

Tie, win over weekend as Yeomen gear up for post-season

by Josh Rubin

Talk about mixed blessings.

Despite an undefeated weekend which included a 4-3 win over the top-ranked UQTR Patriotes Sunday, the York Yeomen still have some big worries.

With just one game left in the regular season, the Yeomen sit one point up on the fifth place Ottawa GGs, whom they will likely face in a first round playoff match next Tuesday.

What's not known at this point is where the game will be. If the GGs take both their remaining games, they'll host the one game quarterfinal. Otherwise, it will be at the Ice Palace.

Either way, the team will be without the services of talented centre Kevin Bonello, who broke his ankle in a 5-5 tie with the GGs this

past Saturday.

Another possible absentee is team captain and sparkplug Mike Futa, who suffered a separated sterno-clavicular joint in the same matchup.

But with both Futa and Bonello looking on, the Yeomen put together a solid effort against the Patriotes, who have been in a bit of a funk since clinching the OUAA East division title two weeks ago.

But in a scrappy match that was also the Patriotes last regular season game in the OUAA, it took assistant captain Todd Dungey's goal with less than eight minutes left to seal the victory.

Afterwards, York head coach Graham Wise said he was happy with his team's play, especially in light of their sudden collapse the night before.

"I was really satisfied because they came back ready to play," Wise said.

Trois Rivières coach Dany Dube, however, was livid, and had an explanation for his squad's lacklustre showing.

"It's hard to be mad at your players when they get that kind of officiating. There's no gifts from the referees in Toronto, that's for sure," Dube fumed.

Despite a few missed calls, however, the officiating was pretty solid, and the Patriotes' showing probably had more to do with the absence of their top two forwards, Jean Bergeron and Benoit Gosselin.

Against Ottawa the night before, the Yeomen were glad to have finally scored a few goals, though they weren't exactly happy at coming out of the matchup with just a single point to show for their efforts.

After a solid 53 minutes against the GGs, the Yeomen inexplicably blew a 5-2 lead with seven minutes to go, allowing Ottawa to pot the tying goal with just half a second left.

NOTES:...The Ryerson Rams just don't have any luck. At 0-19, they thought things couldn't get any worse, but then somebody stole their equipment from the Moss Park arena, forcing postponement of last Thursday's game with the Yeomen. The matchup has been rescheduled for this evening at 6:00pm at the Ice Palace...Back on campus this summer will be former York and Quebec Nordiques coach Dave Chambers. Chambers' presence should probably help Graham Wise in the recruiting department...If the Yeomen finish in fourth spot, their first round playoff matchup will be a 7:30 start at the Ice Palace on Tuesday February 18, likely against the Ottawa GGs...

Men's team moves ahead in York track win at UofT

by Riccardo Sala

While their female counterparts are slowly coming along, the track and field Yeomen are taking heart with their victory Saturday at UofT.

York's men's team defeated UofT, Queen's and Guelph for the overall title, while the Yeowomen finished third behind UofT and Queen's.



