

Field hockey Yeowomen open season 3-0, despite injuries

by Riccardo Sala

Home on Monday, out of action by Friday.

That's the story on Jillian Sewell and Rachel Carpenter of the field hockey Yeowomen, who returned last Monday from Venezuela, where they were with the Canadian squad attempting to qualify for next year's Junior World Cup.

By Friday, the two midfielders were on the disabled list, courtesy of what York coach Marina van der Merwe called a "pretty vigorous" season-opener against Western. York went on to win that bout at Lamport Stadium 2-0 with goals from Sewell and McClelland.

Sewell went down with a serious ankle injury, while Carpenter was hurt in the knee.

"You don't lose two Junior world cup players and say that's OK. That's fairly serious," van der Merwe said. The York coach hopes to have a better idea about the state of her charges by Wednesday.



Marina Van der Merwe, York's field hockey coach is concerned about the health of some players

York meanwhile followed up their Western win with a pair of victories on the road against Guelph and Waterloo Saturday.

Cathy Bester, Sherri Field and Michelle Michener were the guns in York's 3-1 decision over Guelph. Michener and Field scored again in York's 2-0 win over Waterloo later on.

With those three wins York has a perfect 3-0 record so far.

NOTES The soccer Yeowomen tied the Queen's Golden Gaels 1-1 last Sunday in north field action...the Canadian women's field hockey team, coached by York's Marina van der Merwe and Catherine Broderick, finished seventh at this summer's Barcelona Olympics, not eighth as I had erroneously reported last week. The Canadian women's field hockey junior squad, which counted no less than six Yeowomen among its ranks, was one of twelve to survive the qualifying rounds for next year's Junior World Cup.

Rugby squad off to a good start

by Mark Bayne

In rugby, the traditional formula for success is to mechanize a pack of brutish giants supported by a back row of winged speedsters and a brick wall at number fifteen. Neither team seemed to attain these lofty ideals as the Yeomen defeated Laurier at home this Saturday 22-8.

Both teams seemed evenly matched and were equalized by their respective mistakes more than anything else.

York started out tentatively, applying pressure by gaining territorial advantage and winning some good line-out ball. There were some problems in the front row and the collapsing scrum was a factor throughout the first half. York's handling of the ball was, at best, erratic and most backline moves that succeeded were quickly squashed by a Laurier defense that remembered to stay shallow when defending.

Despite the constant pressure, Laurier led at half time by three points due to a converted penalty kick. A calm Yeomen coach, Bill Currie, gave his wise words during the break in contrast to the frenetic Laurier coach. His aggravations stemmed from what one could call "average" officiating. However, "blaming the ref" is the easy way out and Currie's quiet con-

fidence seems to go down well with his players.

They came back after the half and maintained their territorial advantage. Some heads-up play by the York scrum-half allowed York's Martin Lee to go over for the first try of the match roughly ten minutes into the second half.

The score remained the same for some time while the handling problems from the first half returned to plague both sides, resulting in some scrappy, untidy rugby.

The action started towards the end of the game when Laurier managed to score, tying the match. York's determination prevailed. They withstood several more attacks by Laurier. They tried the old trick of dropping the high ball in just over the 22 yard

line but York fullback McGuire rose to the challenge. York quickly replied with a try of their own, collecting a loose ball that was kicked along the ground for half the field. Again there was some superb goal kicking from York scrum-half Gavin Cullen, converting two more penalties to finish of the game in York's favor.

It would seem that the spirit and enthusiasm of the team was a factor in overcoming their mistakes and the opposition. Lee admitted they would need to come together more, especially in the back line although the front row had remained solid throughout the match.

All in all, it was an important victory for this young-but-improving side and they seem capable of more.

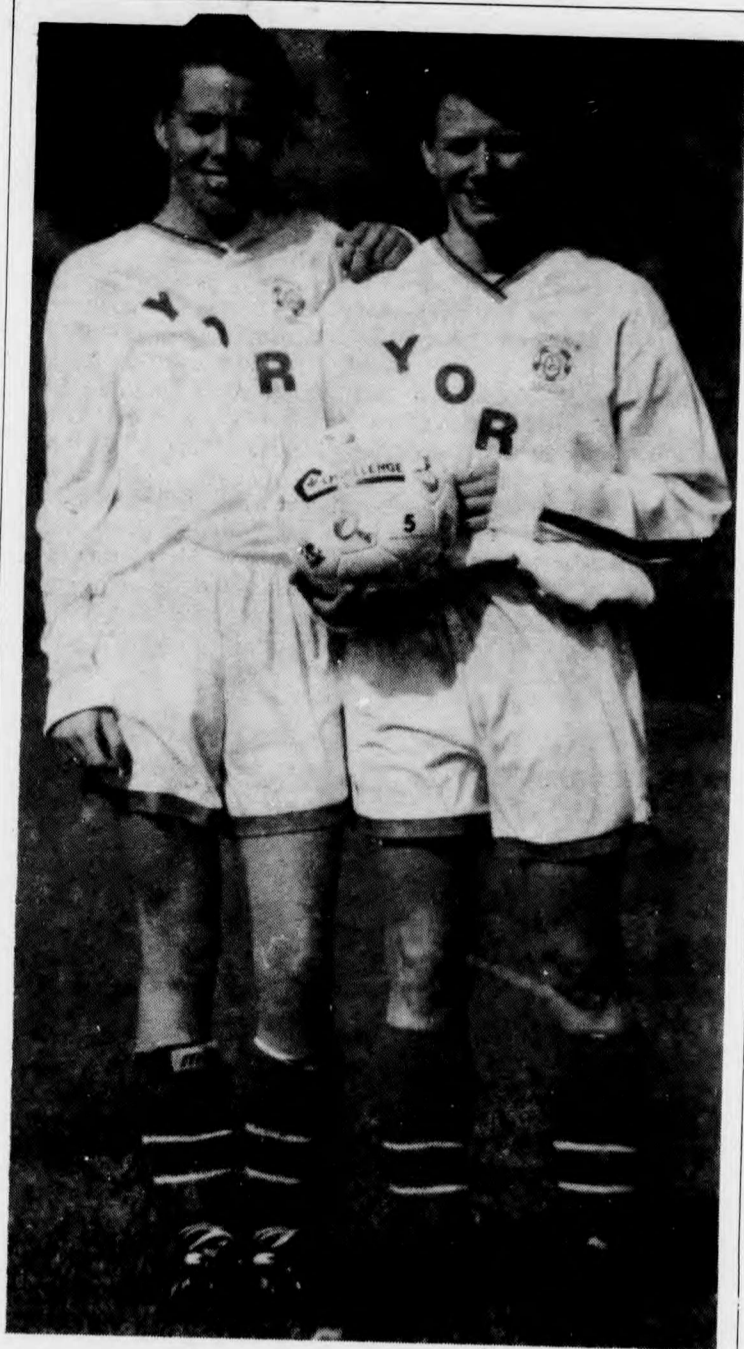


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Soccer Yeowomen undefeated

The York Yeowomen opened the soccer season defeating Trent 6-0 and Carleton 4-1.

This weekend the Yeowomen tied the Queen's Golden Gaels 1-1.

The Yeowomen are now 2 wins 0 losses and 1 tie in Ontario Women's Interuniversity Athletic Association play.

The Yeowomen are led by Samantha Hellens, who led the OWIAA with five goals after the first two games, Tonya Williams, and keeper Daniela Buccioli, who recorded a shutout in the first game of the season.

The Yeowomen see action again against Ryerson at 4pm on Wednesday September 30. The game will be played on the soccer pitch behind the ice rink.

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