

Sports

Field hockey title got away



The face of determination...Yeowoman Laurie Lambert in action during the CIAU final.

Jules Xavier

After 26 games York's first loss came at an inopportune time, during the CIAU finals vs. the UBC Thunderettes. They gave it their all but, their all wasn't enough as they came out on the short end of 1-0 score.

One of the most explosive offences in Canada (173 goals for and 13 against) were stymied by the Thunderette defence and the hot goaltending of Alison Palmer. As usual it's the hot goalie who knocks off the powerhouse teams in sports, and Palmer did just that. "That was definitely my toughest game of the year," said the rookie following her team's victory.

The first half tended to be close, each team feeling each other out not wanting to commit themselves and make a mistake. Gail Wilson had her UBC team playing a close marking game. The more explosive and quicker York team had its few chances but Palmer came up big each time.

Sinclair brought the UBC supporters to their feet as she

scored off a short corner mid-way through the second half. It was a lazy sort of goal, glancing off both the goalie and sweeper before bouncing into the net.

York dominated the game in comparison to their first meeting but after Sinclair scored York was unable to come back with the equalizer.

"When we get scored on we always seem to come right back and score a few of our own. We've done it all year long," said Forshaw.

Branchaud had the golden opportunity of the game to tie it up but as she said, "The ball came across from Sheila, and I did the worst thing I should have done. Instead of just looking at the ball and concentrating on hitting it, I lifted my head and looked at the net which caused me to miss hit the ball."

UBC, inspired by their 2-1 loss to York were up for the CIAU final. "They felt they could be competitive against York," according to UBC coach Gail Wilson.

York continued to press but with the sound of the horn, York's dream of being the CIAU champions were dashed.

In defeat coach van der Merwe still believes her players are champions. "As a team we didn't play like we were: In order to win there must be a good effort from all eleven players."

Co-captain Forshaw agreed. "On the field we have to work as a team. Players have to want to win and go out and play to win. We just couldn't put it together."

To win was something that Byrne wanted bad. She felt it was unfair to lose after the success the team had but, "That's where sport is like life, not everything is fair."

Byrne left following the game for knee surgery and commented Farrow on her teammate, "Cindy played with a lot of guts." Cathie Major agreed, "You wouldn't have known she had a bad knee the way she played. She did a good job under such tough conditions."

York finished the round robin play with a perfect 5-0 win-loss

record. UBC advanced to the finals upsetting U of T 1-0 and UNB in a play off 1-0. UNB had earlier tied UBC 2-2 and beat U of T 2-1 to set up the play off.

York started the tournament with a convincing 6-1 romp over UNB Red Sticks. They controlled the game with Sheila Forshaw leading the way with three goals, Laurie Lambert two with Pat Gryff-Chamska the other.

The crucial game pitted U of T against their cross-town rivals, a role which York always been the underdog. U. of T. had to come out big against the OWIAA champs, but again York outshone the U of T team.

Byrne played one of her best games continually frustrating U of T's top scorer Donna Allaby. She was especially effective during short corners where Allaby has scored many of her goals. "She held her own, as did the team,"

commented fullback Mary Cicinelli on Byrne's play against U of T.

Forshaw scored an early goal in the first half. Lambert followed in the second when she took a lay-off pass from Forshaw beating U of T goalie Zoe MacKinnon.

Brandon provided little resistance to York's fire power as they ran away with a 9-0 score. Forshaw collected 5 goals, her ninth in three games, Lambert got 2 and Laura Branchaud one.

Shelley Hartel (1979 GPAC All-Star) of Brandon played excellently in net despite the nine goals.

York came out on top 2-1 vs. UBC but the score didn't reflect their play. UBC dominated the game from start to finish.

Forshaw opened the scoring in the first half but UBC from there

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Water polo Yeomen eye finals

Kevin Jones

The York University water polo team finished 5th in the Eighth Annual University Challenge Cup, a tournament that is billed as the unofficial CIAU championship, held at McMaster this past weekend.

Twelve teams from across Canada completed the 38-game tournament and finished in the following order: Simon Fraser, Carlton, McMaster, Dalhousie, York, Calgary, Queen's, Waterloo, Ottawa, Western, RMC, and Toronto.

In its six games played, York won 3, tied 1 and lost 2. The two defeats were at the hands of the top place finishers (12-4 to Simon Fraser and 5-4 to Carlton). In its three victories, York defeated Toronto 13-3, Calgary 9-5 and Ottawa 6-5. The 5-5 tie was against the University of Waterloo.

Trevor Man, the Yeomen's assistant coach was not only the top scorer of the team with 17 goals, he was also chosen as York's Most Valuable Player. John Cooper had 7 goals, Vic Roskey, the team captain, and Dave Fairman both had five, Dan Hudson and Rich Bennett 3, and David Marcovitz scored an important match winning goal.

Goalkeeper Doug Millage played great polo and Cam Gourley, Lou Sanders, Ralph Ades and Simon Owens were consistent on defense.

Coach Kevin Jones was extremely pleased with his team's performance in this very important tournament and feels sure that they are ready for their critical game next Saturday against Queen's -- a win will send the Yeomen to the OUAA finals on November 22 for the first time in their history.

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