

# sports and recreation

## Foiled by flu, fencers fight for fourth

By Mary Desrochers

Foiled by the flu, the York fencing team placed fourth at a two-day invitational fencing tournament on January 7 and 8 in the upper gym of the Tait MacKenzie athletic building.

The represented universities were: York, University of Toronto, Ryerson, McMaster, Brock, Windsor, Waterloo, Trent, University of Western Ontario, Queens, Royal Military College and Carleton.

In the women's foil, University of Toronto team number one took first place, followed by University of Western Ontario with second and York with third.

In men's épée, Waterloo took the number one position followed by Western and Trent respectively. In men's sabre the standings were Waterloo first, University of Toronto second and McMaster third. In the mens foil, University of Toronto team number one had first place, York University took second and University of Toronto team two held for third.

In the over-all standings, University of Toronto took first place with Waterloo coming in second, University of Western Ontario third, and York University placing fourth. U of T's best fencer was Len Subotich.

150 people fought in the tournament and it was not easy going. Yeomen and women were affected by the flu and some of York's strength could not compete for this reason. The competition was also at a very high calibre. Says Mike Stein, captain of the fencing team, the tournament was, "the best university invitational competition that exists in Ontario. Every major Ontario fencing power was represented."

Yet even under such conditions, the women fared exceptionally well. The Yeowomen came from behind and defeated Queens by a score of 10-6 and Carleton 9-7. The ladies placed third in the women's competition. Varsity fencing coach Richard Polatynski states, "It is the best they have done in an invitational to date." Joseph Chan, captain of the men's foil team, fought very strongly for York and is one of the most valuable competitors in the foil team. He has fenced for York for two years.

Fencing came to York in 1965 and

the varsity teams have done well with marked regularity. The sport is an excellent test of reflexes, timing, endurance, concentration and coordination. Team practices are in

Bethune Dining Hall on Mondays from 6-10, Tuesdays 6-10, Thursdays 6-8 and Saturdays and Sundays from 2-6.

The team has a promising future,

especially in foil which is York's strongest event in fencing. The next competition is a Carleton invitational which will take place the latter part of this month.



Ed Fox photo

## Swimmers meet their Waterloo

"The bubble has burst", said coach Byron MacDonald after his team was soundly thrashed 67-46, by the number one ranked Waterloo Tankers this weekend.

"We were beginning to think we were too good," continued MacDonald, "and we were coasting on our laurels, but this meet burst those fantasies. Getting beaten by peers will make us realize there is work to be done."

He then outlined the rigorous four mile-a-day training program he will put his team through over the next few weeks.

A bright spot for the Yeomen was newcomer Mark Erwin, who upset last year's double CIASU silver medalist sprinter Tim Wilson in both the 50 and 100 yard free styles.

All eyes will be on Tait McKenzie pool next Friday, when the U of T team, ranked second, meet the fourth ranked Alberta and 3rd ranked Yeomen teams in the biggest triangular meet ever in the CIAU at 6:30 p.m.

## Sudbury's a shock after Florida

By Ted Mumford

At the five-team Laurentian Invitational tournament last weekend, the volleyball Yeomen found themselves the median team, finishing in third place.

The fair-to-middlin' tally was 5 wins (two over each of McMaster and U of T and one over Laurentian) and seven losses.

York suffered three losses to the champion Toronto West, the only Double 'A' team in the tourney. Laurentian topped York with two

victories and McMaster and U of T both fought back with singles over the Yeomen. The host team left (or, rather stayed home) with second place.

The Yeomen came into the tournament off a six-game winning streak in Florida during Christmas break training. "The guys who went down to Florida seem a little crisper," said coach Wally Dyba. "It's a big change playing in Florida and then in Sudbury. We had to get ac-

climatized."

Although York did not emerge supreme, Dyba feels, "we're a smooth team, but because of our size we can't get away with a lot of garbage ball." (i.e. Having Goliaths hit the ball once over the net rather than setting it up.)

The spikers' next game is Sunday at 2:30 pm in Tait against Queen's, and coach Dyba says, "We'd like to see more fans at the games to boost the team."

## Women hoopers slide in standings

By Lisa Woo

The basketball Yeowomen lost 66-24 against Ottawa University last Friday in Tait McKenzie, putting them in last place in the league standings.

