

Sports

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Puckmen smash Ohio, disrupt Homecoming

By BOB LIVINGSTON

Although it was Homecoming weekend at Ohio State, and more than 87,000 fans watched the Ohio State Buckeyes trample their opposition 49-7 on the gridiron, the Ohio State hockey team was not as fortunate, as the York Yeomen won two convincing victories, by the scores of 10-2 and 5-3.

The Yeomen, after suffering two defeats at the hands of the Buckeyes the year before, had something to prove in these "exhibition" games.

After an eight hour bus trip, it was feared that the Yeomen might be a little tired for the first game. To compound matters, referee Brian Byg called several questionable penalties against the Yeomen, who were forced to be constantly killing penalties.

The team kept their composure and managed to take a 2-0 lead to the dressing room at the end of the first period, on goals by Peter Titanic and Tim Ampleford.

The lead was mainly due to the fine goaltending of Peter Kostek, who in this writer's opinion was the outstanding player of the game. The Buckeyes had numerous power play opportunities but were unable to beat Kostek in the early going.

Both teams came out in the second period playing good fast hockey, but the Yeomen ran into penalty trouble once again. Kostek held the Yeomen in the game with some unbelievable saves. As usual, when a team gets hot goaltending, it also scores. Dave Wright did the trick, scoring a shorthanded goal late in the second period.

TURNING POINT

Up to this point the Ohio State goalie had performed adequately. Their regular goalie, Don Sterigou, was sitting out a one-game suspension for fighting, and the Ohio State coach had expressed concern that the backup goalie, who had no game experience in his two years with the team, might lack confidence.

His concern was well founded. In the third period the Yeomen came up with a devastating attack to score seven goals.

The York onslaught was led by Doug Dunsmuir and Bob Wasson

with two each, Ampleford and Titanic with their second goals of the game, and a single by Al Avery.

After building up an 8-0 lead, the Yeomen went into a defensive shell to protect Kostek's shutout. A penalty cost Kostek his shutout as the Buckeyes managed to get on the scoreboard midway through the third period. The only injury in the game (other than to Ohio State's pride) came midway through the first period when York defenceman Gord Cullen crashed into the boards and cracked his wrist. He should be back in two or three weeks.

COMEBACK VICTORY

Despite their impressive victory the night before, the Yeomen were out to prove it was no fluke. But they fell behind 2-0 in the first period and were fortunate to be that close.

Penalties again played an important factor and seemed to have a unsettling influence on the team.

Whatever coach Dave Chambers said to the Yeomen between periods seemed to have worked. The team came out flying in the second period. The Avery-Ampleford-Dunsmuir line finally got untracked and it was only a matter of time before they would score.

Time it would take, for Ampleford's goal early in the second period was called back because a York player was caught in the goalie's crease. This setback was followed by another, as the Yeomen could not convert on a two-man powerplay advantage.

The York team finally connected on a goal by Ampleford late in the second period. Not even a breakdown with the Zamboni machine could stop the Yeomen, who tied the score early in the third period.

Ohio State took the lead for the last time on a powerplay goal, but York then scored three unanswered goals, and could have had more, to wrap up the victory.

PLEASING WIN

The pair of victories must have pleased not only coach Chambers, who was the previous coach of the Buckeyes, but also Bill Brooks, who played for Ohio State the year before.

While the team has looked impressive in exhibition play, the victories must be treated with a note of caution. Despite having one of the most exciting lines in collegiate hockey - Avery, Ampleford and Dunsmuir - the team must have a more balanced attack. Saturday night's scoring was provided in its entirety by this line, and when it is not going, the team is not going.

Overall the team seems to be coming together as a unit and should be ready for its opener on Sunday November 10, when they host the University of Ottawa Gee-Gees. Face-off time is 1 p.m.



Rugby springs into action as this Waterloo Warriors player prepares to lateral off the ball, while York's men close in. (If you pass the ball forward in rugby, you're offside.) Saturday: the Yeomen cleaned up 27-3.

Two points behind champs

Field hockey team ties tourney

Due to space limitations, last week's report on the York field hockey team's success at the OWIAA (part one) tournament was left off the sports page. That report documented the team's successful sweep over Guelph, Western and Waterloo, scoring nine goals while giving up none. This week's report continues the tale.

By MARG POSTE

This past weekend at McMaster, York participated in part two of the OWIAA field hockey tournament. When overall standings were computed, York had tied for second place with McMaster, two points behind the Toronto champions.

The York team adopted a new system of play a week before the first part of the tournament. Known as a 4-4-2 system, as opposed to a 5-3-2 set up of forwards, halfbacks and fullbacks, the emphasis was on stopping the long, through passes that a fast team uses to break in behind the defence.

On Friday, York's first game was against Toronto who, despite their speed, found themselves hemmed into their own end by the pressure of the York attack. York missed a number of good scoring opportunities, and as half time approached, a slight York letdown resulted in Toronto's scoring two quick goals.

During the second half the pace started to tell as the fitness level of the two teams became more evident. Toronto was able to maintain the steady pace but York was a shade off, allowing Toronto to maintain their lead and foil York's scoring attempts.

Two hours after this defeat, York was able to come back with a 2-0 win over McGill in a slow but aggressive game.

Chris Barrick opened the scoring when she successfully scored on a

penalty bully. Left Inner Cathy Brown added another in the first half to round out the scoring. York outplayed McGill in every department, and good individual performances kept York going. Norma Schritt, the right half, continuously broke up McGill attacks with interceptions and good ball handling, setting up many opportunities for the forwards.

