

Play-off hopes drowned

Kevin Jones

The York Yeomen Water Polo team suffered a narrow 10-9 defeat at the hands of perennial rivals Queen's Golden Gaels last Saturday, thus failing to secure a playoff spot in OUAA competition.

In the game against Queen's, the Yeomen were in a "do or die" situation; a victory was absolutely necessary in order to make the playoffs. As it turned out they were unable to come through with the win and so their season was cut short.

The York-Queen's match was a close, hard fought game, undecided until the final seconds. The Yeomen led 6-5 at the end of the first half and half-way through the second the score was deadlocked at 8-8. In the final quarter Queen's was able to score two goals to York's one and walk away with the victory.

Trevor Man and John Cooper accounted for all of York's goals, netting 5 and 4 respectively.

Earlier in the tournament, York faced the Carlton Ravens and played an outstanding game, achieving an 8-8 tie against the undefeated Ravens, the first place finishers in the OUAA East division. Goal keeper Doug Millage played a very strong game in net and was the major force behind York's effort.

In the final game of the weekend's tournament the Yeomen rallied to come from behind to beat the cadets of RMC 8-6.

Coach Kevin Jones was disappointed that his team did not make the playoffs, but he doesn't plan to wait around till next September to pick up the pieces. In fact he said, "Next year's season will begin next Monday morning." He added that he is looking for additional athletes to replace the

three or four who will be leaving the team this year. Any interested people are encouraged to come out to the Monday and Wednesday (7-9 p.m.) practices or contact him at 667-3270.

Correction: At last week's University Challenge Cup Trevor Man was chosen as the Most Valuable Player for the tournament and not just for the York squad as was stated. Our apologies and our congratulations to Trevor Man.

Decisive match

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Can-Am Exhibition Tournament.

In this competition York faced teams from McGill and New York's Vassar College and Hamilton College. The Yeowomen surprised everyone by winning the tournament as Hamilton College was the favorite to take the title.

This win was a well-deserved one for the Yeowomen as they had to fight right down to the very last match before a winner was declared.

York's Mandy Battershell found herself in an extremely tense position by having to play in the match that would decide the tournament. She did not yield to the pressure and like a true champion came through with the win that gave York the overall title.

So far this season the Yeowomen Squash team has captured every tournament it has participated in and has to be considered one of the favorites to win the Ontario Universities title.

When coach Bob Cluett was asked if his team would be expected to win the OWIAA championships later on this month, his reply was a flat no.

"U of T has an extremely strong team with 4 of the country's top junior players on its roster and Queen's is always a powerful team in squash. We should finish third in the OWIAA's. But then, on the other hand, these girls have done nothing but surprise me all season...it would be thrilling if we won."



Nick Kheen

Puck men win 3

Jules Xavier

Last week, the York Yeomen Hockey team lived up to its promise to be a much improved team.

The Yeomen swept all three of the games they played against Ryerson, Queen's and Laurentian. Their record so far is an impressive 4-1-0.

The Yeomen opened with their first season home game Wednesday, November 12 against the Ryerson Rams, shutting them out 4-0. Al Sinclair broke a scoreless tie at 5:28 of the second period beating Rams' goaltender Mike pine.

With four seconds remaining in the second period Dave Jutzi upped the score to 2-0 in York's favour.

Third period goals by Scott Madger and Bob Arpas finished off the scoring. Brett Bloxham recorded his first shut-out of the season (on 18 shots) aided by the strong York defence.

Ninth ranked Queen's Golden

Gaels played York Friday night and from the start it was evident that it would be a high scoring game. Al Beasley drew first blood 31 seconds into the game. Queen's rebounded and took a 5-3 lead into the dressing room following the second period.

But the Yeomen got moving in the third and when the ice chips settled, York had scored 5 unanswered goals on their way to an 8-5 win.

The Yeomen took to the road on Saturday and faced Sudbury's Laurentian Voyageurs. The trip was well worth it as the York squad won its third game of the week, edging its northern opponents 4-3.

Linemates Claudio Lessio and Frank McCarthy teamed up and accounted for all of York's points. Lessio collected the hat trick while McCarthy had the single.

Lessio also scored his second straight game winning goal at 18:52 of the third period. In earlier play he scored the game winner against Queen's.

Yeowomen shine

Jules Xavier

The Yeowomen Ice Hockey Team travelled to Kingston this past weekend and came away with three points out of a possible four.

Playing in two, back-to-back games, the Yeowomen opened with a 4-3 victory, but had to settle for a 3-3 tie in the second game.

Queen's, a perennial power in women's hockey figured their main opposition this year would come from the defending OWIAA champs U of T Blues. After this weekend York has proved them wrong. York will be definitely up with the top teams come play-off time.

Debbie Lamb moved from the field hockey pitch to the ice arena as she played solidly in net during the first game. Paced by a two goal performance from Gail Stewart, York led from the start. Barb Boyes and Karen O'Bright provided the other markers.

A strong team effort and the capable goaltending from Donna

Thompson overcame a Queen's one goal lead in the second period. Sue Howard connected with less than three minutes to play to tie the score at three. Boyes and Julia Lowery scored earlier giving York a 2-1 lead before Queen's came back with two of their own to lead 3-2.

York went into Kingston confident with a lot of desire which was a key in their successful road trip.

Up to now the Yeowomen have played ten games with a 8-0-2 record. They have a strong offensive attack scoring 68 goals. With only 18 goals against teams in the league hve come to respect the steady defence and the goaltending duo of Lamb and Thompson.

Coach Norm Dobson has put together a very able crew who have showed a great deal of desire, team spirit and competitiveness that will bring respect to the Yeowomen's hockey programme at York.

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