

B-ball Yeowomen lose to Blues; avenge loss to Queen's

by Riccardo Sala

With 28 points, University of Toronto forward Denise Scott was a one-person wrecking crew for the basketball Lady Blues in their 72-54 decision over the York Yeowomen last Tuesday at Tait-McKenzie.

The wrecking crew line came from York coach Bill Pangos, who had seen his team battle back time and again from large deficits during the night only to lose momentum in the final stretch.

Going into halftime, the Yeowomen were behind only 31-29. Toronto came on strong in the beginning of the second, scoring 16 unanswered points.

"Part of it was their (UofT's) half-court press. That took us out of our rhythm and forced us to take shots that we didn't want to take and turn the ball over," Pangos said afterwards.

The Blues worked their way to a 47-29 lead before York finally put one on the board.

Toronto called the shots for the rest of the game, employing their

half-court press and using Scott to good effect.

At York's end of the court, the combination of a zone and man-to-man defence were not enough to keep the taller Toronto side from scoring.

Covering the Blues took a physical toll on the Yeowomen, and Pangos had to resort to his bench, rotating seven players in the course of the night.

"I don't think that they (the bench) were ready for that type of game (against UofT)," he explained.

"Denise Scott destroyed us," Pangos noted. Part of York's game plan had been to attack and neutralize Scott, something that didn't pan out over the course of the night.

Pangos directed some flak in the way of the referees, noting that Scott didn't receive a foul call until the second half.

"I think that she was given too much respect," he said.

Cathy Amara led York in scoring with 13 points, followed closely by Joann Jakovcevic with 12 and Nancy Fairburn with 10.

On Friday at Queen's the Yeowomen defeated the Gaels 72-66. The win was a nice comeback from their 63-34 loss to the Gaels in January.

"It was a big thing for us to win in their court," Pangos said.

Amara led on the scoreboard with 18 points.

The Yeowomen get another

chance at the Blues tonight (Wednesday) when they meet up at UofT. This weekend, they finish off their regular season with games at Ottawa and Carleton.

Puck Yeowomen end season with win, but miss playoffs

by Harry Rudolfs

Despite being outshot 39-15 by Queen's Golden Gaels, the hockey Yeowomen managed to squeeze out a 4-3 victory in their last game of the season Saturday at the Ice Palace.

York goalie Jill Garrod frustrated the Queen's offence which was camped in front of her crease for much of the game.

Yeowoman captain Marni Barrow opened the scoring at 5:09 in the first period with some clever stickhandling to beat Queen's goalie Catherine Picklyk on a backhand.

The Gaels' Tanya Casey got the equalizer, beating Garrod with a blistering slapshot. The period ended with York withstanding an intense Gael onslaught as the Yeowomen played two skaters short in the last minute.

York went ahead at 4:32 of the second period when Anne Samplonius scored. Queen's drew even when Tanya Casey scored her second of the afternoon while Yeowoman Sherri Brown sat out a cross-checking penalty.

York took the game to Queen's at the beginning of the third period with a Lisa Freedman goal at the 1:12 mark. The Gaels tied the game at 9:31 with a Stacey Harvey marker.

Karen Moffitt scored the winning goal for York when she stole the puck at the Queen's blueline and went in unassisted to score with 1:40 left in the game.

The Gaels pulled Picklyk in the last minute but were unable to beat Garrod with the extra skater.

Said coach Deb Adams, "Jill played well and came out with some good saves."

"That's been our problem all year — not enough shots. Fortunately today we had the quality," Adams said, describing her team at the other end of the rink.

The Yeowomen ended the season with a win but finished one point behind Queen's for the last playoff spot.

Despite missing the playoffs, coach Adams was philosophical about the season.

"We had nine rookies this year. I think they've come a long way from the beginning of the season, they've really developed."

Swimmer Lori Boreen going to CIAU's,

Small team hurts York at OWIAA finals

by Riccardo Sala

In a game of numbers the Yeowomen swimmers came up short last weekend, finishing eighth of fifteen teams at the OWIAA (Ontario Women's Inter Athletic Association) championships in Ottawa.

"We only had twelve girls, some of the other teams had twenty," York coach Cheryl Stickley said.

