



1 for 2 weekend for hockey Yeomen

by Josh Rubin

he Yeomen hockey squad rounded out its season in a mixed way this past weekend, getting dumped 3-1 by the Concordia Stingers then thrashing Ottawa 9-3.

With their win on Friday, the Stingers clinched a first round playoff bye and second spot in the tight OUAA East playoff race.

For the Yeomen, meanwhile, things didn't go quite as successfully, and they had to settle for a fourth place finish, one point behind the UofT Blues.

Pending the outcome of last night's one game sudden death quarterfinal with the McGill Redmen, the Yeomen will likely be hosting the UQTR Patriotes in the first of a best of three semi Friday.

If it is played, game time at the Ice Palace will be 7:30 pm.

The game against Concordia was a tough loss for the Yeomen, who outshot the Stingers 42-17.

"They took advantage of their opportunities," said York coach Graham Wise afterwards.

Concordia netminder Robert Desjardins frustrated the York shooters time and again.

The only Yeoman to beat Desjardins was team scoring leader Brian MacDonald, who capped off a pretty three way passing play that left him with the entire net to shoot at.

Saturday, the high-scoring MacDonald

added a hattrick and three goals to close out his season with an incredible 53 points in 22 games.

The weekend was a perfect metaphor for the Yeomen's roller-coaster season.

With flashes which showed their strong potential, the Yeomen have been an interesting but often-times frustrating team for their followers this season.

If they give a lackadaisical effort as they have done this year against teams such as Windsor and Laurier, their season will likely be over by the time this article is read.

But if the Yeomen play a full sixty minutes, even Dany Dubé and his UQTR Patriotes should be looking over their shoulders.

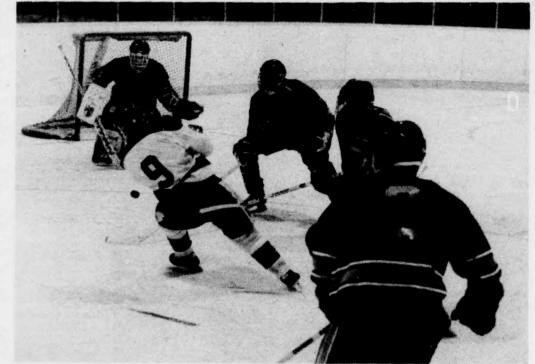
As they showed at Trois Rivieres in November, the Yeomen can play with the Patriotes even in front of partisan fans and officials.

Though they came out on the short end of an 8-4 final score in the November matchup, the Yeomen dominated the Patriotes for much of the early going and stormed out to a 3-0 lead.

Friday night's potential matchup (check your other newspaper) is one of the keys to this series, as the teams return to Trois Rivieres for the second and possible third games.

The daunting prospect of having to take two straight games at the raucous Jean Guy Talbott rink is one which the Yeomen clearly don't relish.

To avoid it, though, the Yeomen will have to confront their own worst enemy—themselves.



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DOWN HE GOES: Yeoman forward Rob Miwa (#9) manages to get off a quick snapshot before being bowled over by an Ottawa defender. Miwa and his teammates had mixed success on the weekend, losing 3-1 to Concordia on Friday and hammering the GGs 9-4 on Saturday afternoon. You can catch all the Yeomen's playoff games on CHRY 105.5 FM.

Field hockey squad bats .500 on Cuban jaunt — coach says "excellent"

by Riccardo Sala

Vinieron, vieron y les fue mas o menos.

That's spanish (I hope) for they came, they saw and they did all right, a summary of the Yeowomen field-hockey team and a spring break sojourn in Cuba, where they played the Cuban national team.

York batted .500 for the four game tournament.

According to York assistant Cathy Broderick, it was the natural grass playing surface that kept the Yeowomen from sweeping the Cuban side.

"If it had been on artificial turf we would have won, no question,"

Broderick said, a sentiment echoed by head coach Marina Van Der Merwe.

York won the first game, going into overtime after ending regular play with a 1-1 tie, courtesy of a goal from Yeowoman Sandra Levy.

The York foursome of Sharon Creelman, Tammy Holt, Veronica Planella and Levy scored on penalty strokes to make the final score 4-0 for the Yeowomen.

Creelman struck again in the second game, combining with Joel Brough to shut-out the Cuban side 2-0.

But the Cubans rebounded, handing the Yeowomen back to back

losses on Friday (1-0) and Saturday (2-1), with Creelman scoring once again in the last game.

Van Der Merwe characterised her team's play as "excellent" throughout the tournament, "especially in the fourth game,".

This was York's first foray into Cuba. Also along for the ride were two Canadian referees, one of whom was present for each of the four games.

From the natural grass of Cuba the Yeowomen move to the wooden floors of indoor competition. This weekend York will be at UofT to defend their OWIAA indoor title.

Volleyballers grab OWs

by Josh Rubin

The Yeowomen volleyball squad defended its OWIAA title at Queen's last weekend, dumping cross-town rivals UofT Blues 3-0.

But the game's score doesn't tell the whole story, as the match was a hard-fought 17-15, 15-7, 15-11 win.

In the first game, the Blues stormed out to an 11-2 lead before York coach Mery Mosher was able to settle his troops down.

Mosher admitted he wasn't entirely happy with the way his team played, especially in the third game, where they were leading 14-5, then gave up six straight points before they clinched the win.

The York side got to the final by dumping Lakehead 3-0 and then getting past Ottawa 3-2 in the semis.

The Lakehead matchup was a laugher for the Yeowomen, who are currently ranked third in the CIAU.

But the Yeowomen had to struggle to beat Ottawa, who played what Mosher considered to be their best match of the year.

Ottawa, who finished third in the OWIAA East behind York and UofT, lead the match 1-0 after dumping the Yeowomen 15-9 in the first, but the Yeowomen took the next two games.

But the GGs tied it up at two, taking the fourth game 15-11 before the Yeowomen sealed up the win with a come from behind 15-10 victory.

For the moment, though, Mosher & co. are looking forward to the CIAU tournament, which takes place March 7-9 in Calgary.

Mosher expects the toughest team to beat at the national tourney will be the Manitoba Bisons, who Mosher places a cut above the rest.

After Manitoba, Mosher says the honors are up for grabs, adding "There's about five teams who could beat each other on any given day."

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Faculty ice follies

by Nathan Cohen

So it wasn't quite up to varsity standards, it was still fun.

That was the overwhelming sentiment from participants in last week's faculty hockey series at the Ice Palace.

Won by a contingent from York University, the tournament featured teams from universities across the province. In the tourney's final game, the York side edged the Waterloo

"Worriers" in a hard-fought 6-5 battle.

Yeomen basketball coach Bob Bain provided much of the team's offensive thrust with a pair of key goals and an assist on Rob Mar-

offensive thrust with a pair of key goals and an assist on Rob Martellacci's game winner.

Martellacci's powerplay marker came after Bain dropped the

puck off high in the slot, allowing Martellacci to put a quick wrist shot over the shoulder of the Waterloo netminder late in the game. But a modest Martellacci insisted on sharing credif for the team's

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"We just played four games in two days," said MacDonald, who himself has played every game in the team's twenty-five year history.

Though he was happy with the game's outcome, MacDonald had mixed feelings about the Ice Palace.

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"It's a great ice surface to play on, but we need a real rink at York," MacDonald added.