



# Powerplay lacking in York loss versus Blues



BUMP AND GRIND: Yeoman Rob Miwa and a gaggle of Toronto defenders. The Thursday night game at the Ice Palace was a 5-3 loss for

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You could say the Yeomen hockey team "blue" some opportunities in this one.

Last Thursday against UofT, the Yeomen suffered with a rough start and a lacklustre powerplay. going down 5-3 at the hands of their cross-town rivals

The Yeomen struggled in the early going, and it was a giveaway in their own end that led to UofT's first goal just three minutes into the game.

The UofT lead could have gone even higher in the opening frame had it not been for the stellar play of Yeoman netminder Ted Mielczarek.

Despite a 15-13 UofT lead in shots on net, the score remained 1-0 going into the second.

The Yeomen jumped out of the gate early in the second, and their pressure paid off when Rob Miwa tied the game up just 2:49 in.

But a York win simply wasn't in the cards. The Blues added another pair before the end of the

A short-lived third period comeback gave the York faithful something to cheer about, but a pair of Blues goals sealed the victory.

The Achilles heel for the Yeomen in this one was their powerplay, which went an anemic 0-8 on the evening.

Head coach Graham Wise admitted he wasn't entirely pleased with the way his team handled the man advantage.

"We had our chances and didn't capitalize," Wise said. "We've got to tighten ourselves up. Guys have to react to situations, not think,"

Wise also felt that despite having six league games under their belt, his team is still learning their game plan.

With the win, UofT tied the Yeomen for second place in the tough OUAA East, a fact which didn't escape Blues coach Paul Titanic.

"[The division] is all up for grabs now." enthused Titanic.

Titanic says with teams like McGill and York playing inconsistently a second place finish for his squad is realistic.

Still, Titanic feels UQTR has first place all but locked up.

"You're not going to win any games with the officiating they've got in their building.

'They've got an automatic 11 wins," said the Blues coach.

Despite the Yeomen's woes on the powerplay, there were still some bright spots against UofT.

One of them was Ted Mielczarek, who continued to shine while Willie Popp sits out with a strained groin muscle.

Popp, the other half of York's puckstopping duo could be out for up to three weeks.

According to team officials, Popp suffered a second degree strain in the Yeomen's game against Laurentian two weeks



## York Varsity Athletics for the week of November 19 to 25

### Tuesday November 20

Ice Hockey

Yeomen at UofT - 7:15 pm

**Thursday November 22** 

Waterloo at Yeomen - 7:30 pm

## Friday November 23

Yeowomen host Brooks Tait McKenzie Classic (Fri.-Sun.)

### Ice Hockey

Yeowomen at Queen's - 7:00 pm

### Squash Yeomen at East Sectional at Queen's

(Fri -Sat.) **Swimming** 

Yeomen at East Sectional at UofT Yeowomen at McMaster Invitational

Yeomen at Guelph Invitational

(Fri.-Sat.)

### Saturday November 24

### Basketball

Yeomen at Windsor - 8:00 pm Ice Hockey Yeowomen at Queen's - 1:30 pm

**Sunday November 25** 

### Basketball

Yeomen at Sienna Heights (Michigan) -3:00 pm