

Sports and Recreation

Volleyballers win in Kingston look forward to meeting Western

By DAVE FULLER

York could have yet another of its varsity squads challenging a perennial winner for top honours in the OUAA this season.

According to volleyball coach Wally Dyba the Yeomen have only to be in second place come Christmas to be in a good position to challenge the championship title holders from Western.

In their second league tournament of the season the Yeomen were able to dominate both Queen's and RMC winning six of their seven matches to place first at the three team tourney held in Kingston.

According to Dyba the team from his old alma mater will be tough to dethrone since they have become even stronger since capturing the OUAA crown last year.

"I told them when I left they would beat us before Christmas, but after that, look out."

At last Saturday's meet at Queen's the Yeomen disposed of RMC in straight sets winning 15-6, 15-8 and 15-3 in a match that Dyba described as tougher than the score would indicate.

Against the host team York ran into some fiery opposition and lost the first set 9-15. "They knew they had to beat us to have a good shot at the playoffs, said Dyba, "they were really psyched up for us and they played well."

An injury to a key player from Queen's made all the difference however and the Yeomen went on to win in straight sets of 15-4, 15-2 and 15-7.

In a departure from previous play the Yeomen's success was not the result of a one man effort by Janis Ozolins. Ozolins, who starred in the tournament at RMC two weeks ago was not at his best and a strong team effort by the lesser known members of the rookie squad provided Dyba with a glimpse of things to come this season.

Putting in a standout performance for York was basketball convert Franco Girardo, who had a particularly good defensive game. "He had an exceptional game", said Dyba, "he picked up anything that came over the net".

Also coming up big in Saturday's meet was setter Sam Manfredi, the key man in the team's five and one system. Dyba calls Manfredi the team's quarterback; "he's the smallest guy on the court but he makes our team go, he leads them. If Sammy went down the tube" said Dyba "we would be hurting".

Last Saturday's meet was the second of four league competitions to be held in the regular season. The Yeomen will play the league leading team from Western in exhibition play on December 10th and look forward to another exhibition match on the 15th, this time in Buffalo.

Sports Briefs

How does it feel to be at the top of the football world Bill Hatanaka? "It feels pretty good" said the former York Yeomen football star.

For those of you who missed it, Hatanaka was the lucky Ottawa Roughrider who returned a Saskatchewan punt 78 yards for the first touchdown of the game.

"We were holding them at the line pretty well", said the rookie Roughrider, "so I thought there might be some room to run if I got up there. Once I was clear I just maintained my rhythm."

The return was the longest in Grey Cup history and just happened to be Hatanaka's first major of the season.

Asked about his experience with the Yeomen, Hatanaka replied, "I look upon those four years as being very positive, I've never had any trouble getting up for a game, then or now".

The newly formed women's water polo team hosted their first tournament at York last Saturday, one that the women hope will become a regular affair.

York won the first match against the North York High School Club team but went on to lose to the eventual tournament winners from St. Catherines.

The women hope to form a regular varsity squad and any girls interested in playing on this year's prototype are welcome to call Meg Innes at 667-2351

Again with the ever busy Yeowomen we have a report on the basketball team who made the trek all the way to Lakehead last weekend to participate in an Invitational meet.

Coach Skip Letheren reports that while the girls were again caught on the wrong side of the scoring results their play was good enough to restore a confidence they had lost after several setbacks early in the season.

In a game against Moorehead State (Minnesota) the girls lead 57-53 with a scant five minutes remaining, but the Minnesotans rallied to take it 69-60.

The Yeowomen won a pickup game against Thunder Bay 53-39.

The team will meet Carleton next December 4th at York, game time is 1pm.

At McGill the women's synchronized swimming team placed fourth in their OWIAA eastern division competition, just missing third place by two tenths of a point.

In the solo competition York's Betty Ann Brennand captured first place with teammate Gayle Brokelbank following in sixth place.

In the figures routine Brennand again took top honours with Brokelbank picking up an eighth place.

And rounding out a busy weekend for York's ubiquitous women athletes were Marion Milne, Jane Mitchell, Lily Durzo, and Barb Getz, all members of the Yeowomen Squash team.

Competing for the first time this season at the Queen's Invitational the girls played well enough to grab second place behind the host team.

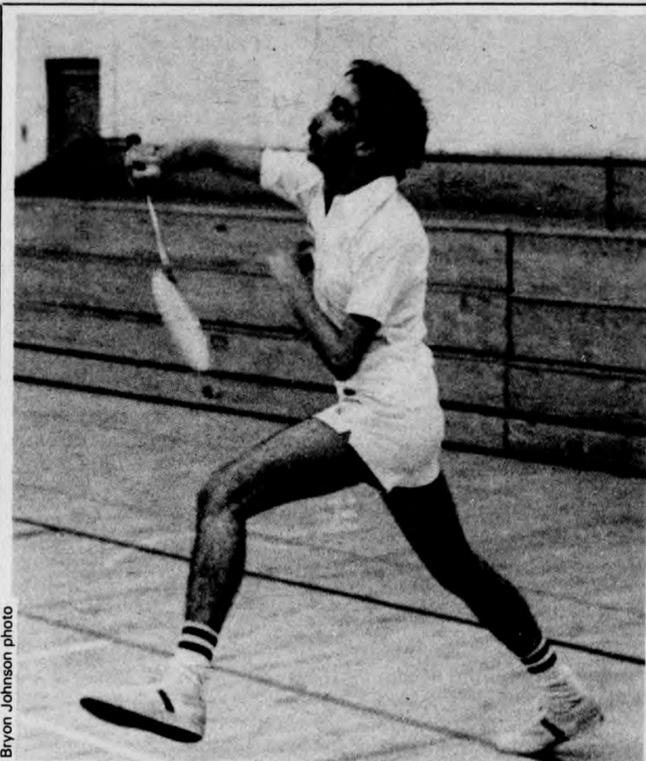
Although not eligible for post season play due to their third place finish this year, the Yeomen water polo team did take the trouble to report that the Ontario title has once again been captured by McMaster, for the eighth year in a row.

