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Voyageurs move into second

Excessive rough play mars hockey encounter

By ED PIWOWARCZYK

The battle for second place in the eastern division became a battle for survival when York's hockey Yeomen faced the Laurentian Voyageurs Saturday at the Ice Palace.

In the penalty-filled match, the

Voyageurs came out on top 5-3, getting two-goal efforts from Frank Hamill and John Vandenburg, with the single going to Bill Best.

Dave Wright led the York scoring with two goals while Gerri Greenham added the other.

"I've never seen anything like it

before," commented York coach Dave Chambers after the game. "There was a lot of spearing and butt-ending going on. The officials clamped down too late."

Three game misconducts were handed out, two to Laurentian and

one to York. In the first period, York's Doug Dunsmuir and Laurentian's Bob Sidey were ejected for fighting, while late in the final frame, ex-Yeoman Brian Penrose headed for the showers after disputing a penalty call too vociferously.

The Voyageurs were set on intimidating the Yeomen right from the opening faceoff. Laurentian players were ready to take a run at any York player whenever they had a chance, getting in the extra bit of stick or elbow. Even their goalie, Dave Tataryn, was willing to slash York forwards in the Laurentian end. Tataryn was given a minor for tripping in the third period.

These cheap shot tactics were unnecessary from a club like Laurentian stocked with talent and experience. Eight members of their squad have played in the OHA. Hamill played for five years with the Marlies while Vandenburg was with the Peterborough Petes for five seasons. Laurentian has always had a rough style of play, and their rivalry with the Yeomen, the tightness of the race for second place and their 6-2 loss to Queen's Friday were perhaps contributing factors to the game's excessive roughness.

The intimidation had its effect on the play of the Yeomen as Laurentian had the best of the play both offensively and defensively for the first half of the game. York did not look as if they were about to make any kind of comeback until Greenham notched his power play marker midway through the second period.

Although the Yeomen scored twice on the powerplay, they failed to make the most of their chances with the man advantage. In the first period, Laurentian was two men short but the Yeomen were unable to put the puck in the net. York had difficulty holding the puck in at the point, as Laurentian simply lobbed the puck down and forced the Yeomen to chase it back in their own end.

Laurentian bolted to early 1-0 lead in the first minute of play when Best beat York's netminder Greg Harrison with a high rising shot. Vandenburg later rounded out scoring for the period by beating Harrison on a low screen shot from the point to give the Voyageurs a 2-0 lead.

In the second period, Vandenburg gave the Voyageurs a 3-0 lead before Greenham replied for the Yeomen. Hamill and Wright then made the count 4-2 before the end of the period.

The final frame saw both Laurentian and York score on the power play to end the game at 5-3.

Thursday night the Yeomen posted a 9-3 win over the Ryerson Rams at the Forest Hill Arena. Andrew Sanderson again led the York marksmen against the Rams by collecting two goals with singles going to Dunsmuir, Greenham, John Hirst, Barry Jenkins, Steve Mitchell, Mike Travis and Wright. York outshot Ryerson 54-28 for the game, but the Yeomen's slack play in the final period allowed the Rams to register a 26-10 shot count for that period.

PUCKNOTES: York outshot Laurentian 46-35. . . . Hamill, Vandenburg and Wright were chosen as the three stars of the game. . . . In the Ryerson contest, Jenkins, Murray Spence and Dunsmuir were selected for the three star honours. . . . Saturday's match against Laurentian marked the end of the Best on Ice contest where fans voted for the player they felt was most valuable to the Yeomen over the regular season. The winner was winger Doug Dunsmuir, who was presented with a Bulova Caravelle watch by Labatt's at the end of the game. . . . The Yeomen will be travelling to Kingston for an encounter with the Queen's Golden Gaels tomorrow evening at 8 p.m. York's last regular season game will be with the Varsity Blues next Wednesday at 8 p.m. at Varsity arena. The Red and White Society is making arrangements for a bus to take fans to Varsity arena for the game.



