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## Yeomen win basketball title for second straight year

### Surprising upset over number one ranked Waterloo

By GARY SCHOLICH

On Saturday, the York Yeomen Basketball team chalked up its biggest victory of the year, scoring a 74-62 upset over the number one ranked Waterloo Warriors. Although the Warriors did not play guard Rob Froese until the second half, it was still one of York's greatest moments. In front of 5,000 mostly pro-Waterloo spectators, the Yeomen walked off with the Wilson Cup, emblematic of university basketball supremacy in the province.

Waterloo pulled out to a 21-16 lead during the first half, but the Yeomen fought back to nudge ahead 22-21. York's veteran guard Mark Jones took command of the game at this point and rattled off seven consecutive points for a 29-21 York advantage. That run of points set the stage for a Waterloo comeback that never materialized. The Yeomen padded their lead to 38-27, but Waterloo rallied to close out the half 38-33.

Jones, who had 24 points to lead York, cashed in on a three-point play to put York up 45-39, but the momentum once again shifted over to Waterloo's favor as reserve guard Harry Van Drunen buried a long-range jumper to pull the Warriors within one at 48-47. Unfortunately for the partisan Waterloo crowd, that was as close as the Warriors would get.

Centre John Christensen, who scored 23 points and was named York's MVP, converted a jumpshot and a backdoor play to push the lead to 59-52.

Sandwiched around Christensen's scores were two other fine plays. Before the two scores, Tim Rider deked out Paul Boyce with a beautiful pump fake and dished in the score (Rider recorded 15 points for the day). After Christensen, Jones upped the score to 61-52 with a beautiful lay-up.

#### York 74—Waterloo 62

Coach Bob Bain was understandably ecstatic about the victory. "We deserve some sort of recognition. This victory is a real credit to our players," Bain said. When asked about the absence of the 19.5 ppg. scorer Froese (who apparently injured his toe against McMaster the week before), Bain replied, "His loss was a factor because he is a great player, but I feel that we still would have won even with him playing the whole game."

Although Christensen was named York's MVP of the game Bain was also happy with the performance of Mark Jones. "John had a magnificent, but I felt that Mark should have been named co-MVP because he set the tempo with his ability to push the ball up the court, and also hitting those three-point plays (two out of three chances)." Jones also demonstrated some fine perimeter shooting.

Kudos were not restricted to the scorers. "Wayne (Shaw) and Jeff (McDermid) shut down Waterloo with their work on the ends (on



Mark Jones, pictured in a game against Ottawa, played a great game in the OUAA final.

defense)." The Warriors were befuddled on offense because in addition to man-to-man coverage, York used an assortment of zone defenses (1-3-1, 2-1-2, and 2-3). Bain also felt that the matchup zone did a lot to disrupt the opposition.

Peter Savich was clearly Waterloo's MVP as he lead with 28 points with crack outside shooting. However, Boyce and '70 Randy Norris could only manage 13 and 12 points respectively. Norris was especially ineffective in that

he was shut out in the first half, and was plagued by foul trouble.

Notes: Christensen and Savich were named their conference MVPs for the regular season... A bevy of York fans were in attendance. Although their cheers were greatly appreciated, their throwing things on the court was not. Not only can technicals be called, and players injured, the cheered team can have its rhythm disrupted... York's game on Friday night against Alberta will be carried on TSN.

## Yeomen eliminate the Blues from OUAA playoffs

By EDO VAN BELKOM

The York University hockey Yeomen have eliminated the University of Toronto Blues from the OUAA playoffs for the first time in the relatively brief history of intercollegiate athletics at York University.

The Yeomen came close a number of times in the seventies but then the playoffs were run under a format that favored the Blues. All semifinal games as well as the final were played at Varsity Arena, even when the Yeomen finished ahead of the Blues in regular season play. But that was a different era. These are the eighties.

#### York 5—U of T 3

The York Yeomen of the eighties defeated the Blues for the first time in two straight games in a best-of-three semifinal playoff match. The Blues are the defending OUAA and CIAU champions and have been ranked number one in the nation all year long, while the Yeomen have toiled in obscurity, unranked and unheralded to all but their own fans.

### Will advance to finals for the first time since '77, second game of final slated for tonight

In the first game last Thursday night at Varsity Arena the Yeomen came out strong and totally dominated U of T in the early going. York scored first but U of T tied the score before the end of the period.

In the second period the Yeomen caught the Blues sleeping and scored three unanswered goals including a shorthanded marker before the Blues were able to regroup and reply with a goal of their own.

Bad officiating took its toll on the Yeomen in the third period when Gary Corbiere was penalized for bumping into the Blues' goalie behind the net. U of T scored on that power play opportunity, and it became evident at that time that the officiating was biased, as the Yeomen did not have a single power play opportunity in the entire game.

"We had to overcome the fact that they had no penalties," York head coach Dave

Chambers said of the officiating. "It was very bad, very biased, just brutal. All I ask is that the referee be fair," Chambers said.

Rick Simpson ended the hopes of the Blues with an empty net goal as the Yeomen won 5-3.

York's defensive corps deserves credit for an excellent effort. And when they were caught off guard, Mark Applewaite was spectacular between the pipes keeping the U of T snipers at bay.

Notes: Both Don McLaren and Rick Simpson scored two goals for the Yeomen. Brian Gray collected two assists... OUAA all-star goalie John Kemp of the Blues was not in all-star form and was extremely shaky in net... Carl Divine did not play because of a tender shoulder and Rick Morrocco had a few shifts but was visibly in pain.

The second game of the series was played to a

standing room only crowd Saturday night at the Ice Palace. They were not disappointed.

The Yeomen were first to score in the opening minute of the game, when Mike James made a nice individual effort to beat Blues' goalie Kevin Hamlin. Hugh Larkin put York in front 2-0, and it appeared that they were on their way to a rout. But U of T tied the game before the end of the first period and there was a visible resurgence in their play. All four goals in the first period were scored on power plays.

#### York 4—U of T 3

The second period was the most physical of the series, with a fight, four game misconducts, two major misconducts as well as a number of other assorted penalties being handed out. York scored the only goal of the period after applying constant pressure in the U of T end of the ice.

The Blues tied the score for the final time on a power play in the first minute of the final frame. Tension filled the Ice Palace throughout the third period and both goalies, Mark Applewaite of York and Kevin Hamlin of U of T kept the score tied and hockey fans' nerves on edge.

The game went into sudden death overtime and it took only two minutes and 37 seconds for York to win it. Adam Parsons scored with a shot from just inside the blueline that went through Hamlin's pads and took what seemed an eternity to dribble into the net.

Pandemonium broke out in the Ice Palace, the dejected U of T Blues left the ice quietly while at the other end of the rink the jubilant Yeomen formed a scrum on top of Parsons.

York coach Dave Chambers was obviously pleased with his team's performance but was especially pleased that the series did not have to go to the third and final game at Varsity Arena.

"The critical thing," Chambers said, "is that if we had lost and had to play back at Varsity Arena they would have had a big psychological edge."

The Yeomen now advance to the OUAA final for the first time since the '76-'77 season, which was the last year the Yeomen were coached by Chambers.

Notes: Adam Parsons was chosen the CJRY player of the game, for his timely goal... York played the University of Western Ontario Mustangs in the first game of the final series in London last night, losing 5-1... The Yeomen will play Western tomorrow night at 7:30 at the Ice Palace and good fan support is expected... The Yeomen have now lost all three meetings with the Mustangs this year.



Adam Parsons is in this picture: The Yeomen form a scrum on top of Adam Parsons after he scored the overtime goal that eliminated U of T from further OUAA play.