

Deadlock: Hockey Yeomen tie UofT



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Robbed: York's Ian Ferguson is stopped by a sprawling Blue's netminder.

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Archrivals York and UofT were equally matched Thursday night as both teams skated out of an exhibition game with a 6-6 tie.

Although the result of the exhibition game will not count towards the regular season league play, it does count, however, towards a tournament that will be held at UBC, according to injured Yeoman captain Mike Futa.

"Instead of playing the Eastern division teams in Vancouver, it was decided that it would be better to play them here and only play the Western teams in BC," added Futa.

Dave MacLean for a behind the back pass which he fired in, giving the Yeomen a 1-0 lead. UofT came right back with goals by Chris

In the first period, speedster Luciano Fagioli thanked UofT's Depiero and Dave MacLean, giving the Blues a lead of 2-1 by the

end of the first period.

In the second period, with a three-on-three situation, the Yeomen were unable to take their man, allowing forward Steve Boyd of the Blues to easily pop one in, bringing the UofT lead to 3-1.

Five minutes later, defenceman Ian Ferguson drilled one in from the corner for York, lessening the margin to 3-2, but the Blues immediately replied with another goal, again by Depiero.

By the end of the second period, the Yeomen would have the last word with a goal again from Fagioli, assisted by bruiser Guy Girouard, who wasn't playing up to his usual potential.

In the third period, at 17:46, UofT captain Tom Warden squeezed one in the corner giving the Blues a score of 5-3. At 17:15, the Yeomen got their act together with a slapshot by Pino Chiappetta and, after four attempts at a goal, Paul Noad finally tied things up for York. Immediately follow-

ing this, Yeoman Brian MacDonald would give York, for the first time in the game, a lead of 6-5.

Unfortunately the defence was rather inconsistent and could not keep up with the strong skating and continuous shots on goal that finally led to a goal by Blues forward Troy Mann.

With the score tied up at 6-6, the game went into overtime, but neither York nor UofT could come up with anything.

All in all, it was an undisciplined effort for the Yeomen and they, for the most part, did not look like defending national champions.

UofT coach Paul Titanic felt his team should have won the game. "York at this point of the season is a surprise," said Titanic. "They lost a lot of players but are doing an excellent job."

On Saturday night, the Yeomen rebounded to defeat the Ryerson Rams 7-4 in league play. This weekend, they go on a road trip playing UQTR and Ottawa.

York badminton on the rise

by Franko Fernandez

Led by player-coach Eddie Watt, who won nine of his 10 matches, the badminton Yeomen picked up 18 points in their first tournament against the West Division teams last weekend.

The team finished third in the nine-team event, trailing only defending champion University of Toronto and Queen's. In the overall standings, York is in a tight race with Waterloo, Western, and McMaster for the final two playoff spots.

With the season half over, Watt has played all of the other top seeds and has lost only

once, putting him in a good position to win individual honours in men's singles, according to coach Fred Fletcher. The number two player, Dan MacDonald, won four singles matches at McMaster and is five and three for the season.

Watt and MacDonald were four and one in the doubles, while Tutul Kundu and Thomas Siaw won three. Kundu and Siaw won the most exciting match of the weekend, coming back from a 14-3 deficit in the third and deciding game to beat a stunned Ryerson team 17-14.

The Yeowomen recorded 14 wins and placed fifth overall. Player-coach Sharon Johnston, playing in the top spot,

won three singles and three doubles, with partner Roula Roubis. Sandra Zagar, playing very strongly at second seed, won three singles, plus a doubles with Tracy Moreland. Roubis, playing fourth, also recorded three wins while Moreland picked up one at third seed. Also on the team this year are Alison Godfrey, Yvonne Ong and Rebecca Staples.

"Both teams lost some close matches and I expect even better results in the remaining two tournaments," Fletcher said.

The teams travel to Ottawa for a meet against the other East Division teams on November 11. The final regular season tournament is at Kingston in January.

Soccer Yeomen to meet UofT

by Riccardo Sala

It has been a hard fought season for the soccer Yeomen and although they lost to Laurentian 3-1 this weekend, they can look forward to a berth in the playoffs.

The match was a real test of character for the Yeomen. York had to play three quarters of the game a player short because of the early ejection of Tony Pignatiello. This ejection and much of the refereeing, by Tony Cirillo of Sudbury, was a sore point for the Yeomen. York coach Eric Willis later explained, "The referee tried to run the game."

Willis was also unequivocally laudatory about his players. "They showed a lot of character in the game. Instead of letting the fact that they were a man down get to them, they went out and really put

out a lot of effort," said Willis. "It was a fine game. There were no hard feelings between us and Laurentian," he added.

Against Laurentian, one of the better teams in Ontario, the shortage of one man was critical. Laurentian eventually worked itself up to a 3-0 lead and it looked as if the Yeomen would find themselves on the poor end of a shutout.

York managed to score near the end of the game. "There was a buildup on the right wing that resulted in a cross and then, following a give-and-go pass, Greg DacBang struck a great shot that was parried by the Laurentian goalie, giving the ball to York's Bryson Madeley who pounced on the rebound to slot the goal," said Willis.

The game against Laurentian means the end of regular season

play for the Yeomen. However, because of their third place finish in the OUAA Eastern Division, the Yeomen will be advancing to the playoffs. Their opponents in this division are UofT and Laurentian.

For Willis, this season is a step up from last year. The soccer Yeomen of '88/'89 were largely a group of rookies (14 to be exact) and although they were a spirited squad, their fourth place finish reflected their relative inexperience.

This year, with a 5-3-4 record, the Yeomen haven't exactly blown away the competition but, as part of the OUAA, they are in some of the toughest waters on the national scene. UofT, for example, took the national crown last year while Laurentian grabbed it in the '83/'84 season. Getting to the top means getting past these two squads.

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