

## Squash team stomps Lady Blues

By MARK ZWOLINSKI

The York Yeowomen squash team took a bit of the salt out of their numerous season wounds last weekend when they clinched their second consecutive McKay Bowl championship at Mayfair Racquets Club.

The Yeowomen dumped the U of T Lady Blues two matches to one in the final of the two day tournament. McGill took the team bronze.

After watching U of T dethrone them from most of their hard earned titles of a year ago, the Yeowomen put together their finest effort to date in '84, finishing the tourney with two players posting undefeated records.

Jo Ann Beckwith led the proceedings, posting a 4-0 slate, capping it off with a 9-4, 9-2, 9-2 sweep over U of T's Patti Hogan in the final.

Teammate Ruth Castellino padded York's championship bid when she edged U of T's Nikki Speakman 9-2, 9-6, 9-1 in the second half of the championship match-up; a victory which closed her tournament effort out at 4-0 as well.

Beckwith continued with her flawless performances in the Can-Am singles tournament where she advanced through a field of top flight amateur players to the final against her current nemesis Diana Edge.

Edge, an 18-year old student from Ottawa's Fisher Park High School, didn't quite know what to expect when she came to the Can-Am tourney.

But she completed her lesson at the top of the class, defeating the two-time defending titlist Beckwith in the championship match Sunday afternoon.

After falling behind in the best of five final with a 3-9 decision in game one, Edge accelerated the temp of the match to net 9-1, 9-3, and 9-4 victories in the next three games.

"I had to speed things up," Edge said. "She can kill you in the longer rallies with her shot placements, so I tried to take the ball as early as I could and force her into a hurried style of play."

Beckwith meanwhile, who defeated U of T's Immana But 9-3, 9-6, 9-5, in semi-final action, allowed more points scored against her (30) than in her previous three matches combined.

Her problems began in game two when Edge steered away from a hard volleying game and mixed in a series of drop shots that had the 24-year-old York student visiting all four corners of the court.

Edge lost service only twice in the second game and ran seven unanswered points past Beckwith from a 2-1 score for the victory.

"I wasn't using the drop shot properly at the beginning of the match," Edge said. "Game one was even tempoed and Jo Ann usually takes that kind of situation and turns it in her favor. I figured the busier I kept her, the less chance I'd have of falling into any kind of a hole."

## Yeowomen soccer off to a good start

By MARK ZWOLINSKI

They waited and waited for seven months then finally got the chance to do some kicking of their own.

That's the York Yeowomen Soccer Club by the way—the newest intercollegiate sports program, introduced a little less than a month ago at York.

They didn't do too badly for their first time out either—coming away with a respectable 1-1 record in a 12-team tournament at Brock that attracted some of the better university and club outfits around.

It was an effort that got progressively better for the Yeowomen who played to a scoreless draw in their christening match with Brock.

Outclassed in their second match, the Yeowomen took a 4-0 loss against Burlington United, but managed to douse a little salvation on the day with a 2-0 victory over Buffalo.

The Brock tournament gave York a good taste of women's indoor club soccer and they know what to expect for their own all-university invitational tournament, which is slotted for this Saturday, at the Tait Gym.

The women's soccer team is the brain child

of York professor David Bell and student Vanesa Gonzalves, both of whom indicated a strong interest in coaching the proposed varsity teams.

Bell, who is currently president of the Thornhill Minor Soccer Club (which fields nearly 100 teams), is also on the Board of Directors of the York Region Soccer Association.

A number of students came together last fall to initiate women's soccer, and, in keeping with York's procedures and guidelines, formed a club.

Despite minimal publicity (mainly word of mouth), nearly two dozen students indicated an interest and signed up as club members.

After the club was officially recognized in December 1983, it was given more publicity and a more clearly defined program, and according to Gonzalves, there will be little difficulty attracting enough students to form a competitive varsity women's team.

Plans for a full outdoor season next fall have already been laid and the Yeowomen should be in fully swing in next September's season opener.

## York awards banquet honors athletes

York University is set to honor its outstanding athletes for 1983-84 tonight in the men's and women's athletic awards banquet at the Ramada Inn.

The annual year-ending event will pay homage to this school's many fine athletes for sweat and toil put in throughout the many long hours of some outstanding careers.

The highlight of the evening will be the announcement of the male and female athletes of the year, but there will also be several other merit awards handed out.

They include the Football Coach's Award, given to the graduating player who makes an outstanding contribution to the football program.

The Tom Zivic Gymnastics Achievement Award in honor of outstanding performances on the York gymnastics team, which by the way, won its 13th consecutive all-Canadian crown earlier this month.

