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## Yeomen in playoffs, seeking home ice advantage

By EDO VAN BELKOM

At the start of the season, the York Yeomen ice hockey team were simply hoping to grab a playoff spot. They now find themselves in the rather comfortable position of worrying whether they will finish third or fourth in the final standings. A home ice advantage in the first round of the playoffs would be the crowning achievement in a year that the team is supposed to be rebuilding.

On Friday night the Yeomen calmly defeated the Queen's Golden Gaels by a score of 4-2. The Yeomen came out at beginning of the game playing the brand of firewagon hockey they are capable of and scored only three minutes into the game. Then the team slowed down, controlling the flow of the game, but satisfied with confining the balance of play to the neutral zone of the ice.

In the second period they played with more spirit and allowed the game to open up. The Yeomen scored three times, including one shorthanded marker, while Queen's replied with a single goal.

Queen's scored once again in the third while York failed to counter with any goals of their own. Although they controlled the play, the Yeomen seemed satisfied with the score and confident that the game had already been won.

After the game, Coach Dave Chambers said, "We don't take anything for granted," but admitted that "it is hard for the team to get motivated all the time, especially when you play the lower teams."

York outshot Queen's 40-28, Mark Applewaite was once again steady in the net for the Yeomen. York goals were scored by team captain John Campbell, Les Smith, Don McLaren and Dave Andreoli.

On Saturday the Ryerson game gave the Yeomen two points in a game that saw the dubious Rams mercifully set down by a score of 8-1.

Rick Morrocco netted two goals while adding an assist and Don McLaren and Brian Gray scored singles and had two assists each.

York's next game is tonight at the Ice Palace



ROBERTA DI MAIO

**Now look what you done:** York goalie Mark Applewaite looks back at Queen's player in disgust as the Golden Gael begs for forgiveness. York defeated Queen's 4-2 and Ryerson 8-1 on the weekend.

against the Guelph Gryphons. This should prove to be one of the more exciting home games for the Yeomen as they have lost three extremely close games to Guelph this season. Two of the losses came in exhibition matches and one of the games was lost after double overtime. The Yeomen should have no trouble getting motivated for this game. With home ice

advantage in the playoffs at stake, we should expect a thoroughly entertaining hockey game. **Notes:** John Campbell was CRY's player of the game last week against Queen's and was presented with a gift from Molson's after the game in the Orange Snail. . . Gary Corbiere was suspended last week in Sudbury for what the referee called pulling hair—of course Gary begs to

differ. The suspension was for only two games. . . The Yeomen have lost one game at home this season. It was at the hands of the Western Mustangs. . . An upcoming game no hockey fan in their right mind would miss is the game against U of T. York defeated the Blues at Varsity Arena earlier this season 6-2. The game will be at 7:30 on February 21, at the Ice Palace.



**Turf to ice:** Normally a field hockey goalie, Sharon Bayes donned the big pads for the Yeowomen.

ROBERTA DI MAIO

## Yeowomen defeat McMaster in thriller, clinch berth in post-season play

By MEL D. BROITMAN

The McMaster Marlins knew exactly what was at stake as they approached last week's hockey game against the York Yeowomen at the Ice Palace. Both York and McMaster were engaged in a fight for the last playoff spot in the OWIAA.

The women from Stelton were facing sudden death in a must win situation against the Yeowomen. When the final buzzer sounded it was York prevailing by a 4-3 score in a tightly contested affair that clinched third place for the Yeowomen and spelled the end of the Marlins' post-season dreams.

The teams were held scoreless after the first period, largely due to strong goalkeeping from McMaster's Carrie Parry and York's Connie Wrightsell. The Marlins opened the scoring in the second frame on a goal from Mary Lou Facey. However the

Yeowomen quickly replied to tie the score on a splendid individual effort from Gail Stewart. Despite plenty of good scoring opportunities for both clubs, neither added to the score until the third.

Mary Lou Facey scored her second for McMaster just 38 seconds into the final period. It could have been a big goal for the Marlins who needed the lift, but their euphoria was short-lived as a soft goal by Karen Chalkoff tied the game for York.

