

# Yeowomen pucksters gain respect

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The Yeowomen Ice Hockey team are lifting a few eyebrows these days.

With four games completed the Yeowomen are third with a record of 2-1-1.

At this point last year the team sat in last place with a dismal 0-4-0 record, scoring 4 goals while being scored upon thirty times. This year they've scored fourteen while giving up only thirteen.

In last Wednesday's meeting with McMaster, the Yeowomen outshot their opponents 33-16 and doubled their score, 6-3 gaining their second win of the season.

At 3:28 of the first period Gail Stewart fed Kelly Scero with a pass which she converted into York's first goal.

McMaster evened the score a minute later, beating Deb Lamb close in. With two minutes remaining in the first period McMaster took the lead as they intercepted a York pass and backhanded a shot over a sprawling Lamb.



Rookie Gail Stewart fires from close range at McMaster's goal in York's 6-3 victory.

McMaster led 2-1 at the end of the first but were outshot 11-3 as the Marlin goaltender stymied the York offense.

With 17 seconds gone in the second period Stewart set up Scero for her second goal, tying the game 2-2.

At the 1:08 mark Barb Thompson made it 3-2 for York, as she redirected a shot from Maureen Corrigan, past the McMaster goalie.

York's Sue Howard fired a 20 foot wrist shot that glanced off the goaltender's stick and into the net.

Nine seconds later Stewart scored on a powerplay picking up a Barb Boyes rebound, after Karen O'Bright had deflected the initial shot off the goaltender.

McMaster closed to within two as they scored with three minutes remaining in the second period, leaving York with a 5-3 lead going into the third period.

York's final goal came in the third period as Howard collected her second goal of the night with assists going to Corrigan and O'Bright.

Howard missed the hattrick, robbed by McMaster's goalie on a breakaway with just three seconds remaining.

"The physical play of McMaster did not affect the play of York," commented forward Lisa Biglin, adding, "We played well as a team and our lines just clicked."

On Biglin's part that was an understatement. Her line with centre Stewart and winger Scero accounted for three of York's six goals.

The smooth skating of rookie sensation Gail Stewart apparent. She was a standout in the game both defensively and offensively.

One Western Mustang male player commented while watching the game on her play, saying, "She's an excellent skater with good skills. She'd play on my team if girls were able to."

Second year veteran Sue Howard also stood out with two goals, while rookie defenceman Barb Boyes had three assists.

Monday night York suffered their first loss of the season, losing 4-1 to cross-town rivals University of Toronto.

After a scoreless first period the Blues opened the scoring two minutes into the second period.

Two minutes later Julie Lowrey fed Howard with a well timed pass. Howard beat U of T netminder Karen Ranson with a low wrist shot from the slot.

U of T went ahead to stay on a powerplay at the 6:49 mark, scoring again moments later to give them a 3-1 lead.

A controversial goal was



Sue Howard (No. 14) cuts in around the U. of T. defender in order to shoot the puck at goalie Karen Ranson. U. of T. won 4-1.

disallowed which would have put York back into the game. A shot from a York player hit the top inside post bouncing back and onto the goal line which Ranson pulled from the net. The game's only referee signalled 'no goal' from just inside the blueline, a position where she had no angle to judge the call properly, if not fairly.

The Blues put the game out of reach for York by scoring while York had a two man advantage.

U of T goalie Ranson again kept York off the scoreboard continually frustrating York's forwards. Blues defenceman Tracy Eatough was also instrumental in thwarting the York attack. York were outskated by the Blues throughout the game.

York was outshot 24-15, but Ranson's play was the key to U of

T's win. U of T coach Dave McMaster commented following the game that his team was up for the game but conceded, "We've got the best goalie in the league." It was evident during York's loss that his comment held true.

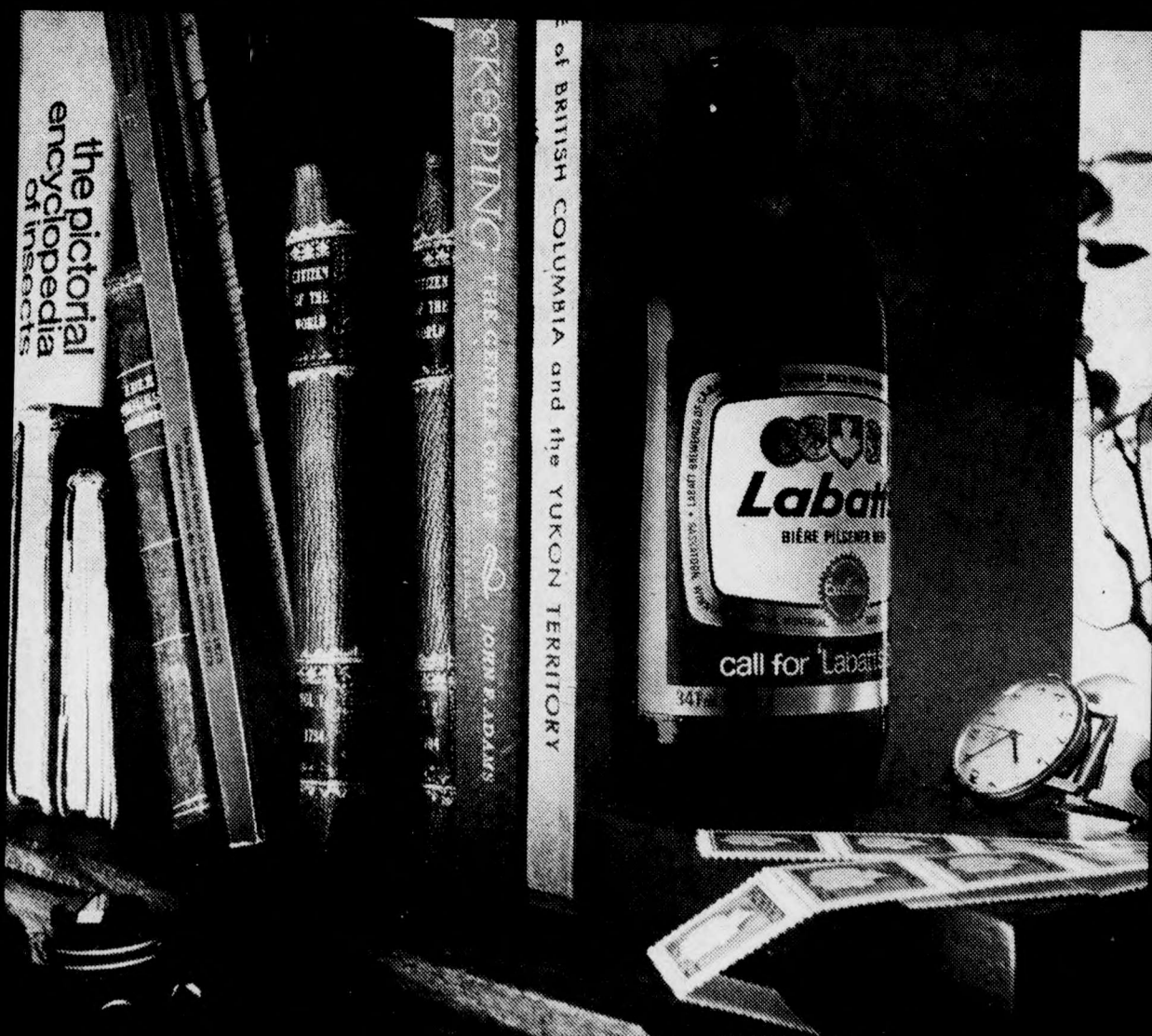
York's next game is a home game against the Blues on January 9, 1981.

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