

New look for women's hockey

by Haniff Nana

This year's edition of the York Yeowomen hockey squad has eleven new faces, and perhaps just as importantly, a new attitude.

Last Wednesday, the Yeowomen displayed their new attitude and some potential, downing a North York women's side 4-0.

Despite revealing glimpses of inexperience, the Yeowomen gave a solid effort to earn the rare shutout.

Much of the credit for the shutout, however, must go to rookie netminder Jill Garred and Brenda Deneault, who shared puckstopping duties with Garred.

Both Garred and Deneault play a solid, stand-up style, which was clearly illustrated when were forced to stop a breakaway.

York forward Katie Quinn played an outstanding game, capping a great effort through the first two periods with a natural hat trick in the third. Yeowoman captain Michelle Campbell also created a number of offensive chances and logged a fair amount of time with the York penalty-killing unit.

Despite a solid effort from Shirley Hannah, the Yeowomen's weakness is its defence — this year, the team has just one natural blueliner.

According to head coach Debbie Adams, that forced

the team to do a bit of rearranging.

"During our first practice, only one player answered the call to play defence, so we converted a couple of forwards into defencemen," Adams said.

Another aspect of the Yeowomen's game which will need some work is their power play.

Despite six opportunities, the Yeowomen counted just a single power play goal.

Although the forwards working the advantage created havoc in front, there were very few scoring chances from the point — perhaps not surprising, considering the team's lack of experienced defenders.

Two advantages this year's team have are speed and a good, aggressive attitude, both of which Adams plans to exploit to the fullest.

"We will not finesse with the puck and there will be a lot of dump and chase out there," Adams said.

The attitude will have to be one of the team's biggest assets; as Adams explained, "With so many rookies it's going to be tough this year. We're going to have to work really hard and keep a positive outlook."

The Yeowomen's season opener comes November 8 when they travel to Kingston to take on the powerful Queen's team. Their first home matchup of the OWIAA season is on Thursday, November 14th, when they host Guelph in a 7:30 start at the Ice Palace.

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that this is still only trial-and-error period. "I was pleased with the work of some of our guys, especially the freshmen," Bain added, referring to some promising performances by the likes of Cotechini, Gardner and guard Wilton Hall.

Gardner stood out as one of the Yeomen's brightest spots, if not for his 18 points, then for his sheer hustle and determination. "Marc plays with a lot of heart," said Bain. "He has a lot of potential to excel at this level." Which only means good news for the Yeomen. The acquisition of additional offensive threats takes some of the heat off fellow shooters Bellai and Clive Anderson. The Yeomen now find themselves in an unfamiliar position — they've got a full twelve-man roster instead of the eight or nine bodies they carried for most of last season. The deeper bench will provide Bain with a number of advan-

tages. Players won't tire as quickly, nor should they find themselves in foul trouble as often.

"As a team, we still have a ways to go, but by the beginning of the regular season we should be ready," Bain

said, adding a warning for OUAA opponents.

"One thing's for certain though, we will score a lot of points this year."

The Yeomen's regular season kicks off November 8.

York-Bits

Field hockey Levy-tates

Former York player Sandra Levy notched a goal as Canada's national women's field hockey squad dumped Argentina 2-0 Saturday. With the win Canada, coached by York mentor Marina van der Merwe, qualified for next summer's Olympics in Barcelona.

Pucksters consoled

The Yeomen hockey squad edged the Laurier Golden Hawks 7-6 in the bronze medal game of a tournament at the University of Toronto Saturday. The victory followed a disappointing loss to Western the day before.

Rugby wreck

The Yeomen rugby team can't lose any more games this season. In their '91 finale against McMaster Saturday, the Yeomen came up empty again, and fell 26-3. The thrashing caps a perfect 0-7 season for coach Bill Currie and company.

Volleyball hits Tait

This weekend, members of the York community have a chance to take in some top-flight volleyball action as the Yeowomen host the annual Mizuno Excalibur Classic. The Yeowomen, defending bronze medalists, will face some stiff competition from the likes of last year's CIAU champions, the Manitoba Bisons. Friday, the Yeowomen have preliminary round matches at 1pm, 4pm and 7pm, while the playoffs go Sunday.

Yeowoman of the month

Heather Gough, a 21-year-old Richmond Hill native, has been named Yeowoman of the month for September. Gough played a key defensive role as the Yeowomen soccer squad steamrollered league opposition to maintain top spot in the OWIAA East division.

