

Hopes high for women cagers

By GARY SCHOLICH

Coach Frances Flint is looking forward to the possibilities with Yeowomen basketball this year. "We have the opportunity to go as far as we want," she says.

The evidence supports her case—she has an excellent balance of veterans and rookies to work with. However, four players will be missed from the lineup. Forward Elaine Stewart has graduated. Two other players, guard Trish Stevenson and 6' forward Ann McEachern, are both concentrating on their studies this year. Forward Susan Rousseau has maintained school as her first priority, but will help out the team in minor managerial aspects.

Still the prospects of a good season look very bright. There is a strong core of returning players, and three of them (Kim Holden, Nancy Harrison, and Paula Lockyer) were Ontario All-Stars. Here is the run-down on this year's team, according to coach Flint.

• **Kim Holden** (5'9" forward): "An all-star every year she has played; a fine example for the other players because she is not only a skilled player, but also a fine person and has a great attitude."

• **Nancy Harrison** (6'0" forward): "Played for the National Championship Ontario team this past summer out in Regina; a real threatening

player because she has really improved on all aspects of the game—she can shoot like a forward, but can also handle the post."

• **Paula Lockyer** (5'8" guard): "Had the honor of being chosen for the Canadian National "B" Team, but was sidelined with a broken toe."

• **Sharon MacFarlane** (5'7" forward): "Will be playing a new position at point guard, but very experienced."

• **Anne Marie Thuss** (5'10" forward): "Very strong rebounder; powers her way up to the basket effectively."

• **Dana Stewart**: "Returning after taking a year off. An off-guard; lends experience because she was a member of York's Ontario Championship team of 1981-82."

• **Jean Graham**: "Joined last year in winter because she was in the Winter/Summer program; excellent offensive skills."

Flint is also happy about her rookie crop. Out of this new contingent, three six-footers will join Nancy Harrison to give this team much needed height.

• **Mary Ann Clark** (5'9" point guard): "Excellent shooter; great deal of experience outside of high school at club levels and will share the point with Sharon MacFarlane."

• **Petra Wolfbeiss** (5'6" guard): "Pure shooter; if there's an opening

to the basket, she'll take it."

• **Barbara Borsutzky** (6'0"): "Extremely hard worker, competitive, and tough; can adapt very well to the

university game; will join in January."

• **Anthea Hewitt** (6'2" centre): "Brings much need height and an excellent inside shooter; handles herself beautifully inside."

• **Marg Mulder** (5'11" center): "Former track and field athlete; excellent ballhandler for a center; very aggressive."

• **Cathy Pin** (6'0"): "Recovering from knee surgery performed eight months ago; has something to prove; great skills and toughness."

They will also play in a maximum of five tournaments: the Tait McKenzie Classic, plus the University of Toronto, Dalhousie, and McGill tournaments. Tentatively scheduled is the Panda Tournament at the University of Alberta.

On the whole, it should be a very interesting season. "We've got unlimited potential this year, but we have to work for it, and we have to earn it."

The Yeowomen will also benefit from a solid exhibition schedule. They will travel to Manitoba to face the Universities of Brandon, Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Lethbridge.

Draws hold Yeomen back

By MARK ZWOLINSKI

The York Soccer Yeomen roll into a tough two-game series this weekend against the Laurentian Voyageurs and the Queens Golden Gaels with only one loss under their belt in seven matches to date.

The one loss—a 2-0 decision to the front running Voyageurs a week ago—looks impressive in the won-lost column, but coach Norman Crandles isn't too concerned about it.

It's the number of ties the Yeomen own that is drawing his attention.

York has knotted the score with its opposition four times in all this season, leaving them shy of critical standing points in the race for an Ontario University Athletic Association (OUAA) playoff berth this season.

They added two more draws to that total this past weekend when they played to a pair of 1-1 deadlocks with the Queens Golden Gaels and the Royal Military College Redmen.

With six games remaining in the schedule, the Yeomen are sitting in fourth place in the OUAA with a 2-1-4

record, all with one game in the loss column. Only the top two teams from each division make the playoffs.

"We can't afford to be giving points away to the weaker teams," Crandles said. "We're going to have to beat Laurentian and U of T anyway, but they'll have the edge in points by taking advantage of their games with the lower-ranked teams."

Fact is, while those one-point games add to the team's collective frustrations, they also reflect a consistent team effort, in spite of the loss of some key players to a mounting injury list.

OUAA all-star goaler Glen McNamara, with a dislocated finger, team captain Dave Gardner, with a deep thigh bruise, and striker Alex Riha with a suspected broken ankle, are kingpins in York's game and are all sidelined.

Crandles has had to bite the bullet with his rookie fill-ins, but the likes of freshmen goal tender Paul Bottos, outside striker Mauro Ongaro, and center striker Danny Reiter have

carried the load, especially over the past weekend.

Bottos, who notched his first OUAA victory, 3-2, over R.M.C., collected his first shutout and second win of the year in a 3-0 win over Trent a week ago. He got the nod in a 1-1 draw against R.M.C. Sunday when McNamara injured his finger in the pre-game warm-ups.

Ongaro and Reiter played strong games in an offensive role for York, working well in the attack zone with Ken Apostolofski, who netted both York goals over the weekend.

"I was pleased with the way they (the rookies) handled themselves," Crandles said. "They're making a big adjustment from high school to the OUAA. They've shown they can play top-notch ball and keep their heads above water."

Don't forget Saturday's re-match with the Laurentian Voyageurs, a team the Yeomen must beat to jump up in the standings towards a playoff berth. Sunday it's the Queens Golden Gaels. Both games are 2 p.m. starts on the York field.

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