The Bryce M. Taylor Award, for the graduating student who shows an outstanding contribution to university athletics at York, and the Labatt's Most Improved Team Award to name a few.

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The basketball Yeomen were honored this weekend in the CIAU all-star selections for maintaining one of the country's best records and level of play throughout the season.

The Yeomen, who jumped in the national rankings from number 4 at the turn of year to number two, a position they held until falling in the regionals two weeks ago, placed two of their starting five on the all-Canadian all-star

Guard Enzo Spagnuolo and forward Grant Parobec were two selections from York who were placed on the second team all-stars.

Spagnuolo enjoyed one of his better seasons as a starter, racking up a 14.3 points per game scoring average, fourth on the team in that category, as well as gathering first team all-star selections at the McGill and Concordia tournaments earlier this year.

The 23-year-old Economics major at York was also an OUA east division first team all-star for the past two seasons and was garnered the LeBel plaque as the OUA's east division MVP in 1983.

Parobec, who is closing out his brilliant five-year career at York, was an OUA east division first team all-star this year and led the Yeomen in scoring with a 17.8 points per game average through 14 games.

The 6'3" 190 lb. Computer Science major logged 118 games through his five seasons at York, and was a starter in every single one. He was also chosen as a first team all-star in the Ryerson tournament last December.

Coach Bob Bain's return to the coaching ranks after a year's sabbatical proved to be a very successful one. He was honored for his effort with the CIAU's Outstanding Coach Award in recognition for placing the basketball program here at York among the best in the nation at the university level.

Bain, who has been behind the bench for 10 seasons now, was also the OUA's east division Coach of the Year. A Physical Education professor at York, Bain led York to a flawless 14-0 regular season record which was capped off with a seventh OUA east crown and a fifth league crown in March.



Photo: MARIO SCATTOLONI  
York Yeowomen volley.

## V-ball team third at Nationals

By ELISSA S. FREEMAN

The Yeowomen volleyball team's third place finish at the Canadian Inter-University Athletic Union (CIAU) Championships at the University of Laval recently turned out to be more an endurance test than anything.

The tournament was won for the second consecutive year by the powerhouse Winnipeg Lady Wesmen, who defeated the Dalhousie Tigers in the final match 15-7, 15-4, 11-15, 14-16, 15-10.

York faced the Lady Wesmen in the opening match 11-15, 15-10, 4-15, 13-15. In the next game against Sherbrooke, however, York put up a two-hour marathon fight emerging victorious 16-14, 11-15, 15-5, 0-15, 16-14.

Concerning the Sherbrooke match-up, Coach Merv Mosher admitted that "the team didn't play particularly well."

"At one point during the fourth and half of the fifth game, we had lost 23 straight points," recalled Mosher. "Nothing would work, it was just unbelievable."

By the time the fifth game was well underway, York was down 11-3 before they knew what was happening. The length of the match was also interrupting the start of the opening ceremonies, as a result, the gymnasium was jammed with spectators.

At 9-14 of the fifth game, with Sherbrooke on the brink of victory, the Yeowomen managed to execute one of the most brilliant "heads up" plays of the tournament. Veterans Jill Graham and Nancy Watson both dove to dig a ball.

Graham tripped and while Watson was falling she somehow headed the ball back over the net, saving match point.

"The crowd went wild," added Mosher. "From that moment they were on our side and we won the next five points."

Pitted against Dalhousie in the semi-finals, York had a shot at winning but dropped a close 3-1 decision losing 11-15, 15-12, 10-15, 9-15. Dalhousie, who wasn't much of a threat at the beginning of the season, turned into a competitive force after Christmas when they were joined by two National team players, Karin Maesson and Karen Fraser. Mosher felt the Yeowomen played well, "but if we had a break here or there we could have won."

The Dalhousie also took it to toll on one of York's key power hitters, Gina Thompson. Thompson suffered a torn rotator cuff in her shoulder and had to be replaced by second-year player Jackie Mills in the bronze medal match against Laval.

Surviving another two-hour ordeal, York eked out a victory winning 12-15, 17-15, 15-13, 16-14.

The Yeowomen were well represented in the individual honors. Donna Kastelic was named to the All-Canadian first team while Marla Taylor, in her last year on the squad, finished her brilliant career as she was nominated to the second team. Third-year Yeowoman Jill Graham was named to the tournament All-Star team.

Mosher, OWIAA coach of the year, was more than pleased with his squad's overall performance at the tournament.

"The kids played really gutsy volleyball."