

## V-ball men still hopeful

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"We were pretty confident before the game," said Oke. "We didn't want to leave Calgary without a medal."

York defeated Waterloo 15-11, 18-16, 15-6 to earn third place and the national bronze. Abrams had 14 kills and Knight hit for 13 kills. Wiktorek registered five blocks and 13 kills. Dunning dug up 12 balls and had 11 kills.

"It was a good final match," said Dunning of his last game as a Yeoman. He was York's MVP of the game.

"Against Manitoba, we lost to a team we thought we could beat. It

was frustrating to lose," said Dunning. "I think it showed a lot of character and style that the team beared down and got the bronze."

Knight was named to the All-Canadian first team. Abrams was a second team All-Canadian. Wiktorek was selected as a tournament all star.

Next year's roster remains a bit of a mystery. Dunning and Jim Mohardt will be lost to graduation and there is some question as to which player will be returning. However, the coaching staff has high hopes.

"We'll be a contending team... one of the top teams in Ontario," predicted Oke.



DOUBLE COVERAGE: York's Jacob Wiktorek and Dexter Abrams go up during CIAU finals

## Soccer team off to play football

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One particularly pleasant match occurred in 1977, the year the Yeomen took the national title. As Willis remembers, the team had gone the whole season without a loss, then taken the Nationals.

Then came Cardiff, a team visiting Canada. Full of preconceptions about supposedly inferior Canadian soccer, the Cardiff side was blown away 5-0 by the Yeomen. For York, the win against an English squad capped a Cinderella season.

It wasn't until five years later in 1982 that the Yeomen would go to England. Like the English teams visiting over here the Yeomen found themselves at a disadvantage on alien turf. The positions are reversed on the other side of the pond and the Yeomen have often been the losers in

Britain.

Almost every year there is a matchup between a visiting English team and the Yeomen at York. The latest game was this fall between the York alumni squad and the Southampton team.

England was not the first choice for the 1989 soccer trip.

"We had decided originally to tour in Italy. We would stay in Milan and play games throughout Italy and Southern France," said Willis. "But we couldn't finalize games against University squads and we didn't want to go up against club teams."

So the team decided on a third trip to England. This is not a step backward. Few, if any, of the 1985 tour veterans will be present. For most of the players this will be their first team experience outside Canada.

Yeomen alumni, especially the 1977 CIAU championship squad, have been a constant source of inspiration and support for the Yeomen. Several alumni are going with the team to England.

For Willis, the driving force of this latest adventure is tour manager Nick Greco. Greco, an alumnus, was a player on the first tour in 1982. He assisted as well in 1985. In 1987 he helped with the York women's soccer tour of England.

The Yeomen are a young team. Many players have several years of play at York ahead of them. If past experience is any indication, this trip to England will be a success. Hopefully it will fulfill the squad's expectations and draw the team closer, molding it into a potent force for the future.

## Silver squash finish

By INDIGO MONTOYA

York's Rob Walsh stunned the OUAA with a second place finish at the Ontario squash finals held February 10 and 11 at the Mayfair Parkdale Racquet Club.

Walsh, York's number one varsity squash player, provided several upsets to capture the silver at the provincial final. En route to the final, Walsh outplayed the number one players from Waterloo (Ron Hurst) and the University of Toronto (Jamshed Navavati) and the number two player from Western (Mike Kahn) before succumbing to perennial winner and nationally ranked Jamie Crombie of Western.

Although all three wins were upsets, Walsh's victory over Kahn was the talk of the tournament as Walsh used a variety of deft drop shots and cross-court winners to down Kahn.

Walsh's coach, D.K. Bohme, feels the win is just a preview of the future of squash at York. "This is only Rob's sophomore year on the varsity

team. Placing second at the OUAA is a significant achievement and speaks well for the future of men's squash at York."

Although none of the other York squash players made the OUAA finals, the year was a success based on the fact that squash is a relatively new varsity sport at York and although the team is largely inexperienced, they were still competitive in league play.

Inexperience is not the only problem facing the York squash players. Ironically, the men's varsity team, perhaps the least expensive of all York varsity teams, was not funded this year.

"It was only through the special efforts by members of the team that sufficient funds were raised for the team to remain operational," explained Bohme. "Given that the game of squash is rapidly expanding in popularity among the students here at York, it would seem that squash deserves a higher funding priority."

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