

Sports

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Kingston cadets carry the day

York fencers foiled, finish fifth out of eight

By AGNES KRUCHIO

Teams as far apart as Kingston's Royal Military College, Peterborough's Trent and Toronto's Ryerson came together with a resounding clash of sabres, épées and foils for what turned out to be York's most successful Invitational Men's fencing Tournament, hosted by the physical education department last Saturday and Sunday. Except for some minor technical foul-ups—one of which delayed the sabre competition for half an hour—the tournament went without a hitch.

York mustered two teams for the occasion—one in foil, consisting of Gunnar Ozols, Steve Choy and Mike McCartney, and a less experienced team in épée, consisting of Jim Biers, Mike Stein and

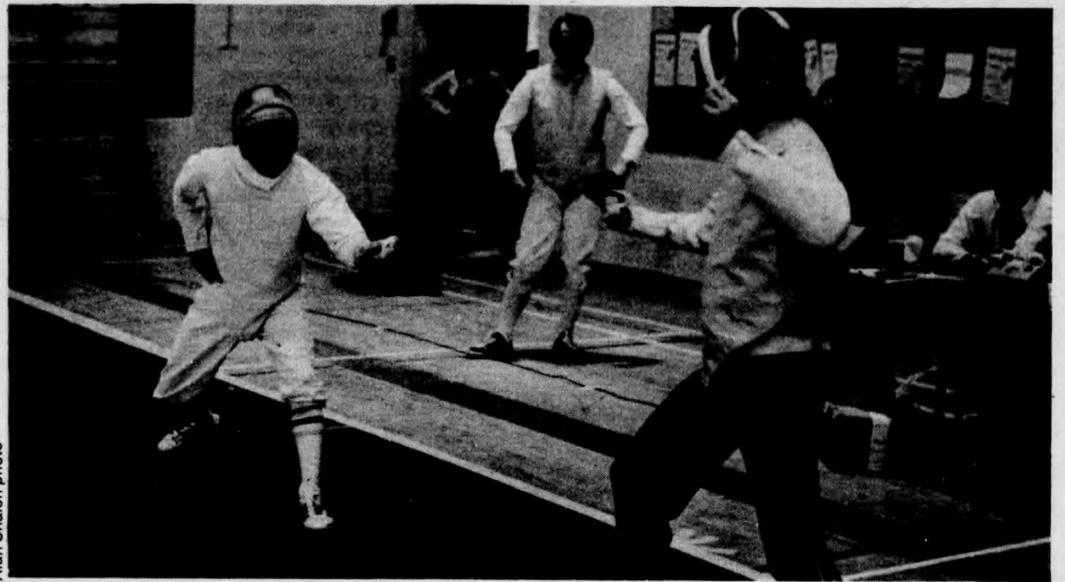
George Skene. University of Toronto managed to set up two teams in foil. The second Toronto foil team came third but due to the fact that there were two U. of T. foil teams, it was allowed to fence with the understanding that its performance would not be counted.

RMC was very much visible throughout the tournament, yelling and cheering a resounding "YES" whenever one of their men made a point, and becoming ominously silent whenever their men began to lag. Fencing is a part of the daily routine when going to the Military College—losing the tournament or even a bout would have meant the stocks or at least bread and water for two weeks for this aggressively competitive team. Or so it appeared to anyone watching the tournament, where they made their presence known.

MIXED RESULTS

In foil RMC naturally topped the list, to be followed by U of T (1), Western, Brock, York, Windsor, Trent and Ryerson. Our foil team wound up with one win (against Windsor) and two losses (against U of T and RMC), giving it fifth place out of the eight teams. The team's performance was quite good, although not as good as at the tournament held at Queens in November; the team has lost a very valuable fencer in the person of George Lavorato.

For Steve Choy and Mike McCartney this is their first year in competition fencing. "I wasn't satisfied with my performance much, but the other people in the



Alan Shalton photo

In the thick of last weekend's fencing action, two competitors, poised for points, prepare to parry their opponents' plans for glory and victory. At the

end of the two day competition, R.M.C. emerged in first place, while York came fifth in foil and épée. team performed as well as could be expected," said Gunnar Ozols. Ozols won six, Choy five of their nine bouts, while Mike McCartney had an unbroken record of losses. York had problems with its sabre team this year; there is only one sabre fencer as the others had to withdraw from school for various reasons. Thus York could not muster the required three athletes to enter the sabre category.

Sabre is a mean variation on the basic style with an 'anything goes' attitude—which shows itself in the miscellaneous scrapes, welts

and bruises that sabre fencers collect. It is also a less popular form of fencing.

As expected, the Royal (yes!) Military College came out on top, followed by U of T, Queens, Windsor, Western, and Trent. Hopefully someone from York will be inspired enough to take up a sabre and come to York's defence for the next tournament.

In épée, however, York claimed the 'legendary' Stein, legendary because he gave up sabre for the épée so he could take part in competition. He started épée in

November, and along with teammates Jim Biers and George Skene, still managed to place fifth for York. Having been foiled by the skill of Trent and U of T, they won their round with Western.

