

Goaltending problems continue to plague Yeomen

By EDO VAN BELKOM

The York Yeomen ice hockey team dropped a pair of important games last week, extending a slump that's seen the puck pushers beaten in four out of their last five match-ups.

In last Thursday's game, Rick Morroco's sparkling OUA A debut was marred by an 8-5 loss to last year's OUA A finalists, the Western Mustangs. After a year long wait for OUA A eligibility Morroco scored on his first shift and added another goal and an assist later in the game. Yeomen coach Dave Chambers was pleased with Morroco's performance, saying, "He'll definitely be able to help us."

But offence does not seem to be the Yeomen's problem as they scored three quick goals to open the game. This fast start was followed by two power play goals by Western, after which the tone of the game changed, with both teams moving the puck quickly and efficiently in zone-to-zone play.

Had it not been for a number of lapses on the part of the goaltender and the defensive corps, York might have come away with the two points.

Chambers does not deny that his team has problems. "Defensively we have some problems but we just have

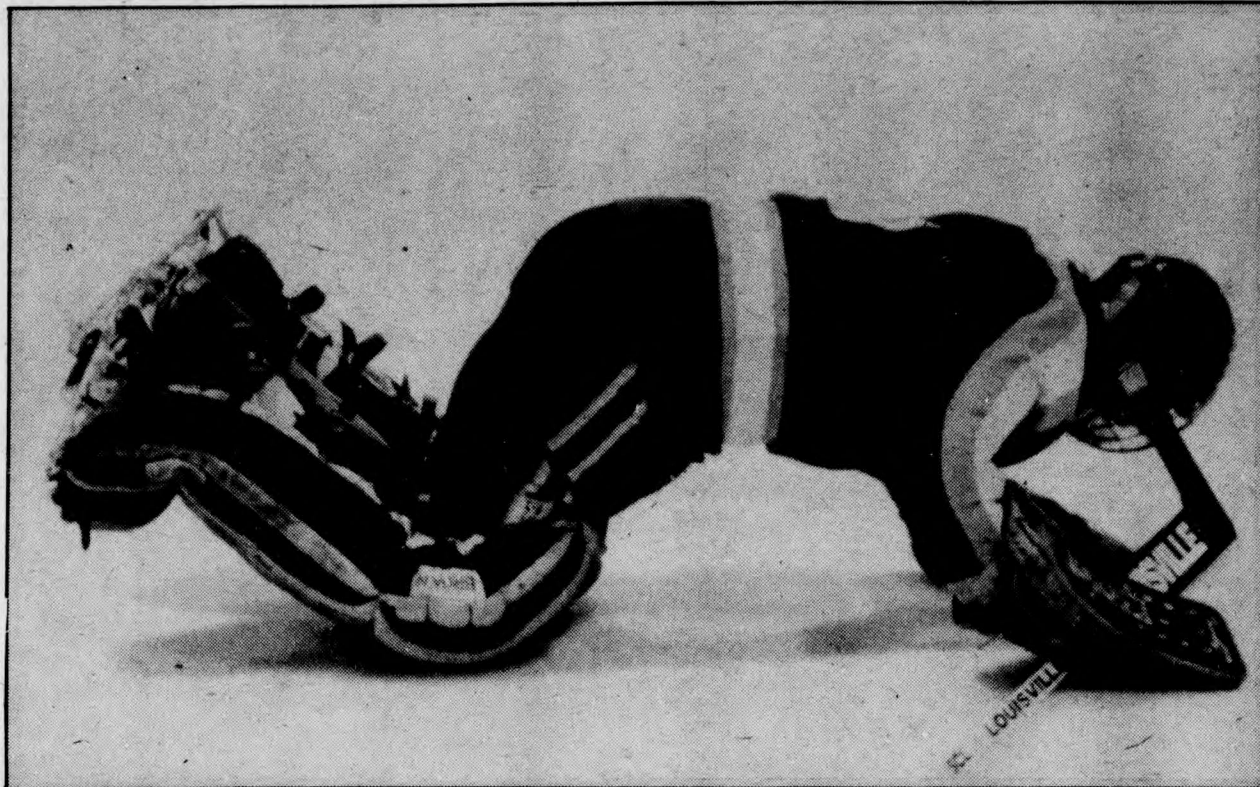
to keep working with what we have," he said.

York outshot Western by a 35-28 margin, but the solid goaltending the team is searching for is still eluding them. "We've got three goaltenders, we've tried them all and none of them have seemed to stand out," Chamber said of his netminding woes.

York's other goal scorers were Rob Crocock, Adam Parsons and Rick Simpson. Phil Mackenzie was outstanding for the Mustangs, scoring four of their eight goals.

