

Yeowomen take consolation final at U of T

By GARY SCHOLICH

This past weekend, the York Yeowomen went cross-town to play in the annual U of T Women's Basketball Tournament. The eight-team, three-day tournament was held in the Clara Benson Gymnasium.

York finished 7th in last year's tourney, but this year's edition of the Yeowomen won the consolation round, fifth place overall. York recovered from a first-round loss to Brock Badgers to post convincing wins over Guelph and Carleton.

On Friday night, York dropped a 60-55 decision to the Badgers. The Yeowomen got off to a fast start, leading in the first few minutes 11-3. But Brock didn't let up as they forced the Yeowomen to miss shots and turn over the ball. The Badgers lead at the half 27-21.

The Brock fast break led to many Badger scores in the second half. It appeared that the Brock side was going to turn it into a runaway when Lisa Osborne hit a jumpshot to pad the lead at 52-36.

Yet York did not quit. With a suffocating player-to-player full court press the Yeowomen put on an

inspired rally that fell just short. At the buzzer, the final score was 60-55.

Although relegated to the consolation round, coach Frances Flint saw many positive signs in her team's performance. "We're coming. We do need to keep up our intensity for the whole 40 minutes. We started to handle their zone quite well. We've had trouble handling zones, but I was very pleased with the veterans' maturity," Flint said.

Paula Lockyer led York with 13 points while Susan DeRyck and Anne Marie Thuss added 10 and 8 respectively.

The second game was against the Guelph Gryphons. In this game York also jumped out to an early lead as Anne Marie Thuss, scored 10 of York's first 12 points. Guelph wittled away at the lead near the end of the half to tie the score at 18-18.

In the second half, the Yeowomen used their full court player-to-player press and forced some crucial turnovers. Guelph managed to tie the score at 28 but that was as close as they got as the Yeowomen took control for good, defeating Guelph 64-46.

"It was a super game. Hustle for all 40 minutes. Everybody played well, even the players who did not get that much playing time," Flint said. "We also tried to confuse Guelph by throwing many different defenses at them. (A variety of zones as well as man-to-man)."

Lockyer, who showed a knack for driving along the baseline to the hoop, led with 19, while Thuss hit for 16 more. Graves led the Guelph effort with 10 points.

The consolation final pitted York against the Carleton Robins. The Yeowomen prevailed 59-42. In this game, the York squad stormed out

to an 18-7 lead and never looked back.

The full court press was once again a great contributor to the win. Guelph did pull to within four baskets when Wendy Adams scored a layup to make it 28-20. However, the Yeowomen led 39-24 at halftime, and were never really threatened after that.

Flint said, "I was really pleased. We were maybe not as pumped, but we kept some control. I was pleased with the rookies. Everyone contributed."

NOTE: U of T took the title by defeating Brock 82-67 in the final.

Hockey Yeowomen start season with three consecutive victories

By MANOJ PRAJAPAT

The York Yeowomen opened the regular season with an important 4-1 victory over McMaster University last Wednesday, at the Ice Palace.

"It was a crucial game for us," York head coach Sue Howard said. "McMaster has a good club, I think it's pretty much going to be a three team league—Toronto, McMaster and us."

"It was nice to get off to a good start," she added.

The Yeowomen started the game slowly, though as the first period was scoreless and McMaster had numerous chances to take the lead. Strong goaltending from Connie Wrightsell kept York in the game.

"We have a tendency to start slowly," Howard said. "I really don't know why. But I think that if

we're not behind by the end of the first period, we're okay because we really pick it up in the second and third."

"It's (slow start) something I'd like to set straight before we play U of T."

Scoring for the Yeowomen on this night were Judy Gilbert with two and Bonnie McMaster and Karen Downard with singles.

Over the weekend, York was in Kingston for a double-header against Queen's. York hammered Queen's 10-1 on Friday and took the Saturday contest 5-1 for a clean sweep.

York's next home game will be Wednesday, November 20 against their cross-town rivals, U of T, at 7:30 p.m.

Basketball men score 71-69 victory over Western

By GARY SCHOLICH

On Wednesday, November 6, the York basketball Yeomen took on OUA West Division contenders, the University of Western Ontario Mustangs in exhibition play at the Tait Gym. In Western, the Yeomen faced another perennial playoff team.

The game itself was plagued by numerous turnovers by both clubs. However, it was close down to the final buzzer, as York held off the Mustangs for a 71-69 win.

Although the Yeomen pulled out ahead, the Mustangs continually

caught up and kept pressure on York. Tim Rider upped York's early lead to 20-14 with two consecutive baskets but Western eventually tied it at 20 on a turnaround jumper by Peter Vandebovenkamp.

With York ahead 42-40 at the start of the second half, the Mustangs fell behind 50-40 when their shooting went cold.

