

# SPORTS

Goal posts were rattling

## Luck hard to come by for Yeomen pucksters

Mark Zwol

A few fans were waiting around after York's 5-3 loss to MacMaster last Saturday, but for the most part, the rink was empty. The dressing room door swung open as a player prepared to leave, waving his hands somewhat despairingly, a trace of dejection written on his face. But Coach Bob Hedley offered some reassurance: "You played well tonight." "A couple goals and it would have been a different story. Look, how many years you have left here these things don't happen overnight."

The Yeomen had just come off one of those games where they did everything but put the puck in the net; in its effort, York rattled the goal post twice.

It would be unfair to say that York didn't have that killers instinct. The fact that the Yeomen have suffered some frustrating one goal defeats—that 8-7 barnburner to U of T for example—makes the red and white situation perplexing, a la "Argo bounce".

"When you play teams like Western or Mac, teams that are in the top five or six places, you know it's going to be a one goal game. Tonight was one of those instances; unfortunately, we didn't come out on top. The way our guys are hustling though, I don't think it will be too long before we will reverse that outcome," Hedley said.

The shots on goal 35-15 in favour of York were indicative of how York dominated the better part of the game. The Marlins, however, were not fazed by the red and white barrage. Demonstrating that stats don't always tell the story, Mac scored on 3 out of 4 first period shots to take an early 3-0 lead. In the penalty department, the stats were also in York's favour, however MacMaster somehow managed to survive a rash of minors. But they found themselves getting the gate

one too many times when Mike McCauley finished off a neat three-way passing play from John Campbell and Perry Edwards to pull the Yeomen within two.

The Yeomen mounted a comeback drive in the second period when John Campbell and Ken Norris found holes in Marlin goaltender Tony Harris' armour. Within a 38 second span, they netted two quick goals to narrow the MacMaster margin to 4-3.

Harris Iced It

The Marlins managed to stave off any further advances with some strong positional play in their own zone. The acrobatics of Harris added to the strong defensive play.

"He stoned us a couple of times," defencemen John Campbell said of the Marlin goalie.

As a matter of fact, Harris' all too uncanny ability to stand his ground as if he were in some sort of trench warfare left several York marksmen shaking their heads. He had a hand (and an arm and a leg) in icing the game for the Marlins, snuffing out a Perry Edwards breakaway. His mates then took the ensuing rebound up ice to net the insurance goal.

"I felt on top of my game tonight," Harris said. "The goal posts helped me out a couple of times, but all in all, I'm pretty pleased with the way things went."

**GOAL POSTS:** The Yeomen cake walked in their Friday night game, defeating Brock 9-2...York's record is again even at 3-3 good for seventh place in the standings. But the Yeomen have as many as three games in hand on the front runners...Dave Stewart could not be faulted for any of the goals against; his 2.60 average speaks for itself...The Yeomen travel to Michigan this weekend for the "Ferris State" Invitational tournament.



Photo: Mario Scattoloni



Yeomen goaltender Dave Stewart thwarts a Marlin rush with this pad save. Tony Harris, his counter part at the other end of the ice, had the Yeomen's number as he led the Marlins to a 5-3 victory.

## Cagers finish third at Naismith

Pat Copps

This year's York Yeomen basketball team continued to taste the sourness of defeat when they settled for third place at this weekend's 15th Naismith Basketball Classic at The University of Waterloo.

The weekend had started well for York, as the Yeomen defeated the University of Western Ontario 81-70 in the preliminary rounds. The Yeomen then advanced to the championship round where they met the University of Winnipeg. Winni-

peg had defeated Sir Wilfred Laurier 71-49.

Winnipeg's opposition proved "just too tough" for the Yeomen as they dropped the game 74-66. Winnipeg later went on to win the championship by beating the host team 65-62 in the final.

The Yeomen gained small consolation when they placed third after defeating Trois-Rivieres, Quebec, 82-63. Western ended up winning the Consolation Final 89-84 over Carleton.

