

# SPORTS

Have to settle for fourth

## Yeowomen can't put it together at Tait Classic



Western and a 67-52 loss to touring favourite, Bishop's. Bishop's first victory was a 73-32 thrashing of the Mustangs.

### Diminished offense

From the opening minutes of the game, it was evident that York had completely lost its offensive drive as it took a full four minutes (an eternity in a basketball game) before a bright 72 hit up on the scoreboard. Unfortunately, by this time, the Lady Westmen had already scored ten points.

Winnipeg's defense kept York on the periphery of the key for most of the half; they simply could not work their way into score. On the defensive end of the court, the Yeowomen left plenty of holes which Winnipeg ran through to score. The half score was 45-16 with Winnipeg out in front. Half-time stats show York shooting 22 per cent from the floor compared to 47 per cent for Winnipeg. York also had a total of 10 rebounds to Winnipeg's 24.

The second half was not much better. The Yeowomen still lacked the aggressiveness needed to score baskets. There were times when York started to press, intercepting a few Lady Westmen passes, but they could not capitalize on the turnovers. However, rookie Anne Marie Thus did play an extremely aggressive game, breaking up quite a few of Winnipeg's passing plays.

Photo: Mario Scatoloni

### Classic

Kim Holden looks puzzled, as well she should; the Yeowomen had to settle for fourth place at the Tait Classic.

Nonetheless, Winnipeg emerged as Free Throw. Congratulations go to Nancy Harrison who was chosen as a Tournament All-Star. York opens the New Year with the McGill Invitational Tournament to be held January 7-9.

Elissa S. Freeman

"Erratic" is the word you'd have to use if asked to describe the overall play of the Yeowomen Basketball Team during the Tait McKenzie Classic. While the team is tied for first place in the Eastern Ontario Division, it is obvious that out-of-province competition is too much for them to handle.

Their first match-up was against Halifax's unranked Dalhousie Tigers. The Yeowomen managed to squeak through with a 64-62 win. First half action saw York run wild, picking their way through the open lanes of Dal's defense and capitalizing. Dal eventually tightened up, however, managing to pull within six points with York leading 36-30 at the half.

### Squeaked by Dalhousie

The second half was all Dal, as they marched York on offense as well as defense. The Tiger's defense, cheered on by their benchmates, shut down the York offense on five consecutive drives to the basket. Had York been able to score, they may have put the game out of reach; but this was not the case. Dal's offense was on the loose, sparked by 5 feet 4 inch guard Angella Colly, intercepted many a York pass. In the dying minutes of the game, the score was tied 36-36. Dal's score intercepted many a York pass. In the dying minutes of the game, the score was tied 36-36. Dal's score intercepted many a York pass. In the dying minutes of the game, the score was tied 36-36.

### Lost to McGill

York's next game was against Quebec powerhouse, the McGill Martlets. Described by Coach Frances Flint as a "belligerent and aggressive team", the Martlets dominated first half. York was down by more than ten points when they took to the boards for the second 20 minutes. Some exciting action saw the Yeowomen pull within five points, but their offense wasn't able to carry them over the top. Subsequently, York dropped a 70-62 decision. Top scorers were Nancy Harrison with 18 points and Ann McEachern with 14.

York's 1-1 tournament record set up the bronze medal match with the Winnipeg Lady Westmen, whose record included a 59-49 victory over the Yeowomen. However, Coach Bob Hedley said, "They've got size, strength, speed—they can do it all. We really weren't much competition for them tonight."

### Don't panic yet

Mark Zwol

"It was brutal—we were just killed out there", said a somewhat disconcerted Assistant Coach, Wayne Dillon, after York's Friday night 10-4 drubbing at the hands of the Western Mustangs.

The Yeowomen were outmuscled, outlasted, and just plain outplayed in every department. There wasn't a moment in the match when a red and white jersey wasn't being checked or hounded by an opposing Mustang. Western, reputedly the "most talented team in the league", came into the game with a third place standing in the OVA league.

"They were awesome," Coach Bob Hedley said. "They've got size, strength, speed—they can do it all. We really weren't much competition for them tonight."

### Playing catch up

At no time did the Yeowomen pack it in, however, and the fact that they were "pumped" for the match-up with the powerhouse Westerners was evidenced by a goal from Bill Ellison, who converted a Scott Magdar pass at 0:37 seconds of the first period. But by the 5:23 mark of the first period, Western carried the play to the Yeowomen, often sending three men in to forecheck, which caused a number of costly giveaways.

York managed to pull within a goal of the Mustangs near the end of the first period; it looked like they'd taken enough hits and finally decided to give Western a bit of their own medicine. Toby Tobiason completed a neat three-way passing play from Martin Perry and James Canton after Canton had pounced on a loose puck produced by some malicious forechecking. Less than two minutes later, Mike McCauley

## Sportlite

Western didn't leave York much room to skate as they dumped the Yeomen 10-4 last Friday.



Excel would like to apologize for the errors that appeared in last week's SPORTLITE. First, the York Expedition Outdoor Club was incorrectly referred to as The York Outdoor Club. Fifty-five people, not 30 attended the club's opening meeting. The club's founder Ronnie Ng has informed us that the club's motto is, "It is not what the club can do for you, it is what you can do for the club". The York Expedition Outdoor Club meets twice a month at Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m., in the Founder's Senior Common Room. The next meetings are scheduled for the fifth and 19th of January. The club is holding its first workshop this Friday, December 10th, at 5 p.m. The topic to be discussed and demonstrated is Kayaking, and the place to be is the Tait Pool.

The second period, however, belonged to the Mustangs as they scored three unanswered goals to take a commanding 7-3 lead. Most of the 36 shots they hammered at York netminder Dave Stewart were from close range. The Yeomen had their hands full trying to clear Mustang bodies from the crease area which left Stewart with the unenviable task of trying to pick the puck out from a screen of legs, arms, sticks, and bodies.

### All Mustangs in second

"Our defencemen weren't taking the man all night," Hedley said. "Anytime you give a team like Western that kind of opportunity, they're going to cash in on it."

### more of same Saturday

Les Smith's goal at 14:32 of the final frame made the Yeomen effort respectable, but Western was just too strong to allow York to mount any kind

Gord Cutler stands up for his end of the ice, but on the whole, York had problems clearing men from in front of their goal area.



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