

B-ball Yeowomen keep final close against strong Vee side

by Judy Passley

York fans were treated to an exciting showcase of basketball Friday night at Tait-McKenzie as the Yeowomen executed a determined comeback in

the second half of their game against Laurentian, only to fall short 59-55 in the end.

In the first half York was clearly outplayed by Laurentian, the number

three ranked team in the country, in all facets of the game.

The Lady Vee guards executed an up-tempo offence midway through the first half. That changed the complexion of the game as York tried to play catchup, and wound up missing 16 shots and committing eight turnovers in the first half.

The Yeowomen could only capitalize on 11 rebounds in contrast to Laurentian's domination of the board with 20.

The Lady Vees shot 56 per cent from the floor, their accuracy from the perimeter keeping York at bay.

The Yeowomen ended the first half trailing 40-24.

The second half was a display of sheer heart as York came onto the court determined to show that it's never over till it's over.

The York bench rallied their teammates, chanting "Let's go York!"

That motivational chant from the bench must have inspired Yeowoman point guard Jennifer Cushing, for she went on to score on key three point shots to put York within ten points of Laurentian with four minutes left in the game.

York also changed their defensive game in the second half, throwing Laurentian's offence awry in the process.

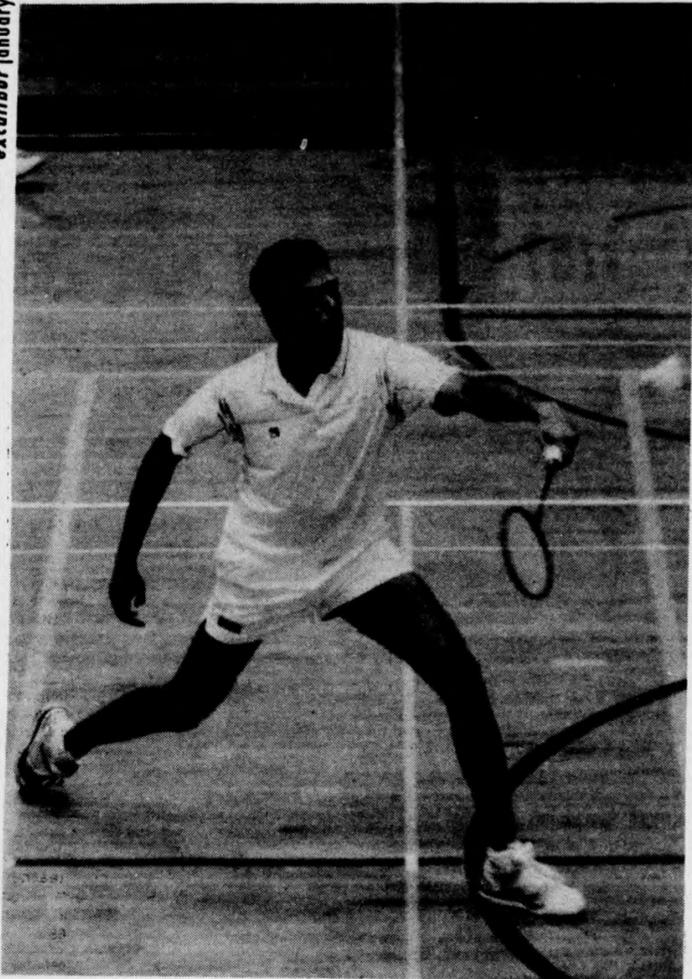
"The junk defence was used purposely as an element of surprise against Laurentian," York coach Bill Pangos said, describing the shift from the triangle and two system to the man-to-man layout he employed in the second half.

It looked as if a possible upset was in the making as York's Nancy Fairburn scored on a key baseline drive to the hoop at the four minute



GOING!! York's Joann Jakovcovic in action against Ottawa Saturday night. On Friday, the Yeowomen lost to the visiting Laurentian Lady Voyagers 59-55. That game also saw the return to action of York stalwart Cathy Amara after a month on the injury list.

photo by Michele Boesner



YEOMAN Kartik Vyas. York's badminton teams were at Ryerson over the weekend. While the men's team will be going on to the provincial championships, the women, a young squad struggling throughout the season, will have to look forward to next year

photo by Anthony Cohen

Yeomen in badminton final

by Jim Sheppard

The Yeomen will be going to the OUAA badminton playoffs for the second consecutive year.

By winning 27 of 30 matches at Ryerson over the weekend the Yeomen finished second overall, trailing first-place Western by one point.

The final standing for the top four were Western with 88 wins and 20 losses; York 87-21; Toronto 86-22; and Queen's 85-23. These four playoff teams are only separated by one point between themselves going in.

The top two teams at Ryerson, with 27 wins each, were York and Toronto. They will meet in the semi-finals in Kingston on Feb. 8.

The competition has been tight among the top four teams all year. On the season, Western edged the Yeomen 7-5, while York had a similar advantage over Queen's.

"We split 12 games with Toronto. They'll be tough in the playoffs," York coach Fred Fletcher said.

For the season, Eddy Watt, York's assistant coach and top ranked player, was fourth among number one seed players with 12 singles wins and six losses. He was the only player to beat gold-medallist Quong Hoang of Toronto. Hoang won 17 of his 18 matches.

Watt and teammate Matt Horwood ended up just out of the medals in doubles with 11 wins and seven losses.

At Ryerson, Watt won three of five singles, and teamed with Horwood to win four of five doubles matches. Number two Yeoman Kartik Vyas and number four Dan MacDonald both swept their five singles matches and teamed up for four doubles wins.

Horwood won three singles matches before giving way to team-

mate Mike Molson, who won the other two after Horwood came off to get rested. Molson and MacDonald added a doubles win by default.

The Yeowomen also continued to improve over the weekend, winning a season high 14 matches, for a year's total of 37 wins for seventh place, six points ahead of Toronto.

The playoff teams in the women's competition were McMaster, Ottawa, Western and Ryerson.

The Yeowomen lost most of their players from last season. While they improved over the course of the year, the truth is that the Yeowomen started too far behind to catch up to the OWIAA front-runners.

On an individual level, York's Dan MacDonald won all 18 of his singles matches this year, a rare occurrence in the OUAA. Teamed with Vyas, MacDonald also had a 16-2 doubles record.

York Varsity Athletics Schedule Jan. 29-Feb. 4

Friday January 31

HOCKEY
Yeomen at RMC - 7:30 pm
SQUASH
Yeomen at OUAA Team Championships at Western
(Saturday also)
VOLLEYBALL
Yeomen at Laurentian - 8:00 pm

Sunday February 2

GYMNASTICS
Yeomen at OUAA Ranking Meet II at Queen's
Yeowomen at OWIAA Ranking Meet II at Queen's
HOCKEY
Yeomen at Laurentian - 2:00 pm
TRACK & FIELD
Ontario relays at Metro Track & Field Centre

Tuesday February 4

BASKETBALL
Uofft at Yeowomen - Tait main gym - 6:00 pm
Uofft at Yeomen - 8:00 pm

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