The Yeomen will start practice again in the new year on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7-9 pm in Tait McKenzie pool. Coach Kevin Jones would like to invite any new players to take part in these sessions if they are interested. Kevin can be reached at 667-3282.

Staff meeting

today at 2 pm

Room 111 Central Square



Byron Johnson photo

Karem Jabbad takes a poke at an errant bird during last weekend's Badminton Tournament held in Tait McKenzie. York finished fourth behind U of T, McMaster and Guelph. In the Singles competitions number one seed for York, Barry Ramsay, placed 3rd and at second seed was Joe Jong with a first place. Tony D'Agostino, York's third seeded player was second while Jabbad was tied for third. After the singles event the team was ranked second but dropped to fourth due to a less successful doubles effort.

your opponent isn't."

Although the meet results do not reflect it the Yeowomen performed well and Polatynski said he was pleased with the girls' efforts.

The questionable officiating, however, was not as well received by the team, some of whom were almost driven to tears because of the referee's decisions.

"It wasn't the close calls that were bad," said Polatynski, "it was the obvious ones that were missed, one of our girls should have won but they had quite a few bad calls on her."

Putting in another strong showing for the Yeowomen was veteran Sharon Boothby, but the

big surprise of the day was newcomer Jayanne English who was inserted into the lineup at the last minute. English was able to win one of her bouts over an opponent from Ryerson, who, oddly enough, had beaten everyone else to that point.

Also competing for the Yeowomen were Judy Goldberg, Lynda Trott, and Pat Thomson, who, according to Polatynski, had their disappointments but overall were pretty happy.

The Yeowomen will have a chance to practise up throughout the Christmas break before they host their York Invitational tournament on January 8th and 9th.

Sword play

Questionably officiating was only part of the problem at last Saturday's women's fencing tournament according to York coach Richard Polatynski. The low calibre of competition also made it difficult for the Yeowomen to do any better than fourth place.

"It's hard for new fencers to handle the hackers," said Polatynski, "our girls are trying to concentrate on their technique, but it's difficult to control things when

Hockey Yeomen sweep tourney

By IAN WASSERMAN

York's hockey Yeomen came home with all the silverware last weekend as they took top honours at the first annual Lion's Club Hockey tourney, in Binghampton, New York.

Although hampered by injuries, the Yeomen were able to pull off an impressive 12-2 mauling of their opponents from Colgate university.

Coach Dave Chambers expressed some concern about the team's apparent nose dive in recent weeks, a trend that showed signs of continuing right through the weekend. "We were on the wrong side of the mountain, and still falling," he said.

After a game against the Air Force team the previous night Chambers' fears were not allayed despite the 5-1 victory. "It was the weakest game they had played this season", he said, "they were sluggish".

Chambers' hopes for a turnaround in Saturday night's game against Colgate were realised however, as the Yeomen dominated the American team completely.

At the beginning of the first period the Colgate squad took an early lead on a goal by Dave McKenzie, which served only to light a fire under the Yeomen, who then put tremendous pressure on the Raiders goalie.

After bagging three goal posts and having one tally called back the Yeomen lead the game in all but the score. They returned to the

dressing room trailing 1-0.

After 46 seconds of the second period York tied the score on a goal by Aidan Flatley and Bob Wasson. Wasson's high floating shot hit Flatley on the arm and deflected into the Raiders goal.

During the next thirteen minutes the Yeomen counted four more goals to bring their total to five.

Colgate was unable to reply until the end of the period when they potted one, but York came back for two more to go into the dressing room at the end of the second period 7-2. Scoring for York were Gary Gill, Ron Hawkshaw with two, Romano Carlucci, Chris Meloff and Chris Kostka.

Swimmers lose to Blues

In yet another powerhouse performance by the U of T, York's much improved Yeowomen swimmers were defeated at last Thursday's meet held in Tait McKenzie.

As expected the Blues were able to overpower their competition winning the tournament by a score of 78-33, but coach Byron MacDonald was pleased with the team's good performances all the same.

"The meet was not a total disappointment," he said, "the girls turned in some good swims."

Women's coach Carol Gluppe also voiced her approval adding

that the girls were pretty happy with the results, all things considered.

Most noteworthy of the Yeowomen was Chris Lovett-Doust who won both the 200 metre freestyle and the 100 metre butterfly events.

Dee Dee Demers was also able to sprint to a win in the 50 metre freestyle race.

This Friday and Saturday both the men and women will travel to McGill for a co-ed invitational tournament and the following week the teams will make the trip to Western for a regular league meet.