



**ONE ON ONE;** Yeowoman Joann Jakovcevic makes her way past a Brock player in last Tuesday's game at Tait.. With 16 points, Cathy Amara led the scoring in York's 70-51 decision over the Badgers.

photo by Michele Boesner

## York defence calls shots in hoop win

by Judy Passley

Talk about a highly-charged defence.

The Yeowomen basketball squad burned the energy right out of the Brock Lady Badgers with a convincing 70-51 victory in pre-season action at the Tait Mackenzie gym last Tuesday.

Both teams were cold from the start in this one, with the Yeowomen going 0 for 4 to start the game. York coach Bill Pangos quickly put the Yeowomen into a full court press to get his players into the game.

Pangos' tactics worked, and the Yeowomen took full advantage of a Brock inability to break their pressure defence. Yeowoman guard Maureen McNamara took charge, nailing three quick jump shots to give York a 6-2 lead.

York's defensive shift from a 1-4 zone to a man to man defence confused Brock's inexperienced guards. As a result, the Lady Badgers had a hard time making good on the few offensive opportunities they got.

The only key threat for the Badgers offense was centre Stacy Robertson, who scored 16 points in the first half, most of them coming inside.

But York's full court press continued to upset Brock and the Yeowomen held a 36-29 lead at the half.

In the second half, the Yeowomen decided it was showtime. Team captain Cathy Amara displayed her quickness leading a good York transition game with some impressive moves to the basket.

But late in the second half York fans witnessed a

surge from the Badgers who came within 6 points of York.

But the Yeowomen solidified their lead, thanks in large part to the key matchup between York's Joann Jakovcevic and Brock's Tammy Naughton.

Naughton, a former Yeowoman player and OWIAA all-star, proved to be a sizeable challenge for Jakovcevic. But Jakovcevic rose to the challenge, holding Naughton to just six points in the second half.

Afterwards, Pangos gushed praise for Jakovcevic. "Joann's play was outstanding. It was a challenge, she played good defence on Tammy," Pangos said.

Asked how she felt covering her former teammate, Jakovcevic was fairly blunt in her assessment.

"Tammy's two year layoff from basketball really slowed down her game," said Jakovcevic, who nonetheless admitted she was nervous about playing against Naughton.

Another key player for the Yeowomen was experienced guard Jennifer Cushing, who notched 10 of her 15 points in the second half.

But most important York's ability to hold its team composure at this point in the ball game was the turning point for fans to see if York could maintain the lead.

Lady Badger coach Chris Critelli said afterwards it was the York defence which was the key.

The Yeowomen and their high pressure defence next see action on November 12, at home, against the Guelph Gryphons. Game time at Tait McKenzie is 8:15 pm.

## Fletcher's badminton troops faring well

by Jim Sheppard and Josh Rubin

You don't always need recognition to be successful.

Proof positive of that adage is this year's edition of the Yeomen badminton squad.

With the regular season half over, the Yeomen trail first place Queen's and Western by just six points, and are just three points back of the UofT Blues, who sit in third.

At an OUA tournament hosted by McMaster two weeks ago, the Yeomen lost just six of 30 matches. Only Queen's and UofT had more success.

Led by assistant coach Eddy Watt, the team won 16 singles matches and eight doubles encounters.

Watt, still recovering from a bout of pneumonia, won three of his five singles matches as the Yeomen's top seed and paired up with rookie Matt Horwood to take four of his five doubles encounters.

Veteran Dan MacDonald, playing out of fourth spot, was 5-0, pushing his record on the year to a spotless 9-0.

York coach Fred Fletcher is understandably happy with his team's success, but is also wary of overconfidence.

"We are stronger than last year,

but the other teams are also stronger," said Fletcher, who added his team is still confident a gold medal is within reach.

On the women's side, things haven't been quite as successful for York badminton.

With just one starter returning from last year's fourth place squad, the team is still getting used to university competition.

In their first meet this year, the Yeowomen finished dead last. Two

weeks ago at McMaster, though, they fared slightly better.

Led by third stringer Ellen Liu (who went 3-2 on the weekend), the Yeowomen finished sixth. Still, assistant coach Avan Lee is optimistic about the team's chances.

"We expect to continue to move up," said Lee.

The next test for both the men's and women's sides will November 16 and 17 when they take part in a tournament at the University of Ottawa.

## Field hockey Yeowomen nail fifth spot at CIAU's (con't)

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squad finished for now, Van Der Merwe and Broderick pick up the Yeowomen from Spencer, who coached in their absence. Now their task is to prepare the team for the indoor season, while Spencer returns to her former role with the provincial under 21 team.

In that light, the CIAU championships were an appropriate sendoff for Spencer.

Looking back on the season, she had several things to say about her York club.

"The kids took so many knocks early in the season. We had injuries. There were times when the other teams would have 15 or 16 players and we would have only 13 on the bench. I'm really impressed with their hustle and bustle," Spencer said.

"I think that we (York) did as well as we could."

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