

Victoria Vikettes win CIAU championship

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commented on the loss by saying, "It is not a disappointment when you are beaten by such a strong team. They have 15 high performance athletes on their team, who are training for world championship competition at various age groups."

Although each team in the division finished with a respectable record of 1-1, York was eliminated from championship play because they had the lowest goal differential. The University of Victoria with a +2 finished in first and Calgary with an even 0 finished in second, while York with a -2 finished in third.

In the other division, U of T won both their games to finish in first while UBC defeated the University of New Brunswick to finish in second and therefore allowing them to advance into the next round.

York then played UNB for fifth and sixth place. It was a game in which the magnificent Sharon Creelman scored three goals to lead the Yeowomen to a 3-1 victory. Creelman said, "It was nice to score those goals because I went to UNB in my first year of university. I would like to be playing in the finals, but we just got beat by a much more experienced team. If our rookies continue to improve, then we should be stronger for next year."

Three Yeowomen, Sharon Creelman, Sandra Levi, and Sharon Bayes, were selected to the CIAU all-star team. Coach Van Der Merwe

said, "These players are the nucleus of the team, and we have to build around them in order to win a championship." Coach Van Der Merwe plans to give her team a week off, and then she will begin to prepare them for next year.

Yeowoman Sandra Levi felt that York had a great season, despite their loss to Victoria. "I think we peaked last week at the OWIAA Championships, because we just weren't as intense this weekend," Levi explained. "However, I think this tournament was good for us, because it opened the eyes of some of our younger players as to just how good you have to be, if you want to win a national championship."

Great goaltending and a strong defensive play were the two prominent features in the final games of the tournament. UBC managed to squeak past Calgary to win the bronze medal, while the championship game featured defending CIAU champions U of T Lady Blues against the relentless University of Victoria. Even though both teams remained very close throughout the game, a quick goal in the second-half gave the Vikettes another victory and the championship.

Vikette coach Lynne Beecroft said, "This has been the best CIAU championship I have ever seen. All six teams had a great chance to win, and I'm just glad that we were able to come out on top."



THE BRIMMER MOVES IN: York Yeoman No. 7 Kent Brimmer is stopped in close by Waterloo netminder Mike Bishop. The Yeomen were victorious in their home opener downing the Warriors by a score of 4-2. The Yeomen know prepare for their double-header weekend at the Ice Palace.

JENNIFER CRANE

Hockey Yeomen undefeated in four face 4-0 Trois Rivieres Saturday

By GARRY "HOWIE" MARR

Usually, hockey is played with five skaters and a goalie on each side of the rink, but the York Yeoman's home opener against the visiting Waterloo warriors proved to be the exception to the rule. Both teams played short-handed for most of the game last Thursday night, but York managed to come away with a victory, beating the Warriors 4-2.

It was a game marred by penalties, with 39 minor penalties handed out by referee Ralph Sparks. In addition to some overzealous officiating, a new OUA rule also contributed to the incredible amount of short-handed play.

In an archaic decision, the CIAU decided to eliminate substitutions on coincidental minors. The OUA decided to adhere to this policy and the result was clearly evident in the York-Waterloo game.

Constantly slowed by penalties, the game took nearly three hours to play. York Coach Graham Wise, commented that "as a spectator it certainly takes the flow out of the game." Wise indicated that the Yeomen have had to practise three-on-three and four-on-four situations this year.

In addition, Wise feels that his team does not benefit from less men

on the ice. Wise likes to use all his players and York has the depth to do this.

With many players only seeing limited action, there was frustration evident on both benches. The Yeomen managed to secure an early 2-0 lead, before the stampede to the penalty box began.

Brian MacDonald scored 1:07 into the game. MacDonald deflected a Lou Kiriakou shot from the point. Kiriakou was later forced to leave the game due to injury, but he indicated it was not serious.

The Yeomen got another quick goal from Nick Kiriakou, York player of the game, on a play that developed from behind the net. MacDonald and Doug Archie received assists on the play. Before the first period was over, Chris Glover made it a 2-1 contest on a four-on-three powerplay by beating Scott Mosey up top.

The second period again saw the Yeomen outscore the Warriors by a margin of 2-1. Steve Balas scored for Waterloo on the powerplay to tie the game up, but York fought back with two unanswered goals.

Nick Kiriakou made it 3-2 York on what he described as, "One of the easiest I will score all season." Darren Gani drew Waterloo goalie Mike Bishop out of his net and fed to

Kiriakou who had an open net to shoot at.

Greg Rolston scored on a jam in front of the Waterloo net to give the Yeomen a 4-2 lead that turned into the final score after a scoreless third period.

Coach Wise said that "there was not much difference" between the two teams on the ice.

The Yeomen outshot the Warriors 38-27 and held a small edge in scoring opportunities.

Don McKee, head coach of Waterloo, indicated that the game was indicative of the high level of play in the Central division, as compared to a much weaker Western division.

Bill Maguire, captain of the Yeomen, indicated that York's first five games would be a good test for the team.

York travelled to London Saturday night where they beat Western 6-5, remaining undefeated.

Greg Rolston scored two, while, Brian MacDonald, Brian Gray, Kent Brimmer, and Lawrence Smith added singles.

This weekend, the Yeomen have a double-header, playing last year's CIAU champions Trois Rivieres (UQTR) Saturday night, followed by Ottawa on Sunday. Tickets for Saturday's game will be honoured again on Sunday at the Ice Palace.



JAMES HOGGETT

VIKETTES HAVE BANNER YEAR: The Victoria Vikettes captured the CIAU field hockey championship last weekend at Lampport Stadium. Taking the silver was U of T, the bronze went to Dinnies of Calgary.



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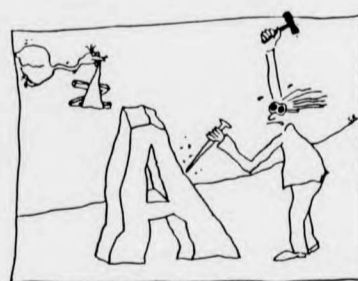
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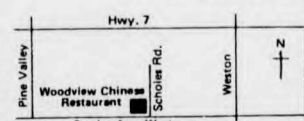
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