Champion volleyballers headed for nationals

One attribute that the Yeomen volleyball team has shown throughout the season is their ability to come from behind. This past weekend (Feb. 22 and 23) at the OUAA championship in Waterloo was no exception.

Facing elimination against Western in the semi-final, York rebounded to sweep the final three games and win the match 3-2 (13-15, 13-15, 15-5, 15-5, 15-5). York then met Waterloo (who beat Queen's 3-1 in the other semi-final) in the championship game and once again fell behind, this time by a 2-1 score, before fighting back to a 3-2 decision (15-13, 14-16, 9-15, 15-7, 15-10).

This is York's first Ontario title under the directorship of Coach Wally Dyba, and the first for York since back-to-back championships in 1972/73 and 1973/74. According to Coach Dyba: "This year the Ontario's were ours to win but with the added pressure we played tight at Waterloo and in the preceding month."

In a rematch of last year's semifinal which Western won 3-1 over York, Yeomen were unable to pass the ball effectively, but by the third game they had solved the problem with the help of a different rotational lineup and blew Western off the court in the remaining three games.

In the final Waterloo played evenly with the Yeomen at the net through the first two games, but in the third game Dyba went with Jim Claveau for the front court and as Dyba explained, "Jim's presence at the net had a definite effect on the other team" and gradually allowed York to establish control of the match.

Now it's onto Saskatoon for the

(March 7-9). Of the other five regional representatives competing, four are ranked higher than York. As Dyba remarked: "We have nothing to lose and everything to win. All year we never upset anyone so now is the perfect opportunity to start."

Canadian Championships

Fifth place swimmers send seven to CIAU's

The York University Yeomen swim team, competing in the Ontario Championships over the past weekend, placed fifth in the overall team results, only nine points behind fourth place Waterloo.

The victors at the meet were U of T with their twentieth OUAA championship team. McMaster and Western placed second and third behind the team from Toronto.

Although York's team points weren't very high, individuals performed superbly. Bill Bevan was one of the best performers in the entire meet, scoring three victories and setting an equal number of meet records. Bevan

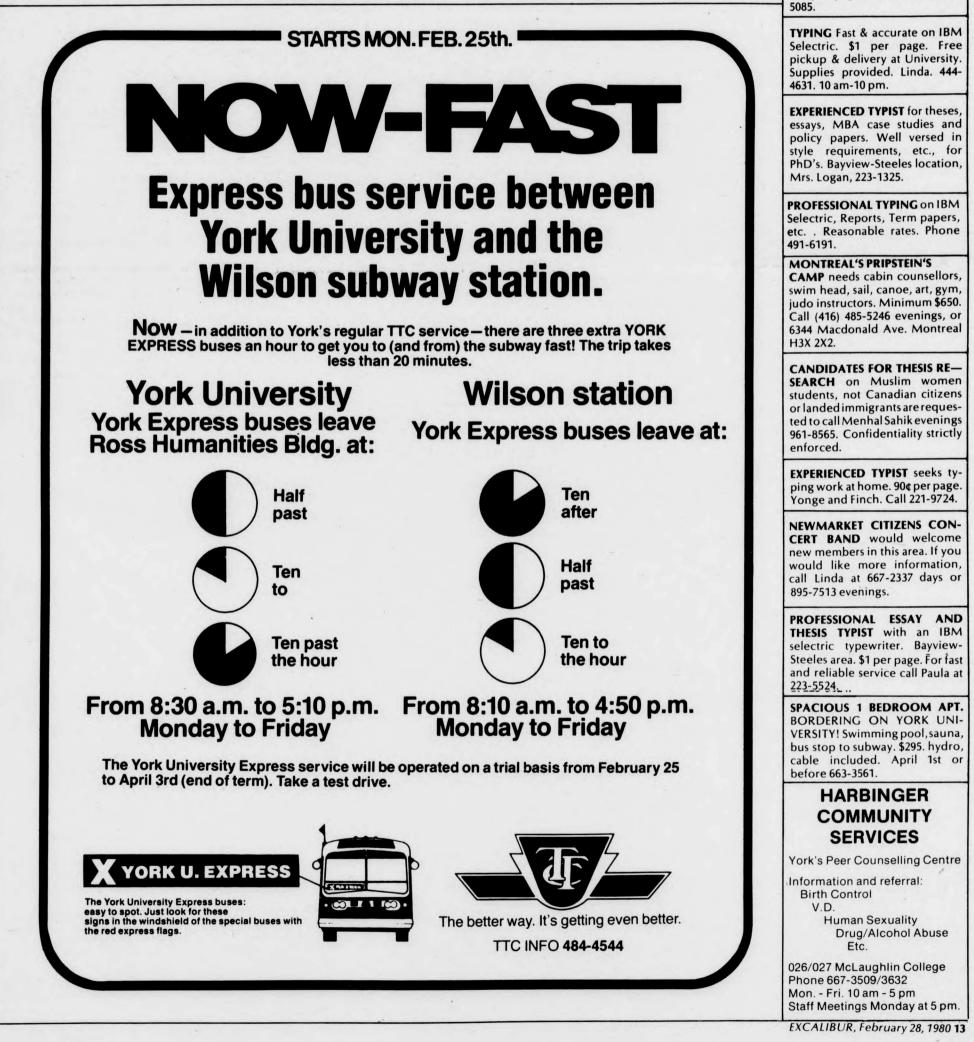
won the 1500, 400 and 200m freestyle races, while also leading off the silver medal 4X100m freestyle relay team.

"Bill gave a super effort in all three races this weekend," said happy team coach Gary MacDonald, "and totally dominated the distance freestyle events.'

Other top performers for York were sprinter Mark Erwin, who won two silver medals in the 50 and 100m freestyle events, and veteran Juri Daniel, who came through with a bronze medal in the hard-fought 100m breaststroke event. Also showing strongly, in surprise performances, were Cameron Roth-

ery, with a fourth place time in the 100m butterfly, and Marc Nadeau, who came second in the consolation 50m freestyle finals.

Because some swimmers were only partially rested for the meet, better performances are expected at the CIAU's in Laval. The team has qualified seven people to attend the Nationals, four more than last year, and is aiming at a top-six-finish, which would be a big move from last year's eleventh-place spot. According to MacDonald, "if the team performs really well we could get as high as third or fourth, but we'll have to swim out of our heads."



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