

SPORTS

Basketball Yeowomen cut through Gryphons defense

By JACOB KATSMAN

The York Yeowomen walked over the Guelph Gryphons in an exhibition showdown Tuesday night at Tait MacKenzie.

From the starting seconds the Yeowomen put full-court pressure on the Gryphons and let up only when the scoreboard showed a 63-45 home victory.

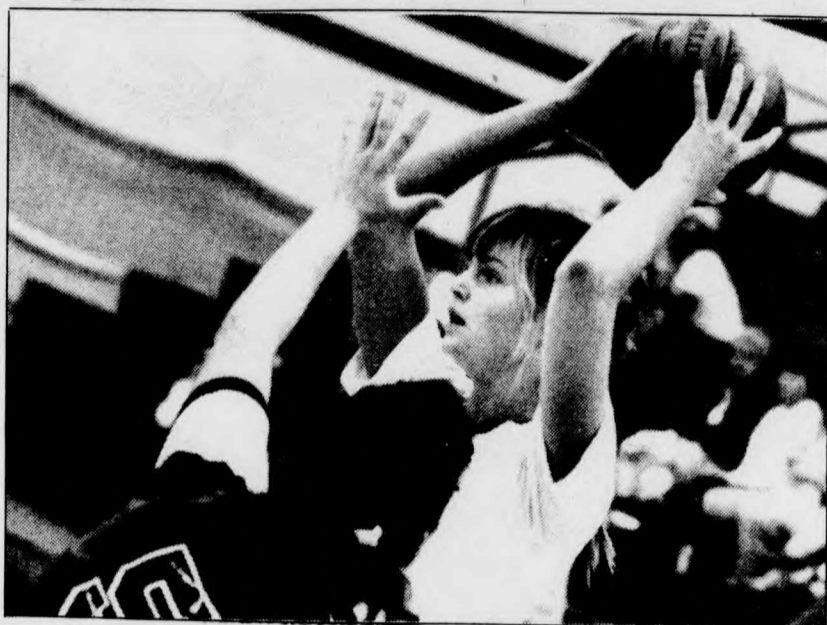
The Yeowomen cut through the 2-3 Guelph zone defence as if it were butter. Michelle Sund and Tanya Philp worked the ball inside to Heather Reid for the easy hoops and shot the lights out when the zone collapsed. Sund lead the Yeowomen with 18 points.

The Yeowomen used their speed advantage over a taller team by pushing the ball down court on the fast break and causing turnovers in mid-court.

Head Coach Bill Pangos was pleased with his team's overall performance and improvement over the last few exhibition games.

"I think that this is the best Yeowomen basketball team that I coached in my three years at York," said Pangos. "This year we have seven rookies who are very talented and who will add depth to the team."

Pangos said that he likes to try new things in exhibition games, and in this game the Yeowomen successfully executed their new "run and trap" press. Guelph guards could



HANDS OFF, THIS ONE'S MINE: York's Nancy Fairburn goes to the offense against Guelph. The Yeowomen defeated the Gryphons 63-45 during pre-season play on Tuesday night. The Yeowomen will host the Tait McKenzie classic at home this weekend.

not handle the pressure and gave the ball away for easy lay-ups.

"We have to get stronger on defensive rebounds," said Pangos. But generally I am very pleased with the team's 8-5 exhibition performance. The team is slowly getting in gear for the regular season. And I believe that we can do well in regular season play."

"The team started with a 0-4 exhibition record," said assistant coach Al Scragg. Last Friday's 67-50 win over Arcadia and tonight's strong performance indicate a rapid improvement.

November 25, 26, and 27, the Yeowomen open the Tait McKenzie Classic Tournament. The regular season starts at home January 8 against Laurentian, game time 6:30 p.m.

and consequently finished sixth in the 119 lbs. class. This will definitely threaten his career as he had received a shoulder operation after a similar injury just two years ago. Also scratched for the tournament were Richie Hart, currently ranked third in the country, and Paul Hughes, York's only world class wrestler. Hughes chose not to compete in this week's tournament.

Although the team has been plagued with injuries, they hope to take a full squad to Brock next weekend.

Dismal performance by hockey Yeomen

By MICHAEL KRESTELL

York's Phil "the organist" Downes deserved first star honours for his performance at the Ice Palace last Thursday night.

Unfortunately, the York Yeomen hockey team was playing in C flat. They dropped a dismal 6-1 decision to the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks.

The Yeomen were sluggish from the opening face-off. Dan Rintche opened the scoring for the Hawks less than five minutes into the contest. Before the end of the first frame Laurier increased its lead to two goals. Mike Maurice picked up his first goal of the night while York's Kent Brimmer serving a hooking penalty.

York coach Graham Wise had no explanation for his team's slow start other than, "We were flat and never got it going."

Brimmer made amends for his penalty with a goal at 3:46 of the second period. The goal brought the Yeomen within one. However this would prove to be York's only tally of the evening. Greg Puhalski restored Laurier's two goal margin late in the period.

The final 20 minutes was all Laurier as they buried three more pucks behind York netminder Tim Robertson. Pulhaski tallied his second of

the game on a shorthanded goal. Maurice and Tom Jackson scored singles to ice the victory.

According to coach Wise, the home-ice beating "just proves to the guys that they can't just come to the arena, put a sweater on and expect to win." The loss drops York's season record to 8-3-1.

For the Golden Hawks, it was a much needed victory that throws them right back into the Central Division playoff race. Laurier coach Wayne Gowing said, "It was our finest game of the season, although York did not play its usual tenacious game."

York hosts the Western Mustangs tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Ice Palace. Both teams played to a five-all tie earlier in the season.

Ice Chips: Yeoman sniper Greg Rolston returns to the lineup tonight after serving a four game suspension for intending to injure an opponent.

Rookie Luciano Fagioli leads the team in scoring with 10 goals and 13 assists, good enough for second place in the OUAA scoring race.

Goaltender Mark Applewhaite, two-time MVP and perennial OUAA All-Star, has applied to enrol at York for the Winter Semester. He may be in the Yeomen lineup after Christmas.



GOLDEN DAYS OVER? Wilfrid Laurier, with an I, upset the Yeomen 6-1 at the Ice Palace Thursday night. The Yeomen face a major test tonight, when undefeated Western comes to town.

Wrestlers twist it to the top

By AARON MOSCOE

"Twist'n'Shout" is exactly what the wrestling Yeomen did to come out on top in last Saturday's York Open wrestling tournament.

Although John Park, coach of York's Twist'n'Shout Wrestling Club was upset with the injuries, the victory should help the York club finish first in the OUAA.

With key wrestlers out of their lineup, the Yeomen were still able to accumulate 56 points in the annual event at the Tait McKenzie gym.

Second and third places went to the Alberta Wrestling Club and McMaster with 36 and 27 points respectively.

York point getters included Rick Henry, John Selby and Jim Lee who each finished first in their respective weight classes.

"We came to chew bubble gum and kick ass," said York's Courtney Lewis who finished second in the 158 lbs. class.

Steve Sammonds, one of the club's many promising wrestlers, popped his shoulder early in the tournament

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