

B-ball Yeomen in Montreal

Yeomen of the b-ball type dropped two of the three games they played in Montreal over the weekend. But they played a very impressive series of games.

The Thursday night game against the University of Montreal Caribins ended in York's only victory. It was played before a small crowd and against a scrappy team.

The first half moved slowly, with the Yeomen building up a lead that proved insurmountable. The final score favored York 79-49.

Jim Mountain was York's high scorer with 18 points. Friday night's game against McGill featured the best half of teamwork that York has ever shown. The second string, started the game, led by Gus Falcioni and built up a lead against a team generally acknowledged to be one of the best in the country.

By the end of the half, York had overwhelmed McGill and was leading 37-32.

But in the second half, McGill caught their wind, and the game ended with York on the wrong end of a 103-69 score.

York's improved shooting exhibited itself however. Over 49% of the shots made were good, with Brook Pearson making nine of 17.

Lead scorer for McGill was

their 6'8" star Golomeev, who was held to only 30 points by the Yeoman defence. His efforts, combined with the large and vocally partisan crowd, helped to throw York off-guard in the second half, permitting McGill to run up the score they did.

Then on Saturday afternoon, a tired York team took on the MacDonald crowd, and again came out second best. This loss, Coach Johnson felt, was because of the penalties incurred by the sloppy work of the players.

He excused this by saying that they had participated in a rough schedule. But there is no real excuse for the 32 points given away in penalty shots. The final score was 77-74. But again, Brook Pearson ran up 20 points and was a team leader.

Despite the two losses, the team looked solid both in defence and offence.

The next two home games promise lots of excitement for real fans, with Waterloo-Lutheran coming to York this Saturday at 2:00 pm. Waterloo are the Canadian Champs, but Johnson feels they can be defeated.

Then next Tuesday, Yeomen take on Osgoode Hall at Glendon. Osgoode has beaten Waterloo-Lutheran, and should provide stiff competition. But fans are needed.

Osgoode + York = champs?

by Dave Nimon

In case anyone hasn't noticed, the best team in the OIAA this year is none other than the Osgoode Hall Owls. By virtue of a 71-70 victory over Waterloo-Lutheran, last year's Canadian champions and previously undefeated in league play for five consecutive years, the Owls have a 5-0 record and can finish no worse than a tie for first if they win the remaining games against the weaker teams with the exception of the return match with the Golden Hawks.

The reason for Osgoode's great strength this year lies in the personnel in the front court. With Ron Kimel, former high-school all-star at Forest Hill C.I. in Toronto and former U of T Blue, Marv Morten, former all-star at Oakwood C.I. and Sol Glober, all-stars at both Bloor C.I. and Waterloo U., coach R.J. Grey has a front court averaging 6'5" with the best talent in the country.

If Osgoode has a weakness, it is in the back court where their guards are just average to good. It is in this position that the merger of the two teams next year will be helped by York's Yeomen. York's only strength is in the back court with Gus Falcioni, Gord Burns, and George Dubinsky all capable of helping

the three forwards from Osgoode who will be using up their last year of college eligibility. This is not counting new students at both York and Osgoode who may help next season.

A problem with the merger will be that while York practices four times a week, Osgoode only has the time to hold two practices. But this situation can be worked out.

The merger of the two teams will also create a coaching problem that this writer believes can be rectified by the hiring on a full time basis of R.Q. McKinney, head of the phys-ed. department at Oakwood C.I., York jr. b-ball coach and the best high school coach in the city.

With Falcioni, Dubinsky and Morten all reunited with their former high school coach, greater efforts on the floor would

be put out by all three. An extra advantage of having McKinney at York would be that good high school prospects who would want good coaching would favor York.

As a matter of fact, benefits of having McKinney as junior coach are already accruing to York in the fact that two highly rated Oakwood players, Bob Tockett and Kevin Judge will hopefully be coming here next season. By the way, the junior team is having a great season under McKinney, unlike the Yeomen whose season this year is just mediocre at best.

