

Sports

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Cagers drop two in Ottawa

York loses, Harvey wins — what else is new?

By ED PIWOWARCZYK
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The basketball Yeomen opened the New Year the same way they closed the old one: on a losing note.

York played their first games of the OUAA schedule for 1973 by losing to the Carleton Ravens 70-65 and to the University of Ottawa Gee Gees 66-60 in Ottawa on the weekend.

The losses sustained leave the Yeomen with a 1-4 won-loss record for the regular season.

Despite their disheartening record at this point in the season, coach Bob McKinney does not regard the team's chances of success in a negative frame of mind.

"We've been playing much steadier ball lately," he commented.

"This is a young team," he continued. "Their major problem has been a lack of confidence. A lot of freshmen and sophomores are filling key positions."

McKinney feels that as the team gains confidence, the other facets of their play will improve and that the confidence is coming as the season continues.

"We are more consistent and our whole game has been improving."

Against Ottawa and Carleton, Bob Pike had a strong game both offensively and defensively.

In the two contests, Pike hauled down 18 defensive rebounds. Throughout the season the Yeomen had been beaten on the boards in their own end.

While the defensive rebounds total improved, dominating the opponent's boards remained a problem. In the two games, Pike picked off only three offensive rebounds.

Both Carleton and Ottawa displayed strong outside shooting, a key element still missing from the York attack.

In these matches as in others during the season, the Yeomen started strongly in the opening minutes only to commit defensive blunders which quickly put them behind on the scoreboard.

The Yeomen are thus forced to play "catch up" ball but they have yet to display any strong comeback ability.

Over the Christmas break, the Yeomen participated in the Guelph University Invitational Basketball Tournament. York lost 70-65 to Guelph and lost the consolation prize to Oswego State.

The bright spot as far as the Yeomen were concerned was the play of rookie Ev Spence, being top scorer in the tourney with 38 points

and being chosen as tournament all-star guard.

McKinney has singled out Spence and Pike as examples of what he feels has been the gradual improvement in team play.

GEORGE HARVEY TAKES TOURNEY

Close to 1100 people attended York's fifth annual high school basketball tournament over the Christmas break.

"We are very happy with the turnout," said co-ordinator of athletics Nobby Wirkowski.

"Our philosophy in instituting this tournament was to have a place where high school teams in the city could play a tournament at Christmas, and expose people to York university.

"So we enhance the high school basketball picture and help our own recruiting by bringing in these players. We feel that we were successful in these areas."

George Harvey continued their domination of this tournament by once again winning the championship and placing two players — Paul Lattanzio and Joe Lacrito — on the tournament all-star squad.

Earl Haig finished second and placed one man, Rick Hoyle, on the all-star team.

The consolation round was taken by Winston Churchill Collegiate with Downsview Secondary earning the runner-up honours.

Ron Van Horn from High Point High, New Jersey, and Reni Dolcetti from St. Charles Collegiate rounded the all-star team selections.

Harvey's Paul Lattanzio was

voted the tournament's most valuable player.

The leading scorer overall was Winston Churchill's Tony Berti with 90 points. Tony Leighton of Richview was the high scorer for a single game with 37.

In all, 240 young players participated in the tournament competition.

With any luck, some of them may return in the near future sporting the Red and White to bolster the sagging Yeomen.



Sportlite

Erasers VS Dimwits

By ALAN RISEN

In what has been billed as a hockey challenge match to rival the Team Canada-Soviet series of 1972, the Excalibur Erasers have accepted a challenge from the Department of Information Dimits to be played Friday, Jan. 19 at 2 p.m. at the Ice Palace.

The Erasers, heretofore undefeated, boast the biggest name in hockey today—Ed (the Polish Panik) Piwowarczyk. Also heading the list of Excalibur greats are Marilyn "Turk" Smith, Jim "Dynamo" Daw and Alan "the Rocket" Risen.

The Dimwits' roster is headed by nobody in particular. In a game played last year between these same two teams the score ended in a 3-all tie. The contest was marred by frequent brawls between these two traditional arch enemies and all indications call for more of the same this year.

Uninformed sources say that Winnipeg Jet superstar Bobby Hull will be on hand to drop the puck at the ceremonial opening face-off. Admission is free to all York students and faculty.

Roster changes

The Christmas break saw a roster change in the Excalibur team's lineup. Veteran sports editor Alan Risen resigned and was replaced by rookie hockey writer Ed Piwowarczyk.

Risen cited age as the main reason contributing to his decision to retire. "Once it becomes work instead of fun, you know it's time to pack it in." Risen also mentioned that he wanted to spend more time with his family.

Risen will stay with the team in a writing capacity. "We look after our veterans," explained director of player personnel Marilyn Smith.

Car Talk

By IAN NEILL



Battery notes. The battery is one part of the automobile that seems to give more trouble than all the others. This is not always the fault of the battery. Corrosion, over-charging, loose connections and general neglect lead to most of the problems.

A lead acid battery is an electro-chemical device for storing energy in chemical form so that it can be released as electricity. Its purpose in automobiles is to provide energy to the starter and to ensure that there is an even supply of power to run lights, radio, heater and so on. The battery is kept charged by a generator or alternator and the amount of the charge is controlled by a regulator. Often it is the failure of one of these to operate properly that leads to further battery problems.

Temperature has a great effect on the power available from the battery. At 80 degrees F. the battery will provide 100 percent cranking power; at 32 degrees (freezing point) the same battery can produce only 65 percent of its power; at 0 degrees, only 40 percent. This is why you are more likely to have battery failure during the winter than in summer.

There are several things you can do to prolong the life of your automobile's battery and to make sure there is always starting power available. They are simple servicing tips, most of which you can do yourself or have your dealer do at least once per month.

Keep all battery terminals and clamps free from corrosion. This is important. Any corrosion can be washed away with a solution of bicarbonate of soda and water. Be sure all battery cable connections are tight and make good contact. Keep the battery filled to the correct water level. Have your service station inspect your charging system (generator or alternator) twice a year, before winter and before summer. And a wise move for any motorist is to carry your own jumper cables, just in case you need a quick start some morning after you've just discovered you left your headlights turned on all night.



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