Yeowoman Judi Gilbert took matters into her own hands from there and wrote the final script. First Gilbert scored a short-handed goal midway through the period to give York its first lead at 3-2. With their season on the line, the Marlins did not fold and tied the game shortly after, but once again it was Gilbert who drove the final nail in the Mac coffin.

Gilbert took a feed from Barb Boyes and slammed home the game winner with only 53 seconds left on the clock. After the game, the jubilant Yeowomen celebrated as the disheartened Marlins boarded the bus back to Hamilton with their season's fate prematurely decided.

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**Notes:** In Saturday's game the Yeowomen defeated the Queen's Golden Gaels by a score of 6-3. The game saw the debut of goaltender Sharon Bayes who is normally a field hockey goalie but handled the transition from turf to ice with no major difficulties. The win was a solid team effort with 10 Yeowomen collecting points. Judi Gilbert, Annabelle Mezzara and Gail Stewart each had a goal and an assist.

## York hoopsters split doubleheader with Queen's

By GARY SCHOLICH

The playoff-bound York Yeowomen basketball team finished the regular season with a record of 6-6 by losing a 71-58 decision to the Queen's Golden Gaels Saturday night at Tait McKenzie.

In the first half an erratic York team threw numerous turnovers while trying to establish its offense. By not boxing out efficiently in the paint, York allowed the Gaels to establish powerful inside positioning. The Yeowomen were also unable to make many of their own shots fall, and as a result, wound up trailing at the half, 38-20.

The Yeowomen squad was livelier in the second frame when York displayed a higher level of intensity and forced several Queen's turnovers. Leading scorers Susan DeRyck and Anne Marie Thuss led the Yeowomen with 14 points each. Both came out with hot scoring hands early in the second half with DeRyck showing some good strength on the boards

In addition to DeRyck and Thuss, Jean Graham fueled the York effort with 10 points. She demonstrated some crack outside shooting and inside drives for layups. For Queen's, Karen McComber led with 17 points (14 in the second half), while Sheila Coleman and Kelly Massingham added 12 and 10 respectively.

"Queen's is very talented and experienced," York coach Frances Flint said, "whereas we have two rookies in our lineup. It was a good season, one with a lot of improvement."

York had already nailed down a playoff spot by upending the Carleton Robins 71-57 the night before. In Flint's words, "It was a great game." It was also a costly game as veteran forward Paula Lockyer was knocked out with a knee injury. It is not known how long she will be out of the lineup.

**Notes:** Paula Lockyer is this season's recipient of the team's Honor Jacket.

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The York Yeomen basketball team continued

its winning ways by pummeling the Queen's Golden Gaels 100-72 in the second half of the Saturday night basketball double-header at Tait. Entering the game with a 2-7 won-lost record, the Gaels were not really expected to be a threat.

Early in the contest the scoring pattern resembled that of an earlier RMC visit, as the Yeomen blasted off to a 26-8 lead. The Queen's offense was nonexistent early in the match, and missed shots by the Gaels were converted by the Yeomen into York baskets. In addition, Mark Jones pulled off two consecutive steals from Gaels' reserve guard, Dave Thomas.

Although rattled at first, Queen's settled down to play steadier basketball when York played its rookies. At the half, York was on top 51-37.

The Gaels started off the second half confidently by trading buckets with the Yeomen, but York padded its lead even more.

The Yeomen were never really challenged in

cruising to the easy victory. The forward lines outscored their Queen's counterparts 67-49, while the guards held a 33-23 advantage.

John Christensen was the game's dominant figure, scoring 28 points and notching his 1,000th career point in the process.

"I wasn't really thinking about the points," Christensen said, "until I knew that I had a real chance. I wanted it, and Jeff (McDermid) fed me a great pass."

Mark Jones added 15, while Ron Hepburn scored 14. Tim Rider did not play, but his replacement, Stuart Levinsky, sweated his way to 17 points. Rider was being rested after sustaining a minor ankle injury during practice. For the Gaels, Dan Brosseau led the pack with 16, while Bruce Shoveller notched 14. Mike Scotten played well after coming off the bench, and added 10 more.