# Yeowomen start strong, but still lose

Yeowomen hockey squad trying to make playoffs in tough OWIAA hockey division

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Despite a strong start, the York Yeowomen were dealt an 8-2 loss at the hands of the Lady Blues at the Ice Palace on Thursday night.

The Yeowomen did hold a lead of 1-0, until a second period lapse which saw York's arch-rivals score four unanswered goals.

The deficit proved to be too large for the Yeowomen to overcome.

The highlight of the game had to be the play of center Marni Barrow, who managed a goal for the York side. The other goal scorer for York was Michelle Campbell.

Coach Chris Harron was quite emphatic that the score was not indicative of the play, and she was quite upbeat about the game.

"They played the best hockey I've seen this year... They were aggressive and maintained a good pressure through the first half of the game," said a confident coach Harron.

She pointed to the key of their future success as being, "a matter of maintaining our concentration and intensity for the entire game."

Although the loss now drops the Yeowomen to 0-5-1, Harron feels that if the team can manage to be

consistent and build upon the positives from their defeat then, "a playoff spot is within reach because there are a lot of good things about the team."

The Yeowomen will be off until the new year and this will allow them a good opportunity to let their injuries heal and develop greater team chemistry.

The Yeowomen will play their next game on January 12 in a return with the UofT Lady Blues.

# Some CFL players object to expansion into the U.S.A.

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in the league right now who could survive, but whether new players coming up who haven't been exposed to the high level pro game for several years would be able to make it, I don't know," Meyers added.

Still, the objections over expansion to the U.S. aren't exclusively related to the quota issue.

Molle, along with fellow Canadian CFL vets Bob Cameron and Kyle Hall, have formed a committee to help "non-imports" (the CFL's term, not mine) voice their concerns to league officials.

Molle feels American players should be welcome to join the group as well, because U.S. expansion would hurt them, too.

"These moves have been so poorly planned, they'll take the whole league under. How many businesses do you know that plan a major change just o the U.S.A. months before it's going to happen?" Molle says the publicity problems the CFL has faced until now would

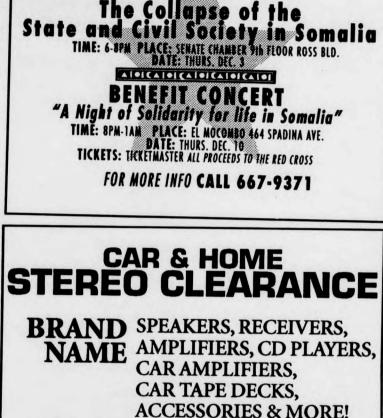
pale in comparison to what would happen if one of the propsed U.S. franchises failed.

Molle also dismisses arguments the Canadian nature of the game would remain if the current rules were kept, notwithstanding the quota.

"People in the U.S. completely misunderstand the unique Canadian element. After the exhibition game in Portland, people said they enjoyed it, but kept saying 'it's nice, but if only you'd add an extra down and have a wider field," Molle said.

He also suggests expansion backers should remember what happened to previous "other" leagues in the U.S.

"Look at the USFL and the World League. They both had substantial cash behind them—what do we have?"



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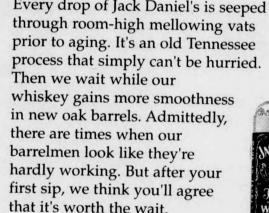
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