

## The York basketball team

## Coach Flint confident Yeowomen can hold on to title

Elissa Freeman

This year's version of the Yeoman's Basketball Team is different from anything seen in the past three years. Although three major players--Barb Whibbs, Fern Cooper and Leslie Dal Cin (who is now coaching)--will not be returning, Head Coach Francis Flint says, "We have a young team this year, but we can't dwell on who we haven't got, but on who we have got."

Flint is confident she has an extremely talented group of women who will pose a major threat to other teams wishing to dethrone the 1981 OWIAA Champions.

"In the past, we relied heavily on four or five players to carry the load of the team, but now all ten players will share the load."

Flint feels that it is a benefit to have ten individually skilled players. "A team will have to stop all ten of the Yeowomen if they want to win."

Here's a rundown on the returning players.

**PAULA LOCKYER:** This 5'8" point guard is an aggressive and experienced player. "She's got an excellent outside shooting range," says Flint. Lockyer's experience with both the Regional and Provincial teams, as well as a National team try-out, will make her a leader on the floor.

**TRISH STEVENSON:** "A real bulldog on defence," Stevenson is a hard worker that never gives an inch. The 5'8" point guard, is especially skilled at getting the ball inside to the shooters.

**KIM HOLDEN:** A combination of speed, skill and excellent shooting has made this 5'9 1/2" guard-forward a perennial All-Star. Last year's captain, Holden has a wealth of playing experience, including two years with the Regional Team.

**SHARON MacFARLANE:** With her formidable verticle jump shot, the 5'7" guard-forward is a "very strong and deceptive player who can't be stopped," says Flint. A Regional Team member and Yeomen veteran, MacFarlane is also invaluable on defence.

**ELAINE STEWART:** This 5'7" forward is another Yeomen veteran and Regional Team member. Not only is she difficult to cover on the court, she is also extremely aggressive for her height. "It's not uncommon for Elaine to rip the ball out of the hands of a six-foot tall opposing player!" exclaims Flint.

**ANNE McEACHEREN:** A player with unlimited potential, the 6' forward-centre is consistently where the action is. Going into her second year with the team, McEacheren has a deadly shot and is always looking for the rebound.

**NANCY HARRISON:** Another 6' forward-centre, the three-time Metro All-Star and two-time Regional team player, "has more offensive moves than anybody in Ontario." These skills are combined with an incredible jump shot. Flint feels Harrison has "really blossomed--as a player."



The Yeowomen Basketball team: (Back Row) Francis Flint, Paula Lockyer, Sue Rousseau, Anne Marie Thuss, Senka Komsic, Anka Molan, Nancy Harrison, Leslie DalCin, Jim Dobson. (Front Row): Jane Geris, Kim Holden, Ann McEachern, Trish Stewart and Sharon MacFarlane.

**SENKA KOMSIC:** This 6'1", Quebec native who played on the Quebec Provincial team for four years and at Vanier College for two years, will anchor the team at centre. "She's a dominant, inside player and an excellent rebounder," says Flint of her new player.

**ANNE MARIE THUSS:** Hailing from Strathroy District High School, the 5'10" Thuss will join the

team as a power forward. A player who shows great promise, Flint expects a lot from Anne Marie.

**SUSAN ROUSSEAU:** Although this is her first year with the Yeowomen, the 5'8" forward is loaded with experience. As a member of the Provincial team and of the highly respected Ottawa Rookies Senior Team, Rousseau's main asset is her versatility. "Susan is a strong

forward, who is also determined on defence," adds Flint.

## Tough schedule ahead

Flint has purposely included a number of out-of-conference games that will "toughen-up" her young team. "It will be a longer struggle this year and we must be patient, but we'll be there in the end."



## Semi-Tough: Inside the Jersey

Some well-known and not so well-known facts about Yeomen linebacker, Marc Hopkins.

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In the world of sports, bad is beautiful. "Tuff" is in; turning the other cheek is out. Philadelphia Flyers, the "Broad Street Bullies." "Tuff" wins. "Mean" Joe Greene, Dave "the Hammer" Shultz. Tuff intimidates. But if you looked for "Tuff" in the dictionary, chances are you'd come up empty-handed. You can't print it on a piece of paper and you won't find it at the local Sunday school classroom. And being "Tuff" and being pretty mix about as well as Bacardi rum and a pint of Penzoi. Marc Hopkins is "Tuff". You won't find him in church on Sundays, and as far as his game is concerned, it isn't very pretty either.

## Big, but not slow

They say, "You don't get bruised when you cruise with Tooze". I wonder what they'd say about Marc Hopkins. The yeomen Linebacker possesses some rather awe-inspiring numbers himself. At 6'3", 230 lbs., Hopkins can run the 40 yard dash in 4.6 seconds (timed on two watches!)

