

# S P O R T S

## York undefeated and first in CIAU



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Going into last Thursday night's hockey game between York and Western, both teams were still undefeated in regular season play.

Coming out of it, nothing had changed with the game ending in a 3-3 deadlock before 300 fans at the York Ice Arena.

"It was a game we should have won and could have lost," said Yeomen head coach Dave Chambers after the game.

Chambers was alluding to a 3-1 lead his team had going into the second half of the contest and a five minute slashing penalty Yeomen had to kill off with the score tied at three and just eight minutes to go in the game.

"I don't think we were sharp at times but the other team made us look not sharp," Chambers said. "We're not happy that a 3-1 lead became 3-3 but considering we killed off that penalty we were fortunate to get the tie."

Yeomen jumped out in front by two in the first period on goals by Duane Smith and Nick Kiriakou and it wasn't until the second frame that Western could reply with a goal by All-Canadian Mike Tomlak.

Mike James restored York's two goal cushion late in the second on a power play before Western tied the game with two goals including Tomlak's second of the game. And then with just eight minutes to go, Darren Gani received a five minute slashing penalty, handing Mustangs a golden opportunity to take away two points and putting his own team behind the eight ball. Fortunately for Gani and York, Western failed to capitalize.

"We have a persistent problem on our power play," said Western coach Barry Martinelli. "I thought we had a few good chances but we couldn't get the puck in the middle of the ice in front of the net."

York's claim as an undefeated team continued through the weekend with a 6-4 win over Ryerson Rams. Western, however, lost their undefeated status last Saturday after being beaten by Waterloo in London. That leaves Yeomen as the only team in the league without a loss and gave them the number one ranking in the nation.

Number one in the country, that's good. Does it mean anything? Not really.

Last year Yeomen were number one and they celebrated by going down to Hamilton, losing to the McMaster Marlings, a team they earlier had pounded senseless with a 14-2 score.

But this year's team remembers that, according to Chambers, and everybody is a little bit wiser.

"The difference with this year's team is that the players are more mature. They realize the league is tough and the opposition is good too. They're definitely not cocky," said Chambers.

Only time and the completion of the OUAA schedule will tell.

### FROM THE GOAL MOUTH:

York plays an exhibition game against the Concordia Stingers tonight. . . . On the 19th and 20th of this month the OUAA all-star team will have a training camp here at York in preparation for games against former Yeomen Don McLar-

en and the Olympic team February 2 at Western and February 3 at Varsity Arena. Chambers will be coaching the team. . . Chambers will also coach this year's Spengler Cup entry. The team will be selected by Dave King and will consist of European pros, American and Canadian university players and maybe a couple of juniors. Chambers look forward to the trip as the team will play against the Italian National team December 22 and 23. Chambers coached the Italians in the 70's. . .

The Yeomen should be even stronger after Christmas when former American League defenceman Lou Kiriakou is eligible to join the line-up. Ian Ferguson, a 6'3" 210 lbs. defenceman/forward who played with Oshawa Generals and signed a contract with the New Jersey Devils but never played a game for them, is also eligible to play in the new year. . . Nick Kiriakou (no relation to Lou) one of York's leading scorers, tried out for the team the year they won the CIAU title but didn't make it. . .

Former Yeoman Lawrence Smith has joined his brother Les (another former Yeoman) as a coach behind the bench of the Markham Waxers of the Ontario Junior Hockey League. . . Jim Mayne gave up hockey after an unsuccessful comeback attempt following major knee surgery last season. . . Yeomen will be spending Christmas in Switzerland playing four games against Swiss first division teams and the Czech Army team. They leave December 21.

## Pangos remains optimistic

By KARIM HAJEE

The York Yeowomen basketball team defeated the University of Waterloo Athenas 59-58 in their opening game of the Tait MacKenzie Classic.

Unfortunately, they dropped their next two games 55-48 to the University of Winnipeg, and the bronze medal match to Bishops 67-47. York seemed a little tired after the first game and settled for fourth place in the tournament.

Coach Bill Pangos was not altogether disappointed. "We wanted to take third place in the tournament. Bishops is a tough team and we knew it wasn't going to be easy," Pangos said. "The first two games I only used six players and maybe some of them were tired, but that will happen when you play three games in three days. Against Bishops everybody got to play and I thought they played well," Pangos added.

Despite losing two games, York's defence played up to its ability. It was the offence that was the cause for concern. "Right now I want to work on our offensive play," Pangos said. "If we can play solid on offence we should have a strong finish." York's offence was far from solid against Winnipeg and Bishops as they failed to capitalize on countless offensive rebounds and were forced to take the outside shot. "The zone defence gave us trouble. We have to work our way inside and that's what we're going to practice," Pangos said.

Pangos feels if the Yeowomen can iron out some of the wrinkles they could finish as high as second place in their division. His main objective is to beat U of T. "We want to beat U of T this year, and the way our defence has been playing, that's a realistic possibility," Pangos said.

Jean Graham continues to shine

offensively for York, and Heather Reid was rewarded for her defensive prowess by being selected as one of the tournament all stars.

In the championship game the University of Toronto Blues cruised by Winnipeg by a score of 56-49. Toronto's Teresa Burns was a bright spot for the Blues all star team as well.

The York Yeowomen commence their regular season in January, giving coach Pangos and his team plenty of time to make any final adjustments. Although many teams in the OWIAA rely on some strong individual play from some of their finer athletes, coach Pangos takes a different approach. "I'm not relying on any particular individuals," Pangos said. "It's going to take a team effort. After all, we are one of the smaller teams and everybody will have to work together for us to be successful this season."

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