

Rugby team romps over Carleton despite missing 3 starters

By MANOJ PRAJAPAT

The York Yeomen rugby team travelled to Ottawa Saturday minus three starters and with perhaps a question mark as to whether they could increase their record to 5-0

against the Carleton University Ravens.

The final score removed any doubt as the Yeomen stomped all over the Ravens en route to a 40-4 victory.

Absent from the team were Andy

Woolford, Zlatko Vitak and Gary Kalk who are all members of the provincial team which played in the Canadian Championships over the weekend.

Rob Shaw, Jim Gresham and Paul Gardner were the replacements and

each played a strong game.

The win was even more impressive when considering that the Yeomen played nearly the entire game a man short due to a penalty. Also, the field at Carleton is about 10 yards narrower than a conventional rugby field which took away some of the Yeomen's vaunted outside attack.

It took the Yeomen a while to get on track as Carleton held York to just a 12-4 lead at the half.

But as has been the case throughout the season, the Yeomen put together a strong second half and erupted for 28 points to run away with the contest.

Spencer Robinson and Bruce Kierstead paced the Yeomen with

two tries each. Scott Switzer and Rowan Saunders counted singles.

Robinson is a first-year man who was highly touted coming into the season. His superb play though, even has head coach Mike Dinning somewhat surprised.

"We knew he was good because he just missed making the national team which went to Australia," Dinning said. "But yes, even I didn't think he would dominate this much."

The Yeomen return home this Saturday to host the University of Trent Nationals. A victory could clinch first place depending on what happens in a game between Queen's and U of T.

Basketball coach optimistic about upcoming season as Yeowomen have eight returning veterans

By GARY SCHOLICH

Last season, the York basketball Yeowomen underwent a rebuilding year. With eight veterans returning to this year's roster, coach Frances Flint feels optimistic about the upcoming campaign.

"We're looking for a positive season. It was nice to be the underdog last year, because there was a real work ethic," Flint said, adding, "We played as a team, and we want to carry it through this season. I felt that we were ahead of schedule in our rebuilding."

5'8" Paula Lockyer returns to lead the Yeowomen with 5'10" Anne Marie Thuss. Both frontline players give Flint reasons for optimism, as they were both 1984-85 Ontario All-Stars. Thuss can also handle the centre's role as well.

Another prominent figure on the team is 5'8" Jean Graham, also a forward. She finished second on the team in scoring. Graham also tied for the team lead in rebounding average with 5'11" sophomore

centre Susan DeRyck.

Besides DeRyck, who will be looking to improve a 56% free throw pct., there are four other sophomores. 5'5" Liz MacDonald and 5'6" Michelle Sund will be sharing the point guard duties, while 5'8" Wanda Pighin is a returning forward. 6'2" Anthea Hewitt adds both height and depth at the centre spot.

Four rookies have been added to the lineup. 5'5" Theresa Dooley from Oshawa is a guard, while 5'10" Heather Reid of Brampton, a provincial team member, is an extra forward. 5'11" Scarborough native Nicky Smith and 6'0" Cynthia Johnson of North Bay are both centres.

"I'm very optimistic," Flint said. "We have enough speed and enough height. Not only can we press and run, but now we can also establish our inside game." Adding, "also, we have top-calibre tournaments coming up. Our own home tournament may be the toughest of them all. We have to keep up our never-say-die attitude."

NOTE: At the York Tait McKenzie Classic (Nov. 29, 30, Dec. 1), the Taiwan Nationals will be there. As well Calgary will be there with a 6'4" National team member, while Winnipeg will be carrying two more Canadian Nationals.

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