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Sports



McKinney sees tough year

By IVAN BERN

Well, it's that time of year again, when all the undiscovered Rick Mounts and Pete Maravich's on the York campus come out of hiding, and the air echoes with the uneven "thump-thump" of basketballs on the Tait-McKenzie gym floor. This year, there is a new coaching staff to head our squadrons into the basketball wars. Excalibur interviewed the new varsity mentor, Bob McKinney, and came away thoroughly convinced that this year's version of the York Yeoman will be right up at the top, fighting for championship laurels.

Excalibur: Mr. McKinney, when do practices start for the junior varsity and varsity teams?

McKinney: The first practice is October 5, for both teams. There are notices to this effect being posted around campus now.

Excalibur: Tell me a little about your coaching background.

McKinney: I coached the Junior Varsity team here last year, and I've been coaching at Oakwood Collegiate for the last 10 years. My team has reached the finals of the TSSAA 7 out of the last 8 years, and we've won 5 of these championships.

Excalibur: Hmm, a veritable Adolph Rupp of Toronto basketball. What kind of ball do you like your teams to play — you know, control, run-and-gun, and so on?

McKinney: I'm a great spectator of the game, as well as being a coach, so I like to have my teams play interesting basketball, and I don't usually resort to "stall" tactics except for strategic purposes. Basically, I go for a tough defense, and a good fast-break.

Excalibur: What league does York play in?

McKinney: They play in the OIAA, the Ontario Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association, along with teams from Brock, Waterloo Lutheran, Laurentian, Trent, and Ryerson.

Excalibur: Last year, York finished a dismal fourth. How many returning players do you expect?

McKinney: There are nine boys from last year that may play again this year: Bob Wepler, Alf Lane, Stan Raphael, Gus Falcioni, George Dubinsky, Sandy Nixon, Jim Maydo, Barry Turnbull, and Jim Mountain. They could provide us with a lot of experience.

Excalibur: Any prospects from the Junior Varsity team that might step up into varsity rank?

McKinney: There are 3 boys in particular, Ed Hanevich, Scott Hortop, and Ian Williams, but there are a few more who certainly have the talent and potential to make the varsity squad.

Excalibur: Speaking of the Junior Varsity team, who is coaching them this year?

McKinney: Neil Wilson, and he's an excellent coach. He coaches at Malvern Collegiate, but he coached with me at Oakwood for 7 years, so I can vouch for his ability.

Excalibur: What kind of schedule does the Junior Varsity team have?

McKinney: They play an exhibition schedule, sometimes travelling as far as Windsor. It is basically for freshmen players who look like they might be able to play for the Varsity team after some experience. It also gives students who played in high school an opportunity to play competitive ball, even if they may not have any desire to play for the Varsity squad.

Excalibur: Getting back to the Senior team, how many games do you play this year, and when is your first contest?

McKinney: We have 23 games lined up, 13 of them exhibition games, but this isn't a definite figure. We also may be playing in some Christmas tournaments, most likely, the Carleton tourney. Our first game is at YMHA on November 10th (an exhibition game.) Our first regular season game is November 23rd at Ryerson.

Excalibur: One last question Mr. McKinney, the standard one for all interviews. How do you think the team will do?

McKinney: Waterloo Lutheran and Laurentian are both going to be very tough. They usually are, but I don't think York will be outclassed at all, and if we have a good attitude and get off on the right foot, we should do pretty well.

Excalibur: Thanks Mr. McKinney. Lots of luck.



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Rugger team loses first

The Rugger Yeomen dropped their first game of the season 12-9 Saturday to the McGill Redmen at York. It was a frustrating loss for the Yeomen. York was the better team but they could not take advantage of their opponent's weaknesses to score more points.

York opened in the scoring with a field goal by Rick Hodder. The field goal was the only scoring in the first half which was characterized by ragged play and many whistles for offsidings and knockons.

York fumbled a Redman kick at the beginning of the second half and McGill's Beaulac fell on it for a try. McGill's convert attempt was wide.

