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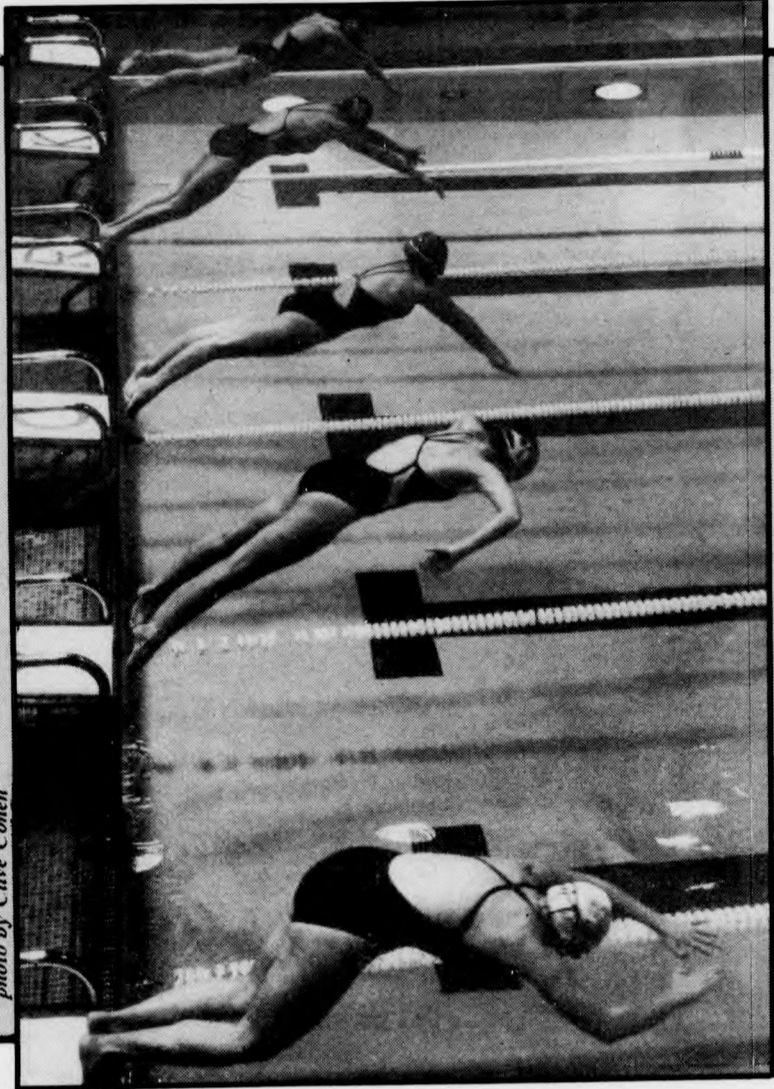


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## York minnows chomped down by Nautical Gryphons

by Riccardo Sala

Indoor pools are great acoustically. Made up of water and concrete they amplify sound, perfect for swim-team cheering sections.

Friday night York paraded their cheers to a visiting Guelph team and sounded just fine. Problem was, they started playing a different song once they hit the water.

Everything seemed right at the beginning for York. In the first event, the women's 4 x 50 medley relay, York struggled to a third place spot.

In the men's event York won the race by a small margin over the Gryphons. The Yeomen B team finished third, beating out two other Guelph teams.

As the evening progressed York victories became the exception rather than the rule.

Stephanie Schulz was one Yeowoman who held her own against Guelph, winning two races, the 200 freestyle and the 200 Intermediate medley.

The Yeomen had their own double ace in Jason Thomas, winner in the 400 intermediate medley and 100m backstroke. Thomas came second in the 200m intermediate medley, losing by half a pool-length to Guelph's Steve Sweetnam.

The Yeowomen finished off the night on a sweet note, their A team winning the 4 x 50 m freestyle relay.

The team totals at the end of the meet stood at 210 points for Guelph versus 143 for York.

With more swimmers, Guelph was able to fill up more spots and earn more points. In most races York had to do with a swimmer less than Guelph.

This lack of depth hit hard in the end.

Guelph coach Alan Fairweather had 28 female swimmers, 18 of whom were eligible to compete at York. The Yeowomen had only 9 swimmers to hold off the Gryphon tide. As well "our top female backstroker wasn't here," York assistant coach Cheryl Stickley noted.

Things weren't much better on the men's side with only 14 swimmers representing York, Stickley added. "We are lacking in numbers," she pointed out.

This year's team though "is much stronger than last year's. We took in a lot of rookies (this year)," Stickley added.

The next meet for both the Yeomen and Yeowomen is Friday at Brock for the Ontario relays.

## Waterpolo Yeomen get dunked

by Mike Raycraft

For the waterpolo Yeomen, the number sixteen is not so sweet.

Hosting the second of two west sectionals this past weekend at the Tait McKenzie Pool, York faced stiff competition, first against perennial power-house McMaster and then against Western both winning by 16 points versus the Yeomen.

Against undefeated McMaster, the challenge appeared insurmountable. And it was.

The Marauders jumped out early with a lead that was not surrendered.

Through three quarters the Marauders dominated York, chalking up a 16-1 advantage. The lone tally for the Yeomen at this point came from Aris Thamvopolous.

In the fourth quarter York rose to Mac's level, playing what may have been their best individual quarter of the weekend. The Yeomen outplayed McMaster, winning this period 1-0 on a goal by Joe Cohen.

