 3:52, Penrose Y 7:06, Precious L 10:43, Wright Y 15:15, R. Morris L 15:54, Stychuck L, Globinsky Y 16:26, Globinsky Y 18:23.
- Second Period**
 3. York, Jenkins (Unassisted) 2:19
 4. York, Imlach (Latinovich) 5:14
 5. York, Grace (Pollard) 5:53
 6. York, Grace (Unassisted) 16:14
 Penalties — Fox L, Grace Y 0:31, R. Morris L, Penrose Y 1:26, Valeau L 8:00, Bench L 10:25, Fraser Y 15:54, Fox L, Penrose Y 16:06.
- Third Period**
 7. York, Grace (Fraser, Pollard) 4:16
 8. Laurentian, Jerwenic (R. Morris, Cummins) 4:56
 9. York, Hirst (Jenkins) 9:42
 10. Laurentian, Taylor (Precious, Hammil) 12:46
 11. York, Latinovich (Wright, Jenkins) 14:11
 12. York, Fraser (Pollard, Grace) 14:51
 13. York, Cerre (Jenkins, Greenham) 18:28
 14. York, Latinovich (Wright, Penrose) 19:52
 Penalties — R. Morris L Double Minor, Latinovich Y Double Minor 7:53, Valeau L 13:11, R. Morris L 19:35.

Synch swim wins second in finals

York's synchronised swim team travelled to Windsor over the weekend for the OWIAA championships. The girls took an overall second-place standing tallying 20 points. McMaster was first with 42 and Toronto third with 19.

Suzanne Duchesneau led the York team with a second place finish in the figures, and then combined with Sue Flinders to finish second in the duets. In both events York lost out on first place by a mere four-tenths of a point. Duchesneau also placed fourth in the solos.

The duet team of Kathy Mitchell and Jill Box finished seventh.

Rookie Debbie Cambell placed ninth in the figures.

York had a sixth-place showing in the team event. Dianne Marshall, Marilyn Yolles, Cambell, Box, Gayle Ball, and Debbie Schweda swam in the routine.

York fencers win silver at champs

On Saturday York hosted the OUAA fencing championships. Individual matches were held with the top three fencers in each weapon class from east and west competing. Before a dozen or so spectators, York's Richard Polatynski won a silver medal in sabre (an event in which the object is to cut with point or edge of the blade). He finished a close second behind Eli Sekunda of U of T.

For the third year in a row Western's Richard Wong was the foil champion (foil involves thrusting with the point for the torso), out-pointing Craig of Western. Western's Nichol took the gold medal in epee (a point weapon with the whole body as target), with Windsor's Strutt taking the silver.

In the team events, U of T the eastern champs won 17 bouts losing only 10 to capture the team trophy over Windsor, their western division counterparts. The Blues took foil 5-4, sabre 8-1, and lost in epee 4-5. **SWORD POINTS.** The highlight of the tournament was the well-fought sabre match between Polatynski of York and Sekunda of U of T...

Yeomen of the Week

In an unprecedented move, we present the award this week to basketball coach Bob McKinney. McKinney assembled a youthful squad at the beginning of the season and guided them to an unexpected first-place finish in the eastern division of the OUAA. For details see basketball story.

Winner of Yeomen of the Week wins free pizza from Bobby Orr's Pizza.

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Blues Want First Place

Only one game remains to be played in OUAA scheduled hockey. That contest will decide first place in the Eastern Division.

Currently the York Yeomen hold top spot by one point. But on Sunday afternoon in Sudbury the Voyageurs, still smarting from last week's 12-2 drubbing, will try and prevent the Blues from moving into first.

Because of their superior record in head to head competition against our Yeomen (one win, one tie), the Varsity squad needs only a tie, to take the league honours.

At first it was thought that their six best players would miss the game in Sudbury due to commitments with the Student National Team who will be playing in the World Student Games at Lake Placid, New York. However, it was learned from Blues' coach Tom Watt that he and his six players will be flown to the game.

It now looks as though Ottawa has clinched third, and Laurentian has overcome five forfeitures to squeeze by Queens' into fourth. Depending on the outcome of the aforementioned weekend contest, the Yeomen will be playing one of those two teams in the first round of the playoffs on March 7 at 8 pm at York.

The second and third round of the playoffs will be held at Varsity Arena, with two semi-final games on Friday night, March 10, and the sudden death final the following night. Our educated guess has the Yeomen and the Blues meeting in the final — a classic battle indeed.

Excalibur's prediction for the World Student Games hockey tournament is as follows: Canada

first, U.S. second, and Russia third. It will be a triple round-robin tourney with only three teams competing. The Russians were outclassed 5-1 by the Blues on Tuesday, and the Students Nats whipped the Blues 7-2 before Christmas. York's Steve Latinovich should lead the Canadians to their first gold medal in international hockey in many many years.

