

10-0 win-loss record

Yeomen head for playoffs

By JOHN MADDEN

The hockey Yeomen added five more notches to their winning record during the past two weeks, defeating Waterloo, Laurentian, Windsor, Ryerson and Trent.

The Yeomen finished first in the OIAA with a perfect record of 10 victories and no losses. Including exhibition games, they have compiled a mark of 22 wins, three losses and one tie, and have a string of 17 consecutive victories. Their last defeat was Nov. 15 against Guelph.

In addition to team records, captain Murray Stroud tied OIAA records for most goals and total points in a season. His 17 league goals tied Ryerson's Rick McRae and the 35 total points scored by Stroud matched Laurentian's Ray Lamont's scoring record. What makes Stroud's scoring totals more impressive is that the previous records were established in 1967-8 when there were 12 league games. Stroud had only 10 games to achieve this record.

The OIAA playoffs will be held this weekend at York's arena, with Laurentian and Waterloo-Lutheran meeting Friday night and the winner taking on York, Saturday at 8 p.m. The Yeomen drew a bye as a result of finishing first.

Both games are sudden-death and there will be overtime in the event of a tie after regulation time. The winner of Saturday's game will go to Charlottetown, P.E.I. for the national championships.

Back on Feb. 11, the Yeomen defeated the Waterloo-Warriors, second place club in the OQAA, 4-2. Murray Stroud had two goals while Rodger Bowness (on a penalty shot) and Licio Cengarle registered singles.

The 4-1 victory over Laurentian on February 13 was one of the most important wins of the season, virtually assuring the Yeomen of first place.

The Yeomen hosted the Windsor Lancers the following afternoon and naturally had difficulty getting excited about an exhibition game after the big win the previous night. The Yeomen won 7-3.

On Feb. 17, the Yeomen defeated Ryerson 7-1 at Maple Leaf Gardens in what was generally a lacklustre game.

The Yeomen closed off the season last Saturday by defeating Trent 6-2 in Peterboro.

FINAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

	P	W	L	T	F	A	Pts.
York	10	10	0	0	74	21	20
Laurentian	10	5	4	1	71	28	11
Waterloo-Lutheran	10	4	4	2	47	46	10
Ryerson	10	5	5	0	49	56	10
Trent	10	2	7	1	38	77	5
Brock	10	2	8	0	34	85	4

(Waterloo-Lutheran was awarded third place on the basis of goals for and against in the two games between Lutheran and Ryerson.)



Excalibur—Tim Clark

Murray Stroud raced all over the ice Saturday at Trent University trying to break the all-time scoring record. He tied it in 10 games. The record was set in 12 games.

To 'Doc': It's time to leave Yeomen



Art Johnson

By DAVID CROCKER

York's basketball Yeomen ended a frustrating season Saturday night by losing to Waterloo Lutheran and thus failing to make the playoffs.

The Yeomen started the season as solid contenders for first place in the OIAA. They ended it as a second rate squad.

When a team sours as the Yeomen did this season the coach is the first to be criticized. No coach has ever been more worthy of the rap that Dr. Arthur C. Johnson, York's vice-president in charge of academic services and mentor of the basketball Yeomen. He ruined a good and maybe great basketball team.

Problems started early for the cagers. Sol Globber quit before the first game. Two years ago while playing for Waterloo, Globber led the OQAA in scoring. This year he couldn't bring himself to play for Johnson.

Globber's departure was followed after a few games by Sandy Nixon's exit. Sandy, a truly great ballplayer, couldn't stomach playing for Johnson.

Sandy came back, quit again, and then came back for good midway through the season. He played up to his credentials only once all year, against Brock in the second last game of the season when he scored 36 points. The Yeomen lost anyway.

Gus Falcioni was the next Yeoman to pack it in. He had played for the York team last year and when things were no better this year he made his own exit.

Things came to a head when the entire team threatened to quit if something wasn't done about the coaching. In a futile conciliatory gesture Nobby Wirkowski agreed to act as assistant coach.

