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Hockey Yeomen crush Brock

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When it rains, it pours! On the strength of seven unanswered goals in the final two periods, the Yeomen hockey team thrashed the Brock Badgers 12-5.

Although satisfied with the victory, Yeomen head coach Graham Wise expressed concern over his team's poor defensive play. "The area I look at is the five goals scored against us," said Wise. "We didn't look sharp from the goaltender out."

The first period was a see-saw

affair with both teams flexing their offensive muscles. Brock's Dave Gill scored the games' first goal as he split a flat-footed York defence and sent a shot underneath the crossbar.

Yeomen Ian Ferguson equalled the tally at 5:17, the result of strong pressure in the Brock end. Forty seconds later, it was Ian Baele ripping one over the left shoulder of the Brock goalie, giving York a 2-1 lead. A Brock powerplay goal evened the score at 2-2.

Throughout the rest of the period the momentum kept on changing, and York headed into

the second with a 5-3 lead.

The shootout continued into the second period with both teams continuing the pace of the offensive onslaught.

Brock's Dave Westaway drilled a shot from a difficult angle to close the gap to one goal. The Badgers kept applying pressure deep in York territory and were awarded with several good scoring opportunities.

Capitalizing on York's sloppy defensive play, Badger Mark Gilbert lifted a shot high over the sprawled Yeomen goalie, tying the score 5-5.

From there on in, the Yeomen

dominated the play, showing no mercy towards the Badgers.

Yeomen Luciano Fagioli got the ball rolling with five minutes left in the second period, breaking in all alone and slipping one between the legs of the Brock goaltender. The Yeomen added two more goals for a commanding 8-5 lead at the second intermission.

The final 20 minutes was a one-sided affair with York outclassing its opposition and showing its hunger.

An impotent Badger attack and lack of team cohesion paved the way for York to continue its offensive onslaught. Brock defenders

found themselves trying to helplessly stem the tide of Yeomen.

Fagioli scored one minute into the third period to increase the Yeomen lead to 9-5. York captain Brian MacDonald doubled the lead at the ten minute mark, picking the top left corner of the Brock net.

Fagioli got the hat trick with minutes left in regulation time. York forward Greg Roberts scored the final goal and, in doing so, sealed a 12-5 victory for the Yeomen.

With the win, the Yeomen kept their first place position atop the OUAA East Division.

Clutch and grab: Yeoman Neven Kardum is badgered by this Brock defender.

Watt saves the day for Badminton

by Franko Fernandez



The badminton Yeomen won 10 out of 18 matches in a highly competitive East Division tournament last weekend, improving their chances for a playoff spot.

Led by the inspired play of player-coach Eddie Watt, the team swept Ottawa (6-0) and split six matches with Queens, after losing 5 of 6 to defending Ontario champion University of Toronto. The team has won 36 and lost 30, with 30 matches remaining, all against the weaker West Division teams.

"The way the team is playing, we have a good chance to finish third," said coach Fred Fletcher. "UofT has a lock on first and it looks like Queens will finish second. If we can get past Waterloo and Western, we would have a good chance to win against Queens and make the final against UofT."

Bouncing back from a tough loss to UofT's Steve Nenniger (15-12, 15-12), Watt won decisive victories over the top players from Ottawa and Queens to consolidate his hold on second place in the individual competition.

Watt gained a measure of revenge by teaming with Dan MacDonald to upset Nenniger

and UofT player-coach Mark Tremblay in the doubles. After losing 15-13 in the first game, the Yeomen came back to win the next two, 15-11, 15-7. They also beat Ottawa and Queen's. Overall, Watt has won 9 of 11 singles and 8 of 11 doubles.

MacDonald and number three player Jason Ferguson both went one for three in the singles, while self-proclaimed soubles specialist Thomas Siaw won two singles, including a tough match against Queen's, in which he came back after losing 15-10 to win 15-6, 15-8. Siaw and Saki Giannakopoulos teamed up to win one doubles match.

Playing without number two

seed Sandra Zagar, who was ill, the Yeomen ended up fourth again. First-year player Roula Roubis and player-coach Sharon Johnston frightened the top-ranked UofT team by winning the first game in their doubles match but couldn't hold on.

"The women played with real intensity against the three top-ranked teams in Ontario. I expect them to do well against the West teams in January," Fletcher said. "With so many first year players, I'll be happy if we can improve on last year's totals."

The final standings will be determined at the last regular season tournament at RMC January 27-28.