

HELPING HAND: Stu Levinsky and Tim Rider give teammate Mark Jones a lift, even though Jones says he can dunk the ball all by himself.

Basketball Yeowomen measure up in clash with Ottawa Gee Gees

By GARY SCHOLICH

Saturday night's basketball game between the York Yeowomen and the Ottawa Gee Gees served as an important yardstick to measure the progress of the Yeowomen.

It was the annual "Parents' Night" game as the players' families were in attendance. York lost to Ottawa in the same game last year, but in this year's match, the Yeowomen crushed the Gee Gees 84-44.

Yeowomen coach Frances Flint was happy with the victory. "We are so much further ahead in overall development than we were at this time last year. We lost to Ottawa in last year's 'Parents' Night' game by 7 or 8 points. It was a real nice feeling tonight. Also, the youngsters got to play and showed some development too."

This game gave York some definite momentum for its own Tait McKenzie Tournament. The Yeowomen were on top of their game as they forged out to a 22-0 lead.

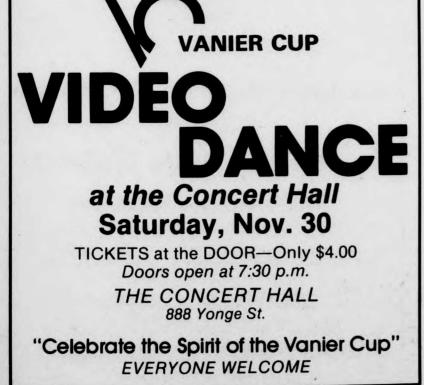
Everything seemed to go York's way. Not only did the player-to-player defense shut down the Gee Gees, but the Yeowomen also won the majority of the scrambles for loose balls.

York was very deliberate on offense. The Yeowomen ran an impressive perimeter passing game, in that they did not force many bad passes into the middle of the coverage. When they could not penetrate the key, they put the ball back outside and started over again.

"Parents' Night" had a positive effect on the team. Rookie Cynthia Johnson, whose family came all the way from North Bay, stated after the game, "We were really excited about it and everybody played well."

Paula Lockyer, who had perfect shooting in the first half (4 for 4 from the field and likewise from the foul line), led the Yeowomen with 16 points. Anne Marie Thuss hit for another 14, while Susan DeRyck added 10. For Ottawa, Louise Dube, with some fine perimeter shooting in the second half, led with 15 while Sheehan added 10.

Coach Flint stressed that the momentum gained from this game enhances the team's chances in the upcoming Tait Tournament. "This tournament is going to be the toughest one of the season. We have top contenders in Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary, and also the visiting Taipei team." The tournament starts tomorrow and ends on Sunday.



Yeomen defeat Quebec champions

By GARY SCHOLICH

Toronto and Montreal have historically had one of the greatest sports rivalries in the Maple Leafs and Canadiens.

The Toronto-Montreal confrontation could also have been stressed in Friday night's exhibition men's basketball game between the York Yeomen and the McGill Redmen. York is the defending OUAA champion, McGill has the OUAA crown.

But unlike the NHL it was another one-sided victory for the Toronto squad as the Yeomen throttled the Redmen 91-61. It was York's second convincing win over the Montreal school, the first begin an 84-60 verdict in McGill's own tournament.

When a basketball team constantly commits turnovers, it is only forfeiting possession of the ball but also its chances of winning. In this game, York took advantage of numerous McGill turnovers to record the win.

York's full court man-to-man press literally blanketed the Redmen ballhandlers. York Assistant coach Aubie Herscovitch described the effort as "tough all game. We ran the full court man press defense very well."

Head coach Bob Bain com ented, "It was real good defense, and we also had good shot selection. I was surprised by the high number of (McGill) turnovers."

Ironically, McGill ran out to a 10-4 lead early in the game, taking advantage of York turnovers. The Yeomen had tried to force some of their passes and the Redmen subsequently picked them off.

York caught up though, and Mark Jones set the tone for the game when he put York ahead 12-10. Stealing the ball, he went in to hit the easy layup. From that point on, York stole and scored almost at will and took a commanding 56-32 lead at the half.

Although it was a convincing win, Bain still saw much work to be done. "We've been working on a new offense, but I was a little disappointed because we didn't execute it well enough."

Power forward Stuart Levinsky led the Yeomen offense with 22 points, while Ron Hepburn added 20. Levinsky had recovered from a pulled back muscle that he had sustained in the McManus tournament at U of T.

Not only did Levinsky pound the offensive boards, he also added some fine perimeter shooting to his

arsenal. Hepburn, as the late, has been hot from the perimeter as he has averaged 20 points in his last three games. Mark Jones added 16 for York while Pat Arsenault and Clint Hamilton led McGill with 14 points each.

Wayne Shaw hit for only 2 points in the game for York, but was outstanding nevertheless as he played tenacious defense. He constantly upset the rhythm of the Redmen ball-handlers, and when he wasn't knocking away passes, he was diving after the loose ball. Herscovitch said of Shaw, "Wayne does the little things that don't necessarily show up in the boxscores."

NOTES: York now goes on a big Western swing as the Yeomen will be playing in tournaments in Alberta, Winnipeg, and Calgary. In addition, there are games in Brandon and Saskatchewan.

National Tennis Centre opens its doors to 150 members of the York community

By BEN RAFAELI

A joint programme has been set up between York University and Tennis Canada that will enable around 150 members of the York Community to become members of the National Tennis Centre (NTC).

The cost of a NTC membership is \$55 for the season, which runs until May 31, 1986. A NTC card enables the bearer to use the four court bubble, showers and changing facilities. Court fees are set at a flat \$10 per hour. Court time will be available weekdays between 8 a.m and 11 p.m. and on weekends between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Members will be allowed to book courts up to one week in advance. Private coaching and group instruction will be available at an additional fee.

The \$2 million centre is also the site for the Canadian Open, Player's Challenge and Player's International, as well as being the training facility for Canada's best junior players.



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