

S P O R T S

Yeomen take second spot without their best

By CHRISTINE GOMES

The Yeomen wrestling team finished second at the prestigious Toronto International tournament held Saturday at York. The event, organized by York coach John Park, brought together teams and clubs from Ontario, Manitoba, Quebec and New York state.

The Yeomen captured second place in the nine team competition despite a couple of disadvantages. The insufficient funding and unsatisfactory training facility problem hampered York's performance. According to Park, there is "no doubt they (the Yeomen) could be training better, and if they train better they could perform better."

Injuries also were a factor as two of the Yeomen's top wrestlers didn't compete. Both Paul Hughes, Commonwealth gold medalist in the 136 pound division, and Steve Sammons, last year's OUAA 114 pound champ, didn't participate in the tournament.

In the face of these setbacks York pulled in three second and six third

place finishes out of the 12 weight classes. Pat Findlay, a second year arts student, was the only Yeoman to win in his division (192 lbs). Findlay was plagued by a back injury last year after winning the national juniors and placing third in the Commonwealth trials the year before.

Park was "satisfied" by the outcome of the day's events though he admitted that he "would have liked to have had two or three more firsts."

York finished with a total of 41 points, nearly doubly that of the third place team McMaster (22 points), but falling 11 points short of an outstanding Montreal Wrestling club (MWC). Coached by Russian Victor Zilberman, MWC were exceptional by figuring in 11 of the 12 classes and furthermore winning nine of them. Park mentioned that the MWC team were "substantially older" than the Yeomen team, adding that he still thinks that "we're capable of beating them."

The Yeomen's next competition will be against McMaster this weekend in Hamilton.



WRESTLEMANIA: Last weekend, an impressive York squad hosted the Toronto International Wrestling Tournament and took second place. Here, York's Richie Hart tries to pin down his opponent. Hart finished second in his 114 lbs weight class.

Lady Blues sweep squash tournament

By LINDA FOGAZZI

Last weekend the York Yeowomen squash team took fourth spot in the seventh annual Can-Am tournament.

The final standings of the six team round robin tournament hosted by York saw the University of Toronto grabbing top spot. U of T won all their matches with a perfect score of 25 match points. Second place went to Queen's with a total of 16 points,

followed by Dartmouth College who acquired 15 points.

York finished fourth with 12 points, ahead of Williams University with seven points in total. The other American team was Vassar University which had a dismal day, losing all their matches and finishing last.

Bob Cluett, coach of the Yeowomen and organizer of the Can-Am was pleased with the tournament and the performance of the team.

"Overall I felt the tournament went well," Cluett said. "I was very pleased with our team's performance and the way we're coming along, despite the fact that we're a very inexperienced team."

The difference between second, third and fourth place was very close as the outcome hinged on four crucial rallies between York, Dartmouth and Queen's.

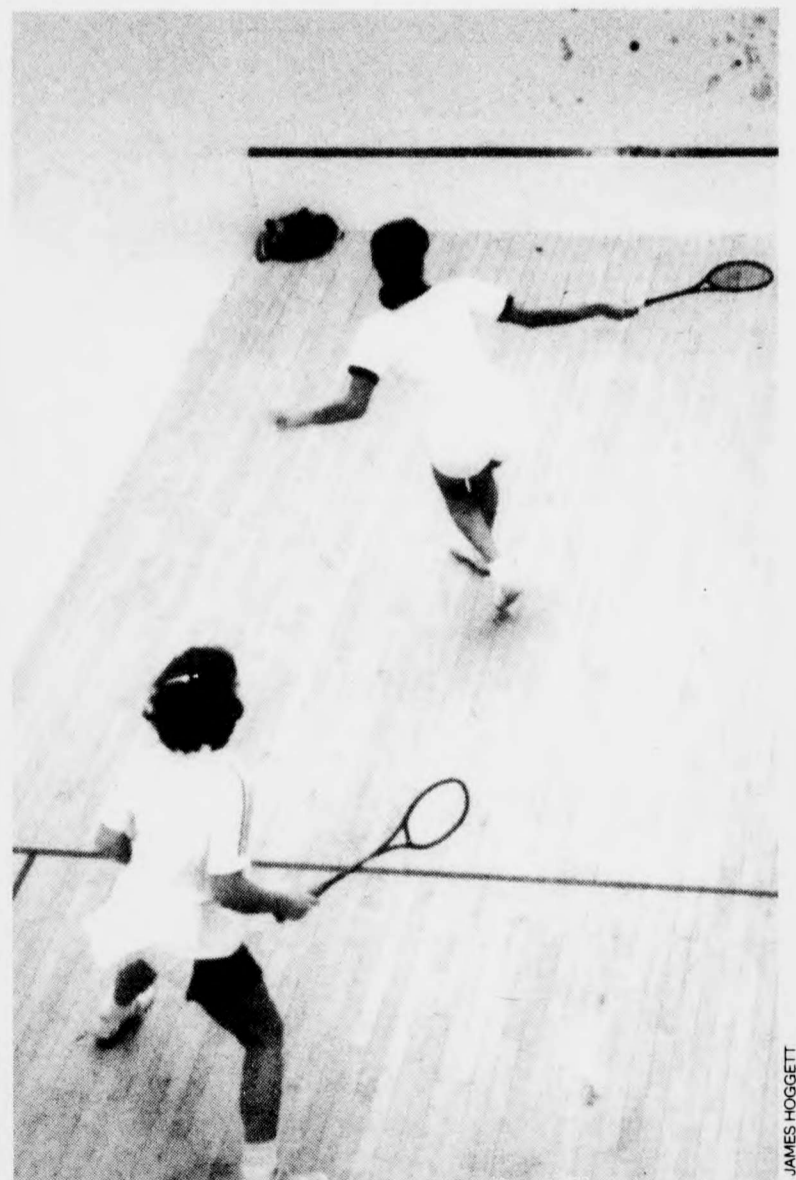
York's number one ranked squash

player Cheryl Miller finished with a record of three and two. Her biggest victory in the tournament came against Dartmouth's number one ranked player Chris Sutz. Miller defeated Sutz for the first time in five meetings.

Michele Ramsey, number three ranked for York, had the most impressive record with four wins and only one loss. Ramsey, a second year general arts major, was not disappointed with the fourth place finish. "The results were very close for all the teams except for University of Toronto whose perfect score was significantly higher than the rest," Ramsey said.

A few weeks prior to York's Can-Am tournament, Yeowomen Michele Ramsey and Rachel Devitt, a second year Phys. Ed major, competed in the Ontario Novice Competition. Ramsey and Devitt finished first and second respectively competing against each other in the final.

With the players' performances improving the Yeowomen hope to soon be a force to be reckoned with on the squash circuit. "Right now all we can do is grit our teeth," Cluett said, "and look towards our next tournament. We're just a young team and it will take time for us to mature."



TOP YEOWOMAN: Michel Ramsey (top) had the most impressive record in the tournament for the Yeowomen with a record of 4-1.

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