On February 11 (after previous home games against Detroit Tech., Waterloo-Lutheran and Ryerson) York hosts these same Owls in the last home game ever to be played between these teams. If only for nostalgia sake, it will be interesting to view the contest.

Yeomen defeat Oswego State 6 - 1

by John Madden

Playing before a crowd of 1,500 at Oswego in upper New York state, the hockey Yeomen defeated the Oswego State Lakers 6-1 on Saturday night.

Jim Dickinson scored the only goal of the first period on a solo rush which started at his own blue line.

Towards the end of the second period, Jim Pocisk worked the puck loose from along the boards and connected with a wrist shot from the face-off circle. Twenty-eight seconds later, York's Andy Schweda took Bob Modray's pass and flipped a shot over the goalie's skate and stick.

Rick Bowering's goal in the third period was similar to Pocisk's. Don Fraser had knocked an Oswego player off the puck along the boards. Mid-way thru the final period, Schweda swung around two defenders at the blue line. He cut back to his left to avoid another man and passed the puck across the crease to Paul Erickson who deflected it into the net. Fraser scored the

last York goal on a semi break-away.

As he crossed the blue line, the Lakers' defencemen were in good position to force him into the corner. They let him skate right in on their goalie.

The victory was tainted with frustration and disappointment. Goalie Frank Childe had made close to forty saves, including a stop on a break-away in the third period. With less than a minute left in the game, it appeared that he was assured of his first shut out of the year, even though there was a Yeoman in the penalty box.

There was a scramble near Childe's crease and the puck came back to Dan Dwyer standing about twenty feet in front of the net. Three York defenders rushed at him to block his shot but it evaded them and Childe who was screened. After close to forty saves, Goalie Frank Childe narrowly avoided missing during a scramble near the net.

The penalty killers were in good form.

Game with St. Catherines tonight.

Cheerleaders plead for money

Are the cheerleaders at York a worthwhile group? Are they a Varsity team?

Are they responsible enough to be supported by either YSC or the athletic councils? If so, which athletic council?

To many people the cheerleaders are an integral part of any football, basketball, or hockey game, to others they are simply an unwanted noise or nice legs to look at if their team is losing.

At York it seems that neither group of opinions on cheerleaders can be very well backed up. Here at York, our cheerleaders seem almost nonexistent. The last time I saw them out in force was when this campus was still blessed with a green landscape. It seems that football is the only sport that these girls consider worth their talents.

Now they have appeared again. They aren't leading the crowds

this time. (If you can consider the drunken members of the Stamp Club a crowd rather than a mob). They are appearing in front of people like YSC and Doctor Taylor asking for support. But do our cheerleaders deserve support?

To my way of thinking, with respect to this year's efforts, the cheerleaders don't deserve the support they are seeking. It appears that they feel it is their God given right. They have been sloppy in their applications to the various groups; they have been sloppy in performing their functions; and they have displayed such a lack of spirit for York. I really think it more of a discouragement for the teams than an incentive when they look to see the cheerleaders sitting on their derriere in support of their efforts in the particular game.

The above was, of course, my opinion of the cheerleaders here

at York. Now let's look at the hang ups that have come about in the girls' efforts to become kept.

They first approached YSC. This was definitely a waste of time since it would be unconstitutional for YSC to support them. OK. They go to the athletic councils, but they don't have any money, not even to support themselves. Ha ha and now we play the old fun game I Wonder Where the Money Is. Doctor Taylor is next likely person to try. I mean somewhere along the way there should be 40 dollars from every student in the athletic budget. Doctor Taylor, though, only gives money to Varsity teams, and the cheerleaders aren't considered a Varsity team.

Somehow all this confusion and petty politics seems like a waste of time considering how often we have seen this year's crop of pretty legs and smiling faces.

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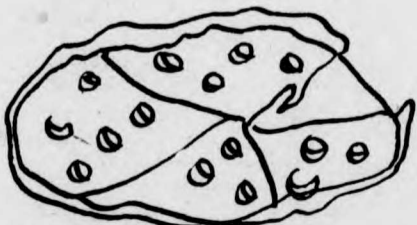
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