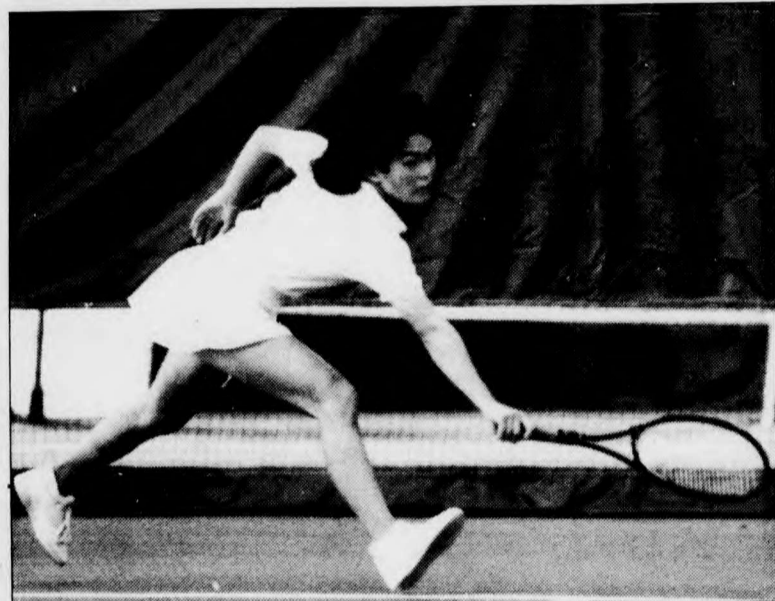


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Bojesen hoping to build solid tennis programme



TOP YEOWOMAN: York veteran Anya Liaw playing in the number two position won both her singles matches on the weekend. Coach Bojesen is confident about York's future on the tennis circuit.

York University athletic department the newest entry in lottery bonanza

By GARRY MARR
The Athletic Department of York University is conducting a raffle to raise funds for a variety of activities including sports team trips. The draw, to be held on March 24, 1988, will be for a Ford Bronco II.

The Bronco's estimated worth is placed at \$20,000. It is a fully loaded 1988 model with such features as air-conditioning and four wheel drive. The vehicle, supplied by Al Palladini, is currently on display outside the Curtis Lecture Halls on the north side.

Tickets for the draw go for \$5 each and Dennis Laverty, Coordinator of this fund-raising program, would like to sell 20,000, but he "would be happy to sell 15,000."

Roger Seaman, associate chair-

man and director of the charity drive, stated that the money collected will be divided according to a plan intended to enhance sales.

With each ticket purchased, \$2 will go directly to the department or team that sold it. The football Yeomen and the soccer Yeowomen are currently leading the pack in sales. What they do with the funds is up to the individual teams, but in the past students have raised money for special trips. For instance, the hockey team managed to go to Europe through a similar scheme last year.

Seaman called fundraising "one of the few recruiting perks we can offer. It budgets us to allow first-class accommodations that would be otherwise impossible."

By PAUL CONROY
For the first time this year York has fielded a men's tennis squad, and in remarkable fashion they have also fielded a winner. First year York student Alex Nester defeated Mike Stitt of Western in two straight sets, 6-1 and 7-5, to capture the OCAA singles championship.

The championship match, which took place last Thursday in London, was played before a crowd consisting of York coach Eric Bojesen and perhaps half a dozen of Stitt's Western teammates.

Both player and coach were confident of success going into the final. "We've been training hard and we know our opponent. Alex has played him before, and if his game plan goes well he should come out victorious," predicted Bojesen before the match.

The first set could not have followed Nester's game plan any better than if he had written the script

himself as he demolished the Mustang opponent. But the second was strictly 'ad lib' as later explained by Nester: "I won the first set quite easily and I was really scared after that because I knew that he would come on in the second."

"He wasn't as bad as he played in the first. I had a little let down and he managed to win some games and was up early in the second, but I just knew I was going to win," said Nester.

On Saturday York's women's team was playing under the bubble, hosting a tournament featuring Waterloo and Toronto. Veteran player Anya Liaw, playing in the number two position, won both of her singles competitions. Sue Dodds won one, and Dodds combined with Janice Beckenstein to score a victory in doubles competition. Sadly, the four points weren't nearly enough as the Yeowomen finished well back of both visiting teams.

Coach Bojesen, who does double duty as women's coach, is early in the first year of a three-year contract, and has been given a mandate to save a program that was in a state of disarray. His main priority is to build up the varsity program, and to make that program attractive to future recruits, both male and female. Equally important to him are his academic duties, which require him to establish courses for teaching physical education students in tennis instruction, as well as getting involved in the university's recreational tennis activities.

Considering the fine tennis facilities which exist right here on the York campus, namely the National Tennis Centre, it is surprising to see how large a job Bojesen has ahead of him. He is quite pleased with the talent which he has available. Bojesen feels that many of his first year players will become stars of the future.



WIN A REAL BRONCO: York's athletic department is raffling off this \$20,000, fully-loaded Bronco II to raise funds for York's varsity teams. Tickets for the March 24, 1988 draw are \$5 each.

firm) in the December draw. "There is real incentive for everybody to get involved," Seaman added.

Those students interested in participating are asked to contact Dennis Laverty in Room 302 in the Tait McKenzie building.

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