

S P O R T S

Yeowomen cagers nail down a pair of weekend victories

By CHRISTINE GOMES

The Yeowomen basketball squad capped a busy but successful weekend last Saturday with a victory over the Ottawa Gee-Gees after mauling Queen's 55-31 the night before.

Playing two games in as many days, the Yeowomen showed stamina by easily defeating Ottawa, 67-50. The Gee Gees failed to put any points on the scoreboard until the six and a half minute mark of the first half and by that time York had built up a 10 point lead.

The Yeowomen could have even widened the gap due to Ottawa's eight turnovers but York couldn't take full advantage. Despite the lack of success shooting, they still led 30-19 going into the dressing room at the end of the first half.

"We were unfortunate in the key area," Yeowoman Jean Graham said. "We got fouled, nothing was called and we got a bit frustrated but we kept on trying."

In the second half, both teams started to get on track showing more patience in playmaking and shooting. Accuracy rose alongside the

score, with York's tally climbing faster due to higher percentage opportunities.

Fifth year star forward Jean Graham was the leader for the Yeowomen, racking up 20 points to push up her game scoring average to an impressive 13.4. Michelle Sund added 16 points for York while Louise Dube and Caretta Williams of Ottawa scored 17 and 16 points respectively.

The win improves York's record to 5-2 and moves them a little closer to their season objective. "We are aiming for second (in the east division) and no less than third," said coach Bill Pangos.

Laurentian, ranked second behind Victoria for top spot in the nation, is the clear choice for first in the east and Ontario. An obstacle for that second spot is cross town rivals the University of Toronto. In their last meeting U of T came out strong and nearly ran away with the game but York surprised themselves and the Lady Blues when late in the game the Yeowomen rallied back for 10 unanswered points. "If we were to have kept up that same emotion for the whole time it would have been a

different game," Graham said.

Another goal for the team is making the playoffs. Coach Pangos thinks that "the playoffs are looking good for us . . . but we have to tidy up a few things." These few things include "trying to establish control of the ball a little more. We had a habit in the early season to take the quick shot and now we're trying to work the ball more and work the offence. Shot selection awareness is important and our players are starting to realize it," Pangos added.

A former Varsity Blues guard, Pangos is in his first year coaching for York. The Yeowomen are pleased with their coach, in particular Jean Graham who said she was "surprised he (Pangos) knows so much about the game being such a young coach. He is able to get full potential out of each player . . . he knows a lot about the game and he has exciting ideas."

York will try and further realize all their objectives when they meet Ottawa for the second and final match-up of the regular season for these two teams. The Gee Gees will try to avenge their loss tomorrow on their home turf.



HITTING THE BOARDS: Rookie Sue Greenspan gets inside position for the easy lay-up.

BABAK AMIRFEZ

Olympians win big

By ROBERTA DI MAIO

Over 2,000 people viewed hockey at its best Monday night as the Canadian Olympic team and the OUA All Stars met at Varsity Arena.

The game featured end-to-end action with Team Canada showing speed and solid teamwork as they downed the OUA All-Star team by a score of 6-1.

"We expected to give Team Canada a good game," said Dave Chambers, Head Coach of the OUA All Stars as well as the York University Yeomen. He also added "we thought it would be nice to win." York assistant coach Graham Wise helped Chambers with the coaching chores.

Having the pick of the crop, Team Canada looked very polished early in the game, scoring three goals on OUA and U of T's goalie Mark Hamlin. These three goals were scored after Hamlin was hit above the knee in the first period. He failed to stop the next three consecutive goals.

Team Canada's head coach Dave King said the games "serve two purposes. "One, they provide good

competition for the Olympic team and secondly, the Canadian Olympic Team's coaching staff has an opportunity to look at the best players in the conference."

Thompson Arena, in London hosted the second of a two game series between the All Stars and Team Canada. The All Stars came closer to Team Canada this game, losing 4-3.

In the second game the All Stars were more used to playing together and "they were more used to our strength of play," said Don McLaren, ex-Yeoman and present player for Team Canada. "They were tougher than Monday night," added McLaren.

One of the three goals scored by the OUA All Stars was scored by York's Brian MacDonald who joined the All Stars for Tuesday night's game only.

The second game allowed for the "players to adjust to playing the speed of Team Canada," said Chambers and added, "the series showed we have a very good league, the players that represented OUA All Stars played very well and the game could have gone either way."



IN AN OLYMPIC POOL: York's Brian Gray is surrounded by Gord Sherven, Zarley Zalapski and Ken Berry.

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