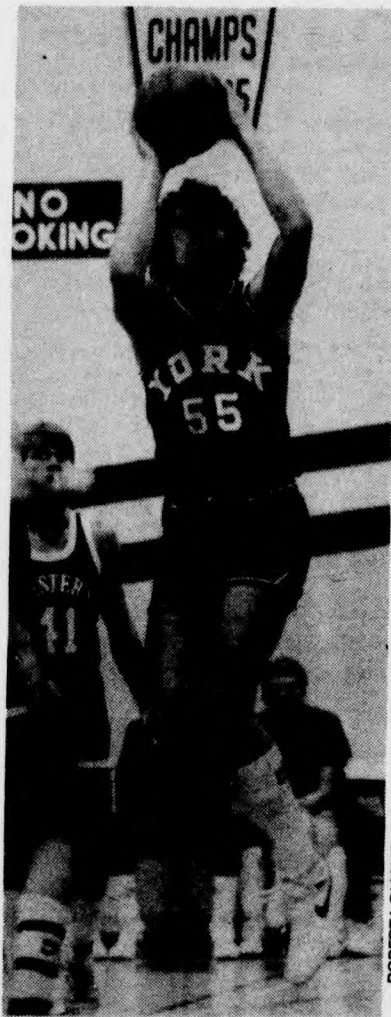
With 14:10 left in the game, Jamie Ziegel finally broke the ice for Western and the Mustangs resumed their quest for a comeback. Vandebovenkamp continued his strong inside game by tipping in a missed free throw by Ziegel to cut York's lead to 58-52.

After Ron Hepburn put the Yeomen up 71-61, the Mustangs came close to forcing overtime. Ziegel pulled Western to within 2 on a free throw, but when he tried to bang the ball off the backboard to force a chance at the tying basket, he was called for a lane violation.

Coach Bob Bain felt that work was still needed in some areas. "We played well inside, but not as well out on the perimeter. Our defensive boards could have been better too, but I'm happy with the victory. Overall, we need to work on the turnovers as well. Near the end, Western really took it to us," Bain said.

Stu Levinsky led all scorers with 22 points while Rider added 18. In addition, Levinsky was named CJRY's Player of the Game. Vandebovenkamp led Western with 20 while Chris Cavender tallied another 11.

• The first annual John McManus National Invitational Tournament, to showcase Canadian university basketball, will be held today, tomorrow, and Saturday at Varsity Arena. Eight teams from across Canada will be attending including the York Yeomen, the U of T Blues, the St. Francis Xavier X-Men, the Concordia Stingers, the Brock Badgers, the McMaster Marauders, the Calgary Dinosaurs and the Winnipeg Wesmen.



RIDING HIGH: Tim Rider shows perfect form during York's win.

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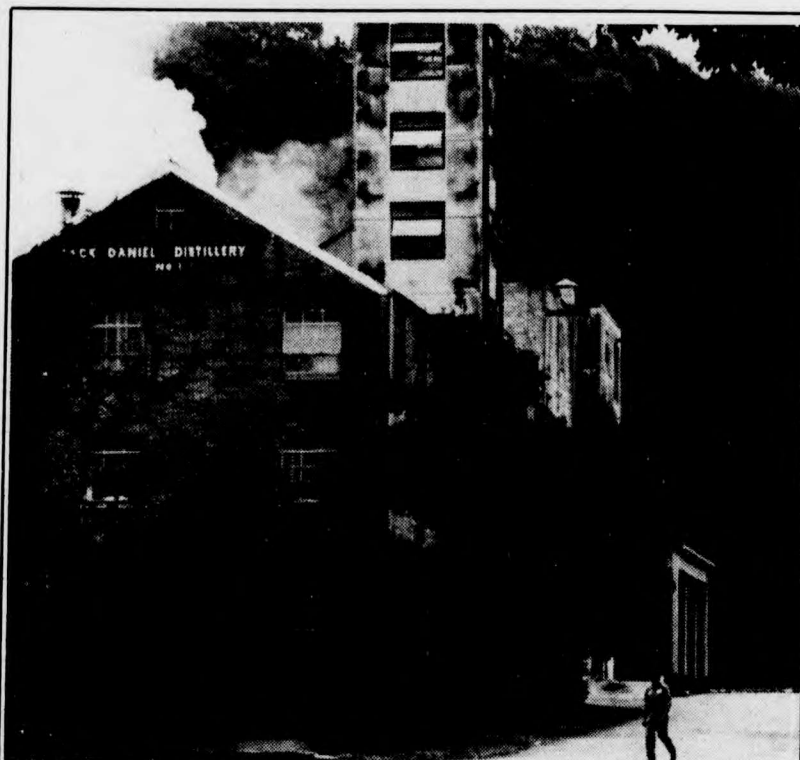


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