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Yeowomen demolish Carleton in season opener

By KARIM HAJEE

By the five minute mark of the first half the York Yeowomen had a commanding lead over Carleton and they never looked back as they demolished the Robins by a score of 82-36.

The game was the first of the regular season for the Yeowomen and new head coach Bill Pangos. "It was definitely a good start," coach Pangos said. "I expected a wide margin, maybe not that wide. Carleton is not a very good team, and we tried to make the most of it."

Despite the easy victory, coach Pangos knows the rest of this season's matchups will not be a cakewalk. "We've got Ryerson next, they're a tough club," Pangos said. "There are a lot of tough teams in the league and it is very competitive. The players understand that we have to refocus and take it one game at a time."

After having a one for seven first half, veteran guard Jeanne Gramham came on strong in the second half to drive the final nails in the Carleton coffin, as many of the regulars watched from the sidelines. "My goal in the game was to get everybody in, make them feel comfortable

and give them some experience," Pangos said. "I explained to them earlier what to expect from Carleton. We managed to work on our zone defence which was also part of our objective."

The Yeowomen were to have played Queen's on Saturday, but a mixup on the part of Queen's (they thought the game was Sunday) resulted in the cancellation of the game. "We're not sure what is going to happen with that game," Pangos said. "We may play later on, or we may win by default. It still has to be decided."

The next game for York is against their cross town rivals and heavily favoured University of Toronto. "I think we have a very realistic chance at beating U of T," Pangos said. "I think if we work hard and play well we can win."

The York Yeowomen and an optimistic Pangos have embarked on a three-game road trip, including a visit to Varsity Stadium. They return to Tait Mackenzie after a game at Laurentian, to play Queen's on January 30.

Editor's Note: Hopefully, the Golden Gaels will show up to this game.



THIS ONE'S MINE: Yeowoman basketball guard Michelle Sund, a graduate of CHAT, is shown in action against the Carleton Ravens. York handily dismissed the Ravens by an overwhelming 82-36 score.

B-ball Yeomen take two but lose star forward for remainder of the season

By CHRISTINE GOMES

The Yeomen basketball team started their regular season on the right bounce by collecting two victories against the Carleton Ravens and the Queen's Golden Gaels.

After competing in two tournaments over the holidays, the Yeomen hosted the Ravens at the Tait Mackenzie Gym Friday night.

Coming into Friday's game, Coach Bob Bain expressed confidence in his team's ability to take the game. From the first jump ball of the game, it appeared that the Yeomen would do just that, but the Yeomen immediately began to falter.

"The first 10 seconds we played great," coach Bain said, "and then we decided to shoot the ball around a lot," he added with a touch of sarcasm. Indeed, both teams were shooting the ball almost everywhere without much thought of strategy or accuracy.

In the first half both teams committed a number of mistakes, point-less fouls and sported poor shooting averages. Stu Levinsky, the fifth year starting center, reflected the Yeomen's poor showing by completing only one free throw in the first half. York went into the dressing room with a 40-36 edge over Carleton.

In the second half though, Levinsky and the Yeomen displayed a remarkable improvement. Levinsky finished the game with 22 points

while the Yeomen forced the Ravens to give up the ball nine times in the second half as opposed to only four in the first. The Yeomen's dominating performance in the second half led them to a convincing 95-77 victory over the Ravens, the highest tally the team has reached so far this year.

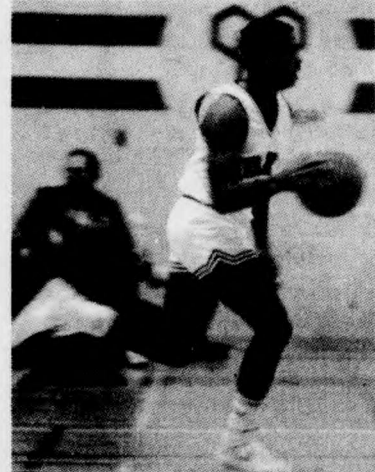
Coach Bain was generally pleased with the outcome of the game and with the performance of his charges. He highlighted the play of Steve Szagala, Mike Sherwood, Paul Rosenberg and Levinsky. In particular, Bain commented that he was really impressed with Stafford Lowe. The 19-year-old freshman combined aggressiveness with finesse to boast a perfect shooting percentage in the second half and 15 points for the game. Paul Lebrux and Mike McInrue were the high scorers for the Ravens.

On Saturday, the Yeomen travelled to Kingston and faced a stubborn Queen's squad but eventually came out on top 73-67. Mike Sherwood was the top scorer for the Yeomen, with 17 points.

Coach Bain noted that "generally we must play a grinding man-to-man game. Defensively, we have to do a job on people who try to go inside (the key). Offensively, we aren't great ball handlers, carriers or even shooters yet." Bain stressed that these characteristics were only temporary.

Bain's confidence is evident in his expectations of his young team which lost eight members from last year due to graduation and other circumstances. His expectations might drastically change very soon though as the Yeomen lost Paul Rosenberg in Saturday's game. The forward ripped ligaments in his knee, requiring surgery and forcing him to miss the rest of the season.

This setback will definitely pose a challenge for freshman forward Lowe who will see if he can fill Rosenberg's shoes in the upcoming match against Ryerson Tuesday. The magnitude of Rosenberg's loss, however, will not be fully unveiled until their match with the U of T Blues this Friday. The Blues are ranked 10th in the country and are likely candidates for the OCAA finals.



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