

Yeowomen take silver medal at CIAU finals



TEN DOWN AND ONE TO GO: Unfortunately, Sandra Levy and the rest of the Yeowomen couldn't get one past U of T goaltender Catherine Jones.

By NICK LAPICCIARELLA

With a gutsy display of hard work the York Yeowomen field hockey team captured the silver medal at last weekend's national championships.

After upsetting the Victoria Vikettes in the semi-finals Saturday, York fell to the U of T Blues 2-0.

The hard work exhibited throughout the tournament got the Yeowomen to the final game but it may have left them without that extra bit of energy necessary to overtake the Blues. According to York's coach Marina Van der Merwe, York was outplayed by an older and more experienced Toronto squad. "The young bodies couldn't hold out," Van der Merwe said. "We had to play hard throughout the tournament but we lost a bit of zip."

Even though it was a far cry from the 5-1 shellacking that York suffered at the hands of the Blues during the Ontario championships the week before, the Yeowomen were still unable to capitalize on their opportunities. Conversely the Varsity Blues made the most of their opportunities when they came. According to Van der Merwe, "We played the same style they did but they got the breaks and we did not."

U of T's first goal was scored by Stephanie Hansauld on a play that York goalie Sharon Bayes had no chance on. The second goal was scored by Karen Whitfield on a penalty corner.

York had quite a number of chances in the second half to try and get one on the board. However, the stellar goaltending of Catherine Jones and a strong defense thwarted every opportunity of the Yeowomen.

York's Sandra Levy was proud of the team's hard work and never say die attitude. "Mentally we were sharp and we played hard," Levy

said. "I wasn't disappointed, we played strong all the way through the tournament."

Sharon Bayes, who along with Sandra Levy and Tracy Minaker were selected as Tournament '11' all-stars, put the game into perspective. "Perhaps we did not capitalize on our chances but Toronto did not have many chances either," Bayes said. "When they did (have chances) they scored. Before today, we played two really hard games. We know we can beat a team like this with the two ties against them in the last two weeks."

Minaker gave every indication that York will return even stronger next year. "This year we were rebuilding with many young players in the lineup," Minaker said. It was also the first time we had more (fan) support than the Blues. It was a great feeling."

To get to the gold medal game, York won their first game on Friday, beating the University of Moncton 4-0. Minaker scored a pair of goals while Cathy Timmins and Sandra Levy collected singles. Minaker was selected player of the game.

Later the same day York played their arch-rival Varsity Blues and ended up in a 1-1 tie. Minaker scored for York in the first half and Bernie Casey answered for Toronto. York goaltender Sharon Bayes was a standout and was voted player of the game.

On the Saturday afternoon game, York registered the major upset of the tournament against the University of Victoria Vikettes. Both teams endured 70 minutes of cold weather and another 30 minutes of overtime in a steady rain before York defeated a surprised Victoria squad in penalty strokes (a form of penalty shots). York player Cathy Timmins was selected as most valuable player of the game.

Three Yeowomen selected to all-Canadian team roster by Field Hockey Association

By JAMES HOGGETT

York Yeowomen field hockey players Sharon Bayes, Tracy Minaker and Sandra Levy were named to the Canadian Inter-University Athletic Union (CIAU) All-Canadian Teams this past weekend at the CIAU Championships at Lampport Stadium.

Minaker, a forward, and Levy, a midfielder, were named to the First Team while Bayes, a netminder, was named to the Second Team. Ironically enough Bayes, a 21-year-old second year Arts student was overlooked by the selection committee for the First Team even though a First Team netminder was not chosen. Bayes seemed a logical choice as she also plays for the Canadian National team.

Minaker, 19-year-old second year Arts student is also a member of the National Under-21 team along with 20-year-old second year Arts student Levy. Minaker scored 12 goals in 10 league games plus two goals in the OWIAA playoffs. Levy also had a very impressive record this season scoring 13 goals in 10 league games and three goals in the OWIAA playoffs.

In York's game on Saturday against Victoria in the CIAU Championships, Levy added her name into the record books by being the only player to score a goal against the Vikettes this season.

Minaker, Bayes, Levy and the rest of the Yeowomen field hockey squad now prepare for their indoor season which starts with the York Invitational on January 24 and 25.



TOP OF THE CLASS: Three chilly Yeowomen (Bayes, Levy, Minaker) pose with their tournament plaques and medals.

ERRATA

Re: Swim article *Excalibur* October 30. Captain Robinson was given credit for swim victories in the 100 m butterfly and 200 m individual medley when in fact those events were won by rookie Peter Darvas.

Re: Volleyball article *Excalibur* October 30. The headline should have read "Some stiff competition keeps volleyball 'Yeowomen' in check." The writer also identified Sherbrooke as bronze medalist winners, when in fact Manitoba took the award. We regret any inconvenience caused by these errors.



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