

Sports and Recreation

Future national contenders

Yeomen teams number among best in Canada

SOCCKER

This was the year that the soccer title was to come to York. A very strong Yeomen team led by league scoring leader Mike Burke, ran into difficulties in mid-season and was eliminated by Waterloo.

Next year will see them try again with a new coach to lead them. This year's coach, John Dobbie, resigned from his position at the university, leaving the job open for next year.

SQUASH AND TENNIS

In October the York tennis team upset top-ranked U of T to retain their eastern division title but went on to lose to Western.

In squash, the Yeomen were involved in the hard-soft ball controversy and were not overly enthusiastic about their chances in the finals.

The season ended with the York raquet men tied for fourth with Waterloo.

Voted the most improved team of the year, the Yeomen swim team, under the guidance of coach Byron MacDonald, took an unprecedented fourth place finish in Ontario and went on to become the fifth best team in Canada.

Led by CIAU gold medalist Niel Harvey and Graham Sutch the Yeomen were impressive all year long. They broke all the existing varsity records and are a good bet to do better in the coming years.

TRACK AND FIELD

Although they are not a league threat, the York Track team had a successful year of personal best times and some successes at league meets.

Mike Housley won the 1,000 metre race at the OUA finals and Des McHenry qualified for the Boston Marathon as did Tim Uksulainen.

Derek Jones was able to break four minutes in the 1,500 metre run.

Coaches Tudor Bompia and Dave Smith are both excited about next year's team due to the announcement of the new track and field complex to be built on campus. The new facility should attract many top competitors to York.

VOLLEYBALL

When asked to sum up his team's performance over the season coach Wally Dyba simply said, "We've been there." Indeed, the Yeomen did get a taste of success, placing third in Ontario after losing a close playoff match with the eventual winners, Laurentian.

Janis Ozolins and Sam Manfredi were also voted to the eastern division OUA all-star team.

WATERPOLO

The waterpolo team had a fairly good season according to coach Kevin Jones, finishing the season in third place in the eastern division ahead of last place RMC.

With the emergence of the swim team as a national contender, Jones feels his waterpolo team will improve greatly next year, with the addition of more top calibre swimmers.

WRESTLING

This year's wrestling team was in the running for most improved team of the year and almost won it.

Jim Stitt was named both the Ontario and Canadian champion at 118 pounds and helped the Yeomen to an unheard of fourth place finish. Bruce Greenside also captured a third place at the national finals in the 109 pound class for the Yeomen.

Anchors away in May

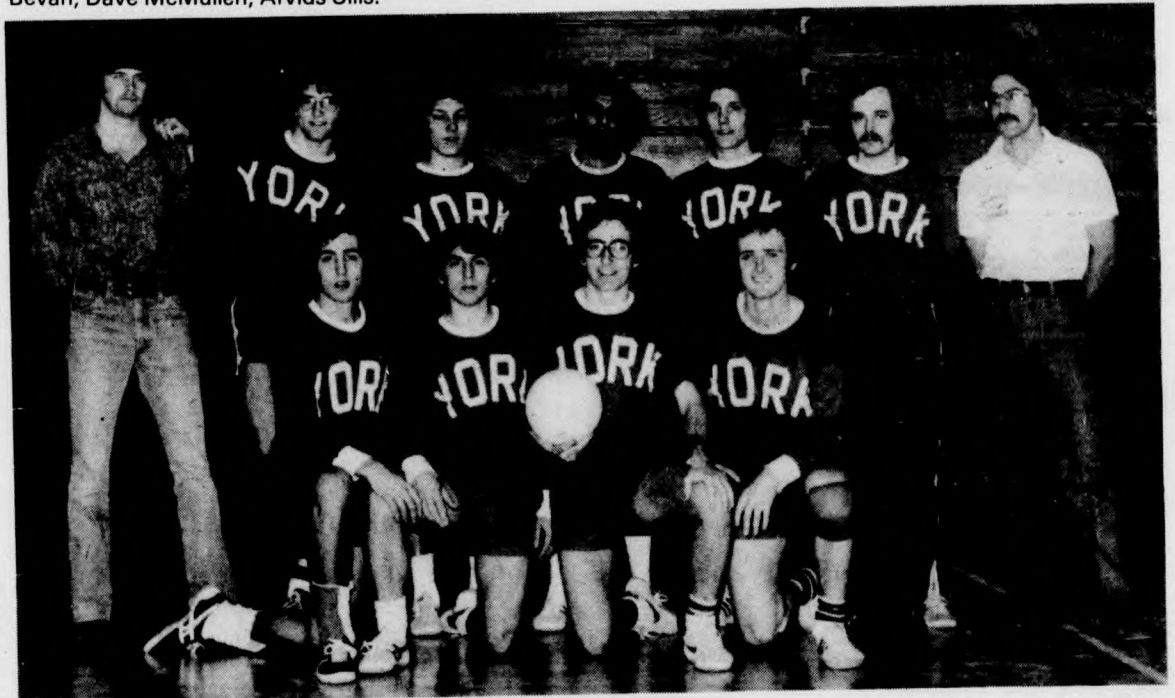
York's 'unofficial' Sailing Team is alive and well. Team members will be travelling down to New York State to compete in the Eastern Intercollegiate Overnight Yacht Race on May 7th & 8th. They will be racing against teams from all over the U.S. and Canada over a 70 nautical mile course in Western Long Island Sound.

On May 14th & 15th both the York and the University of Toronto Sailing Team will act as hosts for the Ontario Spring Championship. The races will be held at Sail Ontario in Toronto's Outer Harbour.

The two clubs also collaborated this winter in forming the Toronto Intercollegiate Sailing Club. The first club of its kind in Canada, it will be located in the Outer Harbour Sailing Complex at the base of Cherry St. It will be a place for university students to keep and sail their boats for a nominal fee. The club's summer plans include weekly races and weekend seminars on 'Learning How to Sail'. If you are interested contact Bonnie Bowerman 881-0448 or Gary Poyntz 491-1536.



Swim team: Front row; Peter Tiidus, Frank Sodonis, Neil Harvey, Graham Sutch, Mark Langdon, George Skeene, Back row; Byron MacDonald-coach, Dave Steeper, Lee Colby, George Trenton, Gabor Mezo, Fred Bevan, Dave McMullen, Arvids Silis.



Volleyball team: Front row; Brian Jaeger, Sam Manfredi, Mike Ferraro, Wayne Daniels, Back row; Greg Cox, Janis Ozolins, Franco Girardo, Showkat Hussain, Lino Girardo, Roman Struhanyk, Wally Dyba



Wrestling team: Back row; Brian Ferris, Ted Hayward, Doug Austrom, Dennis Daley, John Picard-coach, Front row; Mike Pomer, Jim Stitt, Mike Sinclair, absent-John Sestito.

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