

B-Ball Yeomen edge Blues, drop Ravens to lead east

By GARY SCHOLICH

The York Basketball Yeomen continued their domination of OUA East competition, posting a convincing 91-75 victory over the Carleton Ravens last Saturday night. It was a disappointing game for the Ravens who lost an 86-84 heartbreaker to Ryerson the night before.

It appeared York would run away with the game early. However, after a shaky start, the Ottawa school was able to close the gap to 16-12.

Carleton, realizing that the fourth playoff spot was still up for grabs, did not initially appear to be flat. Utilizing an aggressive defense the Ravens were competitive, pressuring the ball, setting traps and even switching zones (2-3 to 3-2). As a result, they were only down 42-32 at the half.

However, York pulled away in the second period. Ron Hepburn, a pure shooter who led York with 18 points, broke the game open with his deft shooting touch. Carleton did make it interesting by cutting the margin from 80-58 to 83-71.

In addition to Hepburn, Mark Jones contributed to a balanced attack with 14 points of his own. Jones and Wayne Shaw both had two steals which they converted. Shaw was playing tough defense, as usual, hustling for the loose ball and knocking away opponents' passes. Stuart Levinsky came off the bench to add nine.

For Carleton, Bill Holmes was awesome hitting for 31 points. He connected on 11 free throw attempts and demonstrated great range and good inside moves. Mark Ortelli added 12.

"We handled their defense well," Hepburn said, "though at times we didn't execute as well as we'd have liked."

Jones felt that his ankle was starting to respond. "My timing has been coming back lately," Jones said.

In all, York hit 34 of 68 field goal tries, along with 25 of 40 free throw attempts.

The most telling statistic was that York's front three outscored Carleton's frontline 59-36.

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It had to be the best conference game of the season.

Last Tuesday night at Varsity Arena the York basketball Yeomen maintained their unblemished record (10-0) by staving off the University of Toronto Blues, 99-92, in a thrill-

ing overtime victory. The win clinched the OUA East Division regular season crown for York.

Unlike other conference opponents, the Blues are always a threat, and in this contest, they even managed to move into the lead several times during the last few minutes. Throughout the game the Yeomen were unable to maintain a comfortable margin even though they held 25-14 and 57-49 advantages early on.

Several players played outstanding ball in this well-fought confrontation. Yeoman John Christensen hooped 23 points while dominating the offensive and defensive boards, and teammate Tim Rider contributed 24 points in a strong all-round offensive effort.

York guard Mark Jones potted 17 points, displaying quickness and strong leadership, but the standout in the game was reserve Jeff McDermid, who came off the bench and registered 20 points. His unique jumpshot, rebounding, and cool foul shooting were all essential elements of York's game.

Toronto also had a balanced offensive attack. Ronald Davidson and Fred Murrell shot well from the outside, netting 23 points each, while rookie Blues centre Mike Forestell powered to 18.

The Blues' supporters were quiet until the game was deadlocked at 74, but the Blues' Jonathan Roy sunk a lay-up to make it 76-74 in favor of Toronto, the partisan Blues fans erupted.

Last gasp efforts by the Yeomen were all important in their overtime victory. Ron Hepburn tied the game with less than a minute left on the clock, but it was Christensen's block of a Fred Murrell lay-up that really saved the day, sending the game into overtime. With a fresh start, the Yeomen simply rolled over the Blues, outscoring them by seven points.

York coach Bob Bain said, "We were well-prepared for this one, although we appeared to lose our composure a couple of times. We had some foul trouble too. U of T played very well, especially Mike Forestell."

U of T's Brian Heaney saw York's experience as the key to the overtime victory. "This is a growing experience for us," said Heaney of his own less experienced squad.

NOTES: York hit 43 of 80 field goal attempts, while Toronto scored on 34 of 68. The Yeomen bench outscored the Blues reserves 22 to 2. . . York-U of T basketball games will be hot sellers. These are the best OUA East games by far.



'SURRENDER': York Yeomen basketball team ran over the U of T blues in last Tuesday night's game. The final score was 99-92, with the game spilling into overtime.

Yeowomen zero in on playoffs

By EDO VAN BELKOM

The Yeowomen Basketball team have all but clinched a playoff berth with three consecutive wins in last week's action.

The Yeowomen soundly defeated the Carleton Robins by a score of 68-56 last Friday in Ottawa. Paula Lockyer was the top shooter for York with 13 points, followed by Yeowoman Susan DeRyke with 12.

On Saturday, York beat the University of Ottawa 73-52 without the help of team captain Ann-Marie Thuss who had been injured in the Carleton game. The victory was special for the Yeowomen since it avenged a loss to Ottawa suffered earlier in the season. Paula Lockyer

once again had a strong showing scoring 25 of the team's 73 points.