In Saturday's opener against Queen's University, York came out on the right side of a 3-1 score but not without some anxious moments. Right from the centre bully, Queen's advanced down the field, climaxing the effort with a goal on an apparently disorganized defence until.

York quickly got untracked with some good passing plays up the field resulting in the tying goal by Barrick. Barrick again struck paydirt and Brown tallied the final goal in a 'picture play', as she pulled the McGill goalie to the right and tucked the ball in the far corner.

In an earlier game, Toronto had squeaked by Waterloo, scoring a 1-0 win in the last 40 seconds of play, thus eliminating York's hopes for finishing on top. However, second place was still up for grabs as York and McMaster each had 10 points to Toronto's 13.

The ensuing York-McMaster game, played before a large crowd, was the "best game of the entire tournament", according to the umpires.

Brown scored early in the first half to put York in front, only to have it erased when a shot from close in beat goalie Pat Lohman. Subsequent

play featured many fine rushes on the part of both teams, as the struggle for the winning goal seesawed back and forth.

Barrick and Brown continued to be the chief thorns in the opposition's side as they constantly set up scoring plays.

In the last five minutes of play York applied tremendous pressure, bottling McMaster in their own end. Jan Baxter, rookie right wing, shot what appeared to be the winning goal after she had succeeded in beating the McMaster defenders, only to have it miss the open corner by a fraction of an inch.

York played well, but the winning goal eluded them and they had to settle for a 1-1 tie and a share of second place. Overall, York scored 15 goals with four against - a vastly improved record over previous seasons.

York faces a rebuilding job next year with the loss of seven first string players: Chris Barrick, Helen Sheviak, Doreen Magerman, Norma Schritt, Debbie Cate, Marg Poste and Dawn Gardham.

Ice tournament

York University is hosting its second annual women's ice hockey tournament this Friday at 6:30 p.m. The tourney will continue Saturday at 9 a.m. to determine the winning team from the six universities represented. Admission is free, and all games are scheduled for the York Ice Palace.

Late hockey score

In what can only be described as an exhibition game, the York Yeomen hockey team came from behind to defeat the Guelph Gryphons 7-5 Tuesday night. The Yeomen attack was led by Dave Wright and Doug Dunsmuir with a pair each, and singles going to Sellers, Ampleford, and Martin.

Volleyball Yeowomen win best of five

By DOROTHY MARGESON

The York Volleyball Yeowomen took part in their first exhibition competition last Wednesday, defeating McMaster in a best of five match by scores of 15-12, 15-9, and 15-7. Outstanding contributions by rookie Cathy Walker and veteran Christine Barrick led the York attack.

On Saturday the team travelled to Kingston to participate in the annual Queen's Invitational, in which the Yeowomen defeated teams from Guelph, McMaster and Laurentian before losing to Queen's.

These matches were just a warm-up to what is hoped will be the most successful season yet for the volleyball team. Under the leadership of their new coach, Evelyn Holick, a veteran official of the Canadian Volleyball Association, York is aiming for the Ontario Championship.

The four individuals returning from last year's team have been joined by five players possessing approximately 26 years of combined experience. All have been members of championship city league teams and clinic instructors, including second year student Shaughn Renahan, a transfer from University of Toronto, who has travelled with the Canadian National Volleyball Team. Joining this core group are the enthusiastic first year students showing a great deal of potential.

Performance thus far has indicated that the group is melding together well and a very distinctive team style is emerging. It is a unique and unusual situation where the strong spikers are equally good setters, permitting a great deal of flexibility on the court.

On Monday, the team travels to Guelph for another exhibition match in preparation for the upcoming OWIAA Sectional Tournament at the end of November.

Sports briefs

By PAUL KELLOGG

Slushing and shivering through Saturday's mud and cold, York's cross-country team struggled to a ninth place finish in the finals at Queen's. Out of 11 teams, U. of T. placed first, Western second, and Brock third. The first pair of legs to appear at the finish of the 10,000 metre course belonged to John Sharp of U. of T. in 33:05. Team-mate Joe Sax in 33:37 grabbed third place. Sandwiched between these two boys in blue was our own Neil Hendry, just missing first with a time of 33:19. Next York face to emerge from the mob was Robin Pond's (38th: 36:46). After him came Steve May (42nd: 37:13), Ashley Deans (58th: 39:00), Dan Milligan (64th: 39:56) and Dave Welch (65th: 40:15). In all, 71 runners took part.

In Saturday's Volleyball Invitational held at the University of Waterloo, York crushed Guelph, winning both games of their two-game match. They fared less well against Ottawa, winning one game and losing the other, and failed to win at all against either McMaster or Laurentian. Oh well, that's the way the ball bounced.

Football is over for York this season, but elsewhere, the playoffs continue. U. of T. Blues hurdled one more obstacle on their road to the Yates Cup, running over Carleton 30-0 on Saturday. They hope to clinch the cup this Saturday by defeating Ottawa Gee-Gees at Varsity Stadium. The winner of that game moves on to playdowns leading to the college bowl and the Vanier Cup. Thus, as the ground freezes and the light fails, the football season is slowly grinding to a halt, along with assorted knees, necks and budgets. Here at York last week, the only football activity was the vacuuming of the dressing room. Better luck next year, Yeomen.