

# sports

## Yeowomen rebound with win over Golden Gaels

By "HOWIE" MARR

Coach Bill Pangos said his team was looking for a 8-4 record this year; off to 1-3 start it looked like Pangos was way off the mark in his prediction. However, the basketball Yeowomen began working on Pangos' prediction Friday night, securing their second victory over a winless squad from Queen's.

The game started with Queen's taking advantage of an ineffective York full court press. As a result, the game opened up, providing some exciting fast breaks. The fast game proved detrimental to York as, the Gaels spread the Yeowomen out defensively and continually spotted the "woman" under the hoop. They built up a 26-17 lead, taking advantage of York defensive lapses.

But York's Michelle Sund hit a three-pointer late in the first half that seemed to give the Yeowomen some life as they took a 33-32 lead. However, the Yeowomen slipped badly in the final minutes of the half and Queen's scored 8 points for the 40-33 half-time lead.

In the second half, a different York squad seemed to hit the floor. Abandoning the full court press and concentrating on man-to-man defence the Yeowomen took control of the game. Coach Pangos said after the game that he had decided on the press because Queen's has traditionally been a team that has problems against pressure.

"In the first half our players weren't reading the proper keys so we decided to play man-to-man in the second half, and the players responded."

The Yeowomen held the Gaels to a stingy 18 points in the second, which Pangos described as the key to the victory.

"The team was experiencing problems with rotations in the first half and it wasn't a factor in the second." Offensively, the Yeowomen also put together a stronger effort in the second, hitting a larger percentage of their shots.

York began to work on Queen's lead as soon as the second half started. They were able to chip the Gaels lead down to 44-43 and then took a 45-44 lead, only their second lead of the game. The Yeowomen never looked back as they held a four to six cushion for the remainder of the game to finish 64-58 victors over Queen's.

The Yeowomen received some outstanding play from Susan DeRyck, who led the way to victory with 22 points and 15 rebounds. Following DeRyck was Michelle Sund with 15 points and 15 rebounds and Donna Head with 13 points and six assists. Pangos indicated he was especially pleased with the play of Donna head, who started the game filling in for an injured Liz MacDonald.

"She (Head) really kept us close in the first half," said Pangos. For Queen's, Leslie Aldcorn proved their most effective scorer contributing 10 points.

Pangos is hoping the victory over Queen's will give the team confidence going into its next two games. The Yeowomen face crucial challenges this week against crosstown rivals Ryerson and UofT.

## Yeowomen skate to victory



**NOW WHERE IS THAT DAMN CONTACT?** Christine Bischof placed first and third in the Senior B Singles and Open Singles respectively.

By JAMES HOGGETT

Putting together some brilliant performances the Yeowomen easily captured the York Invitational Figure Skating crown last weekend.

"No one turned in a bad performance the entire tournament," said an ecstatic Cathie Maron-Brown, head coach for York. "I'm very pleased with the way everyone skated. They skated a lot better than I ever anticipated."

The Yeowomen won by a landslide, tallying 115 total points. Placing second was Waterloo with 83 points, followed by Queen's with 61 points.

"We built up such a big lead in points," Maron-Brown said, "that by afternoon no one could catch us."

The judges based their scores on a number of criteria. First the judges look at the skaters technique, overall presentation, along with how well the skater skated. In the case of team events, judges look at the overall performance.

The top skater for York was Christine Bischof. Bischof placed first in the Senior 'B' Singles event and third in the Open Singles event. A second year Linguistics major, Bischof has been skating competitively for 10 years.

Bischof joined the Yeowomen last year, coming off a five-year absence from the skating circuit.

"I was tired of the day-to-day grind of training," Bischof said, "I needed some time off away from skating, it wasn't fun for me anymore."

"Skating competitively is more serious business where as skating with York it is more oriented around fun."

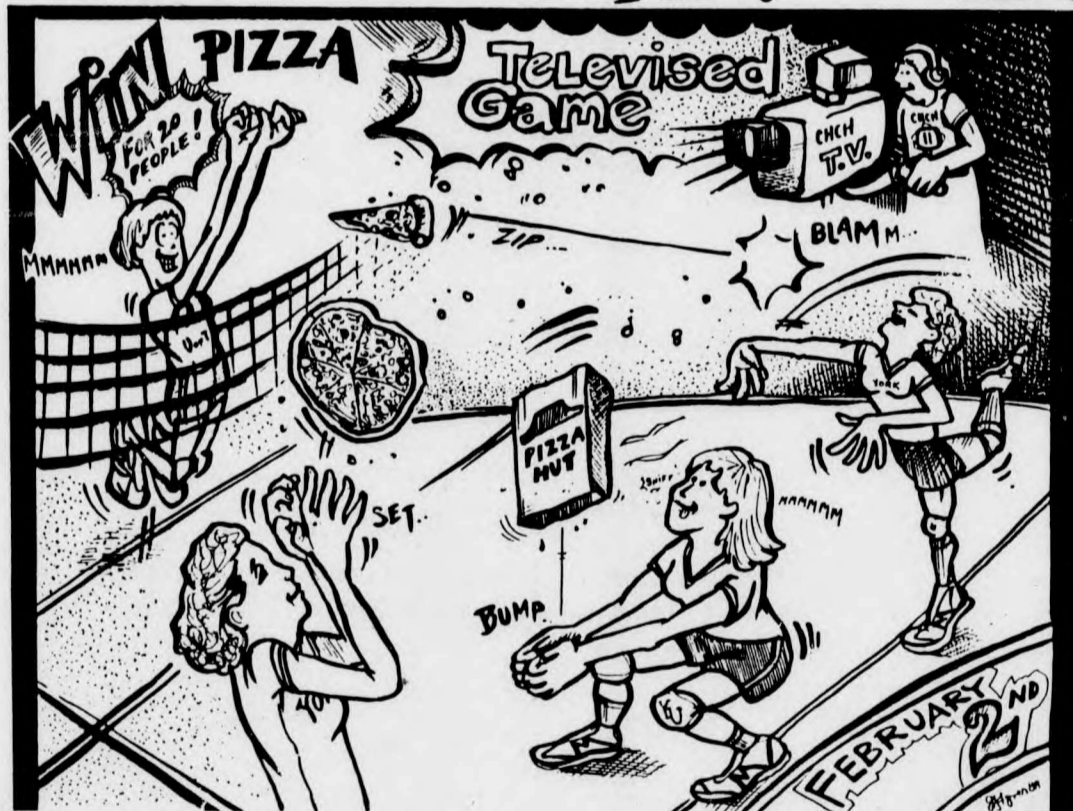
Bischof practices two to three hours a day, six days a week. Upon graduation, she hopes to teach and coach skating.

In the Senior 'A' Singles event York placed another skater in a top spot. Grabbing first was Michelle Carruthers, a three-year veteran of the Yeowomen who has been skating competitively since she was six years old. The third year Science and Physical Education major hopes to go into physiotherapy upon graduation.

Also placing first for the Yeowomen was Monica Munn. Munn, a first year Dance major has been skating competitively for nine years. Next year Munn hopes to pass the senior competition test, which will enable her to compete at the senior level.

Other finishers for York were: Rose Mitre, third in the Senior 'A' Singles; in the team events York placed second in the Pair Four event (Bischof, Tracy Woodhead, Carruthers, and Tracey-Anne Elliott); in the OSP Foxtrot event, the team of Woodhead, Carruthers, Caroline King, and Elliott placed third, in the Precision event, which contained a routine using the entire York squad of 12 skaters, York placed second.

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