Wirkowski, through his association with Johnson and his inability to make any impression Johnson's thick skin, couldn't gain the respect of the team. He managed to get Falcioni to return and keep the team physically together for the rest of the season but Johnson's damage was far too deep by this time for Wirkowski to do anything about it.

How can one man, even the coach, make such a difference to the play of 11 athletes? He does it by incompetence and coach Johnson could be classified as totally incompetent.

Everything "the Doc" (as coach Johnson is called) touched this year turned sour.

Bob Wepler, a thoughtful young freshman, came to York as an outstanding high school prospect. He made absolutely no improvement under Johnson's tutelage. He is lucky that he didn't regress. Jim Mountain and George Dubinsky did. These two basketballers were playing better ball in high school than they did as university players under Johnson.

Alph Lane came from Simon Fraser where he played on scholarship and was made ordinary by Johnson. Sandy Nixon's position has already been discussed.

The list can go on but to what end? Johnson has hurt some fine basketball players.

Johnson's greatest damage is seen in the area of morale. The team has none. His ability to treat adult males as if they were infants is a contributing factor. His lack of understanding of a game which has passed him by is another. His inability to handle a game from the bench is an important third factor.

Johnson has managed to lose the last three league games personally from his position at the end of the bench. Against Laurentian he couldn't see the value of playing a 2-1-2 defence. As a result, Laurentian's top scorer, John McKibbin, got 23 points in the second half and personally beat the Yeomen.

In Saturday's game in Waterloo "the Doc" substituted so badly that nothing done by his players could retrieve the game. With about 10 minutes gone in the first half Johnson took out his first string.

There were reasons for some of his substitutions but others were ridiculous. You can't win when you play second stringers.

John Pizale was five for five in the first half, Saturday, in potting 10 points. "The Doc" refused to start John in the second half and as a result Pizale got only two points after intermission. What reason could Johnson possible have had?

At least two of the Yeomen were playing what turned out to be their last university basketball game Saturday. Ron Kimel and Pizale were sky high for this one. Kimel has played great ball in the last three games. Johnson handcuffed them both and York lost.

In most cases a coach gets the knock when his team starts playing badly. The Yeomen really didn't play all that badly this year. Little things done by "the Doc" turned wins into losses.

The fact that the team was in terrible condition didn't help either. They were in bad condition because they didn't go to practice. They didn't go because "the Doc" spent most of the time talking about his "theories" of basketball. So they were in bad shape and they lost.

Ten years ago Johnson was the only member of York's faculty who would coach the team. As his players got better Johnson's ability to handle them got worse. He lost control for good about two seasons ago and hasn't been able to get it back.

It's time to get out, Doc. Get out of the kitchen, the oven's too hot. Don't ruin another season. Give this reporter the chance to think of you as the nice guy you are rather than the incompetent, selfish, quasi-coach you are becoming.

Sports Grab Bag

Fencers grab championship

York's fencing Yeomen wrapped up their best season yet with an outstanding victory at the OIAA championship tournament last Saturday in St. Catharines. The undefeated three-man team scored four straight victories of 8-1, 6-3, 6-3, and 7-2, giving York its first OIAA championship in four years. Yeomen also dominated the individual foil competition.

York curlers win bonspiel

York stoned 15 other teams during Reading Week to win the Bowling Green University International Bonspiel. Playing in a hotbed of U.S. curling, where athletic scholarships are even given in the sport, the York team, skipped by Tom Blackwell, finished a highly successful year with a 26-6-1 record.

Runners come third in nationals

Two York runners, Bob Brooks and Dave Smith, representing York and the OIAA at the first CIAU indoor track championships in Winnipeg Feb. 14-15 came back with excellent third place finishes in their races. Brooks ran an excellent race in his heat of the 300 metres Saturday afternoon to advance to the final in the evening. Smith ran his best over 3000 metres time on Sunday.

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