



JAM SESSION: York coach Bob Bain with his Yeomen. York defeated Carleton Saturday 92-88 at Tait. Yeoman Clive Anderson was his usual stellar self in that game, leading his teammates with 32 points and 20 rebounds. The Carleton win gives the Yeomen a 3-0 record going into the holidays.

Three wins and a white Christmas

by Riccardo Sala

The basketball Yeomen can sleep tight this Christmas.

With a 92-88 win Saturday over Carleton, York goes into the holidays with a 3-0 regular season record.

The star of the game was York guard Clive Anderson, who pulled 32 points and 20 rebounds.

"It's been a long time since I've seen those numbers, especially the 20 rebounds," York coach Bob Bain said.

Anderson's performance was a bright spot in a game which left some things to be desired in terms of York's play.

"I don't think that we played all that well, especially defensively," Bain said, noting that in the second half, York let up and allowed the Ravens back into the game.

The result was an exciting finish with the game being decided in the last two seconds.

York forward Alex Piperski grabbed the rebound off what could have been Carleton's tying basket, giving York one last run to the Raven hoop for two points just as the buzzer sounded.

"It was a chippy game," Bain said afterwards, citing the ejection of Ravens coach Paul Armstrong as an example.

York's next challenge takes place the weekend of Dec. 27, when the Yeomen take part in a tournament at Ryerson.

The exhibition tourney will pit York against some tough competition. York will take on Brandon University at 2:00 pm, the first day of action.

The Brandon club is a previous national champion, Bain noted.

Other teams at the Rams tournament will be Simon Fraser, the University of Calgary, as well as several OUAA clubs including UofT and McMaster.

Tough season for puck Yeomen

by Josh Rubin

It was a textbook definition of winning ugly.

Coming back from a 3-1 deficit, the York Yeomen dumped the Ryerson Rams 8-3 in OUAA hockey action last Wednesday.

As lopsided as the final score was, it wasn't until midway through the second period the Yeomen started to click.

Though the Yeomen created some offensive chances early in the game, a lacklustre effort and some sloppy defensive play allowed Ryerson to take a 3-1 lead after twenty minutes.

But halfway through the second, Yeoman forward Kevin Bonello notched his first of three goals on the night to pull the game to within a goal.

Bonello's marker sparked a York outburst which saw the Yeomen collect three goals in five minutes to take a 4-3 lead into the final frame.

Any hopes the Rams had of mounting a comeback were shattered when Bonello scored again, this time just 35 seconds into the third.

Bonello, Alan Laforge and Pino Chiapetta rounded out the scoring for the Yeomen.

With the win, the Yeomen finished off the first half of the season with a 4-6 record, good for sixth spot in the OUAA's East division.

Though the placing may seem a little low for those accustomed to loftier standards for York hockey, it is, by all accounts, fair to call this season a rebuilding year for the Yeomen.

Of the twenty two players dressed against McMaster, eleven were rookies, including four out of six defencemen.

On the other end of the scale, the Yeomen haven't got a single fifth year player.

"We're going through some growing pains," acknowledged York coach Graham Wise.

It is on the blueline where the Yeomen have felt the lack of experience the most. No York defender is farther along than second year.

Before faulting Wise for not recruiting defencemen, critics should

be aware of two key no-shows for this year's Yeomen side.

Though Wise had been expecting the loss of high-flying forwards Brian MacDonald and Luciano Fagioli, he was stunned by the non-appearance of Guy Girouard, who had been the team's defensive leader. Also gone is former Humber College defenceman Steve Catney, who had shown some promising aggressive play in his first OUAA season last year.

On offence, a pleasant surprise has been the work of fourth year forward Tod Dungey, who is among the team leaders in scoring with 10 points.

Dungey takes up the right wing spot on the Yeomen's top line, centred by Kevin Bonello. Usually, team captain Mike Futa occupies the left side on the top line.

For the past three weeks, however, Futa has been out with an injured knee, an absence which has been devastating to the young Yeoman squad.

As Wise acknowledged, "we really miss his leadership abilities, on and off the ice."

Still, Wise hopes Futa will have medical clearance to play in an upcoming tournament at UofT over the holiday break.

Yeowomen trash Carleton

by Sydney St. Nicholas

When it rains, it pours.

After losing to the Ryerson Rams 99-14 on Friday, the Carleton Ravens proved to be easy prey for the York Yeowomen as they defeated them 90-22 in OWIAA action last Saturday.

The Yeowomen played sloppy in the first half, missing layups and second chance opportunities on the offensive glass. The defence created many turnovers for York but they had a hard time converting those turnovers into points.

York opened up a 14-0 lead before Carleton scored their first point. The score could have easily been 30-0 if York could have finished off their plays.

The half time score of 36-13 in favour of York was deceptive. York played ok defense, but the inability of Carleton to do much of anything had a lot to do with the score.

"The defence (in the first half) was not as good as the score indicated", York coach Al Scragg said.

In the second half York started out with a full court man to man press. The press was so effective that it took Carleton

seven minutes to register their first points of the half.

It might seem mean spirited to press a team when you are up by 40 points, but in all fairness to York they played their subs most of the game and with 11 minutes left in the game York fell back into half a court zone defence.

York held Carleton to nine points in the second half on their way to a 90-22 victory.

Carleton coach John Johnson blamed injuries for his team's poor play.

"Our team is missing five players due to injuries. Only seven players dressed for tonight's game and two of the seven have minor injuries. One with shin splints and one with the flu."

Coach Scragg was pleased with Cathy Amara's efforts.

"She has been playing with confidence and focus since she came back from her injuries.", he said

Leading all scorers with 20 pts was Amara followed by Pertia Minott and Joann Jakovcevic with 11 pts apiece.

The Yeowomen are off to P.E.I. on Dec. 27-29 for a tournament.

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