

Yeomen aim for first



Yeomen forward David Jutzi (10) receives some assistance along the boards from a McMaster player during OUA A action this past Saturday. Jutzi scored one goal in York's 6-3 victory.

Jules 'Sparky' Xavier

The York Yeomen, under the guidance of rookie coach Chris Kostka have made believers of themselves after this past week's action. Other teams in the league have also come to believe that the Yeomen of today are no easy push over when it comes to their play on the ice surface.

Their record for the season has been a steady climb to the top, a goal that is not out of their reach going into the home stretch of the season.

The Yeomen moved into second spot with a record of 7-3-3, just one point behind front running U of T Blues.

The movement upwards in the standings can be accounted for by York's two decisive victories over Laurier Golden Hawks and the McMaster Mauraders.

Second year goalie Brett Bloxham played his usual solid game and kept the Hawks at bay while the Yeomen scored a 4-3 victory. Al Sinclair, Alf Beasley, Dave Jutzi and Frank McCarthy provided the fire power for York.

While the penalty box kept numerous visitors coming and going, the Yeomen doubled the score on the Mauraders 6-3 in a game that was undecided until the late minutes of the third period.

Either team had a chance to gain the victory but York's ability to come back in the third period, something that has been apparent thus far this season, was the case again.

Both teams played a physical type game but the edge seemed to be in York's favour as they seemed to take control midway through the third period. Bloxham's performance was steady but the men on the blue line, especially John Campbell's play was also a big part in the victory.

Campbell set up two goals while Claudio Lessio added two goals and an assist, with singles going to Kevin Johnstone, Beasley, Jutzi and McCarthy.

McCarthy leads the team with 20 points, followed closely by Sinclair with 19 and Lessio 18.

The Yeomen are in St. Catharines tonite to take on Brock while this Saturday at 2:00 p.m. the Laurentian Voyageurs take to the ice at the Ice Palace.

Upset No. 1 Saskatchewan

Team suffers in finals

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The Yeowomen volleyball team travelled to our neighbouring province of Manitoba, home of the Winnipeg Jets, to take part in the University of Winnipeg Volleyball Invitational.

Their play at the tournament showed other teams why they've been included in the CIAU's rankings. The team is presently holding down 7th spot.

The Pandas of Alberta felt the wrath of the Yeowomen power first, with York sending the Pandas scurrying from the courts with an easy 3-0 victory. After 33 minutes York had easily outplayed their opponents with scores of 15-4, 15-1, and 15-4.

The host team fared no better coming close only in their first game. York played consistently winning three straight (17-15, 15-11, 15-6).

A gutsy comeback

The turning point in the match according to Coach Merv Mosher was the "gutsy" comeback in the first game after trailing 15-14.

Veteran Fiona MacGregor set a tournament record with the highest kill percentage as she went 16 for 19 in spiking, an 84% mark.

In semi-final action York faced the No. 1 ranked University of Saskatchewan. If there was to be an upset in the tourney York came up with it at a crucial time. Facing the power in university volleyball, York took the challenge and came up with one of their best performances to date winning 3-2.

Saskatchewan won the first game 15-12 but York came right back winning the second 15-4. York's scrappy defense refused to give up after losing the next game 15-8.

With Ellanna McKendry's record setting performance in the spiking department (26 kills in one match), York advanced to the finals by winning the next two games 15-8 and 15-10.

The two hour marathon came down to the critical tie-breaking game with both teams tied at 2-2. The teams remained stalemated at 11-8 for 10 rotations, before York pulled away to advance to the finals.

An anti-climatic affair

Sixth ranked University of Manitoba took to the courts against York in what seemed to be an anti-climatic affair. York suffered a lapse in their play after the upset win over Saskatchewan. They lacked their usual hustle that had advanced them to the finals, with York losing 3-1 with scores of 16-14, 12-15, 11-15 and 7-15.

X-rated: At the conclusion of the tourney three Yeowomen were selected to the All-Star team indicating the team effort involved in getting to the finals. Marla Taylor, McKendry and Trish Barnes were chosen while Taylor received an award for her tournament record of most assists. Barnes also picked up an award for collecting the most kills in the

tournament... Home action commences **January 22, 7:00 p.m.** vs. Brock... Central Division Record is 6-0 good for first place.

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