

Mistakes tell tale in College Bowl**U of T giants slain by Western's motley crew**

By FRANK GIORNO

The scenario for the grandfinale of the Canadian college football season couldn't have been better if it had been plotted by some Bay Street advertising agency, which in part it was. The product would still have been inferior to the thrilling contest to which 26,450 emphatic fans were treated.

The script called for a dynamic team, powerful, able to blunt any team's efforts, undefeated and rated number one. It also provided for a slightly battered crew, not as awesome a machine as its opponent, but a recognized slayer of giants.

This past Friday on the carpeted fields of CNE Stadium, the number one team in the nation, the University of Toronto Blues, pitted their perfect record and reputation against the motley collection of University of Western Ontario Mustangs, who had had to struggle against the potent Wilfrid Laurier squad to even qualify for the Western Bowl.

As was the case when the underdog David met the overwhelming favourite Goliath in the Valley of Elah many seasons ago, Friday night saw the demise of the powerful Big Blue Machine by the score of 19-15 to the men from London, Ont.

The game, exciting as it turned out to be, was by no means an aesthetic success. Mistakes were as much a determinant of the final result as was Western's fine defensive showing.

Western's majors both materialized through U of T miscues. Glenn Roseborough's, high snap over the head of U of T punter Mike

Sokovinin deep in the Blues end was recovered by Western's Jim Cimba in the Blues end zone of the Mustang's first touchdown, giving Western a 10-9 halftime lead.

The center, usually a much forgotten gladiator in football's fame parade, played a crucial role in Friday's game. Four bad snaps eventually led to scoring plays; all the blunder snaps came on punts. U of T platooned Glenn Roseborough and Ken Hussey at center, both filling in for the injured Jim Nicoletti, who was in turn substituting for regular center Paul MacMillan (out all year with torn knee ligaments).

Western center Kevin Spinks was not going to let the chance for fame escape him either, as he arched his snap over the head of punter Brian Craig on the Western one yard line. The Blues' Bob Hedges carried the ball over for the opening touchdown of the game.

The Blues led by scores of 9-0, 9-1 and 9-3 before the rash of U of T errors vaulted the Mustangs into the lead.

The play which in your humble scribe's opinion salted victory for Western, was a 48-yard touchdown pass from Bill Robinson to Jay Parry in the third quarter. This made the score 18-9, a deficit which the Blues were unable to overcome. A wide field goal attempt by Western's Chris Skopelianos capped the scoring for Western.

The excitement began when, with less than four minutes left in the game, Toronto quarterback Dave Langley hit receiver Steve Ince (at last two Yeomen make good) with an 85-yard pass and run play which put the Blues on the Mustangs' 25-

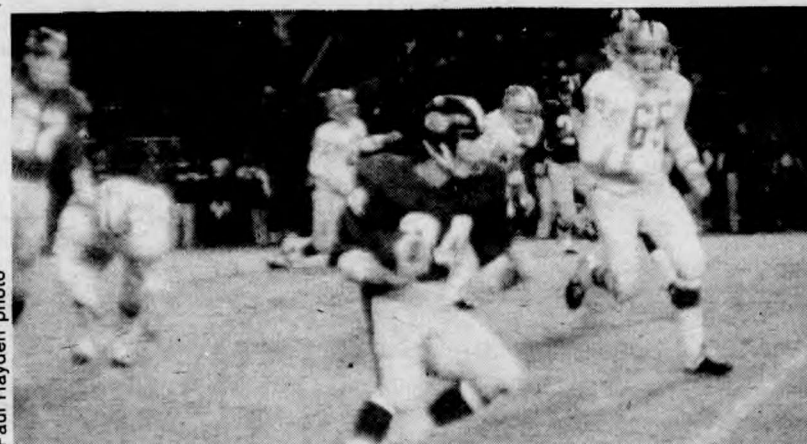
yard line. U of T finally scored the touchdown on a third down desperation pass to Steve Ince.

For a moment it looked as though the Blues might pull victory out of the hat. After Sokovinin's kickoff a Robinson pass was picked by Toronto's Doug Ball on Western's 40 and returned to the 29, the momentum seemed to shift to the Blues for the remaining two minutes. However all hopes were dashed when quarterback Langley was injured on the subsequent play.

Western's defence provided the extra lift that insured victory. Making like Marshall Dillon, they completely handcuffed the Blues' steamroller ground game. Rookie sensation Mark Bragagnolo was all but ineffective in this, the show case of Canadian College ball.