Phil Cranley

Blues - Russia contest sells college hockey

"I think we sold college hockey tonight," proclaimed a jubilant Tom Watt Tuesday night after his Varsity Blues hammered the Russian student team 5-1.

It was not difficult to understand Watt's statement or his excitement. The game which saw the Russians outshoot their Canada opponents 33-27 was characterised with brilliant goaltending, end-to-end action, and constant excitement.

"Durno's goaltending kept us in the game when the pressure was on," he explained. "We had hoped to get an early lead because the Russian style of play is not conducive to catch up hockey."

Watt's theory proved to be very accurate. Once the Blues pulled into a lead the unflappable Russians started to panic.

The next time Canada plays Russia will be at the Student Games at Lake Placid when an all-star team including York's Steve Latinovich and six Varsity players will try to make Canada's return to international hockey a successful one.

Alan Risen

Hockey alumni game next Tuesday

Stars from the past nine years will be competing in York's third annual hockey Alumni game, February 29. This year's squad will face such past York stars as Dave Kosoy, former OIAA all-star defenceman; Roger (Igor) Galipeau, the giant 6 ft. 5 in., 250 lb. defenceman; Licio Cengarli, the former high-scoring right winger and Murray Straud, former Yeoman of the Year. Game time is 8 pm at the York Ice Palace on Tuesday.

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V-ball team finishes sixth

The women's volleyball team placed sixth in the OWIAA championships at McMaster last weekend. First and second place went to Western and McMaster respectively. The York team fought hard especially during their two and a quarter hour marathon against McMaster which unfortunately ended in a victory for the latter. York won two out of five games in this match, losing the last two by the score of 14-16.

Winters' women win hockey

The women of Winters College captured the inter-collegiate ice hockey championships on February 10th with a 3-0 win over Founders. Winters' finished the season with a perfect record, and netted 57 goals.

York swimmers at championships

Liz Swinton, Ruth Hope and Sue Buchanan of York will be going to the Canadian gymnastics championships this weekend with the Ontario team. The championships are being held in Edmonton. Buchanan was the women's individual champion at last years meet which was held at York.

York grid star drafted by Ti-Cats

By ROBIN ROWLAND

Veteran football Yeoman John Harris became the first York player ever drafted when the Hamilton Tiger Cats picked him in the first round of the Canadian Football League's college draft.

Harris, a massive, 6 ft. 5 in., 280 pound, lineman was the Canadian Football League team's second choice. Hamilton's general manager, Ralph Sazio, picked Lutheran's fullback Tom Walker number four, on a deal for the Ottawa Rough Riders' first choice. Sazio later described Harris who was the sixth player to go in the draft as "a good one."

"I knew I was going to be drafted," Harris told the Excalibur, "though I didn't think it would be that high. I hadn't really thought about the Tiger-Cats. My only thoughts had been about the Argonauts. The Tiger-Cats contacted me in December and told me they were going to draft me. The Alouettes called me four days before the meeting to let me know that they were going to draft me."

Harris had not heard from the Toronto Argonauts in over a year even though the

Double Blue had touted him as a major find after his high school playing days.

John hopes to find a spot as an offensive tackle with the Ti-Cats. He receives his degree in history this year and plans to become a high school history teacher. He is aiming toward a high school football coaching career as well.

Following an outstanding career at Silverthorne Collegiate, John Harris received 25 scholarship offers from universities in the United States, finally accepting one from the University of Minnesota of the Big Ten.

After injuries hampered his play at Minnesota, Harris came to York where his experience proved valuable to the first-year Yeomen squad, who made their debut in the now-defunct Central Canada conference.

John's play this year was noticeably improved over the past two years. He praised the York coaching staff for their help and when asked to compare York, a small university, with Minnesota, he said "I think from my experience here at York, the playing and the coaching was just as



Harris in action.

good as down there, the coaching staff here has really helped me a lot."

Harris has been a captain of the York Yeoman football team for the past two years and was popular among the players.

He has a good deal of potential as a professional according to Hamilton General Manager, Ralph Sazio. "We picked Harris for many reasons," Sazio told Excalibur. "I remember when John was one of the most outstanding high school players in Toronto. We followed his progress when he went down to Minnesota along with another big lineman."

"I'm not too sure why John left Minnesota," he continued, "but when he turned up at York we kept an eye on him and then, based on a strong recommendation from York's coach Nobby Wirkowski, we decided to draft him."

When informed of Harris' choice of position, Sazio commented, "Offensive tackle would be a good place for him to take. Certainly he has the size and the talent. He doesn't look as big as he is. If he makes up his mind to really go at it, I'm sure he could take the spot."