

more grey hairs for coaches

## Yeomen working toward consistency in playoffs

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Coaches Kevin Jones and Trevor Mann had an aggravating day at the Tait pool last Saturday as their Waterpolo Yeomen lost two of the three matches in second round action of OUAA league play.

While losses to arch-rivals MacMaster and U of T (teams they must beat to gain a play-off berth) cannot be deemed "measuring sticks" of this season's outcome, the Yeomen must assess their "Jekyll and Hyde" performances, with as focus on developing some consistency.

Behind early again

The nerve-racking day began with a game against last year's championship opposition, the MacMaster Marauders. York had planned to come roaring out of the gates, build a comfortable lead, and draw back to reserve some gusto for their remaining games. However, the Yeomen found themselves down 3-2 after a quarter of play, due to some sporadic defensive play. But "drawing back" was the only portion of the game plan that they managed to follow. Looking at a three-goal margin in favour of Mac, the

Yeomen had to settle for a 6-3 loss. Rich Bennett, Charles Karstadt, and Jeff Carmichael counted goals for York.

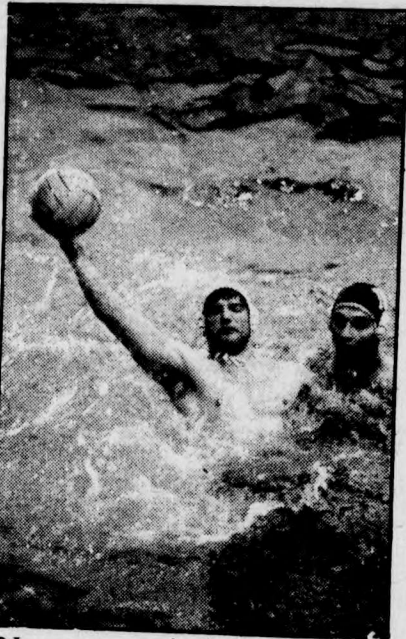


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**No, you can't have it! The Yeomen waterpolo team managed to stretch one**

The Yeomen continued with their shoddy play in the second match

against U of T. Again the Yeomen fell behind in the opening quarter. The "Jekyll" side of their defense managed an appearance though, staving off the Blues, and keeping the game deadlocked after two quarters. Unfortunately for York though, a scuffle between Dan Hudson and Toronto's Ian Erwood resulted in both players' ejection. The loss proved to be more detrimental for the Yeomen as they seemed totally unorganized without Hudson, consequently losing the match 9-6. Rich Bennett and Charles Karstadt scored two goals apiece, Moti "Kevin" Fishman and Joe Skelly rounded out the scoring for York.

Best for last

"It's pretty unusual to get the strongest performance of the day in the last game," coach Kevin Jones said after the Yeomen had defeated Western by a score of 11-7, in their final match of the day. The game was unusual in that after two grueling matches with the league's top two teams, one would figure the final game to be lacklustre or at least to have some trying moments. But the

Yeomen played quite soundly and never looked back as they ripped the Western mesh for 11 goals. When the Yeomen needed a shade of defense, it was goaltender "Bryan Robertson to the rescue", as he challenged, blocked, and scampered after opposing shooter all afternoon. Robertson seems to be the one consistent bright spot for the Yeomen, and his ability to come up with the "big save" time in and time out should be the spark the Yeomen

need for their playoff drive.

**RED AND WHITE CAPS:** Joe Skelly, with seven goals, and Charles Karstadt, who added five, were the top Yeomen scorers of the day. . . U of T managed to fill the stands with far more supporters than York could muster, which gives the Yeomen the feeling that they are an away team. . . The Yeomen see action in the "Challenge Cup" at MacMaster, November 5-7.

## Yeomen dominate Rams in home opening victory

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"Hat-tricks don't come all that often, and you need a little luck on your side to get one," center, Ken Norris, said after his three goal stint sparked the Yeomen to a 9-0 shut-out over the Ryerson Rams last Friday night.

The victory, the first of the season for the Yeomen, is a stepping stone for a club coming off a short, and sometimes not-so-sweet pre-season. After taking the consolation championship in the U of T tourney, Coach Bob Hedley was a bit concerned with his new team's overall performance. "Our backline has improved, but I'm still not happy with what's happening defensively. We were blown out of a couple of games at the tourney and, although I'm not taking anything away from Ryerson, a stronger team might have capitalized on some of the errors we made."

Goaltender Dave Stewart notched his first shut-out of the season as he turned away 25 shots. "I felt good

out there, I didn't see much action in the first period and that kinda hurt me--it's hard to keep sharp when all the play is at the other end of the ice. But our wingers picked up their checks and the defencemen took a lot away from them, which really helped me out," he said.

Earned it

While Stewart didn't face a barrage of shots at any one time, he definitely earned the big "O" on the scoreboard, especially in the third period when he left several Rams' marksmen shaking their heads.

**GOAL "POSTS":** Ken Norris set a record that may stand as the two quickest goals scored this season. They were scored eleven seconds apart at 7:43 and 7:54 of the first period. . . Aside from Norris' hat-trick, the Yeomen got goals from Steve Feitler, John Campbell, John Lovell and Mike McCaulley with a pair. . . The Yeomen's next game is against rival U of T, Wednesday, November 10, on the Tait pond.

## ...SHORTSTOPS...

**HOCKEY YEOWOMEN MAKE IT 2 FOR 2**

The York Yeomen Hockey team continued their winning ways last Saturday night, defeating the Waterloo Warriors by a score of 6-0. Dave Stewart had another outstanding game in goal, notching his second shut-out in as many starts. Martin Perry got the hat-trick for York, along with Ken Norris, Scott Magder, and Gord Cutler who added singles.

**CROSSCOUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS**

At Last Sunday's OWIAA & OUAA Cross-Country Championships held at Laurentian, York's Nancy Rooks and David Reid once again came out on top.

In the field of 55 women there were other York finishes: Katia Bottos, who ran to 32nd place with a time of 19:23, and Paula Danylyshen who placed a close 34th in 19:31.

On the men's side, York's Steve Snell ran to an exceptional 6th place finish in 35:42, Joe Alegretti was 25th (37:07), Dan Gormley, 26th (37:08), and Jamie Black ended up in thirty-ninth place with a time of 38:13.



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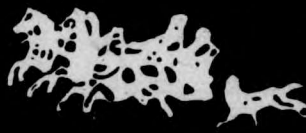
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