

SPORTS

Basketball Yeowomen fourth at Tait Classic Tournament

By JACOB KATSMAN

It was university women's basketball at its best as the York Yeowomen hosted the ninth annual Tait McKenzie Basketball Classic.

York controlled their first game of the tournament against Windsor with strong defense and offensive rebounds. York led by 20 points at the half, but could not keep up the intensity throughout the game. Windsor came back in a losing effort as York prevailed 65-56.

In the second game York faced the fifth ranked Winnipeg Wesmen. A well-composed Wesmen team dominated the Yeowomen on the boards and from the perimeter. In the last ten minutes the Yeowomen lost their composure and allowed the Wesmen to run up a 23 point lead. The game ended in a 74-51 loss for York.

Head coach Bill Pangos attributed the loss of intensity to his team's youth. "Winnipeg is a tough team," said Pangos. "We still don't have enough experience in such 'cut throat' tournament play."

The loss to Winnipeg put York

into the bronze medal game against the Manitoba Bisons, last year's CIAU National Champions. The Bisons came off a disappointing 62-81 loss to the University of Toronto Blues to confront York for the bronze.

York's Tammy Naughton kept the Yeowomen close in the first half with strong drop-step moves inside to the basket. Michelle Sund swished a couple of outside shots to close a Manitoba ten point lead to 34-31 at half time.

In the second half it was all Manitoba. Bison Kim Bertholet became a one-woman demolition team. Bertholet, a member of the Canadian National team, was MVP at the '87-'88 National Championships. The Bisons exploited the Yeowomen defence and closed out York's bronze medal hopes with a 77-52 final.

"I couldn't believe our second half against Manitoba," said Pangos. "We had the opportunities to make it close, but the ball was rolling out of the Manitoba basket. But that's what happens; good teams make their own opportunities."

The York players had a simple explanation for their performance against Manitoba. "It was our rookies against their national team," said first year guard Tanya Philp.

"We didn't get the ball inside enough," added Tammy Naughton who led the Yeowomen with 22 points.

As a result the Yeowomen had to settle for a respectable fourth-place finish. Shining for the Yeowomen was Michelle Sund, selected to the tournament MVP team.

Considering that the Yeowomen team is comprised mainly of rookies, the coaching staff was satisfied with the team's performance. "I'm very proud of our girls," said assistant coach Al Scragg. "We're just learning."

Pangos said that it was a good experience to play nationally ranked teams at this time of year, and that a month's rest will put his team into the right frame of mind for regular season play.

The tournament wrapped up on Sunday with the U of T - Winnipeg final. The Blues went on to capture the gold medal with a 68-63 victory.



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BISON SANDWICH: Yeowomen Heather Reid and Tammy Naughton put the squeeze on Manitoba's Kim Bertholet (above). At top, York's Cathy Amara hits the Bison hoop.

Gaels edge hockey Yeowomen

By CHRIS "HUNT" HURST

A 3-2 loss last weekend to the Queen's Golden Gaels has left the Hockey Yeowomen with a 1-3 record.

Queen's came out stronger and opened the scoring four minutes into the first period. Captain Elaine Whorley took a pass from Julie Stevens, and made no mistake in putting the puck behind York goalie Barb Moran.

Seconds later, the Yeowomen were given an opportunity to come back when a Golden Gaels player was charged with hooking. They were kept off the board thanks to some excellent Queen's penalty killing.

The Golden Gaels added another marker at the 14 minute mark of the first. Mel McNaull carried into York's end, and completed the effort

herself to put the Golden Gaels on top 2-0.

Queen's closed out the first with another goal, one minute later. Golden Gaels' forward Sara Moore set up Barb Relton, who one-timed it past Moran to make the score 3-0.

The Golden Gaels opened the second period with the same offensive intensity they had shown in the first. However, York goalie Barb Moran was able to slow down the Queen's offense long enough for Chris Clayton to score the Yeowomen's first goal.

The Yeowomen added another goal exactly two minutes later. Marni Barrow made an incredible end to end rush, and bulged the twine behind the Queen's goalie to add to York's comeback, making the score 3-2.

In the third period each team had numerous power play opportunities in the early going. The better chan-

ces, however, would be York's, and would come in the final two minutes.

With the Yeowomen trailing by one, the Golden Gaels' Sherry Gibson was penalized for tripping. York went to the power play knowing they would have all remaining time on the clock to get the tying goal.

With one minute left to play, York goal-tender Barb Moran was finally pulled allowing a six on four last attack for the Yeowomen. However, despite some excellent opportunities for Yeowomen, the Golden Gaels were able to hold the score at 3-2.

Yeowomen coach Deb Maybury was pleased with the team's intensity but recognized the problems the team showed in the first period.

"Defense," she said. "We allowed them to walk around a little too much in our end."

The Yeowomen will have a chance to better their 1-3 record, Wednesday, November 30, versus McMaster.

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