Over the weekend, York also fumbled a close contest with the Guelph Gryphons, losing by a score of 7-6 on the road. Once again the Yeomen outshot their opponents (35-30), but their defense let them down again. "We're trying to play a defensive style," Chambers said, "but we're just not preventing goals."

Goaltending problems continued to plague the Yeomen as starting netminder Don Crupi was replaced late in the second period after allowing three goals to slip by. Rob Bryson took over from there, allowing four more as York found themselves in the midst of a shootout.



WATCH OUT, YOUR LIPS MIGHT GET STUCK: A York goaltender, pictured above, demonstrates one of the problems this year's trio of goaltenders have faced—finding the puck, and then stopping it!

It was a close game that could have gone in either team's favor, but "unfortunately we didn't score the last goal," Chambers said.

Gary Corbiere netted two for the

Yeomen while singles were added by Lawrence Smith, Steve Avery, Brian Gray, and Rick Simpson. Hugh Larkin is still bothered by a knee injury and John Campbell is also out

of action with an injury. Last night the Yeomen played the University of Toronto Blues at Varsity Arena, but the score was unavailable at the time *Excalibur* went to press.

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By PETER BECKER

The Yeowomen basketball team had an awful weekend by anyone's standards dropping two league games. The young squad lost Friday to the Laurentian Voyageurs 85-55, and then to Ottawa on Saturday, 63-57.

In the Laurentian game, the Yeowomen were only trailing by two points at the half with a score of 33-31 when the roof fell in. The Voyageurs' relentless attack simply wore down the inexperienced York team.

Top scorers in the Laurentian game were Voyageur Carol Hamilton, a member of the national team, with 31 points, and the top scorer for York was Paula Lockyer, with 23 points.

This weekend the Yeowomen are on the road at the Concordia Invitational Tournament. York finds itself on the tough side of the draw. Two of their first three games are against opponents who are ranked in the top 10 nationally. Life just keeps getting tougher.

ALL-STARS

The Yeoman and Yeowoman of the month have been announced. From the field hockey team, 19-year old Sandra Levy, a first year arts student, had an outstanding freshman year as the squad finished second at the CIAUS.

The Yeoman of the month is Dimitrios Kokkinakis, captain of the 1984 OUA A champion Yeomen rugby squad. Kokkinakis, 23, is a third year arts student.

Gymnastics (men)

Tomorrow York hosts their Fourteenth Annual Gymnastics Tournament. The seven-team tourney includes Eastern Michigan, McMaster, Queen's, Western and Toronto.

the Yeomen, winners of 13 consecutive OUA A titles and 10 national championships, are odds on favorites to win.

Volleyball (women)

The Yeomen volleyball team easily handled the team from RMC in three straight games, 15-3, 15-11, 15-12. York travels to Laurentian this weekend to face the tough Voyageur squad.

Football

Believe it or not, the Mount Allison Mounties from Sackville, New Brunswick will be vying for the Vanier Cup this Saturday. If they win, it would be the biggest upset in college football history.

Their opponents for the title are the Guelph Gryphons, an almost equally surprising entry. After the Gryphons' early loss to the Yeomen, many had written them off.

According to Mount Allison coach Steve Bruno, his 'no-name' defense has kept them in most of their games. The Mounties forced

nine turnovers against Queen's in their 29-17 win in the Atlantic Bowl. Guelph advanced to the final by beating the first-ranked Calgary Dinosaurs in the Central Bowl, 12-7.

My fearless prediction is the Gryphons by six.

The women's volleyball team hits the road this weekend, playing three games in three days: Friday at Carleton, Saturday at Ottawa and

Sunday at Queen's. Yeowomen coach Merv Mosher expects to take

all three games, with Ottawa putting up the biggest challenge.

Basketball

The University of Alberta Basketball Tournament will be held this weekend, with our Yeomen playing

Saskatchewan in the first round. York coach Bob Bain has lost many veteran players to graduation and is left with a young squad that will take time to jell. Don't expect too much.

Soccer

The CIAU soccer champions for

1984 are the UBC Thunderbirds, capturing the crown in a shoot-out victory over the Carleton Ravens. After a 1-1 tie and a scoreless overtime period, UBC scored on four of five attempts while Carleton only netted two in the shoot-out.

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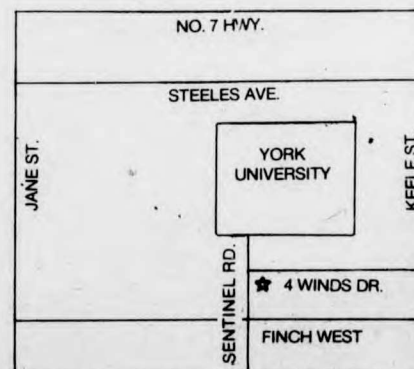
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