

Equality of sexes enters into realm of York sports

York University provides a spectrum of sports for both men and women to choose from, and when there is a demand for new sports (as in the case of the Women's soccer team) those changes are made. But when there is a smaller amount of intense interest, other provisions can be made. Take the case of Kim Schweitzer, a woman member of the men's water polo team.

Schweitzer has played water polo since age 14 on girls' clubs and in high school (also on the boys' team, but not allowed to play in tournaments) and takes her chosen sport very seriously. But because there is no women's water polo team at York she was forced to play for the men's squad. "The only reason I'm playing on the men's team is because there is no women's team. I would gladly play on a women's team if there was one," Schweitzer said.

The obvious question that stands out in anyone's mind is 'will she be allowed to play on the men's team because she is a woman?' The answer to this so far has been yes!

Last year at this time the answer was an emphatic no, but in light of upcoming human rights legislation in November that will prevent discrimination because of gender, everyone involved seems to be playing it safe and allowing her to play.

Dave Chambers, coordinator of Men's Athletics, said



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that in a meeting of the Council of Ontario Universities on September 9, "We were advised that if a female wants to try out and is good enough to play we (administration) would not stand in their way."

And is she good enough to play? Brian Robertson, this year's coach, thinks so. "She's not a starter yet, but she is a high level back-up and is good enough to play in every game." This attitude is echoed by Schweitzer herself. "I earned this position," she said. "I'm on the team for merit."

The fear among upper echelon administrators is that men may begin to go out for women's team. Imagine the implications of a man trying out for the Yeomen basketball team, then getting cut and deciding to play for the women's side. As ridiculous as it may sound, it could happen. But the difference in this case is that there is no women's water polo

team and Schweitzer is good enough to play with the men and for that reason and that reason alone she should be allowed to play. While women playing among men of equal calibre is acceptable there is something in the male ego that would make the reverse situation highly unlikely.

William Sayers, Director of Communications for the Council of Ontario Universities, said, "We will be watching a number of test cases very closely. There is an uncertainty right now over what is equitable about a woman on a men's team and the possibility of a man playing on a women's team will be up for evaluation as well."

"We'll have to take a look at the league rules, they may change in the future," Sayers added.

But for now Schweitzer is a full member of the team and there is no animosity on the part of her teammates. In fact, the men on the team treat 'Big Bird' (her nickname) just like anybody else. "They just treat me like one of the guys and they don't watch their language around me or anything like that," Schweitzer said.

And about the probable focus of media attention, she doesn't mind it, saying, "If there is any publicity, I only hope that it generates more interest in women's water polo, enough so that there can be separate OWIAA league."

Field hockey Yeowomen start season with 2-0 record

By LORNE MANLY

The York Yeowomen field hockey team opened its season in fine fashion last Saturday by beating Guelph 3-0 and Western 6-0, to give the squad a perfect 2-0 record so far in their young season.

The Yeowomen were paced by Karen Hewlett who scored four goals (including a hattrick in the Western game) with Cathy Timmins, Sharon Creelman, Tracey Minaker, Sandra Levy, and Sam Brand adding singles to round out the scoring.

Coach Marina Van der Merwe was very pleased with her team's effort, as it gave the Yeowomen a good start in their quest for the national championship. Van der Merwe said that in these matches, she was trying "to put together a general strategy for the year," adding "we're trying to develop the slow-grass and astro-turf games."

The Yeowomen, who play on grass at home, will play two regular season games on the artificial playing surface of Lamport Stadium (against McMaster and Toronto). The Ontario Women's Inter-

University Athletic Association (OWIAA) and the Canadian Inter-University Athletic Union (CIAU) championships will be held there as well, making it imperative that the Yeowomen be able to operate smoothly on both surfaces.

Against Guelph the Yeowomen were unable to score in the first half playing a game better suited to the astro-turf. York's home field, which is grass, slowed the ball tremendously, blunting the effectiveness of the passing game and turning the first half into a tight defensive struggle.

In the second half though, the Yeowomen reverted to more of a long ball strategy (which entails long passes designed to gain territory and, with some luck, enable the forwards to penetrate the defensive line) resulting in three York goals.