Last Tuesday, the Yeowomen easily handled the Ryerson Lady Rams 82-50. The game was a solid team effort with everyone on the team scoring points.

With these three wins the Yeowomen have now equalled last year's win record for league play, they are five and five with two games still remaining in regular season play. The team plays two games this weekend, Friday night at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday night at 6:00 p.m. as part of a double header with the men's team against Queen's. These last two games are crucial in the team's bid to secure a playoff berth.

Western wins in upset, York settles for third in volleyball tourney

By PETER BECKER

The East-West Volleyball Challenge at Tait last Sunday was anything but a challenge as only one of the four matches went past three games.

Western Mustangs beat Waterloo Warriors (15-3, 15-8, and 15-12) for the title in what can best be described as an unpredictable confrontation. Mustangs, ranked sixth in the nation, almost let the title slip from their hands as the Warriors kept fighting back. Warriors had won three of their last four meetings.

Down by six points in the first game, Waterloo took advantage of Mustang errors and drew to within one, 14-13, before Western shut the door on the Warriors' hopes.

Western ran away with the second game by scoring six points before Waterloo got on the board. The closest the Warriors managed to get was 8-9 before the 15-8 loss.

The Mustangs, who were leading 13-6 and apparently coasting to a game and match win, didn't count on the Warriors to run up six points, bringing the score to 13-12. After some tense rallies, Western negotiated the two points to give them the 15-12 win.

"They had our number early in the season," said Western coach Vaughan Peckhan about the Waterloo team, "but we've made line up changes since then that have given us a real measure of consistency that we didn't have before."

Peckhan felt the win added more to his team's character than just another notch in the win column.

"It's important to win two in a row, it adds a lot to our mental game," said Peckhan of his second consecutive win over Waterloo. "A team can always come back, they (Warriors) closed the gap, so it's never over."

The unranked Warriors may have been looking for a wild card berth

into the CIAUs with a victory over Western.

"We don't see that (wildcard berth) as our route to the CIAUs," said Waterloo coach Rob Atkinson, whose had to handle nagging injuries to his players since midseason.

"The key today was serve reception, we couldn't do it, they could,"

said Atkinson. "They (Western) played the best volleyball I've seen them play."

In the consolation game, cross-town rival York and University of Toronto met to decide the number three ranking. The Yeomen, ranked fifth nationally, defeated Varsity Blues, ranked tenth in the nation,

15-12, 15-10, and 15-10.

York, still remembered that their only loss in conference play came at the hands of Toronto, was in control all the way.

Blues only managed to test York in the first game when they went ahead 9-8, giving York a scare. Yeomen remedied that by recapturing the lead and edging out a 15-12 win.

The other two games were won on the final five points of each contest. In each game the score ended being tied at 10-10 before York pulled away to win by repeat scores of 15-10.

"It's always a grudge match against Toronto, we have healthy respect for each other. We don't want to lose to our sister school," said York coach Wally Dyba.

York played without their starting setter Dave Samek—a perennial All-Canadian—and Yeoman Walter Zanel, an OUA all-star, played on an injured ankle.

"We played three matches before today (Sunday)," said Toronto coach Orest Stanko, whose club had played Queen's twice and RMC. "We got home late last Saturday night from Kingston. We're just mentally and physically fatigued."

"We just weren't prepared for the opposition put up by York and Western," Stanko said. "We had no energy at all."

In the preliminary round Waterloo beat York 15-13, 8-15, 15-7, and 15-6 and Western defeated Toronto 15-7, 15-13, and 15-12.

Icemen cometh back with split on road

By EDO VAN BELKOM

The York Yeomen ice hockey team split a pair of games with the Laurentian Voyageurs over the weekend in Sudbury.

In the first game York overpowered the opposition 10-3 in a game that was over after the first period, said Yeomen defenceman Les Smith.

"It was 3-0 at the end of the first period, it was a boring game after that, we couldn't wait for it to be over," Smith said.

Adam Parsons netted a hat trick for the Yeomen while Brian Grey scored two goals and four assists. York was outshot in the game 37-35.

In Sunday's game, the Yeomen faced a tougher team than they did on the previous night. York once again jumped out to an early lead, but became a little complacent and allowed Laurentian to come back and the game ended up in a see-saw bat-

tle with the Voyageurs scoring last.

Mark Applewaite was not as steady as he has been in recent games and allowed a few goals that could have been stopped. York was outshot once again by a 42-31 margin. Don McLaren scored a hat trick and Rick Morrocco had a goal and two assists.

NOTES: Rick Morrocco has fully

recovered from his illness, he scored two and goals and four assists in the two games. . . Don McLaren's hat trick in the second game was a true hat trick, meaning that he scored all three of the goals in succession. . . The Yeomen play Queen's at the Ice Palace this Friday night. . . There are only five games left in regular season play.



MARK APPLEWAITE: York goalie faltered in second game.