

Puck Yeowomen show improvement in latest Blues game

by Haniff Nana

Last Tuesday the injury-plagued hockey Yeowomen lost a tough game to the division-leading University of Toronto Blues.

Playing with only two lines, York was blanked 2-0 by the visiting cross-town rivals.

The strong effort by the Yeowoman squad was acknowledged by the head coaches, including UofT's

Despite being outshot 29-11, a grinding Yeowoman squad kept the game within reach for the duration.

"Everybody played very well," York coach Deb Adams said, "but we just didn't get enough shots."

The Blues played a strong game on defence, limiting York's scoring chances by clearing away most of the rebounds.

Although Toronto goalie Heather Zachary only had to make 11 saves, she was challenged by some fine Yeowoman charges.

Seven minutes into the first period, Yeowoman rookie Katie Quinn intercepted a pass in the neutral zone and with powerful strides moved in on a breakaway, only to be denied by a sprawling Zachary.

The game became chippy as the game progressed, both teams taking many unnecessary penalties.

During the second period, with a York forward in the sin-bin, Quinn made another fine play, this time blocking a point shot and clearing the loose puck down the ice.

York's veteran blue-liner Marni

Barrow demonstrated her fine skills as a premiere two-way player.

Along with making some great defensive plays, Barrow led the Yeowomen with numerous offensive rushes ala Paul Coffey.

In the third period Barrow took control of the puck behind her net, moving it up the center and splitting

the Blues' defence, only to be stopped by Zachary.

Despite this effort from York, it was not enough to defeat a multi-dimensional Blues squad which excelled on defence.

Leading the Toronto charge in this game was forward Natalie Rivara with a goal and an assist.

Even with the loss, Adams felt that the game was one of York's better of the season.

"This game is the best we've ever done against Toronto," Adams said. In a previous matchup, York came away 5-1 losers.

York now faces Queen's and Guelph in their final two games before the OWIAA finals.

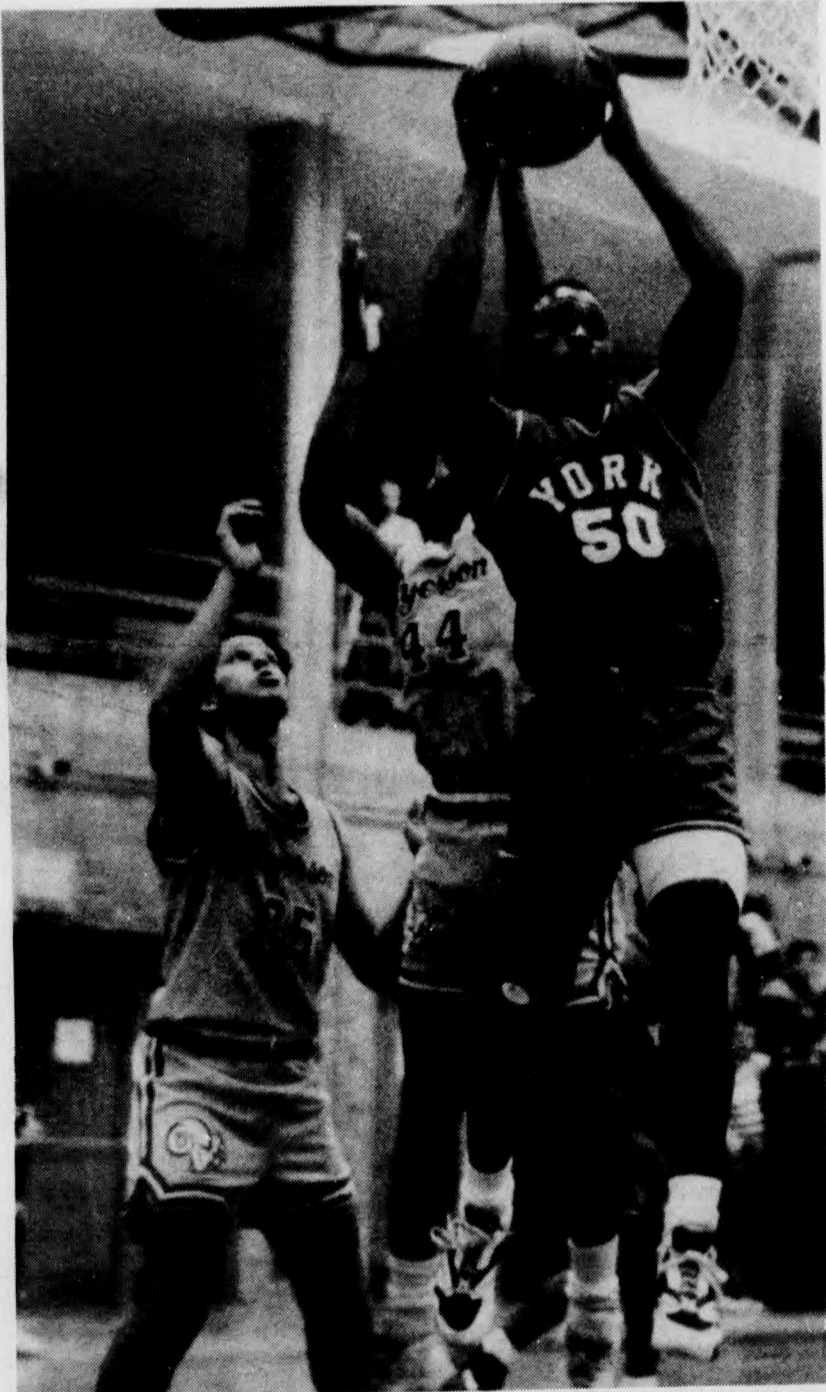
"I think everybody is up right now and it's just a question of winning those last two games," Adams said.

