

HOCKEY YEOMEN:

Their faults and strong points reviewed

When the York Basketball team finally got a home gym in which to play and practise, in the 65-66 season, coach Art Johnson says "We didn't even dare play any OQ team." In 66-67, York finally did play an OQ team. It was U of T and York lost 82-28. This year when York plays U of T on February 25, they will be on a 50-50 basis with the veteran team. As Art Johnson says, "They've come a very long way in three years."

This year the York Basketball Yeomen have played the best teams in the country. They have also lost to the best teams in the country. Their win-lose record is therefore not as impressive as last year's when they were playing minor teams of the inter-college level, but their playing is very impressive. When they played Waterloo Lutheran a few weeks ago they lost 65-52, which is fantastic for a team as young as ours, considering that Waterloo was number one in the country last year.

Our team this year is as good a shooting team as any in the league. The main drawback is that the team has no unusual height, a factor which often separates good teams in the placings. U of T has one extremely tall player and their whole offense and defence is built around him.

The most surprising outcome of this year's team is the strength and enthusiasm of the freshman line-up. Of the five freshman players, George Dubinsky, Jim Mountain, Jim Maydo, Phil Dempster and Geof Scott, all but Scott have been playing regularly and well. Scott has been sidelined since Christmas with illnesses.

"Dubinsky is probably the most promising ball player we've ever had at York", according to

Dr. Johnson, "as well as the best rebounder we've got." Like Falcioni, Dubinsky came to York from Oakwood Collegiate. At this point in the season he has scored 224 points with his outstanding shot, making him the second highest scorer on the team.

Mountain, a Glendon College student, was not picked for the Varsity team in November because Dr. Johnson felt that he would not be able to stand up to the type of playing in which the major teams involve themselves. Fortunately, Johnson realized the error of his ways during the Christmas vacation period and brought Mountain up to the Varsity team in centre position. Since then, Mountain has scored 149 points by playing tight ball, to make him fourth in the scoring race.

Maydo is a good aggressive athlete with a lot of hustle and a very good shot. He is a player who can be relied upon in almost every game to turn in a good solid performance.

Dempster is the kind of player who makes any coach happy. He is hard working constantly. He is not tall enough for the centre position he plays, but is steadily improving. He should be a good man to help construct next year's team.

As already stated, Scott has been sidelined most of the season with a twisted ankle from one of those treacherous Glendon staircases. "If he had been playing though," says Johnson, "the five frosh could have held their own against any starting line-up in the league. It is amazing in Varsity ball to have such a powerful freshman line-up."

Chuck Gordon has been on the team the longest. For five years now he has been the team's steadiest player, three years being voted the Most Valuable Player. He was the leader behind the team, even though his style of play was unassuming. He was a worker. This year after a car accident, and the pressures of his MBA course to cope with, he has slowed down considerably.

Brook Pearson is the highest scoring player on this year's team. He is an individualistic



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player and has, on a good night, the ability to spark the whole team into brilliant playing. A very dramatic shooter he can totally demoralize the opposition. Though he is not the best team player we have, he never gives up. He has always played this kind of ball.

Gord Burns, in his second year on the team, is one of the leading scorers with 196 points to date. He is a consistent scorer and adept with both the long shot and the lay-up. He is a good team player but has trouble when matched up against tight checking teams.

The fire only burns under Gus Falcioni's feet periodically. In one game he flared up in the second half to sink 75% of his shots to give him an end of play score of 16 points. The next game

he failed to score. Johnson says of Falcioni, "He is a good shot but won't shoot." A second year phys-ed student, he is in his second year with the team.

A major hang-up of the team this year is the lack of any decisive leadership on the floor. There is nobody out there who is willing to tell the others where to be or how to play. Don Paterson may be the player who could fill this dangerous lack. He hasn't been able to this year because he has been sick most of the year and therefore has a poor showing in the statistical end of the game. But there's always next year. Paterson, a good athlete, is in his second year with the team.

Dave Cairns is the best shot on the team this year, having completed 16 of 18 foul shots. He has not seen as much floor time as many of the other players due to his height, but on the occasions he has played, he has managed to rack up an impressive 88 points. He works effectively on defence and is valuable because he is a team man.

Last, but certainly not least, is Tom Sherwood. A rugged 6'4" two hundred and twenty pounder, he stands as the tallest member of the team. He has only averaged 3 points a game this year, but he shoots reasonably well. His main problems are that "he doesn't hustle all the time and he fouls a lot", according to Dr. Johnson.

"We have nine or so really good athletes on the team this year", comments Dr. Johnson, "but you need a lot more than just good athletes to make a

champion club. You have to really work to be a champion. The easy opposition has vanished. You also need good spectator support. I am sure that four or five hundred people in the stands, cheering their team on, would mean a 10 to 15 point improvement in our game. The teams in our league are really going to have to hustle to make a good showing."

With the addition of Osgoode, we may get Sol Glober, last year's top scorer in the OQ league, or Marv Morton, a 6'8" ball player for next year's team. No matter who we get from Osgoode, it will be a great help because of the extra years of Varsity ball experience that these players have.

"Next year", continues Johnson, "I imagine very few new freshmen will make the team. I think we'll have as great an improvement as we had this year. There are three fellows on the Jr. Varsity team this year (Frank Sosin, Ivan Millar, and Tom Weiss) who almost made the Varsity team. They will be a good resource for next year."

Dr. Johnson, who played and coached basketball in his undergraduate days at UBC, is looking forward to Osgoode players joining York's roster next year. He says "right now we are in the middle of the pack, three years ago we were at the bottom, but with the experience and height of some of the Osgoode players teamed up with the players we have now, I am sure that next year we will be right up in the top few teams."

Remember them York's teams

The York swim team captured first place at the Tournament of Champions which was held at the Tait building last Friday and Saturday. Besides that win the York Diving team also took first and second in individual standings.

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The hockey team hasn't been doing very well since we published a complimentary story on them last week. They've lost their last two games. If we say that you are a rotten team will you start winning again?

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The basketball team lost another one up in Sudbury last week. The score was somewhere in the vicinity of 80-64, but that isn't important as you'll see if you read our article on them, just above.

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The first edition after reading week will carry a story on our madly swimming team. In it you'll be able to read all the smut that goes on under.

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Feb. 25 Our basketball team plays our basketball team. York vs Osgoode.



by Mike Snook

Men's athletic events

DAY	DATE	SPORT	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Thurs.	13	Squash	Osgoode	York	8:30 pm
Fri.	13	Hockey	Laurentian	York	8:00 pm
Sat.	15	B-Ball	Laurentian	York	7:30 pm
	15	Squash	Upper Canada College	Badminton and Racquet Club	4:00 pm
	15	Swimming	Western	Western	2:30 pm
Tues.	18	Squash	Waterloo	Waterloo	6:30 pm
	18	J.V. B-Ball	Victoria College	York	6:30 pm