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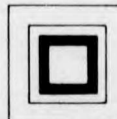
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Yeowoman playoff bound ?

By LEO MACDONALD

The York Yeowomen basketball team suffered their third loss in a row to the Ottawa Gee-Gees Saturday, leaving them with a 2-7 record. Despite the 48-41 loss the women are still in a battle for the last playoff spot with Carleton, Ryerson and Queen's. The Yeowomen furthered their playoff chances with a tight 58-56 victory over the Ryerson Rams.

The low scoring game against the Ottawa Gee-Gees typified York's offensive woes according to team coach Bill Pangos. Ottawa's full court press effectively immobilized York's guards during the first half. Guard Michelle Sund often found herself double and triple covered.

In the second half the Gee-Gees Louise Dube, who constantly stopped York's offense, put the game away, responding with 16 points on the night. Equally effective for Ottawa was Elise Adolphe; the streak shooter scored 10 points from the outside corners.

Ottawa 48
York 41

After the game Pangos said the Yeowomen "had good opportunities and executed well, but nothing seemed to go our way." Pangos said, however, that he was pleased with Wendee Beach's performance. The 6' centre pounded the boards for seven rebounds and seven points. Susan Derych, York's other tower of power, came through with five rebounds and ten points.

Tuesday's victory over the Ryerson Rams was a seesaw match that saw the women break their losing streak. Pangos said, "I was especially pleased with the way the offence managed to come off the down screen and create an opening for some out-side shots." The down screen was executed when the York offence picked the defensive guard and dished the ball out for an open



BABAK AMIRFEIZ

CONCENTRATION: York's Michelle Sund takes dead aim on the basket. The Yeowomen face an uphill battle in the playoffs because of a 5-7 finish.

jump shot. In the first half York was extremely effective with shots from around the perimeter. Michelle Sund had a superb game, jumping for 24 points on the night.

York 58
Ryerson 56

However, the Rams outlet woman, Susan Davies, proved to be the key for Ryerson, banking 14 points in from under the boards.

The first half ended with the score 29-28 for York, the second half of the game could easily have gone either way, but York's Liz MacDonald replied with a three-pointer that gave the women all the edge they needed.

Playing with an ankle injury, MacDonald managed nine points on the night. Equally valuable for York was Heather Reid. The forward provided another stalwart performance, snagging five rebounds and scoring ten points. Forward Evelyn Wayne came away with five rebounds and three points, while Wanda Pighin countered with six rebounds and two turnovers.

The win over the Rams gives the Yeowomen some hope for a playoff spot, however, according to Pangos, York will have to win all of their remaining games. The Yeowomen have two games left to improve their 3-7 record.

No alcohol at the Ice Palace

Every once in a while someone new enters a familiar and relatively peaceful surrounding and decides to shake things up a little, point out a few problems, and basically fix something that isn't really broken. Such is the case with Greg Cox, the new athletic facilities manager for the Department of Physical Education, Athletics, and Recreation here at York University.

KARIM HAJEE



In case you haven't visited the Ice Palace lately, there is a somewhat new look to it, on the inside. A sign, bold and clear, tells the entrants that no alcohol or beer is permitted in the arena. There are also two security guards who will search handbags, or gym bags for alcoholic beverages.

Cox arrived at York University early in December, replacing Tom Graham. In January, when the Yeomen hockey team was host to the University of Toronto, Cox noticed some fans jostling in the crowd while downing a few beers. For the typical sporting event, this is not a new phenomenon. In fact jostling is expected with or without beer. In the five years that I have been at York I cannot recall an unpleasant incident ever occurring because of beer consumption at the Ice Arena or at any other athletic facility here at York. Beer has been consumed by the fans constantly, and they have, for the most part, been on their best behaviour. They even dispose of their own beer cans and waste.

Graham, on the other hand, never saw a reason for prohibiting alcohol consumption in the Ice Arena, but for some reason Greg Cox feels the ban is necessary. In an interview aired on CHRY, Cox said he wanted

to avoid any future incidents. He felt it was his job to take a stand on alcohol consumption, despite the fine track record of York fans.

Just a few days after the interview was aired, Cox dug up a 1979 policy which states that alcohol is not allowed in the Tait Mackenzie gym or the Ice Arena. The policy states that anybody caught with alcohol will be asked to remove it. Should they disagree, the police may be called in, and the student could be barred from school. Cox now says: "This is a departmental policy, this is a policy that I as the operator of the buildings is subject to, we have no choice (but to enforce it)." However, when asked if supervising the prohibition of alcohol at athletic events was something the athletic administration asked him to do, Cox replied, "I brought it to their attention after attending the very first varsity game. I drew to the attention (of the administration) that this (drinking, and jostling) was going on and asked them if there had been a policy established on this, and it (the policy) was drawn to my attention at that time."

Obviously the fans of Yeomen hockey were never given a chance to prove themselves to the new manager, nor were they made aware of such a policy.

According to the law, it is illegal to consume alcohol in the Ice Arena without a license. According to Cox there is no possibility for obtaining a license, because of the nature of the arena. Varsity arena at the University of Toronto has a Blue lounge where spectators can indulge in an alcoholic beverage, and Concordia University sells beer in the arena.

But the fact is that ever since the arena was built the law has been broken. Clearly this law is not going to be upheld, with or without an outdated policy. If the athletic administration plans on implement-

ing this new found policy they will be shooting themselves in the foot, so to speak.

Instead of taking the alcohol away altogether from the spectators, which could hurt the hockey team, which in turn could hurt the athletic department, and in turn hurt the university overall, why not come up with some kind of compromise? Obviously the University can't let the students break the law, or go against policy. As it stands, the arena cannot obtain a license for alcohol. Perhaps some type of lounge similar to the one present in Varsity arena would suffice. A licensed "Red" lounge would allow for those that prefer to indulge to do so without a law being broken. Should the administration build a new ice arena, provisions for alcohol consumption should certainly be considered.

Mr. Cox continues to use for an example the incident that occurred in Ottawa, at the Panda game, in which a number of spectators were injured after falling over a guard rail. The incident has been blamed on the consumption of alcohol. The Panda game has got Cox concerned, and in a state of paranoia, he and the administration have over-reacted. The Panda game occurred in Ottawa where they were thousands of fans. This is York, and seldom do more than a thousand fans turn out for a hockey game.

If the fans that attend the hockey games acted in a violent and threatening manner, and if there had been a number of incidents at the Ice Arena as a result of alcohol abuse, then maybe I would have written this column in a different way.

Mr. Cox fails to realize that it has taken a long time to get the fans back into the ice arena. Now, with the administration's heavy-handed approach to this problem, they may stay away once again.