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No win: The Yeowomen pour on the pressure during their 3-3 tie with Western.

by Paul Murphy

There is an old hockey saying that a tie is like kissing your sister, or in the case of women's hockey, your brother. The Yeowomen hockey team has to be pleased with its tie against McMaster last Thursday at the Ice Palace.

The yeowomen tied the game with only two seconds left on the clock. This salvaged a single point in a game which York just as easily could have won. York turned in a solid, disciplined effort for 44 minutes; unfortunately the game lasted 45 minutes.

The first period was dominated by the Yeowomen. York opened the scoring at 11:10 as a result of some tenacious forechecking. Jumping straight off the bench and into the play was Michele Campbell, who would later be the hero, had a particularly strong game despite being checked coldly all night.

The Yeowomen had several other good scoring opportunities in the first period but after 15 minutes they had to settle for a 1-0 lead.

"It could easily have been 3-0 at the end of the first," said head coach Deb Maybury. It also could

easily have been a different team that came out of the York dressing room to start the second period.

Thirteen seconds is a slow time for the 100-yd dash, but it was enough time for McMaster to change the outcome of this hockey game. The first Mac goal came at 11:29 of the second period. A poor clearing pass by York was intercepted at the blue line and the shot from the point handcuffed the York goalie Dyanna Curran.

At 11:16, straight from the faceoff, McMaster went ahead 2-1 of a good individual effort by Kelly Borutski; easily Mac's best player on the night.

The two quick goals seemed to rattle the Yeowomen as they were then forced to play catch-up hockey. McMaster had numerous opportunities to extend its lead but were robbed on two occasions by Curran's quick glove hand, as well as one shot which went off the pipe.

After two periods, McMaster led 2-1 and appeared to have York on the run. The third period saw plenty of end-to-end action with the teams exchanging good scoring chances. However, when McMaster's Borutski scored her second goal of the game, it

seemed time was dwindling for the Yeowomen. McMaster led 3-1 with only 4:56 remaining in the game.

A determined York team picked up the pace a notch and continually pressured Mac until they scored with 1:45 left in the game. Michele Campbell carried the puck in against three Mac defenders and when she was checked, Janice Keith knocked in the loose puck. With 1:03 left to play and the faceoff in Mac's end, York pulled the goalie in favour of the extra attacker.

The move paid off as Campbell, after repeated abuse in front of the Mac net, popped in the equalizer with only two seconds left to play.

After the game, coach Maybury was optimistic, "Hopefully this is a turning point. We had a serious practice, a thinking practice yesterday (Wednesday); I think we'll probably have more of those."

The Yeowomen showed great perseverance in coming back to tie the game on Thursday and, but for a 13-second mental lapse, could just have easily have won. Conceivably, with a few more of those "thinking practices" the Yeowomen will be able to secure a playoff birth in the highly competitive OWIAA.

Tammy Holt reaching her dreams

by Sherie Webber

Reaching Olympic glory has been a dream for field hockey Yeowoman Tammy Holt. With her continuing excellence in the sport, it may become a reality by 1992.

Besides the title "Yeowoman of the Month" for October, Holt was named the Ontario women's athlete of the week, along with being chosen for "tournament 11" in recognition of her overall outstanding performance at the CIAU championships, where the Yeowomen earned a silver medal.

Holt's terrific play wasn't exclusive to the CIAU championships as she was also one of 11 athletes from across Canada to be named CIAU first team all-star, an award based on regular season performance.

Holt's most recent accomplishment was her selection to the senior national squad along with other Yeowomen Joel Brough and Sandra Levy. The team will be travelling to Spain in December for a training camp. For Holt, this represents an opportunity for selection to Canada's World Cup team in the spring.

Holt's love of sport and competition has brought her through various athletic endeavours. Along with field hockey in high school, she participated in many sports including tennis and track and field to which she gives much credit for her development of speed and endurance. Although Holt excelled in tennis and competed at the provincial level, by the end of high school she had become most serious about field hockey and left tennis behind.

A large part of Holt's enjoyment in her athletic life lies in the experiences of playing the sport at various levels. This past summer, Holt travelled to Ottawa and played in the first ever Junior World Cup. This gave her the

opportunity to meet people from all over the world and be exposed to their lifestyles and cultures. She also met athletes from all across our own country when she travelled to Saskatoon to the Canada Games this summer with the Ontario provincial team. Back here at York, Holt is learning about a very diverse subculture — residence life at Bethune College.

Ultimately, Holt's dedication to field hockey is based on her love of competition. She takes her training and team practice seriously. Holt explained that you are always gaining experience when training, "You must always work hard and keep focused on what your goals are. That's why you must work hard at every drill, or else it's just a drill. I like the way I feel after a game." Holt believes the hard work pays off when the training and practise come together on the field.