Harry Kitz photo

York's Doug Dunsmuir (wearing the A) is decked by Laurentian's Bob Sidey (8) in first period action Saturday at the Ice Palace. Both Dunsmuir and Sidey received automatic game misconducts for

their altercation in front of the Laurentian net. Laurentian went on to win the game 5-3 to move into sole possession of second place.



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Is it worth it?

By ALAN RISEN

York's hockey Yeomen knew they were in a fight for second place in the OUAA's eastern division with the Laurentian Voyageurs, but they didn't realise how literally the Voyageurs were taking it until the showdown match Saturday at the Ice Palace.

The Sudbury hatchetmen did all they could in the first period to maim the smaller York players. Ganging attacks with three Voyageurs roughing up one Yeoman in the corner were frequent. In one instance Ron Maeck (York's only bespectacled player) had his head hammered into the ice by a Laurentian player's stick, in a deliberate move to hurt the Yeomen.

As coach Chambers said after the game; industrial hockey, not college."

The intimidation style of play paid off for the Voyageurs who skated off with a 5-3 victory.

York's dressing room resembled a sick bay. Most players had welts across their stomachs where they were speared and butt-ended and several had gashes across their legs and feet where they were slashed by the sticks of their opponents. Barry Jenkins had a broken leg.

If York ends the season in third place as a result of this loss, they will likely have to play Laurentian in the semi-finals. Before we send our athletes to Sudbury we should reassess the situation.

College hockey is meant to provide students with an opportunity to perfect their athletic skills in organized competition. Matches with Laurentian do nothing to further this objective. Most of the spectators watching the contest were appalled. The Laurentian hockey organization has placed winning above all other objectives. Brutality and violence has become their trademark over the years and it is obviously sanctioned by the university officials.

The approach to hockey in Sudbury has no place in college hockey. If the league does not take action against Laurentian, the other teams in the OUAA should decide on their own if they want to continue playing games and risking further injuries with the Voyageurs.

The York players will say that they want to go to Sudbury for the rematch, but if they do it will likely become a grudge match. The referees in Sudbury have proven incapable over the years of controlling the underhanded play of the hometown players. Warfare would likely result. This is not the objective of Canadian college hockey.

Puckwomen edged 3-2, York awaits ruling

By MARG POSTE

A clouded playoff picture looms before York's hockey Yeowomen as they head into the O.W.A.A. hockey playoffs at Queen's University this weekend. Thursday night the Yeowomen dropped at 3-2 squeaker to western at the London Gardens and now must sit tight until the final standings are announced.

As of last Friday there did not appear to be a definite decision regarding the McMaster-York game that was scheduled January 23rd. Latest word from the O.W.I.A.A. Review Board was that the game would not be played and each team would be awarded one point. However, McMaster has protested the Review Board's decision.

If the Review Board's decision stands, York is two points ahead of Toronto but Toronto could tie the Yeowomen with a win over Queen's in their last league encounter. A tie for the last playoff spot would result.

Although Yeowomen lost to Western it was a far cry from the previous 7-1 loss handed to York earlier in the season.

The game was exciting with numerous scoring opportunities on both sides. It wasn't until 13:30 of the second period that Western opened

the scoring with a shot from the slot that beat goalie Jean Panagopka. Three minutes later Norma Schmitt put York on the scoreboard with an unassisted goal shot from the corner of the Western net.

Western broke through again on a shot from the side of the net, where the puck hit just inside the post to put Western ahead 2-1 at the end of the second period.

York's strong third period attack fizzled slightly as Western opened the period's scoring again with a breakaway goal. As the Western player caught Panagopka coming out of the net to cut down the angle.

With three minutes left in the game coach Bruce Shilton took advantage of a Western penalty and pulled Panagopka for a sixth attacker. The play worked as Cathy Brown was able to tip in a Poste shot from the point with 2:25 left to put York back in the game 3-2. Only ten seconds remained in the game when defencewoman Dawn Gardham stopped a shot at the York net with her body and was penalized for holding the puck. On the ensuing faceoff York got possession of the puck but time ran out before they were able to set up a scoring attempt.

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