

Women's sports at York

Yeowomen plunge into seasons

Volleyball

By DOREEN MAGERMAN
Friday and Saturday, the University of Toronto hosted the women's volleyball Challenge Cup tournament Part 1, where the York squad finished sixth. The six eastern teams met their western counterparts in two-game matches.

The Yeowomen had a number of new faces on the roster. Six members of last year's squad have returned but five of the starting lineup are gone. The rebuilding being done was evident in their performance.

Friday York defeated a weak Laurier team 2-0 and then split matches with Guelph and Windsor.

Most of the play was characterized by inconsistency, the team's major problem last season. Moments of brilliance where every opportunity was capitalized on were followed by numerous errors in defensive positioning and poor serve reception.

The brightest spot of the day was the match with Western, last year's champions returning with much of the strength and talent of that squad. York's defensive play was particularly good. Good blocking and coverage enabled the Yeowomen to generate an effective attack. Despite losses of 15-11 and 15-12, York demonstrated the potential waiting to be developed.

Saturday York dropped two matches to a greatly-improved Waterloo team and two to McMaster

on lax performances.

The tournament ended in an exciting final where the University of Toronto handily defeated Waterloo 2-0.

Women's volleyball has undergone a major change this year. The competition is no longer based on a home-and-home schedule with the first three teams in each conference advancing to the championship round. Team standings will now be decided during tournament play.

There will be two major eastern conference tournaments counting towards the standings, where all eastern teams compete in round robin play. The first three teams will advance but no consolations will be held. Consequently the Challenge Cup at the University of Toronto and Part II to be held later at York have no bearing on league standings, but are valuable opportunities for team improvement and development.

Hockey team

By DEBBIE CATE

Friday night the York women's hockey team defeated Queen's 4-0 in their first league contest.

Play was slow in the first few minutes but picked up in the second when Cathy Brown scored three in a row for York, two assisted by Barb

Ollerenshaw.

The Queen's team, last year's champions, was only half as strong as last season. Several times, however, York netminder Jean Panagopka was all alone between the pipes when the forwards were caught up ice in the opposing end. Panagopka's saves and Brown's stickwork were the springboards for the York victory.

At one point, Queen's had a two-woman advantage, but their poor passing and Brown's persistent forechecking allowed York to con-

tinually ice the puck.

Ollerenshaw scored the final goal of the game at 3:24 of the third period. York was then hard-pressed and seemed to be tiring in attempting to capitalize on scoring opportunities. Constant digging by the Queen's wingers resulted in several shots on Panagopka which she managed to turn aside.

York will be meeting the University of Toronto Dec. 4 at the Ice Palace in what should be the highlight match of the season.

Badminton team

The women's badminton team finished third to Toronto and Queens, with Ottawa coming in fourth, in the tournament at Tait this weekend. In the first singles Dianne Warriner won by default over Queen's and defeated Ottawa, 11-7 and 13-12. Marilyn Payne took the second singles from Ottawa, 17-15, 7-15 and 15-3.

Warriner and Payne, in the first doubles, downed Ottawa 15-4 and 15-2, Queen's by default, and Toronto 14-18, 15-11 and 18-17. In the second doubles Lianne McLaren and Mary Marshall defeated Ottawa 17-15, 7-15 and 15-3.

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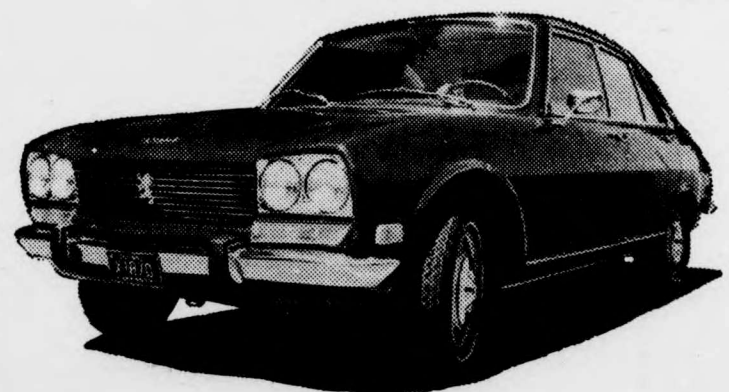


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