

### Fall-apart-in-second-half jinx overcome

## Yorkettes win OQWICC B-ball consolation

By MARGIE WOLFE

When a team finishes dead last at the end of the seasonal play chances are they are not going to be favoured in a championship tournament. Nevertheless, York's women's basketball squad beat the odds and came out on top in the consolation match of the Ontario-Quebec Women's Intercollegiate championships held here on Friday and Saturday.

In all, 11 schools participated in two separate tournaments, one primary, and a consolation round. With York in the latter tournament were Laurentian, Loyola University, Ryerson, and Sir George Williams University.

The York team played what can only be called fantastic basketball during both days of the meet. This reporter watched over 15 hours of basketball and is happy to say that a lot of the brighter moments came when York was on the floor.

Competition began for York on Friday at 1:30 p.m. when they were scheduled to play Loyola University.

Starting with this first game York demonstrated what was only hinted at last all season; that they were not just a winning team but a polished well organized group.

In this game with Loyola was expertly trounced 58-20 by their hosts.

The York girls looked as if they could do no wrong. They played for the first time as a confident organized 'team', making plays work, intercepting and breaking, passing effectively and more importantly making their shots count. Jean Landa, always the catalyst, spurred on her team by hitting for 15 points. With her and playing great were veteran Sharon Hornsby with 12, Eva Hill with 10 and Sue Tupling with 8 points. (Eva Hill, by the way was the leading scorer in the tournament, with 47.)

York was able to score for 19 points in the first quarter while Loyola could hit for four. In the second period the totals were 8-6 in favour of the hosts. However at this point, spectators were beginning to wonder if York could hold on to their impressive lead. They were afraid that the team might settle down to their ways, that of playing a strong first half and falling apart in the second.



Excalibur — Tim Clark

A Loyola Tommie, surrounded by three York players seems on the verge of tears. York trounced her team 58-20 and went on to win the OQWICC basketball championships.

Surprisingly, and happily, this did not happen. York held tight, allowing Loyola to score for only 10 points in the entire final half while they totalled 31 points.

York's second game was played on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. against Sir George Williams University. This match was the make-or-break game for York as it

determined whether they qualified to make the finals.

Fortunately, the York women again played in top form. They won the game by a healthy score of 40-25. Top scorer was Eva Hill with 15 points.

Again, a beautifully played second half got the York women this victory. After the first two periods York was only leading 13-12 but after half-time they took over completely.

The York squad outscored Sir George 13-7 in the third quarter and 14-6 in the final eight minutes.

The way the tournament was set up, each team was supposed to play two games with the top two schools competing in the finals. However, things do not always work out as they are planned. As it happened, three teams won both their scheduled games and qualified for the finals. As a result a team was to get a bye while the other two were to play a semi-final game. Unfortunately, Ryerson won the bye and York was required to play Laurentian.

In this semi-final match, the York women were pitted against a team that had defeated them in two previous starts this season.

But this record did not deter the seemingly invincible York women. From the initial whistle they controlled the pace of the game. The defence held tight while the offence, led by pivot Sue Tupling, consistently broke through the Laurentian line to win 42-33.

This university's team went into the final game after having only a 30 minute rest while Ryerson, who had gotten a bye into the finals, hadn't played since the morning.

This game was an extremely close one. Little scoring was done with the strategy mainly on defence. York came out on top 19-17.

Congratulations should go to coach Joan Stevenson who had confidence in her team even when they were down and whose skill guided them to this victory.

In the senior flight of the tournament the University of Windsor won the OQWIAA championship. They defeated last years winners the Waterloo squad, in a final by a score of 43-36.

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## York hockey women second in Montreal

By SHIRLEY GASPARET

A day of bad luck followed by a day of love, otherwise known as Friday the 13th and Valentine's Day, proved to be an unhappy combination for the women's hockey team.

Our rookie red and white squad journeyed to Macdonald College in Montreal to take part in the OQWICIA hockey championship, where they finally had to settle for second place.

The Yorkettes didn't bat an eyelash at playing on the 13th as they skated through the Ryerson team to the tune of 9-0. The team skated with confidence and with stalwart checking — especially by winger Wendy Parker — kept goalie Gail Pogue's shutout intact.

On Valentine's Day old cupid gave us the shaft instead of his arrow as York played and lost 3-2 to Macdonald College. This one goal loss turned out to be the deciding game in the tournament as Mac took first place (3 wins — 0 losses) and York took second (2 wins - 1 loss). Loyola and a fighting Ryerson squad rounded out the standings.

The Mac game was an exercise in frustration for the York team, but complaints about refereeing are so old hat in hockey that they usually bore the listener — suffice to say then that the refereeing was bad (and that's being charitable.) A protest by coach Helen Schisizzi to have the game replayed was turned down.

The third period was the turning point in the game as our gals went into the frame with a 2-1 lead. Then disaster (a synonym for referee)

struck as York collected 4 penalties in a row. A misconduct added to our troubles by keeping high-scoring centre Sandy Leskiw out of circulation for most of the final period.

Mac counted 2 goals midway through the frame and sunk the York ship. The red and white pucksters kept the play in the Macdonald end for the final 4 minutes but came up empty.

The loss overshadowed York's play in the final game as they cleaned the Loyola Tommies 8 to 1, with Heather Gibson and Sandy Leskiw collecting 3 goals each. A solid checking effort and some good defense keep the opposition's goal total to one.

In the goal scoring department York took a back seat to no one, collecting 19 goal in 3 games, while our nearest rival, Mac, had 10.

So the season ends with a second place finish, and considering that it was their first year of operation the team did fine. Only three players will graduate: Kathy Williams, Wendy Parker and Shirely Gasparet, so next year's squad should consist of a group of old pros. Special mention should be made of the work done by Mrs. Helen Schisizzi as the women's coach.

The team that started the season may have looked like a kick line from the Follies-Bergere, but practice and patient coaching got us looking and playing like a hockey team.

Oh yes, there really does exist an arena colder than York's — it's on the Macdonald College campus and comes equipped with its own live sparrows in the rafters.