Women's tourney a success

The Yeowomen hockey team opened its exhibition season on an even note at York's Varsity-Alumnae Invitational Tournament.

York tide two games and lost one to crosstown rivals University of Toronto Lady Blues 3-1.

The real success of the tournament was the strong participation of alumnae, according to York coach Deb Maybury.

"The tournament was more successful than expected," said Maybury. "A wide variety of hockey experience was shown, especially from the alumnae teams. Cookie Cartwright, a 1962 graduate from Queen's, was the oldest player involved in the tournament.'

Varsity and alumnae teams from U of T, York, and Queen's participated, while Western and McMaster fielded only varsity teams. The tournament's last game had the Varsity Lady Blues, defeating the U of T Alumnae 4-3 in overtime.

Captain Kim Downard felt the Varsity Yeowomen fared well, although McMaster and Queen's both scored in the last minute of play to tie the games. "Those last goals were fluky, but the results do indicate that we need to improve on," said Downard.

York's strongest game was the 2-2 tie with the McMaster Marauders. Sustained pressure by the Yeowomen resulted in a goal by April Currie early in the third period. However, with a minute left in the game, Mac bounced in a goal off the post to tie the game.



ONE ON ONE: The York Yeowomen lost 3-1 to the Toronto Blues. York opens the season tongiht at Varisty Arena.

M.J. Heal scored the other goal for York.

Maybury was pleased with her team's effort. "We're a young, developing team. Our strength lies in our skating ability and aggressiveness. We hope to improve on our fourth place finish (in the OWIAA's) last year."

After its inaugural year, the Varsity-Alumnae tournament will aim for annual status.

"It's a lot of fun for all the players and a great way for the alumnae to keep in touch," said Maybury. "Much thanks goes to Kim Downard and the hockey team for their great effort in helping to organize the tournament."

The Yeowomen's season opener is tonight against arch-rival U of T Lady Blues, 7:15 p.m. at Varsity Stadium.

badminton team climbs

By INDIGO MONTOYA

The fledgling York women's badminton team, founded only last year, continued its climb toward competitive status two weekends ago, in their second tournament of the year.

Led by player-coach Sharon Johnston, who picked up six of a possible 10 points playing in the tough top-seeded position, the team won 12 points to finish sixth in the Ontario-wide event. Johnston took three of five singles matches and with partner Sandra Zagar three of five doubles matches. "With a little luck, Sharon could have won all five singles matches and another doubles, the matches were so close," reported

Faculty Advisor Fred Fletcher.

Playing in the three and four positions, Doreen Fernandes and Nancy McConnell each contributed two singles wins, as well as one doubles victory. Sandra Zagar, playing the other teams' second-ranked players, also won a singles match, despite playing with injuries.

The men's team, which played third in Ontario last year, has been weakened by graduation and injuries. Led by number on seed Heryanto Suharto, it gained five points on the weekend and ended up eighth overall. Tutul Kundu and Paul McKenna each had a singles win, while Suharto and partner Avan Lee won one doubles match.

Lowly U of T Blues humble Yeomen

By "HOWIE" MARR

Last year the hockey Yeomen dropped only one game out of their 25-game schedule; this year — after eight games — they have already lost

The Toronto Blues visited the fabulous Ice Palace last Thursday and recorded a shocking 5-2 upset over York. The loss leaves the Yeomen with a 5-2-1 record, compared to a perfect record last year at this point.

As reigning Canadian national champs, the pressure will be on the Yeomen if they want to repeat this year. And with only nine returning players, that task could be difficult.

"It's going to take time for everybody to learn the system," said York coach Graham Wise. "This is a rebuilding year."

The Yeomen have a solid core of returning veterans. Four-year veteran defenseman Bill Maguire, who played on York's championship teams in 1985 and 1988, was forced to sit out a one-game suspension Maguire was guilty of three stick infractions in a previous game, which resulted in the automatic suspension.

York started out quickly against U of T with a goal 13 seconds into the game. Kent Brimmer was credited with the goal, which went off Blues goalie Paul Henriques.

But U of T tied the game on the powerplay. With Brimmer in the penalty box, Toronto's Ben Shepherd was able to move into the faceoff circle and blast a shot by goalie Willie Popp.

York and Toronto traded goals again before the period was over. Greg Rolston gave York the lead after putting in his own rebound, which was the culimination of an end-to-end rush. Dave MacLean tied the game for Toronto one minute

The game remained deadlocked at two until the second minute of the third period when MacLean scored his second of the night by jamming a loose puck into the net. The Blues made it 4-2 on Warden's second powerplay goal of the night, and closed out the scoring on a Dean Haig empty-net goal.

Toronto coach Paul Titanic said it wasn't difficult to get his team up for the game with York.

'The rivalry comes naturally," said Titanic. "Maybe with a 1-3 record, York underestimated us."

Coach Wise said that York didn't underestimate the Blues.

"They [U of T] played a great game," said Wise. "They deserved to

Soccer

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Coupled with a stunning upset of Western, the West division league leaders, this set the stage for the first ever all-European championship final.

The championship game was a hard-fought match between two determined teams. According to York players, and Head Coach David Bell, questionable officiating by the home-town referee detracted from the otherwise thrilling contest.

Queen's scored the only goal of the game at the 60-minute mark on a

hotly disputed play, following a free kick. York's efforts to tie the game were cut short when the referee blew the whistle to end the game after only 43 minutes of play in the second half.

The Yeowomen have many accomplishments to look back on. In 12 league and playoff games, they went 8-2-2. Queen's was the only team to beat team. The entire season, York gave up only five goals, causing the team's regular goalkeeper Cheryl Punnett to be nominated to the CIAU All-Stars.

Nine different players had a hand in scoring the team's 28 goals. Of the league's nine top scorers, three were Yeowomen. No other team had as

many scorers. Kristin Bell had seven goals, and Sue Copping and Sue Gough each had five goals. Midfielder Beth Munro, also selected aa an OWIAA All-Star, scored two goals, both game winners.

Coach Bell, who founded the Yeowomen team in 1982, was selected as OWIAA East Coach of the Year, and ranked third nationally.

Despite their disappointment about the outcome of the provincial final, the Yeowomen are looking to go all the way to the nationals next year. And since at least 17 of the club's 19 players will probably be back, they should have a good shot

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