Guard Enzo Spagnuola injured his ankle in the first game and was lost to the Yeomen attack for the remainder of the tournament. He should be ready for the Ryerson Tournament this weekend.

**REBOUNDS:** Grant Parobec was named to the tournament all-star team. If you showed up at the Tait Mackenzie building last Tuesday to see some basketball all you got was a Yeomen practice session, as their game against McMaster was cancelled due to a schedule foul-up.

## Home opening win not so sweet for Yeomen

Mark Zwol

The York Yeomen Volleyball team easily won its season home opener, 3-0, over the U of T Blues last Tuesday. York extended its eighteen game unbeaten streak (an OUAA record) by disposing of the Blues 15-12, 15-12, and 15-3. But for coaches Wally Dyba and Eric Meslin, there was no reason to smile with the way their team performed.

"It wasn't a very pretty win" Meslin said. "We weren't executing with any kind of consistency at all."

The Yeomen, while putting on a convincing display of "who was the

better team," had to grind out victories in their first two matches by overcoming 9-1 and 8-3 deficits.

"There's no way those first two matches should have even been that close. Our serve passing was bad, and that left us with a power side and middle attack - which was easy for them to detect," Meslin commented. The fact that the Yeomen relied on their power side for offense was demonstrated by the fact that there were only two weak side kills in the entire match - those coming in the final game. The absence of Dave Samek (sidelined with an ankle

injury) has hurt York with respect to giving their attack that extra bit of deception at the net.

"Samek gave us the option of running a power hitter on the weak side," Meslin commented. "He has such a great leap and a quick arm - we were experimenting with him over there, while leaving John May and Steve Burch to take care of the center and power alleys."

Holes in Blocking

While the Yeomen were not the well oiled machine their opposition is used to seeing, they did manage to

raise a number of eyebrows with their hard-hitting attack. Setter Dave Chambers quarterbacked a number of shoot sets, tandems, quick attacks, and delayed quick attacks (the jargon is incredible) at the net. May and Burch, along with Ray Lamey and Walter Zanel were also up to the task, as their kills found holes in the U of T front blocking line. Peter Campbell demonstrated the Yeomen's strong two-way play as his twenty digs outnumbered the Blues output in that department for the entire match.

## Yeowomen find the going tough with U N B

Elissa Freeman

The Yeowomen Basketball Team tangled with the competition from the Maritimes last weekend, when they hosted a team from the University of New Brunswick. Perhaps the lady cagers were a bit too hospitable as they dropped a 56-49 decision to the Easterners.

Sporadic Intensity

Whereas York played with sporadic intensity, UNB maintained consistent and tight play throughout the match which contributed to their winning effort.

The shooting percentages were also below average. "Our inside shots were down," commented Coach Frances Flint. "We were shooting 34 percent when we are used to shooting 48 percent."

Youth and Inexperience

According to Flint, the team's youth and inexperience again played a major role in their overall performance. "We can do well in Ontario, but we will have to learn to work with intensity for the whole game to handle what is outside Ontario—and this comes with maturity."

**FREE THROWS:** Despite the loss, Paula Lockyer scored 16 points and Nancy Harrison accounted for 10

points. For their next game York will be on the road when they meet Queens, Friday, November 26.

## York on way to champs

Debbie Kirkwood

The Yeowomen squash team continued their domination of the OWIAA circuit last weekend, as they swept the OWIAA-Tier I Championships held at York.

York simply destroyed their opposition as they captured 24 out of 25 points.

Queen's University, in the final pairing, proved to be the Yeo-

women's best competition, forcing some close and very entertaining matches. It was also Queen's University that handed York its only defeat.

On the whole, this tournament shows that the York squad has the necessary qualities—mental and physical strength—as well as team depth, to become provincial champions.



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John May has plenty of reason to smile. The Yeomen swept a 3-0 home opening victory over U of T by scores of 15-12, 15-12, and 15-3.