"I was hoping that we could do a little better. As usual it was McMaster, Western and UofT that dominated," Stickley said.

York's eighth-place finish was identical to last year's results, although the Yeowomen picked up more points this time.

No York swimmers picked up medals in Ottawa, though several did

place in the consolation and semi-final rounds.

The season is still on for one Yeowoman, though. York's Lori Boreen qualified for the nationals at Montreal the first weekend in March, in the 100 and 200m backstroke, the only York swimmer of either the men's or women's team to do so.

The Yeomen were still practicing this week, preparing for the OUAA (Ontario University Athletic Association) championships, to be held this weekend at Brock.

"They (the Yeomen) were tenth or so last year, and I'd like to see them make an improvement. I'm hoping to get one or two qualifiers for the CI's (nationals)," Stickley said.

"I don't know about winning events, but about medalling, I'd like

to see Jason Thomas in the backstroke," she added, pointing out that realistically, York would come out best if the Yeomen could post personal bests over the weekend.

Like the women's team, the Yeomen will be going to Brock undermanned, Stickley estimating that York's ten-man contingent could be short by as many as eight swimmers to other teams.

"I would say the problem is definitely a lack of swimmers. We only have one rookie. I mean, all the other teams are twice our size," Stickley said.

Regardless of whether or not any Yeomen make the standard for the nationals, Stickley will be back at the Tait pool next week, working on Boreen for the CIAU championships.

York loses to UofT in bid for badminton bronze

by Jim Sheppard

In a disappointing end to a fine season, the Yeomen finished out of the medals in the OUAA badminton playoffs at Kingston last weekend.

The Yeomen, who finished second during the regular season, lost a close semi-final to Toronto, 4 matches to 2.

In the bronze medal contest, the Yeomen came out on the wrong end of several close matches and fell 5-1 to Queen's.

Western, ranked first at the end of the regular season, one point ahead of York, defeated UofT 4-2 in the championship round for the OUAA title. The Mustangs won both doubles matches and split the four singles.

Although they had hoped for better results, York went into the playoffs knowing that it would be tough. The four playoff teams finished the regular season in a virtual tie for first place.

The semi-final against Toronto began as expected. York's number one team of player-coach Eddy Watt and Matt Horwood gave UofT's top team, eventual gold-medallists in the individual doubles portion, a tough first game, but wound up losing 18-14, 15-5.

York's number two team, Kartik Vyas and Dan MacDonald, which had lost only three matches over the regular season, came back from a 8-0 deficit in the first game to win 15-12. They were edged in the second game 17-16 but won the third game decisively, 15-10.

"We expected to be 1-1 going into the four singles matches and were confident of at least a split," said coach Fred Fletcher.

"A split would have resulted in a 3-3 tie and our fifth singles player Mike Molson would have been favoured to win the tie-breaking singles match."

As it turned out, the Yeomen lost their first and second singles matches (UofT individual gold



KARTIK VYAS: here at Ryerson. Along with teammate Dan MacDonald, they made up York's number two doubles team at last weekend's OUAA playoffs at Queen's. Ranked second at the end of the regular season, the Yeomen wound up fourth in Kingston, losing to UofT in the bronze medal match

medallist Quong Hoang over Watt, 15-8, 15-0 and Mike Deane over Horwood, 15-9, 15-7) but Vyas defeated Jason Nicol 15-8, 17-15.

However, MacDonald lost a close match to Bernard Schweitzer, who played third for Toronto most of the season and was dropped to fourth for the playoffs. MacDonald won the first game 15-8 but lost a 17-14 squeaker before dropping the final game 15-4.

Rushed back onto the court for the bronze medal match against Queen's, the Yeomen could not regroup after their semi-final loss. MacDonald picked up York's only win at fourth singles but three of the

five losses were extremely close.

"The players gave it their best effort and just missed winning the semi-final," said Fletcher.

"We were as well prepared as we could be, but it just wasn't our day."

"We expect to be even stronger next year and to have another shot at the medals," he said.

In the women's competition, defending champion Ottawa defeated McMaster in the final to hold onto the title. Western beat Ryerson for the bronze.

With a seventh place finish in the regular season, the Yeowomen did not make it to the playoffs.

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