

Sportorial

York hockey team in poor shape

I went to the York - Ryerson hockey game last week, and only lasted about five minutes. Then it was either leave or go to sleep right there. I had nothing to do.

I'd forgotten the old cheers that we had so enthusiastically screamed in church league days, when little Bobby Turner skated wildly down the ice, on his ankles, straight at the terror stricken goalie.

Not remembering those cheers this game meant nothing to me. It was only half there. The brand of hockey was the same, but for some reason just didn't have the excitement of those days back at Woodstock Arena.

Apparently there are on-campus players that could lift our team from their church league status and place it right there in the running with the teams from the universities. University, that's what we are, remember? If it was their school work that was stopping them from playing it would be understandable. But with the team's practice schedules this year only a total moron could fail on account of them.

What is it then that is keeping the players of higher caliber away from the arena? If they want a good university they have to do a bit themselves. Not just sit back and wonder why the hockey team isn't doing so well.

The Practice arena (you're supposed to laugh there) showed itself totally inadequate during the York-Ryerson game last

week. The brave few that came out to the game had to stand, and believe me fidget, as they watched our team (oh so lightly) whiz up and down the rink on their asses.

There was a definite lack of a time clock, which wasn't so bad considering that nobody really cared when there were only a few minutes left in the game. It sure would be nice though if, just on the off chance that we do get a good team this year (after having real hotshot teams for the last three years) to be able to look up at a timeclock every few seconds, to remind us just how much we were winning by.

There was also a hell of a large gap between the bottom of the boards and the ice surface. It was into this mess that the puck sometimes slipped when a player had a breakaway along the side. It wasn't even good when a Ryerson player lost a puck this way because it made for even duller hockey than usual. You'd think that someone would light a little fire under the rumps of the maintenance crew to get that sort of thing ironed out before the season began. But, you know, that bureaucracy, right Rolly?

I know that what I said about the hockey team this year wasn't too impressive, but it would be nice, nonetheless, to see a few of you spectator types out at a game or two. It doesn't say much for you if when the team is down and out you are kind of scarce

and if they do well you suddenly turn up to cheer on your team — the team that you always had pride and confidence in.

Congratulations from the sports desk to the York football team for their effort this season. Believe me, you really showed them that football could be played at this place. And played well too. Next year, and there will be a team next year, I don't think that there will be nearly as many skeptics as there were this.

Broomball for Festival

The members of the Womens Athletic Council have agreed to take on the York men.

Yes, but in a game of broomball. The game will be placed Sat. Nov. 9 at 1 pm in the arena and is part of the Festival Week-end sponsored by Excalibur.

Getting back to taking them on . . . The rules for this game have been changed to protect the innocent (WAC members, who else?) All male players will only be allowed to wear one skate. Girls can wear both.

The goalie on the men's team is only allowed to use a wisk broom. The rest can use regular

Black tourney for York

York women's field hockey team competed in a 2 day tournament at Guelph last weekend. Entered in the competition were teams from Queen's, U of T, Guelph and Waterloo.

The first game got off to a good start and the inexperienced York team held Waterloo scoreless throughout the first half. Not until midway through the second half did Waterloo score its first goal.

This inspired Waterloo to go on and win 4-0 in weather that was not fit to play field hockey in.

The second game, against Queen's was more closely matched with both teams being in their first year of play. However Queen's had the advantage

in that York could not keep an attack going long enough to score. York lost 3-0.

On Saturday York took on the big gun, U. of T. In this game one of the few experienced players on the York team, Nancy Tarsey sprained her ankle and was out for the rest of the games.

U. of T. agreed to let York have a substitute player from Queen's with the score at 10-0 for U. of T. The game ended 14-0.

Half an hour later York went into their final game against Guelph. York had to play with only 10 players as Guelph would not agree to let a substitute play. (Guelph tied U. of T. 1-1)

This seemed to inspire the York team on to play their best game of the tournament. They lost, playing with a man short, to the fresh experienced Guelph team 8-0.

The second half of this tournament will be played at U. of T. on Nov. 1 and 2.

length models.

Get your Festival button and watch the rout.

Badminton — York women are going big-league this year in Badminton, with a new coach, Mr. R. Reilley (formerly ranked number 5 in Canada) and competition in a tough Inter-University league.

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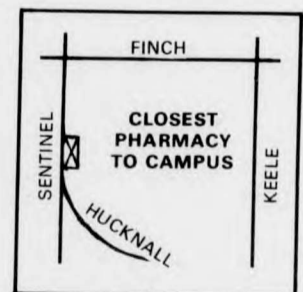
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