Holt owes a large part of her success to her coaches and teammates. "I am a forward, and it is a forward's job to score goals." Holt realizes that without a strong team behind her, she wouldn't get very far.

Holt's coaching has also played an integral part in her progress. Coaching has taught her to focus on the game and continuously improve her technique. The support of Holt's family has also been important to her. They have been involved in her athletic endeavours from the start, travelling to games and giving her encouragement.

Outside of field hockey, Holt enjoys photography and her business studies. She hopes to open her own business in the future as well as continue her involvement in field hockey. The type of business is undecided at this point, but Holt hopes that it will involve her athletic interests.

External review committee to examine phys. ed concerns

by Paul Murphy

The question of physical education at York is one which has long been a concern.

This is mainly due to the intricate nature of a programme which is structurally more complex than other departments.

The problem became evident when a search committee was established to locate a replacement for Norm Gledhill, the chair and director of Physical Education/Recreation/Athletics (PERA) at York, whose term had just elapsed. The committee encountered great difficulty identifying a suitable and willing candidate, due to the complicated structure of reporting to two deans, arts and science, as well as the office of the provost.

The department decided to examine the situation internally in addition to establishing an external task force. The internal review materialized in the form of a retreat held last April. Several recommendations were made, some of which were implemented immediately.

According to Stu Robbins, chair of PERA, the decision making structure was divided into two separate entities. An Academic Department Counsel will concern itself with policies, proce-

dures and programmes of an academic nature. At the same time, a Recreation/Athletics Counsel was established to deal with all other concerns. PERA appointed a director of recreation/athletics to handle the day-to-day matters, while the chair of the department remained responsible for overseeing the operations.

It was the department's desire to wait one year to allow its newly implemented changes to take effect, said Robbins. However, the university administration felt it was more appropriate to continue with an external review.

An external review committee was established, chaired by Myer Horowitz, former president of University of Alberta. Sal Saleudin, a professor of biology, represented the two deans of arts and science. Robbins rounded out the committee as the representative from physical education/athletics.

The committee received input from a cross-section of people including faculty members, students and staff both outside and within the department in addition to meeting with university administration.

Presently, the committee is in the process of drafting a report

which should be available for presentation to the president of York by January 1990.

Robbins expressed a belief that although significant changes were certainly in order they may not necessarily be outstanding ones. Acknowledging that the physical education department is fundamentally different from other departments, Robbins suggested that perhaps there is no "ideal" structure. "There are problems in any structure and we must work within the shortcomings, maximizing the strengths in an effort to improve communications both up and down."

In addition to structural problems, other issues will be addressed. According to Steve Dranitsaris, executive officer of PERA, York faces unique budgeting problems as a result of receiving cash from arts, sciences and the provost. Certainly the ever present concern of underfunding will require some attention. According to the Council Of Ontario Universities, York's athletic department is currently operating with about 35 per cent of the facilities required.

In the meantime, there is anticipation for the release of the report in January 1990.

"Historic day": new home for OWIAA

by Josh Rubin

The Ontario Women's Interuniversity Athletic Association (OWIAA) has finally found a home.

It was a historic day for women's university athletics. Since its inception in 1971, the OWIAA has never had an office of its own, but that changed last Monday with the opening of its new headquarters on Sheppard Avenue in Scarborough.

In years past, the OWIAA had had to rely upon the OUAA headquarters at Guelph University to provide them with press releases, statistics and other necessary paperwork.

It was only in 1988, however, that concrete steps towards getting its own office were taken. In September of that year, the OWIAA, fully supported by the Ontario Council for Interuniversity Athletics (OCIA), made an appeal for greater financing to the Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Recreation.

The ministry responded favourably, agreeing to pay 60 per cent of the salary for the OWIAA's proposed new full-time director.

The remaining 40 per cent was to be funded by OWIAA revenues, in particular the membership fees paid by the 17 schools which participate in the OWIAA.

The arrangements made in 1988 also provide for full-time assistance of the director, as well as funding of the new OWIAA office. According to the new director of the OWIAA, Sheila Forshaw, the office will, among other things, provide for greater contact with the Ontario Federation of Secondary School Athletic Associations (OFSSAA), thereby increasing the profile of women's athletics among high school students.

The office's potential for promotion of women's athletics is not lost on York's coordinator of women's athletics, Mary Lyons. "We're hoping that this will do a great deal to increase the visibility of the OWIAA, and women's athletics in general. . ."

Also, according to Lyons, with its new office, the OWIAA becomes the only organized group in Canada dedicated exclusively to women's athletics, a pursuit which has long suffered in Canada due to an almost complete lack of promotion.