Without a standout defence from Cohen and Neil Howlett this turnaround wouldn't have been possible.

Unfortunately, the final read 16-2 in McMaster's favour.

Despite the loss, York coach Ross McDonald felt his squad had produced a worthy effort.

"Considering that the last time we played this team (McMaster) we were blown-out, McDonald said. "This was a great game for our guys."

Carrying that spirit against Western, the Yeomen were exceptional in a 0-0 draw nearing the end of the first period.

York's unity suddenly fizzled, allowing the Mustangs to break free for an astounding nine goals in five minutes.

Unable to establish any consistency afterwards, the Yeomen finished the first half playing erratically.

In the second half Western later surged with two quick spurts of offence while shutting down any York counter-attacks on their way to a 16-0 victory.

McDonald was understandably disappointed with his team's "weak" effort.

Both losses dropped the Yeomen to 0-9-1 on the year.

With an upcoming game this Halloween versus UofT, McDonald was asked if he had any tricks up his sleeve for the Blues.

"Hopefully we will have our whole team back," McDonald

said, referring to the absence of John Bermarija and Mike Neugebauer and their scoring punch.

With their return to action on Wednesday this problem should be remedied.

"Our plan is to come out physical," McDonald said. "We want to be aggressive on offence, producing more scoring chances while maintaining our objectives on defence," McDonald added.

## Yeowomen knock Toronto off throne.

by Riccardo Sala

Veni, vidi, vici . . .

We came, we saw, we kicked some butt.

The unofficial motto of the field hockey Yeowomen, Ontario champions with a 2-1 victory over U of T in the finals.

The provincial championships were held at Carleton this year and the Yeowomen were in the swing from the word go.

On Friday they whooped Western 7-0.

Waterloo fell next to the Yeowoman juggernaut, losing 4-0.

The title match was on Sunday, and as York coach Marina van der Merwe had predicted earlier, it involved York and Toronto.

Yeowoman Veronica Planella scored York's first goal. A 1-1 tie at the end of regulation play led into overtime. Tammy Holt's overtime goal clinched the game, and the title, for York.

The team leaves today for the CIAU championships in Edmonton.

Marina van der Merwe likes her team's chances though she is not about to discount any of the teams at the Nationals. "I would believe that every game is going to be a showdown as we're looking at the best teams in the nation," she said.

York came within one game of the Canadian title last year before falling to the University of Victoria in the title match.

## SCOREBOARD

### York Results for the week of October 22-29

Compiled by Vicky Croley

#### YEOWOMEN

##### Badminton

In Western Division League play over the weekend York placed second. Yeowoman Roselin Yeung moved from the third to second spot on the team by finishing the day with a 4-1 win-loss record. Yeung was also nominated for OWIAA Athlete of the Week. Overall the Yeowomen maintained a strong holding on 4th place and a playoff spot.

##### Basketball

The Yeowomen defeated Laurier 65-59 and Ottawa 50-47 over the weekend at a Laurier tournament. Unfortunately they were defeated by McMaster 74-39. Out of eight teams participating, York placed second. Yeowoman Jennifer Cushing was named tournament All-Star.

##### Cross Country

Nicole Masil placed second at the Ontario championships held at Queen's over the weekend. This qualified her for the CIAU championships in Ottawa on November 10.

##### Ice Hockey

The Yeowomen lost 4-2 to the Mississauga Chiefs in exhibition play Wednesday at the Ice Palace.

##### Tennis

Held over the weekend at the National Tennis Centre. In semi-final action the Yeowomen were beaten 9-0 by Queen's. On Sunday the York played Toronto for the bronze, losing 5-4 in exciting play and having to settle for fourth. Yeowoman Christine Smith won the second match, while teammates Kathy Evans and Natasha Lissos won the fourth and sixth respectively.

#### YEOMEN

##### Basketball

Thursday in Winnipeg, York was defeated by the University of Manitoba

in exhibition play 99-86. At a University of Winnipeg tournament the next day, they lost their first game to Lakehead University 86-76. York's second match, against Winnipeg, was a 91-75 loss. Lakehead won the tournament.

##### Cross Country

The Yeomen finished in ninth spot over the weekend at Queen's

##### Football

Western Mustangs defeated the Yeomen 64-0 Saturday at home.

##### Hockey

Wilfrid Laurier defeated the Yeomen 8-4 Thursday at the Ice Palace. Scoring for York were Kevin Bonello, Pino Chiappetta, Pat Howie and Luciano Fagioli.

##### Soccer

Wednesday at Varsity Stadium, the Yeomen were beaten 1-0 by the Blues. On Sunday, playing an important game at Laurentian, York fell 2-0.

##### Swimming

Guelph defeated York 96-86 at the Tait pool. Friday night, Yeoman Jason Thomas won two races and placed second in a third one.

##### Waterpolo

Visiting teams from Western and McMaster defeated York 18-0 and 16-2 respectively on Saturday.

##### Wrestling

On Saturday, York was at the Royal Military College for the Novice meet. Yeoman Jukka Tammisto won the 180 pd class, while teammate Vince Perreira placed third in his weight category. Yeomen George Workman and Costa Papanicolaou were fourth in their pools.

##### Volleyball

York finished third in a Queen's tournament over the weekend. The Yeomen won the bronze medal match against Guelph, in three sets. Yeoman Dexter Abrams was named a tournament all-star.

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