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Dave McMaster, who wasn't altogether pleased with his team's performance.

"I was very disappointed," McMaster said. "But you've got to give York full credit for their hard work as they never let up and they never quit."



CLIVE ANDERSON going for the net in last Tuesday's game at Ryerson. The Yeomen romped over the Rams 79-45 in spite of injuries that kept three starters out of the York lineup. Anderson himself had to leave the match later on.
photo by Michele Boesener

B-ball Yeomen trash Rams

by Riccardo Sala

Go figure.

After losing three of their most valuable players the weekend before, the basketball Yeomen romped Ryerson to the tune of 79-45 last Tuesday night at Ryerson.

Missing from the York lineup were Chris Pollman, Marc Gardner, and Mark Bellai. Clive Anderson had to leave the game with a pulled groin muscle.

"We tried to eliminate the need to use a lot of our players. We used the zone as opposed to the man-to-man defence, which uses less energy. That might have surprised them (Ryerson)

a bit," York coach Bob Bain said.

Along with the absence of Bellai, Anderson's pullout made room for the bench to shine. Forwards Lyndon Phillip and Jeff Raphael tied for most points in this game (18), the first time in a long while that either Anderson or Bellai have not led York in scoring.

The win against Ryerson gives the Yeomen a 7-1 record, the one loss coming courtesy of Ottawa — the game in which Bellai and Gardner went down.

While the injured players were practicing with the team as of Monday, their ability to play was tentative.

York travels to Queen's this Friday.

Adieu, Trois Rivieres...

by Josh Rubin

It will be the end of an era.

This Sunday at the Ice Palace, the University de Quebec a Trois Rivieres (UQTR) Patriotes will play their last regular season game in the OUAA.

While the Yeomen have an outside shot at second place in the OUAA East should they win all three of their remaining games, the game will still be important for the Patriotes, who have already clinched first.

"It's our last game before the playoffs, so of course we want to do well," said Trois Rivieres coach Dany Dube.

For Dube, it will also be a chance to scout the Yeomen, who his squad might be facing in the second round.

Somehow, it seems appropriate that the Patriotes, defending national champions, would be winding up their three year Ontario sojourn here against the Yeomen.

It was the Yeomen, after all, who the Patriotes dumped in the national semi-finals en route to their first-ever CIAU title in 1986. There has been no love lost between the two teams ever since.

Who can forget two seasons ago, when in Trois Rivieres the Yeomen came just one game away from qualifying for the national tournament, only to be denied again by the Patriotes.

This year, the Yeomen lost their first match against the Patriotes get-

ting dumped at Trois-Rivieres' Jean Talbot Arena in early November.

Depending on how the McGill Redmen fare in their final three games, the Yeomen could finish as high as third if they win Sunday's matchup. While the Yeomen have just two games left, they're only two points behind the squad from McGill.

A third place finish for the Yeomen would likely mean a first round playoff matchup with the Concordia Stingers, who have been in a tail-spin as of late after opening strong this season.

Still, York coach Graham Wise says it doesn't matter who his team faces in the playoffs.

"The teams are so close, we just can't have any preferences," said Wise, who will be without the services of forwards Jim Hulton and Rob Miwa for the last three games.

As this issue goes to press, however, it seems likely the Yeomen will have the Ottawa Gee Gees as their first round playoff opponents. They'll have a preview of that matchup this week in a rare Saturday night game at the Ice Palace.

York students with valid I.D. get in free for both weekend games and a Thursday night matchup with Ryerson. Gametime on both Saturday and Thursday is 7:30 pm. Sunday's matchup, which can be heard on CHRY 105.5 FM, starts at 2:00pm.

York Varsity Athletics Schedule February 5 - 11

Thursday February 6
HOCKEY Ryerson at Yeomen — Ice Palace — 7:30 pm Yeomen at Guelph — 7:15 pm
Friday February 7
BASKETBALL Yeomen at Queen's — 6:00 pm Yeomen at Queen's — 8:00 pm SQUASH Yeomen at OUAA Individual Championships at UofT (Saturday also) SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING Yeomen at OWIAA championships at McMaster (Saturday also) VOLLEYBALL Yeomen at Laval Invitational (until Sunday)
Saturday February 8
BADMINTON Yeomen at OUAA championships at Queen's Yeomen at OWIAA championships at Queen's HOCKEY Queen's at Yeomen — Ice Palace — 2:00 pm Ottawa at Yeomen — Ice Palace — 7:30 pm INDOOR HOCKEY Yeomen at Guelph Invitational (Sunday also) SWIMMING Yeomen at OWIAA championships at Ottawa (Sunday also) TRACK & FIELD York at Toronto Classic — 2:00 pm
Sunday February 9
HOCKEY UQTR at Yeomen — Ice Palace — 2:00 pm
Tuesday February 11
VOLLEYBALL UofT at Yeomen — Tait main gym — 6:00 pm UofT at Yeomen — Tait main gym — 8:00 pm

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