York took the lead later when, after Mike Steiger picked off a pass from a scrum and got down to the touchline, Charlie Edwards scored the try after the lineup. The convert was wide.

Later McGill scored on two penalty kicks. Soon afterward Steiger passed to Hodder who escaped from McGill tacklers to score the tying try.

In the closing minute a long drop goal by McGill's John Peters sent the Redmen ahead.

In other Rugby action played to a scoreless tie against the Guelph Gryphons in a exhibition game at Guelph.

Despite the gloomy forecast for the future of the McGill Redmen, the McGill rugger coach here Saturday was optimistic. He said

that the task force report received a hostile reaction at the meeting of the McGill senate last Wednesday.

The coach felt that the sports aspect of the report was blown out of proportion as it was only one of the task force's recommendations.

He said also that even if McGill did accept the recommendation that McGill could still possibly play rugger on the club level in Montreal.

To join CCIFC

Rams reborn

Special to Excalibur

(RCTV) The York Yeomen will probably have another football rival to contend with next year — the Ryerson Rams are coming back.

Football died at Ryerson in 1964 when heavy timetables proved prohibitive to many students and the Rams' were unable to find a permanent playing field.

The squad was reborn Tuesday, September 22 at a meeting called by Gerry Gotfrit, the sports director of the Ryersonian. The team has the support both of the student union president Barry Hales and Ryerson president Donald Mordell. Robert Fullerton, the athletic director at Ryerson, told the 70 students at the meeting to be cautious about rushing into football too quickly. He pointed out that the problems that killed the team in 1964 still exist.

Fullerton is awaiting a report from Ed DeArmon, an athletic instructor at Ryerson, on football's future at the school.

The Rams' greatest problem is finding a field. At present the Ryerson soccer team uses the field

at Riverdale Park but there is no guarantee that it would be available for football. Other fields are not free until after 6:30 which, now, is too close to nightfall for good practices.

Gerry Gotfrit is optimistic that Ryerson will be able to field a team. Equipment from past years can be used he said but new gear, including helmets, is forthcoming from an outside source. Facilities are still in doubt, although overtures have been made to Riverdale and Monarch Park Collegiates.

"If all goes well, the Ryerson Rams will be in the Central Canada league next year," Gotfrit said, "but definitely not the community college league. With Ryerson's future as a polytechnic university, to move to the CCIFC is more complimentary to Ryerson's character. Anyway, the hockey and basketball teams are in the OIAA."

It is expected that the Rams' will get a preliminary grant of \$2,000 from the Ryerson administration. The first practice was scheduled for Monday and the team hopes to have an exhibition game in three weeks.

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Women's Athletic Council

All women on campus are invited to attend the annual Women's Athletic Council night at the Tait McKenzie Building this Wednesday. It should be an excellent chance for girls to meet the women's athletic staff and acquaint themselves with the facilities.

The physical education program could be a good one this year but success depends on team participation and support. The purpose of Wednesday's get-together is to stimulate interest in women's sports.

Every opportunity will be made to familiarize the women who attend with league schedules and the sports available. Great things are in store this year at York. Come out and be a participant.

Waterpolo

Kevin Jones, former coach of the Province of Alberta waterpolo teams and the University of Alberta team, has started a waterpolo team at York.

Jones is trying to get any interested players at York to contact him if they wish to participate. The plan is to enter the team into the city league, of which U of T is a member, this year. The ultimate target is an inter-collegiate league. Jones can be contacted in rm. 304 in the Tait Mackenzie building or at 635-3270.

Squash

The York Yeomen squash team, reigning OIAA champions stayed active over the summer winning the "B" division of the Toronto and District English Ball League. Team members are coached by former Canadian champion Bill Noyes.

Men's Athletic Director, Nobby Wirkowski is now conducting conditioning sessions and all interested squash players, student or faculty, are welcome. This year York will be playing in the "B" and "C" divisions of the Toronto Squash League as well as inter-collegiate competition.