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Swimmers ready for the provincial finals

By NICK LAPICCIRELLA

With the swimming season drawing to a close shortly, both the men's and women's teams are rounding into top form for the upcoming OUAA and OWIAA finals.

In the past week, York's teams registered a number of strong performances against the University of Toronto (U of T) and Ryerson.

The women's team posted a string of victories in last Wednesday's meet at U of T. Cheryl Stickeley placed first in the 50 metre butterfly and the 50 metre freestyle while Anne Bruner placed first in the 50 metre backstroke and second in the 100 metre backstroke. Virginia Chang also had a first place finish for the Yeomen in the 50 metre breaststroke. Kim Hagmans added second place finishes in the 100 metre butterfly and the 200 metre freestyle.

On the men's side, the Yeomen hosted Toronto and Ryerson at the Tait Mackenzie pool. Adam Robinson won the 50 metre freestyle finishing only 3/10 of a second off of the national qualifying time. He also finished second in the 100 metre freestyle and second in the 50 metre butterfly. Peter Darvas finished second to Mark Yell of Toronto and in doing so established a new record

for York in the 100 metre butterfly.

The meets were not a team competition where points are awarded and a winner declared. Carol Wilson, the men's and women's coach, saw the meets as a good preparation for the provincial and the national finals. "It's the last chance for that kind of experimentation. Without pressure of a double duel," she said. "There are no relays and the meet is not scored."

Several of the York swimmers believe that the team is on the verge of maturing into a top team. Cheryl Stickeley, a rookie on the women's team, is looking forward to the next couple of weeks. "I think the women's team is going to do very well this year. They should move up quite well. We'll even have, I think, more players in the CIAU finals in the medal rounds."

Adam Robinson puts the teams' chances into perspective, saying, "the women's team is strong this year; the men's team is in a rebuilding year. We lost a couple of veterans last year and this year we're building a contender and it looks good."

Peter Darvas, who was the first swimmer on the men's team to break a York record in five years, sees his



CRAWLING ON HIS BACK: York swimmer Robert Kirwin shows good form while posting a third place finish in the 200-metre back-stroke event.

accomplishment as a new beginning for the York male swimmers. "It was the 200 metre butterfly record (and) I think it stood since about 1980. Carol (the York coach) was telling me, it's only the second record that has been broken here at York in

eight years for the men. So hopefully in the next couple of years, the men will start breaking those records and we'll start to dominate again," Darvas said.

So with the men's team in a rebuilding stage, the women's team

is looking at turning some heads next week at the OWIAA championships. "We have depth on the women's squad with 16 swimmers. Maximum is 18 with divers included. The women should do quite well because they have an excellent chance."

Yeomen's play not impressive despite victories



JOHNNY-ON-THE-SPOT: Rick Morocco tries to poke one past RMC goaltender Tim Gorman. Unfortunately, the play was whistled dead.

By ROBERTA DI MAIO

The York University hockey team won't get by the first round of this year's playoffs if they don't play any better than they have recently.

Despite defeating McMaster 3-1 and RMC 5-4 in their last two home games, the Yeomen's wins were far from convincing.

"We aren't playing up to our capabilities," said Dave Chambers, head coach of the Yeomen. He added that the team hasn't been playing all that well since their Christmas trip to Switzerland.

Last Thursday night's win against the McMaster Marlins bore no resemblance to an earlier season game played in Hamilton when York defeated the Marlins by a score of 5-0. The final score was partly due to lack of defensive strength and an inability to score.

"We're outshooting them, but not scoring," said Chambers. "Each time the other team comes down, they score—that's why the games are close."

Saturday's game was against the RMC Redman who are in 12th place in the league. York's team is undergoing several line changes due to injuries and has not come up with the right combinations yet. "We're trying different line combinations and nothing seems to change," Chambers said.

Defenceman Bill Maguire is now out of the lineup for three games as he was suspended on a butt-ending penalty call. The penalty was given to him on his first shift in Thursday's game against the Marlins.

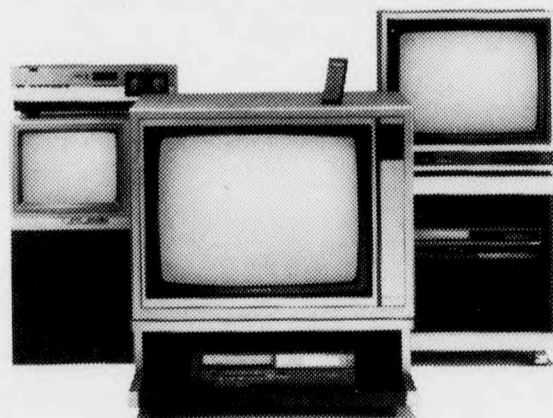
York's also hurting because of two other injuries to defenceman Dirk Rueter and Mike James. James, who is out due to an injury suffered against Laurier two weeks ago and has a cast on his hand, is expected to be out for several weeks. Rueter's return date is unknown.

The RMC Redman came out to York with determination to win as they poured on the pressure right

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