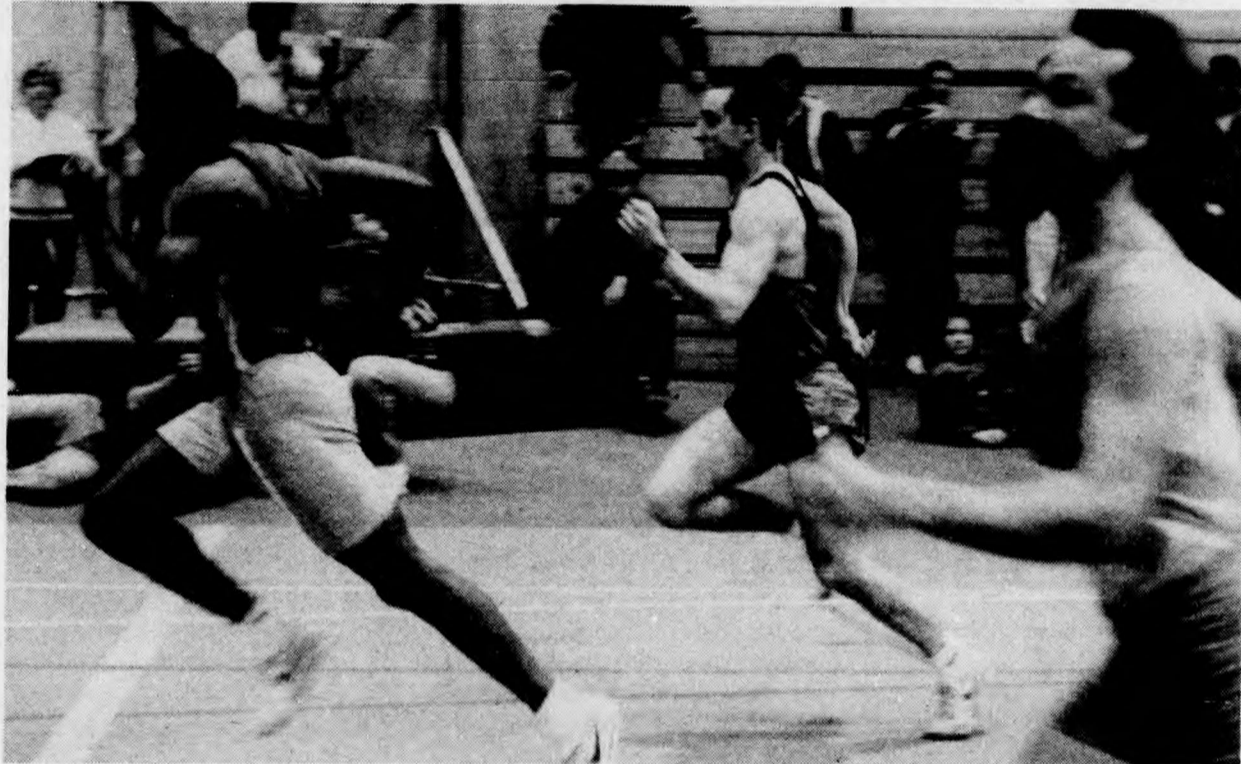
Victory for the Yeomen came down to a win in the last event, the 4x400 relay, with the quartet of Darren Gardner, Colin Wright, Colin Inglis and Brooke Cooper winning in 3:23.91.

UofT, which came third in the race, would have needed a second place finish to tie York in the final standings.

The Yeomen also won in the 4x200 and 4x800 races, to shutout the relay events.

Inglis won the 60m hurdles and placed third in the 300m event, while teammate Dexter John tied for first in the 60m race with a 7:09, a fraction of a second off the 7.08 needed to qualify for the CIAU championships.

"I haven't gone to too many meets. I've had problems with my knees and felt strong today for the first time,"



DALTON HIGGINS (left) racing the 60m heat Saturday at UofT. Higgins was part of the 4x200 relay that won their event. York's men's team came away with the overall win, beating out UofT with a victory in the last event. In the women's competition, Yeowomen posted wins in the triple jump with Sophia Tinker and with Angie Coon in the 60m hurdles. Other notable performances Saturday included Doug Wood's victory in pole vault, the York athlete clearing with a 5.45m vault.

photo by Anthony Cohen

John said afterwards.

In the field events, York's Greg Britton, ranked first in the country in long jump, placed third in that event, while teammate Greg Springer was third in the high jump, posting a personal best of 2.06m.

Doug Wood continued his domination in pole vaulting. The York vaulter won on Saturday with a vault of 5.45. It was the next day, however at an open meet at York, that Wood

shone, posting a new Canadian indoor record of 5.60m (see accompanying article).

Kevin Lake came in second for York in the pole vault, clearing at 5.15m.

The results were predictably less spectacular on the woman's side, a young group which has been having trouble this year competing at the high level of more experienced teams from previous years.

The Yeowomen posted wins in two events, with Sophia Tinker winning the triple jump and Angie Coon taking the 60m hurdles.

Second place finishes for York came from Jennifer Lewin in the 1000m and Allison Crowe in the 300m, while Elaine Craig was third in the 600m.

"We're trying the best we can with the people we have," York coach Sue Wise said.