According to George Skene, the team's performance greatly improved since the tournament at Queens, especially since much of the team was inexperienced. The two losses were also very close, and "show considerable promise for the future," said Gunnar Ozols. York was topped in épée by Trent, (with a surprisingly good showing) Windsor, RMC and U of T, while Carleton, Western and Brock tagged behind.

TOP THREE

All in all the tournament was immensely successful as compliments flowed in to organizer Richard Polytinski about the efficiency of the meet. RMC walked away with the best overall performance. As for York, said Stein: "The fencing team is one of the top three teams at York; man for man we win more awards than any other."

We can only wait and see at the next invitational coming up this weekend between Buffalo, U of T and York; the Carleton Invitation the week after; the sectional the weekend after that; the semifinals the weekend after that, and the finals who knows when. The York fencing team has a lot to live up to—but we hope they can cut it all the same.

Yeowomen halve Waterloo tourney

The York Yeowomen volleyballers placed third behind Ukrainian Youth and University of Waterloo in an Ontario Volleyball Association tournament held Sunday at University of Toronto's Benson Building. In four two-game matches, they split with the Kosmics and University of Waterloo, defeated U. of T. and dropped two games to first place finishing Ukrainian Youth. The Yeowomen won four of a possible eight games. Tomorrow, the Yeowomen travel to Waterloo to take part in the annual Waterloo Invitational Tournament.

Gryphon's tie Yeomen in exhibition match, as York prepares for crucial Ottawa game

By BOB LIVINGSTON

The Guelph Gryphons' hockey team came from behind three times Tuesday night to tie the Yeomen 4-4 at the Ice Palace.

It was the concluding exhibition game of the mid-year break from the regular schedule for the Yeomen, who resume regular season play this weekend with a game against the Ottawa Gee-Gees at Ottawa on Saturday.

Saturday's game against the Gee-Gees is a crucial contest, with a possible second place finish at stake. The Gee-Gees have lost only one game, to the University of Toronto Blues, while the Yeomen

have lost two. In their only encounter this season, the teams played to an exciting 4-4 tie here at York.

Queen's University, which upset the Yeomen last term 4-1, had their problems with Toronto, who whipped them 6-1 in Kingston. If Toronto was expected not to finish first this season, it appears they are not yet aware of it, as only a 4-4 tie with Laurentian has marred a perfect record.

In tuning up Tuesday for their encounter with the Gee-Gees, the Yeomen showed some of the inconsistencies which plagued them last term. Sloppy clearing around

their own net led to at least two of the Guelph goals, and could have led to more if it were not for the alert goaltending of Rick Quance and Peter Kostek.

The Yeomen fell behind midway through the first period, but managed to go ahead 2-1 on a pair of goals by Doug Dunsmuir. The captain of the Yeomen showed that an accurate shot can sometimes be more effective than the big blast. Before the end of the period, the Gryphons managed to tie up the score.

During the second period, the teams traded goals, as once again the Yeomen were unable to hold the

lead. The play featured few penalties, and for the most part provided entertaining hockey for the 200 or so fans who came to the game.

Goalie Peter Kostek replaced starting goalie Rick Quance, as coach Dave Chambers wanted both goalies to be sharp for the upcoming league games. Bob Wassom continued his fine play as he put the Yeomen ahead 4-3 early in the third period.

The Gryphons quickly managed to tie the score on a delayed penalty, and that's the way the game ended.



York's Bob Wassom emerges victorious from a shambles in front of the Guelph net, after scoring

early in the third period to give the Yeomen a 4-3 lead. The final score was 4-4.

They swim faster with tans

Swimming in Fort Lauderdale over the Christmas break proved beneficial to the women's speed swim team. On Wednesday night they swam to victory in a home meet against McMaster. In spite of the fact that many prominent York competitors recently "threw in the towel", the "mini" team of eight girls managed to win their half of the co-ed meet, 58 to 38.

In the same meet, the men's team also had some outstanding performances. Unfortunately, the greatest problem being the size of the team, the men placed second, but overall York won the meet against McMaster, 109 to 98.

Individual women's results are as follows: Jan Bewley, first in the 200m backstroke (2:58.5), and second in the 50m freestyle (1:10.1); Sue Alderson, first in the 50m and 100m freestyle (31.5 and 1:10.1); Sue Scott, first in the 400m and 800m freestyle (5:44.1 and 11:44.4); Jan Wilson, second in the 200m breaststroke (3:41); Candy Millar, second in the 200m individual medley, Ann Westall, third in the same race (3:15.5) and second in the 100m butterfly (1:25.6); York came first in the 400m medley relay and the 400 freestyle relay.

Men's results are as follows: Bill Pavely, first in the 1000m freestyle, 100m freestyle and 200m breaststroke; Frank Sadonis, second in the 1000m freestyle and 100 freestyle; George Skeene, first in the 200m freestyle and 500m freestyle; Bruce McDougall, first in the 200m backstroke and second in 200m freestyle; Dave McMullen, second in the 50m freestyle; Fred Bevans, third in the 500m freestyle; Peter Tiidus, third in the 200m backstroke; Danny James Lloyd Heaterington, first and second in one metre diving.

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