

Shortstops

Excalibur Basketball Classic set for Dec. 27th weekend

The fifth annual *Yeomen Excalibur Basketball Classic* has attracted a number of top-notch university teams to the Tait Gym this year, including NCAA division, three reps from the University of Southern Maine Huskies; the team boasts a 20-7 record. Also included in the line-up are the McGill Redmen; third place finishers in the QUAA with a 5-7 record; the Concordia Stingers; number one in the QUAA with a 9-3 record; Laurentian, who finished second in the Excalibur tournament a year ago, and who are currently 8-4 in the OUAA's; the Guelph Gryphons; third in the OUAA with a 7-5 record; the Waterloo Warriors; fifth in the OUAA with a 6-6 record; the Western Mustangs; ranked number ten in the country; the Guelph Gryphons; ranked sixth in the country; the New Brunswick Red Raiders and the host York Yeomen. Game times are 3 p.m., McGill vs. Laurentian; 5 p.m., Maine vs. Waterloo; 7 p.m., Guelph vs. Concordia; and 9 p.m., York vs. New Brunswick.

Volleyball Classic first week back

The *Yeomen Excalibur Volleyball Classic* is set to go January 7-9. Among the teams participating are the number one ranked University of Manitoba, and 1980 champions University of Pittsburgh Panthers. Another American entry, the Ball State Cardinals, from Muncie, Indiana, were added to the card. Rounding out the field are the Western Mustangs, runners-up to York in the OUAA's a year ago, the Guelph Gryphons, undefeated in the OUAA's this year, the Waterloo Warriors, also undefeated in OUAA play, cross town rivals U of T, and the hosting York Yeomen who boast 29 consecutive match victories dating back to last January. Game times run from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. with the championship rounds getting underway Sunday at 9 a.m.

Second half holds promise

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It was more of the same for York the following Saturday night when Laurentian tripped them up for a 6-4 defeat. The loss dropped the Yeomen's record to 4 wins-5 losses, but York still has as many as three games in hand on the front runners. The Yeomen's lack of consistency

over the weekend, especially in their

own zone, has coach Bob Hedley concerned, but he doesn't feel there's any reason to push the panic button.

"I don't think that the fact that we came up flat against the stronger teams bears any kind of precedent for future games. Western's going

with something like three rookies and eleven players with major "A" experience, compared to our one. The big thing is experience and these games have taught our guys a few lessons about hockey on this level.

Hopefully we can bounce back in the second half of the season."

Hallmark win over U of T

Lamb's goaltending tames Blues for Hockey win

Elissa S. Freeman

Last Friday, for the first time in league history, the Yeowomen Hockey Team beat the U of T Lady Blues by a score of 2-0, mainly because of goaltender Debbie Lamb.

Both teams skated through a lacklustre first period, but Captain Sue Howard's last-minute goal gave the team the lift it needed to come out flying in the second period.

The Yeowomen were so charged

up, that they completely dominated the action. "We were all over them," exclaimed defenseman Cindy Clost. Andrea "Andy" DeMarco put the game further out of reach when she scored late in the period.

The game intensified in the final 15 minutes, as York frequently found themselves in the penalty box. But a combination of effective penalty-killing plus Lamb's out-

standing goaltending preserved the lead.

Her Best Game

Lamb not only thwarted three breakaways, but also faced a barrage of shots. "It was her best game yet," added Hockey convenor Mary Cicinelli.

SPORTS FLASH!!!

The *Excalibur* is proud to announce that Cross-Country Runner, Nancy Rooks, has been voted OWIAA Athlete of the Month. Rooks not only finished first in all the inter-collegiate events that she entered, but also was victorious in the OWIAA and Canadian National Cross-Country Championships.

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