

Purcell is right on schedule

# Yeomen tops as league enters final month

By JOHN MADDEN

Since the hockey Yeomen are entering the final month of the season, this may be a good time to review their accomplishments and take a guess at what might happen in February.

In 18 games, the Yeomen have won 14, lost three and tied one, scoring 105 goals and giving up 60. This works out to an average of 5.6 goals scored per game and 3.3 given up.

York's record in league competition is even more impressive. In compiling a perfect 5-0 record, the Yeomen have scored 44 goals (an average of 8.8 per game) and have allowed only 18 (2.8 per game.)

Actually, the club's fine showing has not been a great surprise to Coach Bill Purcell and others closely involved with varsity hockey at York.

Primarily because of Osgoode's merger with York, many talented and experienced players were eligible to play for the Yeomen this year. Incidentally, Purcell vowed five years ago when he began coaching at York that York would be on top in five years. He's right on schedule.

Talent, however, does not insure success; many teams which look impressive on paper never get off the ground. Morale is equally important in determining a club's success. Purcell described the

atmosphere which has been evident right from the first practices: "These guys were mature and were here to play hockey." Many Yeomen, having played on successful teams before, have a winning attitude which has rubbed off on their mates.

The club started off well but the players realized the game with the University of Toronto team would be an important indicator of how good they were. The Blues, Canadian champions for the past two years, were waiting to slap down the upstarts who had beaten them 3-1 the previous year. Varsity also had the important advantage of home ice.

The Yeomen fell a goal behind on

three successive occasions but rallied to tie the score each time. Their final goal, which evened the score at 4-4, came with about two minutes remaining. Purcell feels this game was the turning point in the season.

Nevertheless, the Yeomen are not the perfect hockey team. They could use more depth and consistency. They let down in skating at times and are occasionally disorganized in their own end. But they have always bounced back from mediocre efforts to play outstanding hockey.

The York fans have supported the Yeomen enthusiastically, particularly in the U of T game and the last three home games. This is

one reason the club has a perfect 8-0 record on home ice. Purcell has made it clear on several occasions that he and his players greatly appreciate this support.

What are York's chances of winning the Ontario Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship? Good. The Yeomen are currently in first place. In addition, most of their players are familiar with important games and will undoubtedly retain their poise under pressure.

But college hockey is unpredictable. Ryerson and Waterloo-Lutheran could upset the apple cart, and don't forget Laurentian. The Voyageurs have always finished first in the OIAA.

No one can say for certain who will be headed for the national championships in the Maritimes a month from now, but, up to the present, the Yeomen can certainly be proud of their efforts and the fans can be thankful they have found another diversion from the dull routine of studying.

**Ice Chips:** The junior varsity team defeated Seneca College 4-3 last week. Bill Stefaniuk had three goals and Peter Allen one. Their next game is tonight against Seneca at York's arena. Yeomen will host Oswego State tomorrow at 8 p.m.

OIAA HOCKEY STANDINGS

	G	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
YORK	5	5	0	0	4	4	10
Ryerson	5	3	2	0	2	5	6
Laurentian*	5	2	2	1	3	7	5
Trent	5	2	2	1	2	3	5
Wat.-Luth	5	0	3	2	2	3	2
Brock	5	0	4	1	1	5	2

\* Laurentian was forced to forfeit games to Trent and Brock because they used a non-reinstated professional player.

Note: Standings are for half way mark in season.

## Women's doubles lose crown at OQWCIA meet

York's women's doubles badminton team lost the OQWCIA doubles championship to the University of Waterloo team last Saturday after beating teams from six other universities at the championship badminton meet at Waterloo-Lutheran University.

York's team, Sandy Silver and Rosemary Caske, won the first game to the Waterloo girls, then lost the second. In the third game, York took a 4-0 lead, then lost the serve and started losing points. After several exchanges Waterloo was winning 11-6.

Then York won the serve and brought the score to 13-11 in their favor, only to lose it tying Waterloo 13-13 at the end.

Waterloo won the playoff 5-4.

York's Susan Fullerton came fourth in the second singles.

## Women's B-ball edged 29-28 in foul-ridden Waterloo game

By MARGIE WOLFE

In the final 14 seconds of play York's women basketball team dropped a 29-28 game to the Waterloo-Lutheran Golden Hawks last Thursday at Waterloo.

From the outset, York seemed to be controlling the play. In each of the first three quarters the guest team were outscoring their hosts. However, an unproductive final period cost the York women their victory.

The match was characterized by a great number of fouls on the part of the Waterloo team. They were called for a total of 20 personals plus one team foul.

At the other end of the court, York was playing its cleanest game of the season, allowing Lutheran only five free shots.

The first two quarters of play were close with York coming ahead 10-8 at the end of the first period and Lutheran slowly catching up, outscoring their visitors 5-4 in the second eight minutes.

In the third quarter, York looked as if it were going to runaway with the game. The Hawks were playing sloppily, and fouling heavily while York was taking advantage of these mistakes and making good on their attempts from the line.

York, at the end of the third quarter, held an im-

pressive 22-15 point lead by outshooting Lutheran 8-2 in that period.

Again, however, York's inconsistent accuracy in shooting caused them to give up the win. In the last quarter the York defence couldn't hold the fighting Lutheran team who were able to make good for 14 points while York could only hit for six.

High scorers for York were Eva Hill with 10 points and Jean Landa with nine, seven of which were foul shots.

The volleyball team fared much better however, taking their match in three straight games.

Right from the start the York team dominated the play. Scores of 15-11, 15-5 and 15-11 demonstrate the tone of the match.

Although they did win, Coach Mary Lyons believes that her team was not playing their best. Illness in the form of colds and the flu plus lack of strong competition from Waterloo-Lutheran slowed down the York's squad.

As a result of this match, the girls volleyball team is tied for first place in the league with the strong group from the University of Waterloo.

The tie will be decided this week when the York girls go to Waterloo.



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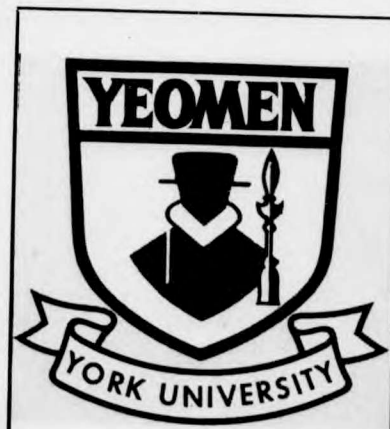


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