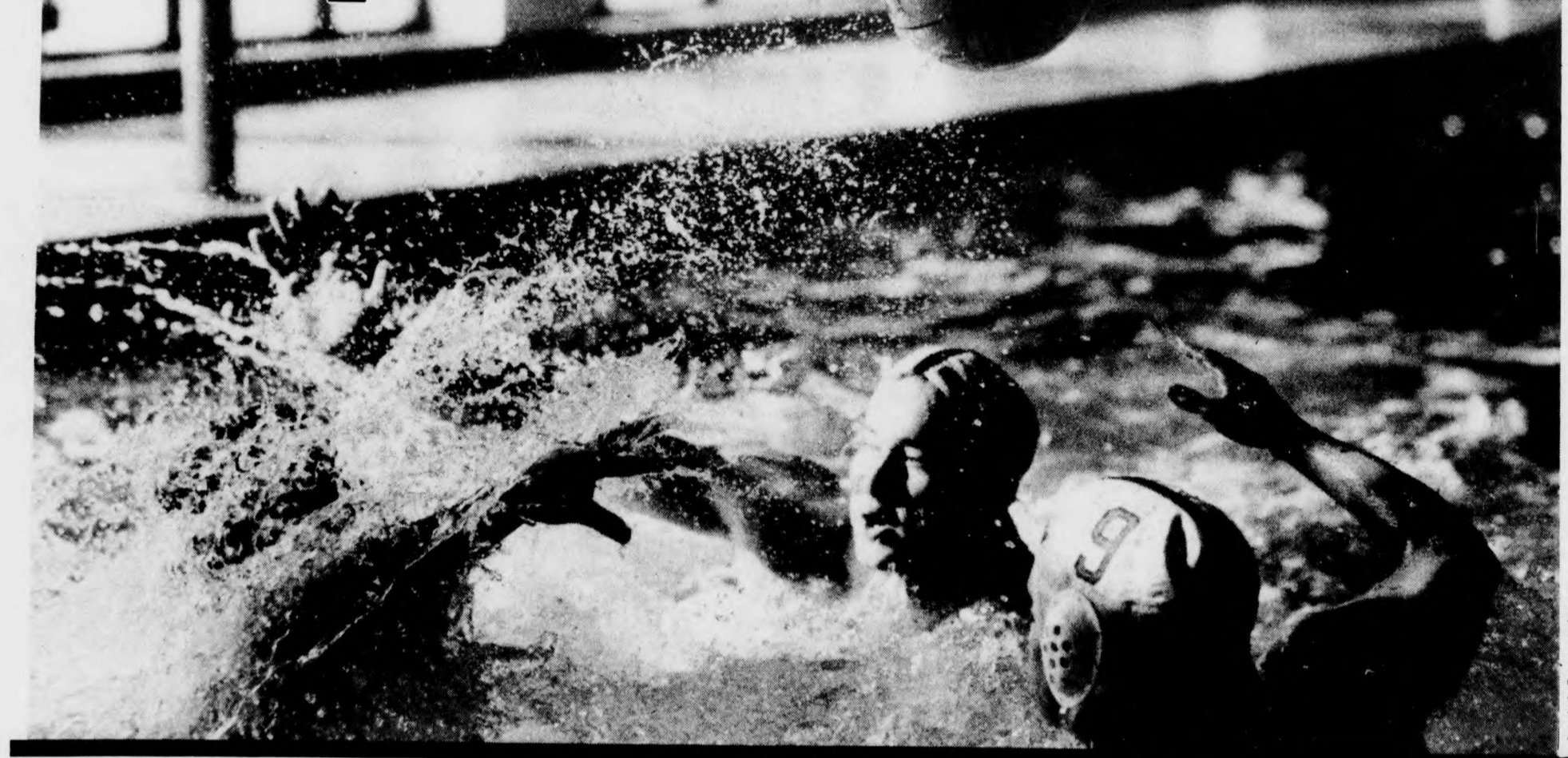


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Two McMaster players battle a Yeoman for the ball during the Marauders 27-2 thrashing of the host York side.