The team played poorly overall, due to a lack of concentration. Maybe the after-effects of the California sun?

Coach Skip Letheren had little to say about the game except that it was "a disgraceful disaster and lousy basketball".

Ottawa outplayed York offensively, defensively and on the scoreboard. Only 11 out of 79 shots, less than 20 per cent, were completed by the York offence. This is far below the 35 per cent average for shot completions.

The 40 point loss was not expected, as the Ottawa team is certainly not that much superior to the Yeowomen.

Next Monday the Yeowomen meet the Ottawa team again in a doubleheader in Ottawa.

## Puckmen break even

By Paul Kellogg

A mid-game let-down in a Sunday contest with the Laurentian Voyageurs resulted in a 7-5 loss for the York Yeomen hockey team, and prevented the Yeomen from sweeping a two-game series in slag city.

The Yeomen had taken the Saturday contest 6-4, and according to coach John Marshall, "it was never even close".

The Sunday match, however, was "pretty weird" he said. "We were tied 1-1 after the first period, and it stayed that way until the last eight minutes of the second period.

Then the roof caved in. The Voyageurs scored five unanswered goals before the buzzer sounded, and 30 seconds into the third added a sixth.

The shell-shocked Yeomen finally got their game together but "ran out of time" in their comeback bid.

"We had them running" said Marshall, "but what can you do when you hit five goal posts?"

The next Yeomen contest is tomorrow evening in Waterloo as our local heroes take on the Warriors.



## Sprinter nears '73 time at CNE meet

Three members of the Yeomen varsity track team opened up the indoor season last Saturday, January 7, by participating in the first all comers meet of the year at the CNE.

The meet, sponsored by the Central Region of the Ontario Track and Field Association, saw York sprinter Andy Buckstein come within nine-tenths of a second of breaking the indoor Varsity record of 50.9 seconds for the 400 metres, which was set in 1973 by Tony Powell.

Buckstein clocked 51.7 seconds in winning his heat, finishing fourth behind Peter Harper of the Mississauga Track Club, who won the overall title in 49.7 seconds.

Finishing second was American Elroy Turner of the Greater Rochester Track Club in 50.8 seconds, and third was Mike Carmichael of Ontario in 51.1 seconds.

Yeoman Dave Carmichael finished third in his section of the 400 metres in a time of 54.7 seconds. A total of 33 runners competed in the event.

The third Yeoman to compete in the meet was Steve Karpik who placed fifth in his section of the 1500 metres in a time of 4:30.0.

Buckstein was pleased with his near-record performance. "Since the meet was the first of the year for me, it was just a test to see where I stood; both in terms of my time and my conditioning. I felt that I was in pretty fair condition from my training trip to Florida, so I was primarily interested in seeing how my speed was".

The track team will be competing in another all comers meet at the CNE this Saturday and will participate in the York University invitational meet on January 21.

## Skiers off to Georgian Peaks

The York ski club has set aside some dates for people interested in skiing during the upcoming weeks. The first day trips that are set are in conjunction with the Ontario university alpine ski races at Georgian Peaks, on the dates of Friday January 20, Friday February 3 and Friday February 10.

The trips are the combined effort of the University of Toronto and York University ski clubs, in support of the varsity racing teams.

On these three dates the bus service and lift fee will amount to \$11.95, good for all lifts. The bus will leave York at 7 am on these three dates and will be leaving the hills at 4:30 pm returning to York approximately 6:30 pm.

A \$6.95 deposit is payable three days in advance of each trip at 105

Central Square and a \$5 remainder is payable on day of trip.

Also on the ski club agenda is the beginning of day trips on weekends starting Sunday January 22. The price hike is due to weekend rate

increases.

The Sunday trip will be dependent on the full occupancy of the bus which seats 41 passengers.

The costs are expected to be at the \$15.00 range for bus and ticket. Also included in the trip of the 22nd is a hour of free instruction from an Alliance ski instructor on the basic method of lifts and getting down a hill safely.

Payment is due January 17th, bus will leave at 7am Sunday. Further information can be found at the CYSF by contact of Brian Hayden or the secretary.

A reading week trip is presently being organized by the York ski club to Monte Saint Anne, Quebec City, at a group discount. Information into the particulars of the trip can be picked up at the CYSF offices.