In the Western game there was never any doubt over the outcome as York scored five first half goals en route to an easy 6-0 victory. Western spent nearly the whole first half playing in their own zone, with their only reprieves from York's offensive

onslaught coming in the breaks following a Yeowomen goal.

In the second half Western was able to break out of their zone but couldn't mount a serious threat. Sharon Bayes had an easy time in the

York goal as the Mustangs did not even get a single clear shot on net.

NOTES: The Yeowomen continued their winning ways Monday night as they defeated the Waterloo Warriors

3-0. Goalscorers for York were Sandra Levy, Karen Hewlett, and Sam Brand with Sharon Bayes collecting the shutout. The Yeowomen's record now stands at three wins and no losses.



ON THE OFFENSE: The Yeowomen are on the offensive as they were throughout the weekend. York outscored their opposition 9-0 in the two weekend games. In their last game they continued their domination of the OWIAA with a 3-0 defeat of Waterloo.

Yeomen soccer squad earn draw in Ottawa; encouraged after losing to Carleton in '84

By JAMES HOGGETT

The Yeomen Soccer team came up with a greatly improved performance from their last outing, (a losing cause against Queen's) but only played well enough to earn their first tie of the 1985 season. Last Sunday

the Carleton Ravens and the visiting Yeomen played to a 1-1 draw.

The game was a slight disappointment for York coach Norm Crandles who thought his team could have defeated Carleton. "It was the same old thing," Crandles

said. "We had a very weak finish and didn't capitalize on our chances. Over all we played really well. We were much improved from the game against Queens last weekend." But that just wasn't enough to beat the tough Carleton team.

Carleton was the runner-up last year in the OUAA, losing to Laurentian in the finals. "It wasn't all that bad," Crandles said. "Last year we lost twice to Carleton, this year we're a much improved team." York is indeed a much improved team, sporting a record this year of 3-1-1, as compared to last year's 0-5-0 record.

Carleton scored early in the first half. For the rest of the game York was forced to play catch up ball, but Carleton kept York at bay. York's only goal came late in the game on an indirect free kick shot by Tony Oliver from about twenty-five yards out.

York now find themselves in somewhat of a tight spot. Toronto continues to stretch their lead over York in the standings while Carleton is closing in. After Sunday's game Carleton stands just a single point behind York. York's most recent game was against Trent last night in Peterborough. Trent so far this year is 0-4-0.

After Trent, York's next few games will be pivotal, as York goes up against Carleton, Laurentian and Toronto. The Yeomen's performance in these games could make or break York's playoff hopes.

Women's team returns from Kingston with two-game split

By MANOJ PRAJAPAT

The York Yeowomen soccer team split two games at Queen's over the weekend to leave Kingston with a 2-1 record.

York lost the first match on Saturday to Queen's 3-1, in a game in which they had trouble buying a goal.

"With any luck we could've had four goals in the first half alone," Yeowoman head coach David Bell said. "We played well enough to win."

Queen's are last year's Ontario Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Association (OWIAA) champions and were returning from a tournament in Saskatchewan which they won. The Yeowomen could have easily won, though.

Striker Nancy Smith led the Yeowomen in scoring opportunities with three breakaways and just missed scoring by inches. York dominated play early but it was Queen's who capitalized on their breaks and had a 2-0 lead at the half.

The teams traded goals in the second half with York's goal coming from Rita Deighan.

The second game was played on Sunday, also at Queen's, against the University of Trent Nationals. The Yeowomen took out their frustration of the previous day on Trent as they trounced them 10-0.

Kim Haley opened the scoring midway through the first half on a shot from just outside the penalty area. Nancy Smith then added her first of three, followed by captain Shelley McNichol's first of five. Anna Figliano closed out the scoring with a goal in the second half.

The Yeowomen have a big weekend coming up with three important matches. York will play Trent and McMaster on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. respectively then close out the weekend with a rematch against Queen's on Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

"We have a shot at winning all three," Bell said. "If we do (win all three) that'll put us in first place. I'm sure we'll be up for these games."

It's hockey time again, the Yeomen begin their exhibition season tomorrow at 8:00 as they play host to the University of Michigan, part of the annual York/Seneca Tournament.

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