# U of T "spikes" York

By PAM SERKOWNEY

All good things must come to an end. That's how the volleyball Yeowomen are reflecting on their

The Yeowomen swept through the preliminary competition at the OWIAA championships last weekend before the U of T Varsity Blues ended York's hopes of capturing the title. York was defeated 15-8, 7-15, 13-15, 2-15 in the final match.

Had the Yeowomen won, it would have been York's seventh provincial victory in eight seasons.

The tournament, hosted by Ottawa, featured the top eight teams in the province.

On Friday, the Yeowomen - topranked in the East division with a record of 11-1 - faced Brock, who finished fourth in the West. The Yeowomen demonstrated their superiority as they cruised to a 15-1, 15-6, 15-3 straight-sets victory over

Saturday's semifinal proved to be a much closer match. Ottawa third-ranked in the East - put up a fight, but York prevailed in three sets (15-13, 16-14, 15-11).

"Proper execution of all our skills," was the difference against Ottawa, according to setter Megan Hurst. "They're a lot more skilled than Toronto . . . skill-wise, they're more like us. We played really well and it went our way.'

The provincial final on Sunday featured the top two teams in the East division. Toronto (10-2) finished only two points behind crosstown rival York on the season. York and U of T were also the only Ontario teams to crack the CIAU top 10, ranked eighth and tenth respectively.

The teams split their two regular season meetings.

"U of T is a collection of very good athletes," observed York coach Merv Mosher. "We've had close matches against them throughout the season, always to five games. They can come up big at any time."

Premier power-hitter Kris Drakich was the only element missing from Blues coach John May's veteran-filled lineup. Drakich, an '87 all-Canadian who played for the national team last year, was recovering from surgery to repair damaged knee ligaments.

With York's starters also healthy, it was shaping up to be a Battle

York took the first game 15-8. The Blues returned the favour, posting an almost identical 15-7 score in the second game.

The third game appeared to be the key to the Toronto win.

"The match turned around in the third game," said Mosher. "We were up to 13-10 and lost 13-15. We had a couple of golden opportunities to get the 14th point but they came back to tie and win."

The Blues rode the momentum to the top as they closed York out of the match in the fourth game by a 2-15

"Shell-shocked," was how Mosher described his team's play in the final game.

"U of T sense victory . . . if we had won the third game, it could have been different," he said.

"It was a shock to everybody," Yeowomen rookie Becky Milne said of the loss. "We are capable of beating Toronto but things just didn't go our way. Our passing and service reception was off ... We played scared."

Although not yet announced, it is assumed that the two wild-card berths to the CIAU championships in Saskatoon on March 16-18 will go to teams from Western Canada.

Mosher said he was "disappointed, but we had a very successful season . . . for several consecutive seasons."

Mosher was named OWIAA coach of the year-in the East division. York players Hurst, Chris Pollitt, Bente Rasmussen, and rookie Sue Craig were Ontario all-stars.

Craig and Hurst were also named tournament all-stars.

The Yeowomen will lose a couple of players to graduation, including middle blocker Rasmussen and fiveyear veteran Hurst. It's a sure bet that coach Mosher will be looking for replacements to keep the Yeowomen in the provincial, perhaps national limelight.

# ATHLETIC CALENDAR

March 2 - March 9 by 'Stats' Conroy

Hockey: OUAA Central Division Playoffs

Yeomen vs Laurier Thursday March 2 (7:30 pm) Yeomen vs Laurier Monday, March 6 (7:30 pm) IF NECESSARY

**Volleyball: East Division Finals** Yeomen vs Toronto Sunday, March 5 (3:00 pm)

Track and Field: OUAA/OWIAA Finals Friday, March 3 (6:00 pm)

Saturday, March 4 (1:00 pm)

Wrestling: The CIAU Championships Friday, March 3 (12:00 pm) Saturday, March 4 (11:00 am) - CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH — 3:00 pm

**SPORTS YORK RESULTS** February 20 - February 26

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(Yeomen) CENTRAL DIVISION SEMI-FINAL

Wednesday, February 22 York 3 - Waterloo 2 Scoring for the Yeomen were Curtis Coyne, Tod Dungey and Kevin

Friday, February 24 Waterloo 5 - York 2 Mike Robbins and Luciano Fagioli scored for York.

Sunday, February 26 York 3 - Waterloo I Greg Rolston, Ian Ferguson and Tod Dungey were the Yeomen scorers.

**VOLLEYBALL:** (Yeowomen) OWIAA CHAMPIONSHIPS Sunday, February 26 FINALS Toronto def. York 8-15, 15-7, 15-13, 15-2

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### MARCH/APRIL 1989

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