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Goalies give opposition double trouble

by Mike Raycraft

Consider the hockey Yeomen fortunate.

While most teams have difficulty in finding one quality netminder, York has two. And they aren't about to give up either one.

Last season, the superb goaltending tandem of Ted Mielczarek and Willie Popp became a vital piece of the Yeomen puzzle.

Together the two combined for an admirable 13-8-1 record and a 3.81 goals against average.

This season, though the early going numbers have slipped slightly (3-3-0 and 4.00 GAA), hockey fans better stand up and take notice.

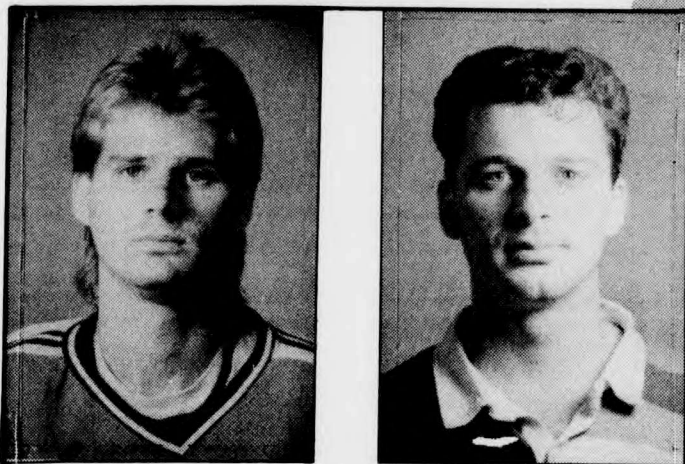
Most indications are that we're going to be treated to an encore performance.

Each goaltender offers the club similar, yet unique styles.

But aside from talent and desire, the pair's success is based on chemistry: they compliment each other well.

"Being here another year with Ted leaves us with two good goalies, said 3rd year veteran Popp this can't be seen as anything other than positive."

"When one of us may not be playing so well, we always have the other to fall back on," added sophomore Mielczarek. "While everyone may want to be a



Ted Mielczarek (l) and Willie Popp.

starter, this situation provides more stability."

It's a pretty safe bet to say head coach Graham Wise isn't losing much sleep over who will be between the pipes from one game to the next.

"We have two excellent goalies," Wise said "and as such, I have confidence in them both."

Popular defenceman Guy Girouard supported Wise's claim.

"It helps our confidence knowing that both Willie and Ted can play," Girouard said. "It doesn't matter

who's in net, the team is just fortunate enough to have two quality goalies."

Is there cause for concern? Not likely.

Is this a curse rather than a blessing? Not likely.

Is this too good to be true? Could be.

For starters, Mielczarek and Popp are friends. They room together on the road and they provide each other with plenty of moral support.

"Regardless of who's playing, we are always supporting each other," Popp said. "You have to play with a sense of pride. There's more to the game than just goalie stats."

Mielczarek's approach is no different.

"If there is any competition between us it is a friendly competition. Willie and I are motivated by each other to do better."

"This will continue to be a positive situation as long as Willie and I remain good friends."

Even with the remaining schedule looking more challenging with each passing game, Popp and Mielczarek don't show any reason why they can't hold the fort for York.

In any case, they'll still be exciting to watch.

York fans can catch one of the two in action this Thursday night at the Ice Palace as the Yeomen take on the Waterloo Warriors in a 7:30 start.

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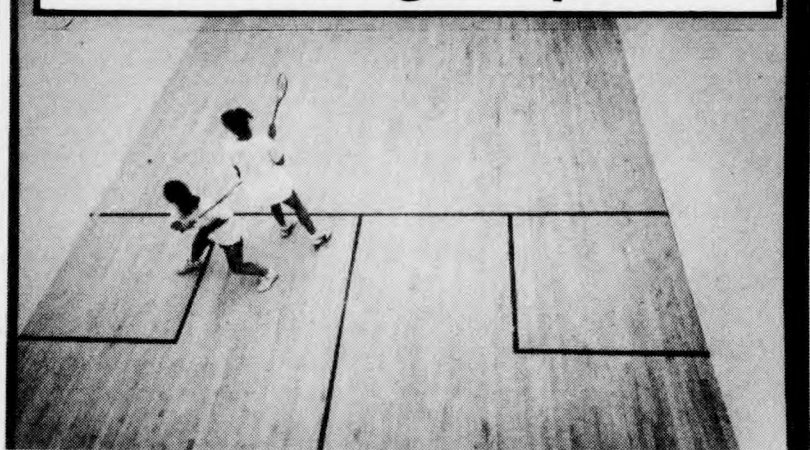

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Yeowomen get squashed



Andre Souroujon

by Alex Jorritsma

The Yeowomen squash team finished in fifth spot in the seventh annual Can-Am tournament last weekend.

The six team tourney included three American squads as well as a trio of Canadian teams.

Hosted in alternating countries each year, this year's edition took place at Glendon College, due to lack of facilities on York's main campus.

This year's location gave the American players a chance to test their skills on an international court and to use slow yellow dot ball.

When the tournament takes place in the U.S., though, a smaller North American court is used, along with a much faster ball.

Because of this, said team captain Michelle Squarciotta, "The Canadian teams usually do better than the American

teams when the tournament is held here."

Despite Squarciotta's predictions, American teams placed second, third and fourth in this year's event.

Saving the day for Canuck pride was the team from Waterloo, which grabbed top spot.

The lack of facilities at York is a simple one to understand; there simply aren't any international courts on campus.

The shortage forces the Yeowomen to travel to Glendon College three times a week for practice.

Last year, it also stopped Squarciotta from joining the team since she simply couldn't get to the courts.

Comper suggested better facilities at York would be good for both the team and the university.

Currently, the Yeowomen are looking forward to this weekend's OWIAA East sectional at Queen's.