Washout: Three loss weekend for waterpolo Yeomen

by Josh Rubin

This past Saturday was not a very successful one for the Yeomen waterpolo squad.

While hosting an OUAA West division roundrobin tournament, the Yeomen lost all three of their games. In the tournament's opening match, they were shut out by UofT's Varsity Blues 15-0. In York's second game of the day,

they were thoroughly dominated 27-2 by one of the top teams in the country, the McMaster Marauders. In York's third game of the afternoon, they actually managed to put together some decent offence against the Western Mustangs, an opponent somewhat less dominant than McMaster and UofT. They fell, however, 17-8.

During their most embarrassing loss of the afternoon against McMaster, the Yeomen were picked apart from the opening

buzzer. The Marauders controlled the ball extremely well, despite being brutally hacked by the York defenders. York's inexperience as a team showed a lot against the Marauders.

In addition to being outscored by the Marauders, York was also badly outswum. The Yeomen were beaten to the ball time after time by the strong McMaster side. The McMaster squad scored seemingly at will, mainly because of their short, crisp passing

around the York net, although they had some strong outside shooting.

At halftime, York's head coach, Trevor Mann, seemed satisfied with merely putting his team on the scoreboard. "Just get a goal," he said. "All I want is one goal." Mann finally got his wish at 2:15 of the third quarter when Yeoman Wayne Corrigan took a pass in front of the McMaster net and quickly shot it home. This narrowed McMaster's lead to a small

margin of 16 goals. The Marauders continued to pour on the heat, however, they conceded one more goal to the Yeomen's Mike Hickstein before the game ended as a 27-2 McMaster victory.

Mann took the three losses in stride, saying that his team is still learning the game. "We have a number of players who, until three or four weeks ago, didn't even know that this sport existed." Mann felt, however, that his team still had some hopes for the future.

Blues up-end Yeowomen in field hockey final

UofT win clinches consecutive provincial title

by Pamela Jarvis

It was a killer first half. The Varsity Blues came charging out of their corner (literally) on Sunday, scoring three unanswered goals against York in the first 20 minutes of the Ontario field hockey championships. The 3-0 win gave Toronto its fifth consecutive gold and green provincial banner.

It seemed as though UofT head coach Liz Hoffmann had fed her troops raw meat. The Blues' aggressive hit-and-run tactics scrambled the York defence and the early scoring barrage left the Yeowomen initially shellshocked.

"To me, York was beaten because we were put in a 70 minute 'state-of-emergency' play," said York head coach Marina van der Merwe. "We were forced to play regroup hockey because of the way they played, even after three goals... I didn't see the game as one of 'survival.'"

York's assistant coach Kathy Broderick felt simply that, "We weren't prepared (mentally) for that kind of game."

York's road to the final was much less frantic than the championship itself. On Friday the Yeowomen registered a 7-0 win over Carleton. Joel Brough opened the scoring for York. Kelly

Thormeyer scooped in a rebound for the second tally. Jackie DeGoeij and Tammy Holt rounded out the first half scoring.

In the second half, Holt brought the ball down the right sideline and beat the Carleton goalie one-on-one with a reverse-stick scoop to the top left corner. Holt then completed a hat-trick, scoring her third on a feed from Brough. Cathy MacGillivray tallied on a solid penalty stroke to end York's scoring. Rookie netminder Michelle Kleiss yawned her way to the shutout.

On Saturday, York erupted for six first half goals in a semifinal shutout of Guelph.

Brough, York's sweeper, stick-handled her way through 40 yards of Gryphon defenders and pulled around the goalie for the first goal. Floodgates opened and Holt cracked her first goal of the game under a diving Guelph goalie. Rookie Sonya Fuhrmann, who had a strong game at right wing, hit a perfect cross to Holt for York's third of the game.