The Ted Morris Trophy, awarded to the top performer of the night, was appropriately presented to Western corner back Ian Bryans who was instrumental in containing Bragagnolo and the rest of the U of T ground crew.

Extra Yarns: The highly touted halftime show complete with the Bay St. touch turned out to be a dud. Such headline events as the much publicized Outhouse race and the world's largest football game barely



Mark Bragagnolo (24), U of T rookies sensation, heads for daylight. It appears he may gain some yards on this rush, but the Western defenders did a good job of containing him on several others. Western took the College Bowl 19-15.

kept the crowd awake. The halftime show was saved from complete disaster when a bearded gent decided to illuminate things by pulling a full moon right smack on the 55 yard line. He was met by a chorus of cheers and a gang of Toronto's finest who attempted to drag down the slippery fellow. He was finally brought down on the 35 yard line but not before one officer helped him out of his trousers with a leg tackle.

The most frustrating aspect of Friday's game was being forced to

listen to the game announcer telling people to get off the field. It was a lost cause as no one bothered to pay heed to him. At one point, the obnoxious announcer told the police to grab one of the boisterous fans who managed to slip onto the field. Hey fellows, how 'bout getting back to announcing and leaving the crowd control to the police?

The Yeomen's last hurrah of the football season occurred during the Outhouse race; the Yeomen finished second to the fleet Ryerson team.

Volleyball Yeowomen impress

By DOROTHY MARGESON

The York Yeowomen volleyball team journeyed to Guelph last weekend to compete in Challenge Cup 1, an exhibition tournament in which all the eastern Ontario varsity teams meet the western Ontario teams in best of three matches. The competition, introduced last year, provides the teams with an excellent exposure to the other teams they will be facing later in the season in league point competition.

York fared moderately well on the scoreboard, but numerous tactical errors were evident throughout the tournament and will require attention in the coming weeks.

On the first day of competition the Yeowomen won easy matches against teams from Wilfrid Laurier and McMaster by scores of 15-5, 15-0 and 15-7, 15-13 respectively. York simply overpowered its opponents' weak defense with hard hitting and well-placed balls in what seemed to be only a warm-up to the following match with Western, last year's OWIAA champions.

The Yeowomen were psychologically prepared for the pending match and came up with an impressive and very aggressive showing. Although they lost the match 15-7, 7-15, 15-9, both teams had to work hard for every point scored. The games were characterized by long rallies and excellent court movement.

The match with Waterloo later that day illustrated more of the same sort of aggressive play, but poor serve reception and over-anxiousness on the attack proved costly as the Yeowomen were defeated 15-12, 14-16, and 15-12. In addition to these weaknesses, the numerous missed serves which plagued the team all day were a deciding factor.

Saturday saw the Yeowomen with easy matches against Windsor by 15-3, 15-4 and against Guelph 15-0, 15-2 before they proceeded to the semi-finals against Waterloo later that afternoon. Once again, however, weak serve reception and poor positioning on offensive hitting and defensive block coverage proved

costly and although the Yeowomen took one game, Waterloo won the match 15-8, 7-15, 15-8 and proceeded to the finals where they defeated a much-improved team from Queen's by scores of 15-5, 11-15 and 15-13.

The calibre of play in OWIAA Volleyball has increased phenomenally in recent years. The Yeowomen this year possess the most experienced and skilled team yet, definitely a championship contender. Their problems last weekend were based largely on their inability to take advantage of their opponents' weaknesses, while the opposition repeatedly capitalized on York errors which remained uncorrected.

This weekend the Yeowomen travel to Ottawa to compete in the OWIAA east section one in which they face five other eastern Ontario varsity teams in league competition.

