

Yeowomen take it all

Boyes goal clinches hockey final

Elissa Freeman

Before the final showdown between York and Concordia at the York Invitational Women's Hockey tournament last weekend, Yeowomen Coach, Wally Clost, commented, "Concordia's got good skaters and a good goalie, but York has better puck control and better hockey sense." he couldn't have made a more accurate statement: it was the two latter skills, puck handling and hockey know-how, that led the Yeowomen to a nailbiting 1 - 0 victory and top honours at the tourney.

Overpowered opposition

The Concordia game was by far the greatest challenge York had to face in the two day competition. After thrashing Seneca 8 - 0 one Friday night, the Yeowomen coasted to an easy 5 - 1 victory over John Abbott College from Quebec, early Saturday morning.

In the match against Abbott, the Yeowomen completely overpowered the opposition, keeping the play in Abbott's end of the rink for the first two periods. In the first period, forward Lisa Biglin scored the lone

goal on an assist by captain Sue Howard.

During the second period, Howard, on a pass by Leslie Hood, displayed some fancy footwork as she deked the goalie and slid the puck into the net to give York a 2 - 0 lead. Jeanne Rouseau, however, pulled Abbott within one goal late in the period. Abbott threatened to tie, but sharp goaltending by Donna Thompson kept the Yeowomen in the lead. Credit should also be given to defensewomen Cindy Clost, who showed good hustle, never giving her opponent enough time to complete a play. Rookie forward Sue Harling was also always in the thick of things, displaying superior skill with her tenacious playing style.

It wasn't until the final period that York finally pulled away for good. Karen Chaikoff, Harling and Howard scored three unanswered goals to put the game out of reach. Clost jokingly credited the Yeowomen's late burst of energy to the fact that, "the girls don't like playing so early in the morning!"

A tough finale

The Concordia game was a different story altogether. These two

high calibre teams played a close, tight game with several interference and holding penalties interspersed between the play. But neither team could capitalize on their respective power-plays.

Top goaltending

The Yeowomen had plenty of scoring chances, but they were repeatedly turned back by the excellent goal-tending of Concordia's Denise Bienvenu. Concordia also threatened to score, but their plays were often broken up by the alert play of Kathie Treseder and Leslie Hood.

The teams played to a nerve-racking score-less tie for two periods. Strong skating by Howard and Judy Butler and Thompson's goaltending kept Concordia off the scoreboard. However, early in the period, an exuberant Barb Boyes scored what proved to be the winning goal, putting York on top 1 - 0. Harling and Andrea Demarco were credited with the assists. Even when Concordia pulled their goalie in favour of an extra player, some tight defensive work lead by Boyes, kept the Yeowomen victory intact.



Look what I found! The Hockey Yeowomen helped themselves to a 5 - 1 victory over John Abbott.

Cagers win at Waterloo

Pat Copps

At Waterloo this weekend, the York Yeomen Men's basketball team took top honours in the Wilfred Laurier Invitational Tournament.

On Friday night Grant Parobel scored with one second left on the clock to give the Yeomen an 81-80 victory over Waterloo. This allowed York to advance to the championship game against Sir Wilfred Laurier.

In that game York overcame some early lackadaisical play and defeated Laurier 81-71, taking home the first

championship trophy of the season.

Some personal honours were achieved by two Yeomen. John Christenson, the 6 foot 10 inch centre, was selected most valuable player of the tournament and guard Grant Parobel was selected to the All-Starr team. Christenson was York's top scorer in both games, chalking up 28 and 20 points respectively. He seems well on the road to another All-Star season.

York's Rookie Head Coach, Gerry Barker had commented on the events of the weekend, "I was very pleased with the way the team performed, despite the letdown in Saturday's game. We are starting to mold together as a playing unit right on schedule."

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