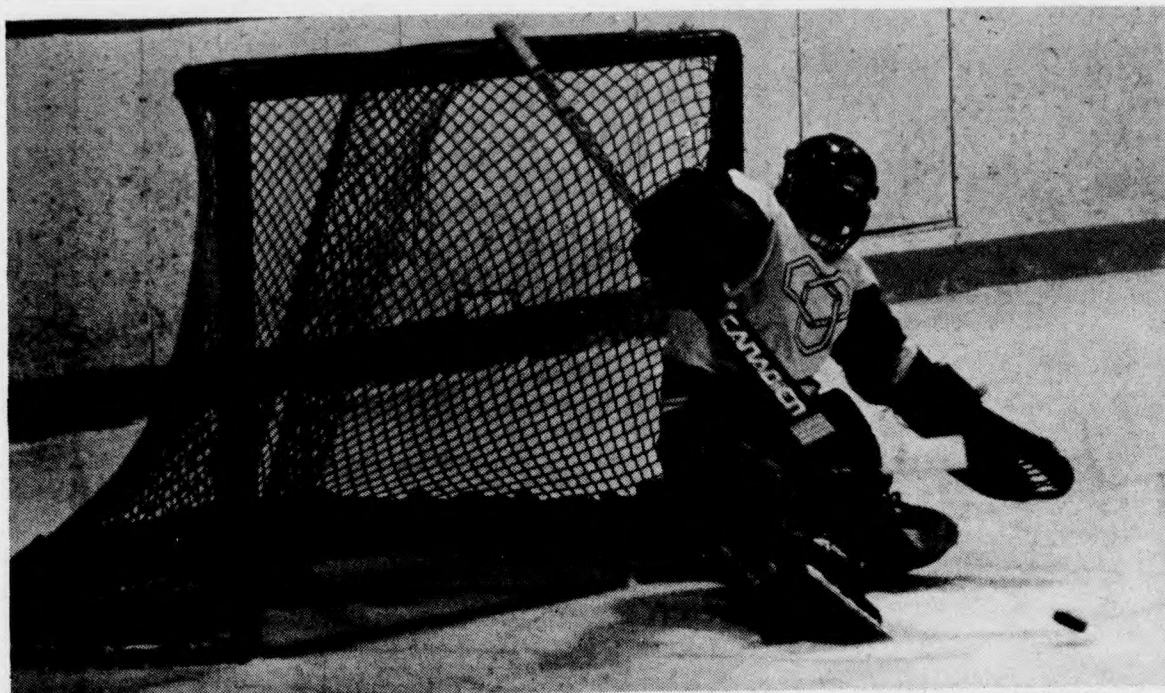


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STRETCHING FOR THE SAVE: Yeowoman goaltender Connie Wrightsell was a bright spot in the lineup at the York Invitational Hockey Tournament last weekend.

York forced to use two lines

By KARIM HAJEE

Despite being put into a weaker division alongside Guelph and Seneca, the York Yeowomen hockey team was eliminated from the final of the York Invitational Hockey tournament on the weekend.

After having to resort to just two lines because of an injury to key player Bonnie McMaster, the Yeowomen dropped the first game to the Seneca Scouts 4-2. "The injury put us in a bad position," said coach Sue Gaston. "You just can't beat Seneca with two lines."

Playing one line short against Guelph as well the Yeowomen managed to win 5-3. However, when Seneca dumped Guelph, York was ousted from the final and Seneca was in. York then gave a dismal perfor-

mance against McMaster losing 4-1.

"We were just outthrustled and outplayed," coach Sue Gaston said. "Against Guelph things were just clicking, but against Mac (McMaster) we just didn't move the puck well."

About the only bright spot for the Yeowomen was the strong goaltending of Connie Wrightsell and the aggressive play of forward Kelly Vandenthillart. Had it not been for their strong performances the scores may have been a lot more lopsided in favour of their opponents.

The biggest problems for York came on defence. They coughed up the puck in their own zone as well as failing to clear it on several occasions. Unfortunately for the Yeowomen their opponents capitalized on

most occasions. "The defence didn't look good, but then again the whole team didn't look good," coach Sue Gaston said.

The University of Toronto Blues won all three of their games defeating McMaster, Seneca, and Queen's on their way to the finals against the Seneca Scouts. The Blues were constantly pressuring the Scouts and received outstanding goaltending by Debbie Brock as they shut out Seneca 3-0, capturing their second consecutive York Invitational crown.

It's back to the blackboard for the Yeowomen who are hoping the return of Bonnie McMaster will put some spark in the team. The Yeowomen commence the regular season on November 12 against the U of T Blues, and the first home game will feature Guelph on November 18.

Yeowomen stand up to new coach's objectives taking two out of three

By ROBERTA DI MAIO

"Two out of three ain't bad," but it wasn't enough to advance the Yeowomen into the championship round of last weekend's basketball tournament at the University of Toronto.

York's first and only loss in the tournament came in the first round against Brock by a score of 61-54.

"The game was reasonably close," said coach Bill Pangos, who added that Brock was up by 15 points most of the game. "The main problem in this particular match was our inability to handle defensive pressure," said Pangos.

Gene Graham and Anne-Marie Thuss were the top scorers in the game for York with 16 and 14 points respectively.

