

Their last game ...

by Shirley Gasparet

THE STORY OF THEIR LAST GAME

Goodbye Virginia. . . That's right gang women's ice hockey is "tout fini" as the French would say. They played their final game on Saturday afternoon against Trent in Peterborough.

The most action of the day was the York team trying to find a dressing room for themselves. After evicting a couple of lagers from a pee wee team they set up house with five minutes to game time.

Equipment flew around the room and a few minutes later they stumbled onto the ice.

Then it hit the team — heat. It was being generated by the TV lights (although we weren't on TV) which apparently were the only lighting facilities available.

The game finally got started, and it was the worst game York has ever played.

The first period saw Trent go ahead 1-0. It was really a gift goal as our goalie skated out like a younger day Jacques Plant to

stop a shot and missed.

Neither team was playing hockey. They more or less batted the puck or the opposition up and down the rink.

It was anything goes as far as the referees were concerned; tripping, high sticking and boarding were all legal measures of restraint.

The second period had the most action with Digna Hiel scoring for York on a power play to even the score 1-1.

The second piece of action was the penalty called on York. The referee yelled interference but didn't know who to call it on, so he took a guess and tagged Sandy Leskew.

The same scambly hockey that they played for the first two periods carried over into the third one. York had plenty of shots on goal but either the puck bounced the wrong way or the Trent goalie moved the right way.

In any case this unhappy combination of events held true until Jackie Hutchinson managed to shove the winning goal into the net midway through the period.

The final score was 2-1 for York. The record of 3 wins and one loss can go down in history as the results of the first year of play for the women's ice hockey team.

If you have ever wondered who the girls were who practiced at the odd hours, who turned up and who played with little protection and lots of determination, they are;

Goal — Marie Shier, Centres — Pat Ireson, Jackie Hutchinson, Sandi Stevens, Sandy Leskew; Left Wing — Ruth Ann Whipp, Wendy Parker, Jennie Hamilton, Nancy Tarsey; Right Wing — Louise Birch, Digna Heil, Irene Cochrane; Defence — Sue Smith, Shirley Gasparet, Susan Byard, Vicki Ingram, Kathy Williams, and Carla Meulmeester.

Summary of Games Played

Opposing Teams	Goals For	Goals Against
Ryerson	3	0
Guelph	0	11
Trent	3	1
Trent	2	1
Totals	8	13

Women's sports briefs

BASKETBALL

The women's B-ball team beat the Waterloo girls 26-20 in one of their best games of the season. The game was played last Tuesday in Waterloo. On February 21 and 22 they go to Carleton University for the OQWCIA tournament.

ICE HOCKEY

The team ended the season on a winning note in Peterborough last Saturday (see accompanying article). It was a great year — especially our exciting away game with unusual stunts on the bus. Next year — more away games.

VOLLEYBALL

Along with the B-ball team, the volleyball team defeated Waterloo last Tuesday. They travel to Waterloo University to compete in the OQWCIA tournament. Best of luck, girls.

Squash team squeezes Harvard

"You're kidding!" said the Harvard team manager and dashed off to check as someone came up to him in the 300 seat spectator gallery at Harvard's famed Hemenway gym and told him that York — an unknown name to all there — was leading in three of the five squash games against the university.

Not a strange reaction perhaps when you think that the Harvard first team of ten is unbeaten now for two years.

No one loses at Harvard in squash — to do so is an event if not a disgrace — and here was an unknown University playing the unbeaten and talented Junior Varsity team and winning.

Regrettably the final result swayed narrowly to Harvard, giving them a final 3-2 win but not before the unexpected had nearly happened.

First on the court was Colin MacAndrews who entered into a tight disciplined match of hard hitting interspersed with beautiful drops and angles. Not a shot was wasted and only after some 35 minutes did he concede defeat in the third game.

Next door Russ Smart was entering into a marathon of five games with the junior varsity No. 2 which swung back and forth, hindered by stops for cramps.

Meanwhile results were filtering up from the floor below where Koster, obviously celebrating his recent

election victory, tore into his opponent to win 3-0. Then the Smart match came to its prolonged end with Smart winning 3-2 and the gallery suddenly realised that it was 2-2 all in matches and Harvard were in deep trouble.

Only how deep was realised when the word came up that Doug Owens was leading 2-1 in the fifth match and the gallery moved. Surrounding the lower court silence had to be called twice as Owens dropped the fourth game, and the match and the series entered into a crucial fifth.

Owens swung ahead to lead 4-0 then was caught and the Harvard man was 12-9 up. Five points remained, the York Coach could be seen with his head in his hands, unable to watch, and then at 14-12, Owens went for a drop to out-manoeuvre his speedy Harvard opponent and put it in the tin.

A great match and a great first trip by an unknown Canadian University to the home of American College squash. But not the last.

Harvard coach Jack Barnaby invited the York Team back next year and suggested that York should play M.I.T. and a few more of those noted New England teams at the same time.

As Anil Nayar, currently rated the top amateur in North America and called one of the greatest half dozen college squash players of all time by Barnaby, said, "You boys are good!"

OQWCIA champs again

York's synchronized swimmers retained the O.Q.W.C.I.A. championship which they won for the first time last year. This year's meet was held in Windsor last Friday.

The team of five performed exceptionally well. Their lack of experience certainly did not show, even though the level of competition this year was much higher than the previous year, and more universities entered teams.

Although there were only five girls on the team, Suzanne Duchesneau, Susan Fretts, Cheryl Woodman, Hannah Loewy and Joan Vesey, York had two entries in the figures competition, two in the solos, two in the duets and one team number.

The expressiveness and depth in York's routines was impressive. Their utilization of music and costumes was good and the routines reflected the personalities of the girls. The team members displayed professional touches as well as great spirit and sincere enjoyment.

The results for the synchronized swimming are as follows: In the figures competition (compulsory strokes and movements) Suzanne placed second and Susan fourth. In the solos Suzanne placed second and Hannah third.

York took first and second in the duet with Suzanne and Joan on top and Susan and Hannah in second place.

The team number was very close. York came third, two points behind Ryerson, and .6 behind the second place team.

York's top speed swimmer, Janet Nash, kept up the winning pace by placing first in all the events she entered; 100 yd. freestyle (1:01), 200 yd. freestyle (2:13) and 100 yd. butterfly (1:33). Hannah Loewy, who entered the 50 yd. freestyle and the 50 yd. backstroke, placed second in the backstroke.

Our synchronized swimmers and diver pitched in to make up a medley relay team which placed third. This team was composed of Janet, Elsbeth, Hannah and Suzanne.

York's one-girl diving team, Elsbeth Austin, gave York another first. Behind after the three compulsory dives Elsbeth came through to win with her two optional dives.

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