

Adams' family looks forward to women's hockey season

by Haniff Nana

Despite some challenges, the York Yeowomen hockey team is looking forward to the upcoming OWIAA season.

Since their initial exhibition matchup against a squad from the North York women's hockey league, rookie head coach Deb Adams feels her players have progressed smoothly, despite a lack of any tough competition.

The Yeowomen currently have two wins in as many games, and have outscored their opponents 10-0, including a 6-0 victory over a Mississauga Junior A squad.

Because of the wide margins of victory, it has been difficult for Adams

to assess her team's strengths and weaknesses, which has somewhat hampered efforts to prepare the Yeowomen for the regular season.

"It's tough [to assess] until you get into the season and then all of a sudden you're right into it," said Adams.

Despite the constraints in gauging the Yeowomen this early in the year, Adams feels they will be solid up the middle. Rookie centre Karen Moffitt, who joined the team after their first exhibition is a welcome addition to fellow rookie Kathie Quinn and fourth year veteran Angie Robb.

The Yeowomen defence, which is the team's greatest concern this far, will be anchored by veteran blueliner Marni Barrow. Barrow, in addition to being a solid defender, can contribute in the offensive zone as well. Against the Mississauga Hawks, Barrow notched a goal and two assists.

If the defence breaks down, however, opponents will have to contend with the goaltending tandem of Brenda Deneault and Jill Garred, who have yet to give up a goal this season.

Despite York's strengths, Adams acknowledges her squad will be up against some formidable opposition this year, including the Queen's Lady Gaels and the UofT Blues.

The Blues roster in particular is one which Adams and company will have to watch. On the Toronto roster are three members of the world champion Canadian national team.

And although Golden Gaels have lost three players, their depth of talent should more than make up for the loss.

The Yeowomen open up their season against those same Lady Gaels this weekend when they head to Kingston for a pair of games Friday and Saturday.



photo by Rob Cabral

TAKETHAT: Yeowoman Angie Robb watches as a York teammate takes aim at the opposition in a recent exhibition game. Coached by Deb Adams, who replaces Deb Maybury, the

Yeowomen have recorded two shutouts while outscoring opponents 10-0 in pre-season play. York plays at Queen's next Friday.

Tennis Yeomen grab Ontario championship

by Riccardo Sala

It's been two weekends of glory for the tennis Yeomen.

Two weeks ago the Yeomen, playing at U of T, took their first OUAA team title since 1975.

Last weekend at Western, the doubles pair of Alex Nestor and Peter Bedard won the provincial doubles championship.

In Toronto, York started off the scoring on the right foot, defeating McMaster 5-1. Bedard and Nestor, who played despite an injury, starred, as did teammates Otto Vesjadi and Ben Woo.

In the doubles section of that tournament, Nestor and Bedard defaulted, electing to save themselves for the Saturday matches, an option offered by league rules.

York made it to the finals against U of T. In the doubles section, the duo of Vesjadi and Gord Connery defeated the Toronto pair of Wendling and Lee, a victory all the more sweeter since they had lost a similar matchup only the before.

That win was just one of many for the Yeomen that weekend, who came away in the end with a provincial title. On a personal level, both Woo and Bedard ended the season with a perfect 8-0 record.

McMaster and U of T were on the receiving end of York's racket again

one week later. The doubles tournament, hosted by Western, took place at the Green Hills Tennis Club.

On Friday, Bedard and Nestor defeated their Marauder counterparts 6-2 and 7-5 to make it to the final round against U of T on Saturday.

The Blues fared better against York's dynamic duo.

"They (York) lost their concentration in the second set, but went on to recover and win the game," York coach Eric Bojesen wrote.

The final score for the Yeomen in those three matches was 6-4, 0-6 and 6-2, to give York the doubles title.

So the Yeomen saw red, and came away with an OUAA banner, the first one of the season for any York varsity team.

York Varsity Athletics Schedule November 6-12

Thursday November 7

BASKETBALL
 Yeowomen at Laurier - 8:00pm
 SOCCER
 Yeowomen at CIAU Championships, Guelph University (Thursday-Sunday)

Friday November 8

BASKETBALL
 Yeomen at McMaster - 8:00pm
 HOCKEY
 Yeomen at McGill - 7:30pm
 ICE HOCKEY
 Yeowomen at Queen's - 7:30pm
 VOLLEYBALL
 Yeowomen at Winnipeg Invitational (Friday-Saturday)

Saturday November 9

GYMNASTICS
 Yeomen at McMaster Invitational
 HOCKEY
 Yeomen at Concordia - 4:00pm
 ICE HOCKEY
 Yeowomen at Queen's - 1:30pm
 VOLLEYBALL
 Yeomen at Queen's - 2:00pm

Tuesday November 12

BASKETBALL
 Guelph at Yeowomen, Tall Main Gym - 8:15pm

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