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The York hockey Yeomen upped their record to 4-3 with a much-needed 7-1 victory over the cellar-dwelling Brock Badgers. The Yeomen are gearing up for next Tuesday night when the U of T Blues come to the Ice Palace.

Bronze isn't so bad for volley Yeowomen

By ELISSA S. FREEMAN

Merv Mosher had planned for his volleyball team to at least make the finals of last weekend's Winnipeg Invitational. However, the Yeowomen had to settle for the bronze medal as they bowed to the Manitoba Bisons in five games (15-6, 14-16, 8-15, 15-13, 11-15).

"It was a close game, but we should have won," commented Mosher.

York started off the tournament in fine form finishing second in round-robin competition. The Yeowomen beat Ottawa (15-6, 15-1), downed Manitoba (15-10, 15-2), and Regina (15-5, 15-2), and then lost to Winnipeg (12-15, 8-15).

The Winnipeg Lady Wesmen won the gold, while Manitoba settled for the silver. Ottawa and Regina finished in fourth and fifth place, respectively.

Although York was completely annihilated in the 1982 Invitational, Mosher does not compare the two efforts as the squads were made up of different personnel.

Another major factor was the sharp play of the Western squads, who have a far more difficult league schedule than their Eastern counterparts.

"The Western teams are used to stiff competition and as a result they play more consistently. Because we don't have the same calibre of teams in Ontario that would give us the same level of competition, our play suffers."

"Sometimes we're hot and other times we're cold," continued Mosher. "We seem to start off well, and then we just let up."

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Two Yeowomen, Marla Taylor and Donna Kastelic, were named to the tournament all-star team. Kastelic, a former national team member, was previously sidelined with torn stomach muscles. York will host the OWIAA East Tournament November 19 and 20 at the Tait McKenzie centre gym.

Women pucksters "press" first league victory

By ELISSA S. FREEMAN

It was a little more difficult than it should have been, but the Yeowomen Ice Hockey team pulled out a 4-3 squeaker over McMaster in their first league match-up last Saturday.

According to coach Rhonda Leeman, the Mac Attack will be a force to be reckoned with this year. "I'm really concerned about McMaster," said Leeman. "They have six really strong players that their coach, Jack Kennedy, just lets them do what they want."

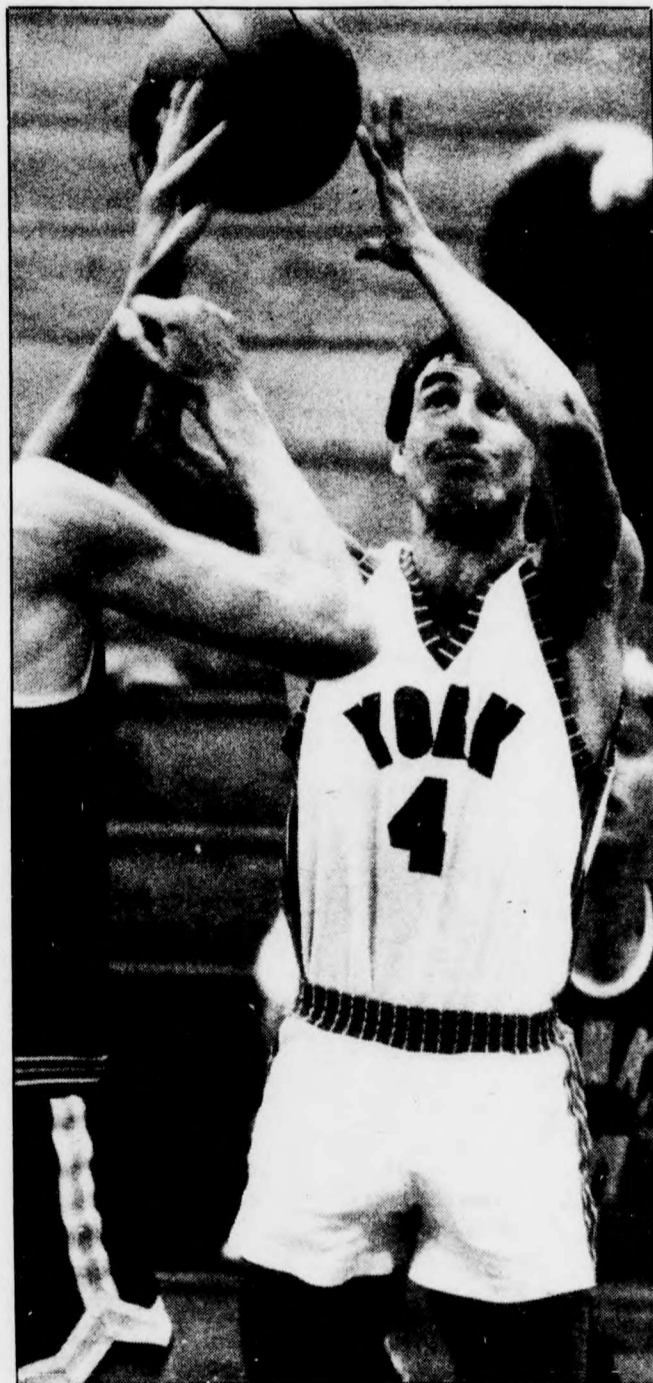
York fell behind 2-0 in the early going of the game, but by the second period, the Yeowomen had picked up some momentum by effectively utilizing their "press" strategy. Two

