

Sports

Black and blue: Hockey Yeomen beat UofT



Heads up!: UofT defender Tom Diceman eyes Yeoman Brian MacDonald.

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by Paul Murphy

The University of Toronto Varsity Blues paid a visit to the Ice Palace last Thursday, sporting their blue road jerseys. The visitors left

wearing black and blue after a 7-4 thrashing by the hockey Yeomen in a hard fought physical battle.

The Blues opened the scoring early, only 58 seconds into the game on a mad scramble in front of York goalie Ted Mielczarek. York tied the game midway through the first period on a goal by Pat Howie with assists going

to linemates Neven Kardum and Brian MacDonald. This was only one of four goals on the night for the persistent trio.

With only 1:44 remaining in the period, Howie scored his second goal. Taking a pass from Kardum, Howie cut across the slot and fired a hard wrist shot to the bottom corner.

UofT tied the score at 4:44 of the second period while the teams were playing four aside. With both teams a man short for roughing, UofT's Steve Boyd beat Mielczarek on a quick shot from the hash marks.

York responded quickly with a goal by Kardum from Howie and Guy Girouard at 7:25. UofT answered with its own tally at 14:09, tying the game at three.

In past games there has been no love lost between the teams, and Thursday night proved to be no exception. In an attempt to control the post-whistle confrontations the referee started to hand out coincidental minors for delay of game. York took full advantage of the situation, and with less than two minutes left in the period Todd Dungey put York ahead 4-3. Stealing the puck from the Blues defenceman, Dungey raced in alone from the blueline and beat Toronto goalie Paul Henriques on a good move to his backhand.

The end of the period saw Henriques, who had faced a constant verbal barrage from about a dozen York fans, explode in frustration and smash his stick up against the glass.

The third period began with York striking quickly at the 2:56 mark. Kardum notched his se-

cond of the night on a wrap-around from behind the net.

By midway through the third York had pretty well secured a victory. On a delayed slashing penalty call the York goalie left the net for an extra attacker and York forward, Greg Roberts, blasted a slapshot in off the goalpost to put York ahead 6-3.

UofT attempted to come back and pulled its goalie while York was shorthanded, giving them a two-man advantage. This move enabled the Blues to narrow the gap to 6-4, however York sealed the victory when Ian Ferguson scored into the empty net with only 13 seconds remaining.

After the game UofT head coach Paul Titanic was, to say the least, upset with the work of referee Al Dawe. "Al is simply not capable of officiating at this level." In fact, though, York was the more penalized team, having one more penalty than the visiting Blues.

York head coach Graham Wise was happy with the play of his special teams. "We had an excellent power play and penalty killing tonight."

The victory leaves York in first place in the OUAA East with a record of 11 wins, 3 losses and 1 tie. York's next home game is against UQTR February 3 at 7:30.

Yeowomen field hockey crush UofT

by Sherri Lingus

It's a step in the right direction.

The York indoor field hockey team beat the University of Toronto 6-2 to win the York Invitational indoor tournament this past weekend.

Both teams were unbeaten and had perfect 3-0 records as they headed into the final game of the division A round robin.

The stage was set for what has become a fierce rivalry between these two teams. Early in the first half, York capitalized on a pen-

alty corner when Tammy Holt took a pass from Sharon Creelman and beat the UofT goalkeeper Tina Farrar. Midway through the first half, York increased its lead by two, both goals coming from Creelman. UofT got on the board just before the half when a defensive mixup by York allowed Vicki Smith of UofT to slide the ball under Yeowoman goalkeeper Michelle Capperault.

The Yeowomen controlled the tempo of the second half with

some solid defence and opportunistic scoring. With goals from Creelman, who scored two, and Levy, the game was out of reach. For the Blues it was a case of lost opportunities. Twice they failed to convert penalty strokes at crucial moments in the game.

Lori Ito made it 6-2 with just under five minutes remaining, but that was all the UofT defence could muster.

One of the keys to York's success was midfielder Sandra Levy. Her strong play throughout the

match allowed York to control the pace of the game. Midway through the first half, UofT was forced to readjust its game plan to try to control Levy's play.

York coach, Marina van der Merwe was very pleased with the play of her York team and especially Levy. "Sandra's presence forced UofT to lose their focus ... as well she demonstrated tremendous agility and fitness."

Van der Merwe also praised the play of Joel Brough and Holt. "They played with courage and

demonstrated some superb technical work. I felt their timing was good and that at times their play was quite exceptional."

When asked about York's performance in the final game, van der Merwe was pleased with the quality of play so early into the indoor season. Van der Merwe was also impressed with both goalkeepers in the final match. "Michelle and Tina (Farrar, of York's second squad) demonstrated sound technique and good decision making ... they were able to instill confidence in their teammates."

The second half of the tournament consisted of two pools with three university teams in each. Van der Merwe elected to split her squad into two teams to give some of the younger players added experience.

In the second division, York II finished fifth overall. This squad was made up of six first year players as well as veterans Amy Ware and Karen Hewlett. Unfortunately, York II finished out of the playoffs after losing its first two matches to Waterloo and Queen's by scores of 2-1 and 3-2 respectively. Goalscorers for York II were Hewlett with two and Lesley Gage, who scored one against Queen's.

The final match of the day saw the York II team come into its own with a 4-0 victory over Trent. The goal scorers for York were Gage with two, Hewlett, and Jennifer Walters. This division was won by Guelph in an overtime against the University of Waterloo.

York University will play host to the OWIAA indoor championships on March third and fourth and the CIAU national indoor championships on March 9, 10 and 11.

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