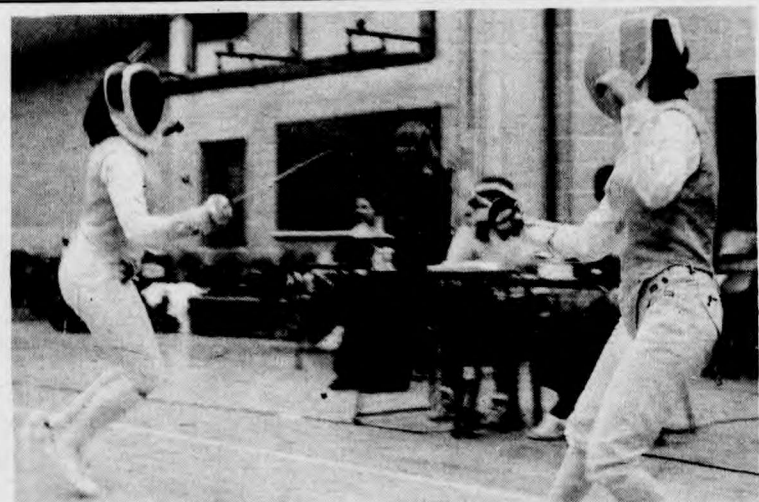
Synch or swim

By WENDY MICHALOWICZ

The OWIAA Synchronized swimming sectional meet was held at York University on Saturday. A strong team from the University of Western Ontario lead by the top two competitors, Susan Pullan and Carol Tucker, dominated the meet. Bonnie Hansen from Windsor placed third. Overall team standings were Guelph second, Windsor third and York fourth.

Unlike many synchro clubs, inter-collegiate teams have difficulty obtaining sufficient pool time. However, several of the judges present were impressed by the calibre of synchronized swimming shown after only a month and a half of training. Muriel Whyte and Bryce Smith, two of the meet's judges, are looking forward with anticipation to the OWIAA finals being held at the University of Windsor on February 14 and 15.

Maxine Wiber and Kathy Donovan placed eighth and tenth, respectively, for York. Donovan also placed fifth in a solo performance.

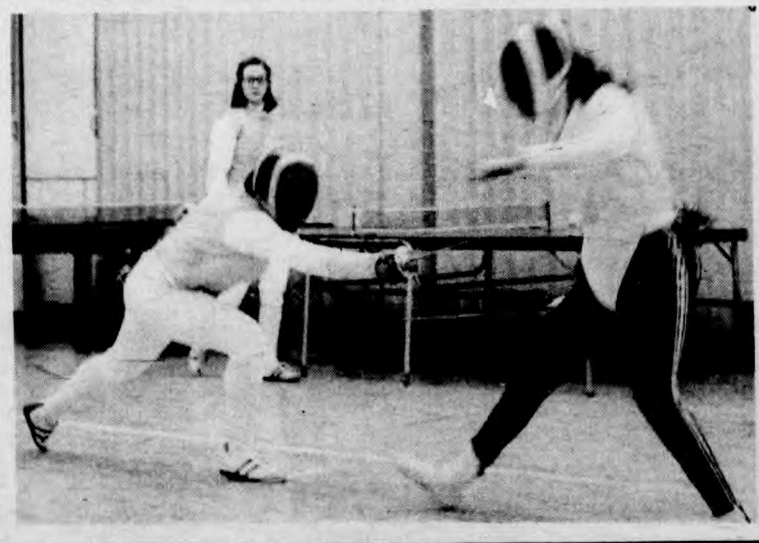
**York fencers blunted in meet**

In their first competition of the year, the Yeowomen fencing team placed second.

With only one returning member from last year, the youngblood team of Bev Yungblut, Mary Tass, Kathi Doody and Isobel Mosseller, managed to dominate Ryerson 10-6, although they lost to the veteran Western team which included ex-Yeowoman Scarlett Page. Janice Low of Ryerson grabbed top spot while York's Catherine Pike and Kathi Doody had to settle for fifth and sixth spots.

The competition, held in London at Western's Althouse College, was the first of two sectional events leading to the championships in January.

Western placed first, York second and Ryerson third.



Kathi Doody photos

Sports briefs

By PAUL KELLOGG

York Sharpies foiled their opponents in Kingston on the weekend, sticking it to the competition at the R.M.C. and Queen's Invitational. However, they lost in the epee and sabre. At least they went down swinging.

York dribblers had a bad week. Tuesday the 19th, they lost to Guelph 87-59. "A bad game," said coach Bob Bain, "very tightly refereed." On Friday, York fouled out against Laurentian. They had three more baskets than the boys from Sudbury, but at the same time they outfoiled them 32-8. (That's strange, I thought Sudbury was the place famous for its pollution.) Laurentian made good on all but 10 and won 86-82. Finally, on Monday at Western, "York didn't shoot that well. Neither team played well." This according to Mr. Bain. York squeaked out a 65-64 victory.

However, the big game is this Friday against Ottawa. It's 8:15 p.m. here at York. Coach Bain says that it promises to be a good, very fast game. Let's see 100,000 screaming rabid fans turn out to watch the game. Well then, how about a baker's dozen? An even dozen? Alright, bring Fergie and that'll make three of us.

Late result. Bobby Fischer 14, Bobby Riggs 11. Rematch is today at noon on Bikini Atoll. Tickets are free and can be picked up.