Trophy heist a bed of roses for BC engineering pranksters

Canadian University Press

Vancouver — The University of British Columbia is contemplating punishment for three engineering students

who stole the Rose Bowl trophy from the University of Washington.

A small group of engineering students staged a "smash and grab" in the UW athletic department early Feb.

4, making off with the three-foot high, 30 pound, \$3,000 silver trophy. The UW football team captured the trophy by winning the 1992 Rose Bowl game Jan. 1.

for the damage and apologize.

"My initial reaction to the theft was that it was done as a immature prank or by someone really sick in the head," he said.

The cross-border looters brought the trophy back to UBC to celebrate. An engineer phoned Seattle police later that day, who in turn tipped off the RCMP, who retrieved it that night.

UBC administration spokesperson Steve Crombie said the administration is mulling over disciplinary action.

"Although the crime wasn't committed on campus, perhaps something can be done," he said. "We are suggesting to the engineers that they at the very least pay for the damage that they did and formally apologize. We are deciding whether more is necessary."

The UW athletic department is not pressing charges against the crooks. A U.S. felony conviction could have resulted in a fine of up to \$10,000 and a jail term of several months.

UW football head coach Don James said he wants the thieves to pay

"The football trophy theft was really an insult to the players who worked hard all year to bring the team success. The trophy was really for them and our fans and supporters to enjoy, and I'd hate to think that it could have been damaged or gone missing."

UBC engineering student council president Adam La Rusic said the trophy theft was "fucking excellent."

"It was a joke," he said. "University of Washington students have got to believe that." He does not care if UW students are upset, he added.

Engineering dean Axel Meisen said he hopes gridiron fans recognize the nature of the prank.

"I respect the feelings of the University of Washington and the Seattle community," he said. "It may feel very irate and very upset, but I hope they understand the spirit behind what the engineers did."

Wood sets new vault record

by Josh Rubin

For pole vaulter Doug Wood, the records just keep on falling.

Sunday, Wood shattered his own Canadian indoor record for the second time this season, flying 5.60 metres at the Ontario Open championships.

Wood, who is also the Canadian outdoor record holder, said there is no deep secret to his success this season.

"Having one more year of experience really helps," said Wood, adding that he also has a new mental attitude this year.

"Since I qualified for the Olympics so early, it's really taken a lot of pressure off my

shoulders," continued Wood. "Instead of getting really tense about whether or not I'd qualify, I can just concentrate on my vaulting."

After hitting the Olympic standard of 5.50 metres last June, Wood finished 11th at the world championships to clinch his spot on the Canadian team.

By performing so well early in the season, Wood has raised some expectations, including his own.

"Right now, I wouldn't be floored if I hit 5.75," said Wood, adding that an additional 10 centimetres wouldn't be out of the question during the outdoor season.



Rebecca Chambers • Yeowomen gymnastics

On Dec. 29, Chambers was York's top performer as the Yeowomen defeated the Mukogawa University team of Japan at York's Gymnastics Academy. She received five medals in that meet. In the OWIAA ranking meet on January 11 at McMaster, she also won five medals. Chambers is 21 and is a third year Phys-Ed student from Picton. For her accomplishments she was voted Yeowoman athlete of the month for December and January.

Clive Anderson • Yeoman basketball

Anderson was the OUAA scoring leader in December with 25.6 points per game, and was second in the province in rebounds, with an average of 9.1 points per match. He had great games over the holidays, including a 36 point game against Brock, and two games against Manitoba where he notched 30 and 31 points respectively. (Of course, he also had that 46 point game last Tuesday against UofT, but this is February). His consistently strong performances helped the Yeomen get up to a 7-1 record by January. Anderson is 25 and is a third year Osgoode Law student from Toronto. His accomplishments on the Yeoman basketball squad make him the Yeoman athlete for the month of December.



Doug Wood • Yeomen Track & Field

On Jan. 8 at the University of Toronto Wood won the pole vault competition. On Jan. 25 at the Can-Am Classic at Windsor, he placed first and set a new Canadian Open indoor record with a vault of 5.55 metres. Wood is 26 and is a second year math and science student from Wingham, Ontario. For his accomplishments he is the Yeoman athlete of the month for January.