

SPORTS



"TAKE YOUR EYES OFF MY BALL" York's Michelle Sund goes on offence against Ottawa.

Yeowomen dunk the capital

By "HOOPS" JARVIS

Chalk up two more for the basketball Yeowomen.

York's hoop women swept the Carleton Ravens 83-42 Friday night and followed with a 61-52 win over the Ottawa Gee-Gees.

"We expected to beat Carleton," said York forward Heather Reid. "We're well-matched against Ottawa. It was a good win."

Rookie Tanya Philp led the Yeowomen with 15 points against Carleton. Reid had 12 and Evelyn Wayne added 11. York shot 88 per cent from the foul line.

York coach Bill Pangos utilized his entire bench in the game.

"It was a good team effort. Everyone contributed to the win," said Pangos. "We worked on certain parts of the offence and defence."

Rookie Mary Katherine Stapleton played strongly on the offensive boards and was named York's player of the game.

"Mary did a superb job offensively," praised Pangos.

The game against Ottawa was much closer. It was the first regular season meeting between the two teams. York and Ottawa split a pair of games in exhibition play.

In the first half, Ottawa spent a lot of time at the foul line and kept York's lead to 32-26 at the half.

The Yeowomen forced the Gee-Gees to man-to-man coverage in the second half. A combination of strong boards and smart shot selection gave York a 61-52 win. gave York a 61-52 win.

Pangos was not impressed with his team's play in the first few minutes of the second half. However, he said the team "showed composure."

He was happy with the execution of the offence in the last fifteen minutes of the game.

"We ran the man-to-man and made some good decisions to shoot at the end."

Pangos said he was also pleased with the intensity his team displayed on defence.

"I think our defensive intensity transferred to the offence in the second half," said Pangos. "It may have contributed to some fouls . . . Ottawa got to the line more than we wanted and they're a very good foul-shooting team."

"But it was hard for them (Ottawa) to score field goals."

Michelle Sund scored 17 points

against Ottawa. Centre Sue DeRyck was York's player of the game.

"Sue had good boards," said Pangos. "Ottawa is bigger than us and we needed boards. Evelyn Wayne also had a good game for us."

York's play was "no real surprise" for Ottawa coach Wanda Pilon.

"York kept the pressure on and played hard for 40 minutes," said Pilon. "We had to score from the inside and shot only 31 per cent from the floor. York really hustled . . . they deserved to win."

Pilon sees Laurentian and Toronto as the teams to beat in the league.

"York is capable of beating them," she said.

The young Ottawa team is struggling a bit but Pilon said "our goal is to make the playoffs."

Assistant York coach Al Scragg feels the team is progressing nicely.

"Some of our first year players have obtained the necessary experience to compete. What was most gratifying tonight, though, was the play of our veterans. They came up big when we needed it."

York faces league giants Lauren-

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B-Yeomen are back

By MICHAEL KRESTELL

The Yeomen basketball team is far from dead.

The Yeomen earned back to back victories over the weekend, posting their second and third wins of the season. York squeaked by Carleton 56-55 for a victory on Friday night.

The Yeomen, spurred on by Mark Bellai's outside shooting, jumped out to an early lead. After the first 20 minutes of play they led 31-27.

The Ravens came back in the second half. At one point Carleton led by five points but York fought back. Once again it was Bellai leading the way for the Yeomen.

With three minutes remaining York was up by five.

Some sloppy play down the stretch by the home side gave the Ravens a chance to win the contest. A last-minute desperation heave by Carleton's Mike Tough went astray and allowed the Yeomen to record their second victory of the season.

York coach Bob Bain had nothing but praise for his team's defence. "They came up really tough and this let us control the pace," said Bain. "Tonight we played a grinding game. It's when we play a freewheeling style that we get into trouble."

Carleton coach Paul Armstrong was quick to praise the Yeomen

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York figure skaters in fourth place

By PAM SERKOWNEY

They're a little team with a lot of heart.

Yeowomen figure skaters turned in some strong performances last weekend to place fourth overall at the York Invitational meet. A team from Western captured the gold.

"We weren't 100 per cent ready for the competition," said York coach Tracey McCague. "We're smaller than the top teams [Western, Queen's, and Toronto] so we don't have as many competitors. It does even out a bit in the finals where only one skater per team can compete in an event."

The small York squad won the group precision event and skated to a third-place finish in the formation

14-step. The precision fours free also placed third.

Yeowoman Laura Hunter won the senior singles event. Tracey Woodhead and Tracey Anne Elliot finished second in intermediate similar pairs.

Jane Griffith was third in junior singles.

"It was a good competition for us because we skated more together," said Hunter. "We really worked on precision and it helped our group cohesion."

The number does pose a problem for the 13-member team.

"We don't have as many people as Western or Queen's, where they have to have tryouts," said Griffith.

It's very tough and go . . . sometimes we don't have enough people for all the events," said Hunter. "We

have poor ice time. People aren't always committed to early practice. We're doing really well for what we have."

"We have a very low profile," commented coach McCague. "A lot of people don't even know we have an arena, let alone a [figure skating] team."

McCague places emphasis on participation.

"Skaters compete over a wide calibre of competitive levels. We always need more skaters and I would like to see more people coming out for the team."

"Winning precision really gives us a boost," said McCague. She feels the team can finish in the top two at the Ontario. The OWIAA Championships are scheduled for February 10 and 11 at Waterloo.

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