He takes his Linebacking position very seriously. "There was a guy from Western--I think he's with Edmonton now--who caught a pass up the middle. He caught the pass and tried to take it up the middle--we made sure he didn't do it again."

As the Yeomen file into their lockerroom after a practice, there are shouts of "Hey Hep, good job, at a close 'em up." But the tone of the session was serious. A road trip is coming up and the focus of the workouts has been preparation.

"Rushton has been kicking our behinds all week long, and I love it--it makes us play harder. Western, Guelph, yeah, they're all big teams so we just go out and hit 'em that much harder."

## Game starts moving

The yeomen are 1-2 thus far, and are setting their sights on a play-off position. Hopkins, having just peeked his familiar no. 56 jersey from his back, is a solitary figure in the lockerroom. He likes being alone.

"I'm not a rah-rah guy who'll stir things up. I try to set examples with my play. I don't talk to no one before the game--that's my time. The game starts when you wake up in the morning."

The loner attitude isn't a reflection of team tension. Hopkins just feels the need for time alone. He lives alone and depends upon himself. People envy the partying possibilities and freelance lifestyle he could lead. Hopkins remembers times, in highschool, when he did do whatever he wanted. "Hell, I didn't even play football until grade twelve. Basketball was the big thing at Kipling. The whole school would be cheering at games and then there'd be parties and the like. Sure, there was some good times."

## You get one shot

Its okay to be free, but Hopkins has learned a valuable lesson about concentrating on his game. That lesson has come from a few aching shoulders and sore knees and from some cold, rainy days when a missed tackle went for a long gainer. Cold weather and sore limbs don't concern pro scouts though--their eyes are always open, oblivious to any excuse. But the big thing is, those eyes are only open once.

"You get one shot to impress scouts. They'll be there in the stands, but you'd better be ready to go cause that may be the only look you'll get. If you want a shot at the pros you've got to work twice as hard--you have to be that much better."

Hopkins isn't upset by the small chance of a scout being there on his good days. The Toronto Argonauts and the Calgary Stampeders have been to Yeomen home games, and although no-one is talking money, the number "56" has found itself into more than just a few little blackbooks.

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Not much upsets Marc, except when he puts on his helmet and crosses those white lines. "I don't say anything to anybody. I keep pretty silent out there. I don't get into verbal battles on the line. Some games a guy will yell over--'Hey Hopkins, I'm gonna tear you up.' I don't pay any attention to that. I just get 'em next time through."

Hopkins hasn't ended anyone's career, but he has sent more than his share of the opposition to the trainers-room. "If I really rapped somebody up, really hurt someone. Well, I wouldn't feel good about it, but I wouldn't worry about it--it's part of the game."

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## ROOKS SETS RECORD

On Sunday, September 26, York's Nancy Rooks continued her domination of the cross-country circuit, by finishing first in the Springbank Road Race with a time of 22:39, setting a new course record.

Rooks, fresh from her win at Saturday's York Invitational Cross-Country Meet, lowered the Springbank record by a full four seconds.

## GOLDHAR TAKES GOLD AT TENNIS TOURNEY

York's number one tennis player, Mitchel Goldhar, won the individual singles title at the OUAA Eastern Tennis Championships, held at McMaster University Saturday, September 25th.

En route to his victory, Goldhar defeated top-notch players from University of Toronto, McMaster and Queen's without dropping a single set. He is also the first player not on the winning team to win the singles title. York placed second in the overall competition.

## YEOMEN FIELD HOCKEY RESULTS

In a pre-season tournament at the University of Michigan this past weekend, York's women's field hockey team fared well.

In their first game against the University of Michigan Alumni, the Yeowomen were victorious, winning by a score of 5-0. Goals were scored by Kim Taylor (2), Laura McLaughlin, Laura Branchaud and Beth MacCaskill. The second game saw York tie the University of Michigan, 3-3. Taylor, McLaughlin and Branchaud accounted for the goals. However, in their third game against Ann Arbor, the team suffered its only loss, losing 3-1. Kim Taylor scored the lone goal.

This weekend the team will start regular season play by participating in the first part of the OWIAA Tier 1 Tournament held at the University of Guelph. Part 2 will take place at York during Homecoming Weekend, October 16-17.

## YORK TRACK &amp; FIELD TEAM HARVEST MEDALS IN JAPAN

In the Eight Nations Cup held in Japan last week, several York Runners proved their worth in this international competition.

Angella Taylor and Desai Williams both came away with gold medals in the 200m. Taylor also sped to a silver medal in the 100m. In the hurdles event, Mark McKoy's fourth place timing of 13.70, set a new Canadian record. Tony Sharpe sprinted his way to third place during the 100m even in a time of 10.40 seconds. Williams, McKoy and Sharpe also took part in the 4 x 100 relay (along with Ben Johnson) to finish in third place.