Yeoman of the month

Yeoman tennis star Peter Bedard has been named outstanding York athlete for the month of September. During the season's first month, Peter went on an -0 tear. Bedard's performance was good enough to keep the Yeomen at the top of the newly-combined OUAA standings.

Gridiron thumping

The York Yeoman football squad is likely headed for its third straight 0-7 season after getting thumped 42-9 by the host Laurier Golden Hawks Saturday. Tomorrow night the Yeomen have their homecoming matchup against the McMaster Marauders in a 7:00 start at Esther Shiner Stadium.

York Varsity Athletics Schedule Oct. 23-29

Wednesday October 23	
BASKETBALL	Yeowomen at Humber College - 6:00pm
ICE HOCKEY	Yeowomen Exhibition, Ice Palace - 7:30pm
Thursday October 24	
FOOTBALL	McMaster at Yeomen, Esther Shiner Stadium - 7:00pm
Friday October 25	
FIELD HOCKEY	Yeowomen at OWIAA Championships, Lamport Stadium
(Friday-Sunday)	
HOCKEY	Yeomen at Waterloo - 7:30pm
TENNIS	Yeomen at OUAA Team Championships, UofT (Friday-Saturday)
VOLLEYBALL	Yeowomen host Mizuno Tait McKenzie Classic (Friday-Saturday)
VOLLEYBALL	Yeomen at Queen's Invitational (Friday-Sunday)
Saturday October 26	
BADMINTON	York at McMaster Tournament - 10:00am
CROSS COUNTRY	OUAA/OWIAA Championships at UofT
TENNIS	Yeowomen at OWIAA Team Championships, Western (Saturday-Sunday)
WATERPOLO	Yeomen at UofT Tournament 3:00pm
Sunday October 27	
SOCCER	Yeowomen at Ryerson - 1:00pm
Tuesday October 29	
BASKETBALL	Laurier at Yeomen, Tait Main Gym - 8:00pm
	Brock at Yeowomen, Tait Main Gym - 6:00pm



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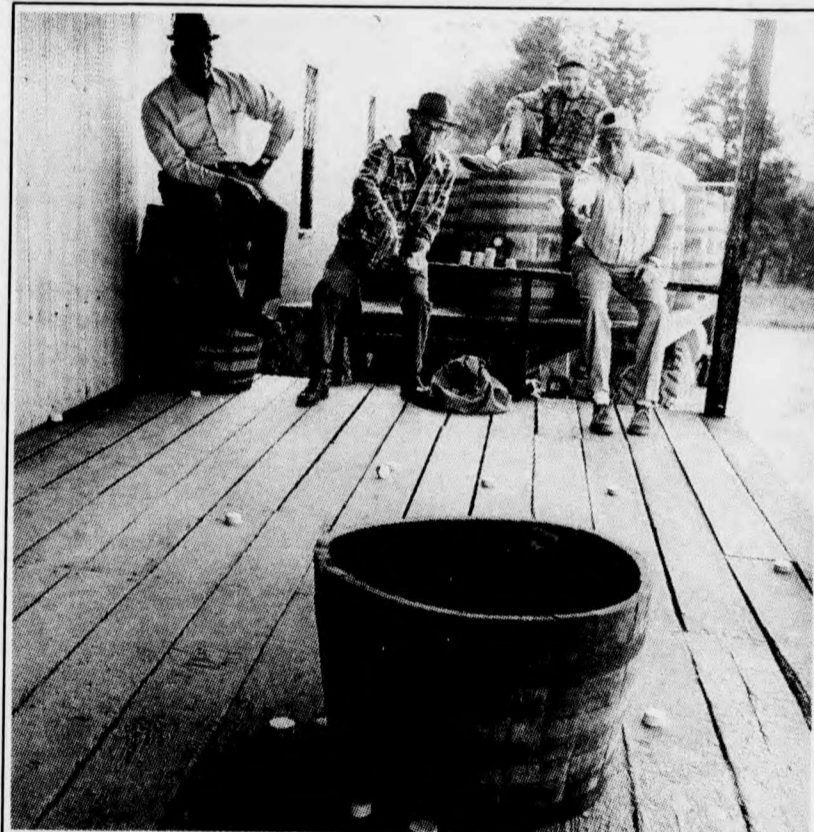
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