quick goals by veteran Barb Oyes and rookie Trin Pettingill tied the game at 2-2.

Another goal by Oyes in the third period broke the stalemate, but it was Judy Butler's breakaway that put the icing on the cake, giving York a 4-2 lead.

McMaster threatened with a third period goal to pull the score within one but the Yeowomen managed to hang on to the win.

"I was really impressed with what I saw," praised Leeman. "Trin played a really strong game and showed what she was capable of doing. I was also surprised by the excellent penalty killing by Gail (Stewart) and Annabelle (Mezzera)."



No, that's not a hot potato in Enzo Spagnuolo's hands. The Yeomen dumped the visiting Laurier Hawks 77-58 in OUAA East Division action on Tuesday night. York Vice-President (Finance and Employee Relations) Bill Farr was one of three lucky winners of a free evening at the Pizza Patio in the "Shootout" sponsored by the Athletic Department.

U of T B-ball tourney gets York bouncing

By PETER BECKER

The York Yeowomen went on to capture the consolation championship of the U of T basketball tournament last weekend after the nation's number two-ranked Calgary Dinosaurs upset them in opening round action.

York trounced the Western Mustangs 68-47 to take a convincing decision in the consolation championship game. Nancy Harrison led all scorers with 23 points while Heather Lockyer netted another 18.

"I was very pleased with our performance," said coach Francis Flint. "The competition was very tough and I think it did our team good to place that well amidst the nationally-ranked teams."

The tourney featured eight of the nation's top intervarsity teams including defending national champs Bishops. The Yeowomen rebounded after their opening round loss to Calgary when they defeated the number four-ranked Winnipeg Lady Wesmen 50-43 to get to the final game.

"With six rookies on the squad and two of them starting, I think we did very well," Flint added. "In the consolation round we played a very good basketball team. We just stuck to our game plan all the way."

Yeomen try to relive 1981 glory

By MARK ZWOLINKSI

Water polo coach Kevin Jones is turning his memory back to 1981.

That's the year the Yeomen Water polo team waged their way to a second-place finish in regular season action before capturing their first ever Ontario University Athletic Association (OUAA) crown, the first and only team to upset McMaster from the 12-year stranglehold they've held on the title.

And now, with a 4-3 win over U of T and a 4-4 tie against Western, this past weekend—which clinched a berth in the four-team OUAA finals—Jones is bemusing over the opportunity to relive those memories.

"We've got three leftovers from that championship team (Joe Skelly, Stu Howard, and Moti Fishman), but that's not saying that we don't have outstanding players on this year's team," said Jones. "Personally, I think we are going to be competitive and we definitely have the personnel to go all the way."

Goaltender Brian Robertson kept the Yeomen out of a whitewash in the first half after the Blues countered an early Steve Micallef goal with a barrage of shots that put them up 2-1.

Both sides traded goals in the third quarter before falling into a defensive shell for the final 15 minutes of play.

With only 18 seconds remaining in the scoreless final frame, York was handed a penalty, giving U of T the manpower advantage. But Robertson stabbed a shot to his right and relayed a pass to a breaking Micallef who netted the game winner with one second remaining on the clock.

Micallef and hoeman Derrick Weyrauch each netted fourth-quarter goals to salvage a tie in the second game against Western.

The weekend's three point effort sets up a back-to-back series against the McMaster Marauders this Friday and Saturday in which first place overall in the OUAA's West Division is riding on the line.

The OUAA finals are slotted for November 26 at U of T where the West Division rep will meet the East Division champion.