The Guelph goalkeeper momentarily redeemed herself, stopping a pair of York breakaways. However, DeGoeij's drive at the 27th minute proved to be too much. The Yeowomen showed no mercy as Thormeyer banged in a Holt rebound in the last minute of the half. Tracey Minaker chipped the ball over a prone Gryphon keeper in the dying seconds.

The York coaching staff took advantage of the comfortable lead and substituted at several posi-

tions. The rookies held their own. With a little help from goalkeeper Michelle Capperault, the York bench kept Guelph off the scoreboard to preserve the shutout.

Toronto defeated Western in the other semifinal. Later, Guelph prevailed 3-1 over Western to earn the bronze medal. With York and Toronto through to the final, the results showed that the top four finishing teams were from the Ontario West division.

As expected, the final was an all-Metro affair, featuring cross-town bloodrivals York and UofT in yet another matchup. The fact that York had defeated Toronto twice in league play was null and void. And if the fans had come to see a fight in the final, that's exactly what they got.

The Yeowomen were out-muscled and outthrustled from the opening whistle by Toronto's frenzied, "lace'n'chase" hockey.

"They were really hell-bent. We were ready to play hockey, not fight," explained Brough. "We didn't adjust to their lineup change at first and we didn't get everyone into the game. In the second, we started to retaliate, we played their style."

Coach van der Merwe felt that "individual skill was forfeited by the hit and run style. Our small game was eliminated. It wasn't pretty."

The Blues' relentless attack was rewarded with Michelle Colaco's goal nine minutes into the game. Sue McShane followed with a picturesque textbook example of a

penalty corner hit two minutes later. Colaco banged home her second at the 16-minute mark.

The Yeowomen were trapped in their own backyard, unable to switch to the offensive or penetrate Toronto's shooting circle.

"If we could have sustained our game for 10 minutes, they (Toronto) wouldn't have been able to hold or continue at that pace... but they already had three goals," said Broderick.

"It was a frenzied struggle on York's part to implement the game plan, and it failed in the first half," described van der Merwe. "The second half was 'if you can't beat 'em, join 'em.' We resorted to similar hit and run tactics."

Indeed, the second half became a dull, scoreless affair, with 16-yard hits becoming the nature of play at both ends of the field. The Blues settled back, allowing the Yeowomen to regain their composure and regroup. The Yeowomen earned several penalty corners, but Tina Farrar proved that she was still sharp in the Blues' net.

"Hopefully next time we'll recognize that type of play," said Brough. "It'll be the same type of hockey this weekend and we'll be ready. We're going to come out fighting."

On the up side, York placed five players on the Ontario all-star team. They were Brough, Holt, DeGoeij, Capperault and Cathy Timmins. Broderick was named Ontario West Coach of the Year.

York has already qualified for

this weekend's Canadian championships to be held at Toronto's Lamport Stadium. Six universities from across the country will be represented. York shares a pool with the University of New Brunswick and the University of Victoria. York beat UVic for the bronze at last year's nationals, however, the Vikettes are ranked first in the country at present.

The other pool will feature defending champion UofT, University of British Columbia (silver medalists to UofT last year) and wild-card team University of Calgary.

"We should be in for a real hockey treat," predicted van der Merwe. "All of the UVic players were up for selection to the Junior World Cup team; UBC has a good number of veterans and a very rich new crop of talent, including two of the best under-18 national players; and UNB has a large contingent of Canada Summer Games gold medal winners."

"The teams from the west play exclusively on turf. There were no walkovers in that division. They are well-schooled in artificial, technically sound, well fit... there's aren't going to be any easy games," said van der Merwe.

York kicks off the CIAU championship with a pair of games this Friday, Nov. 3. The Yeowomen face UNB at 12:30 p.m. and take on UVic at 4 p.m.

"It'll be good, competitive hockey on the turf," said Brough. "Everyone will be ready to show their stuff... and so will we."