

Sports

Yeowomen win big

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"This is the most fantastic day in York's basketball history", was the comment made by the jubilant Yeowomen basketball coach Francis Flint at the conclusion of York's Red 'n White tournament in which the Yeowomen emerged victorious after defeating the Guelph Gryphons 50-48 in the final game last Sunday.

"We've never even come close to beating an Ontario champion before", said Flint referring to last year's OWIAA champion Gryphons who were also the third ranked team in the country.

The Yeowomen gained entry into the finals by beating the University of Waterloo in convincing fashion 75-31 and by defeating the University of Toronto by a score of 57-43.

Beating the Athenas proved to be an easy task for the Yeowomen as they were able to apply constant pressure and forcing Waterloo to make numerous errors which resulted in a 27 point lead for York at the end of the first half. The second half was much the same. At times it seemed that the Yeowomen were toying with Waterloo and the game ended with a lopsided York victory.

The game against the University of Toronto was quite different. Both teams started out with sloppy and disorganized play and neither squad was able to muster much of an offense. The Yeowomen led through most of the first half and were up by seven with about three minutes left. U. of T. however, rallied and narrowed the gap to

come within one point. Thus the first half ended with York leading 25-24.

In the second half, the Yeowomen were slightly more aggressive and began to build up a comfortable lead. York's Kim Holden proved to be the key on defense as she hustled to keep York on top. Yeowomen Barb Whibbs and Elaine Stewart were the high scorers, netting 12 and 13 points respectively to help give York its 57-43 victory.

In the final game against Guelph, York started out slowly, missing numerous opportunities from outside as well as inside. Playing some good defensive basketball however, the Yeowomen were able to compensate and keep Guelph from running up any considerable lead. The teams retired to the dressing rooms at the end of the first half with Guelph leading 26-22.

The second half saw both teams attempt a more aggressive style of play as each tried unsuccessfully to gain control of the game. Guelph held a narrow lead throughout most of the half, being held back by York's determined defense. Offensively, the Yeowomen did not pose too much of a threat, as they missed many close-in shots and on numerous occasions lost possession of the ball by ineffective passing. Another weak spot in the Yeowomen's game was the rebounding. They constantly failed to gain possession after the ball was put up.

At the start of the fourth quarter, York finally took the lead for good on a basket by Sharon McFarlane. Guelph, at this point seemed to have run out of steam, being very slow in moving the ball down the court which resulted in a lot of missed potential break-aways. This, coupled with good defensive hustle by the Yeowomen, kept Guelph from scoring.

With the teams being very evenly matched, both in size and calibre, the game was extremely close in the latter part of the last quarter, in fact, with three minutes left in the game, York led by only one point at 47-46. With



York's Elaine Stewart (5) was voted one of the tournament's All-Stars.

only 20 seconds to go, the score stood at 50-48 for York. Guelph had ample opportunity to send the game into overtime as they had possession of the ball in York's end for the full twenty seconds. Again, it was the tough Yeowomen defense, led once more by Kim Holden, which stopped the Gryphon attack and gave York the victory to take the tournament title.

Notes: This was the first Red 'n White title for the Yeowomen. York's Barb Whibbs was the game's high scorer with 16 points. Linda Jolie and Joann Hurd were the high scorers for Guelph with 12 points each. Yeowoman Elaine Stewart was named to the All-Star team and Barb Whibbs was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.



Kim Holden (white uniform) led the Yeowomen's defense.

Showdown at Varsity

Friday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m., our Football Yeomen will travel south some ten miles to face cross-town rivals University of Toronto Blues. This will be the Yeomen's last league game before the playoffs begin.

They must absolutely win this game if they are to have any chance of extending their season into the playoffs.

THEY CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

The CYSF has arranged for a round-trip transportation from York to Varsity Stadium for all of you loyal football fans.

Buses will be leaving from the flagpole in front of the Ross Building between 6:00 and 6:15 p.m. on Friday. Tickets will be available from the Lyceum Used Book Store (in Central Square) at \$1.00 per person.

Let's band together and support our valiant Yeomen in their quest to defeat the Blues!!

OUAA/OWIAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships

Yeowomen Barb Dabrowski and Sharon Clayton led York's varsity Track and Field squad to its fifth over-all placing in last weekend's OUAA/OWIAA Championships at Laurentian University.

Dabrowski won a gold medal with a varsity record-setting throw of 45.22 metres in her specialty event, the javelin. She also captured a bronze medal in the discus event with a throw of 36.58 metres.

Clayton was also a double medal winner. She completed the 3000 metre course in a time of 10:05.9 to take the gold and she showed her

strength in the sport by taking the silver medal in the 1500 metres with a time of 4:47.9.

In the men's side of the championships, York's Victor Jones, who has been prominent all season, led the Yeomen with two silver medals in the 5000 metres and the 10,000 metres with times of 15:20.4 and 32:14.6 respectively.

Another medal was won for York by high jumper Greg McKenzie. He was the silver medalist in that event with a jump of 1.90 metres.

Athletes of the Week

Beginning next week, Excalibur Sports will run a weekly feature highlighting one male and one female athlete for their outstanding contributions to his/her team's success during the preceding week of competition.

Coaches and athletes are welcome to submit suggestions for the "Athletes of the Week" feature, along with a brief explanation for their choice.

The final decision will be made by the editors of Excalibur Sports.

Shortstops

Yeowomen Ice Hockey

Last Monday, at the York Ice Palace, a new hockey tradition may have begun. The Yeowomen humiliated Sheridan College 16-1.

In the past, women's ice hockey at York has never been much too rave about, with only rare flashes of success. If this game is to be any indication of the coming season, hockey fans across campus are certainly in for a treat.

Wrestling Anyone?

York University wrestling practices will begin Monday, October 27 in the wrestling room at Tait McKenzie. All interested wrestlers are encouraged to attend.