On Saturday, York defeated Windsor 62-57 but the game wasn't

as close as the score might indicate. The Yeowomen led by 17 points with just three minutes to go in the game. Even though the team played well and shot 47 percent from the floor, Windsor was able to close the gap late in the game because of "our basic inability to handle the pressure near the end of the game, where we gave the ball away a few times," Pangos said.

Sunday's contest between York and Saskatchewan was a close, hard-fought game, with the Yeowomen coming out on top of a 56-48 score. The outcome of the game was never in doubt as York held a four to 10 point cushion throughout.

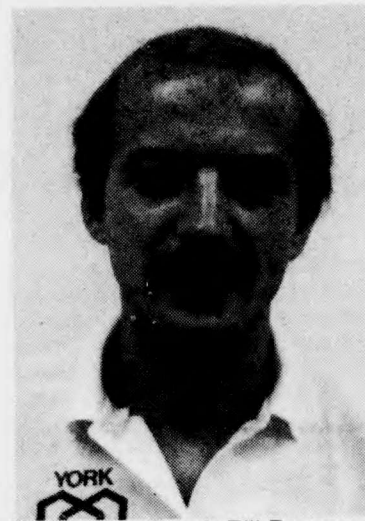
"It was our best game of the tournament," said Pangos, who added that the game was highlighted by consistent play on the part of the York team.

The win over Saskatchewan gave York fifth place overall in the tournament, which was successfully defended by the Lady Blues.

Pangos said that the Yeowomen still have to adapt to him and his style as a coach and teacher, after the departure of long-time coach Francis Flint. Pangos added that he is still at a stage where he is testing players in certain situations.

For Pangos, the progression process is vitally important and the tournament provided the team with a valuable and positive experience. "Our objective going in to the weekend was to win two out of three games," Pangos said. "We met our objectives and that's a positive sign."

"Our objective for the rest of the year is to be anywhere in the top 10 and to prepare ourselves properly for league play.

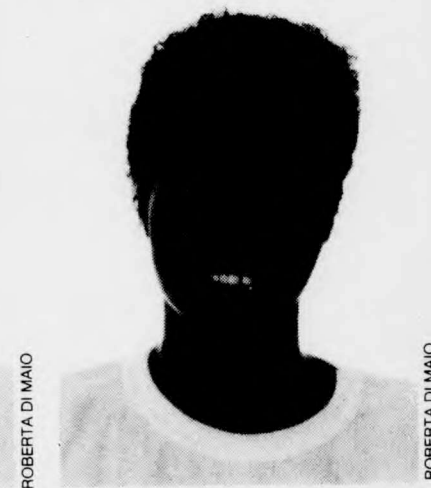


Yeowomen Coach Bill Pangos

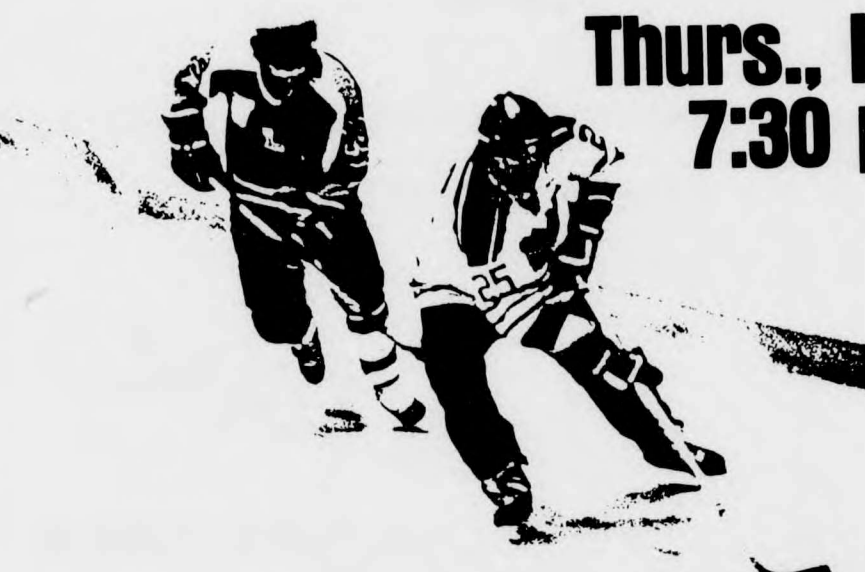
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VANIER CUP FOOTBALL TICKETS UP FOR GRABS

The Vanier cup football festival begins with a celebrity kickoff for charity at noon on Wednesday, November 19 at Nathan Phillips Square. A dollar a yard will be donated by the Toronto Junior Board of Trade to Diabetes Canada. Then on Thursday at the Westin Hotel, the CIAU Outstanding Player Awards presentations will be held. Finally, on Saturday, November 22 at 1 p.m. at the Varsity Stadium, the East meets the West in the 22nd Vanier Cup game for the Canadian univer-

sity football championship. Tickets for the game are available at BASS outlets and at Varsity Stadium or by answering the *Excalibur* Vanier Cup trivia question (seven pairs are up for grabs). No one successfully answered last week's question, so this time we'll make it a little easier. When was the last time the Yeomen appeared in the Vanier Cup football game? Bring your answers to the *Excalibur* at 111 Central Square and ask for David or Jim.