

## Clockwork for York cagers

By MARK ZWOLINSKI

The York Yeomen Basketball team took another step towards a berth in the OUA championship Tuesday night when they dumped the Carleton Ravens 110-67 in the east division semi-final before 300 fans at the Tait gym.

Ranked second in the nation to the Victoria Vikings, York posted a perfect 14-0 regular season finish, and going back to their first crown in 1977-78, now stand 97-3 in league and playoff meetings with division rivals.

They host the division final tomorrow night against either the Ottawa Gee Gees or Laurentian Voyageurs who met in the second half of the division semi Tuesday.

Forward Grant Parobec, who played his last regular season home game in Saturday's 115-53 drubbing over RMC, led York in scoring with 22 points.

The 190 cm (6'3") Computer Science major, graduating after five seasons as a starter with the Yeomen, also led York in scoring through the regular season with a 17.8 points per game clip.

Parobec's forward counterpart Tim Rider, a third-year Economics student, enjoyed one of his more accurate shooting games, netting another 18 points.

In fact, all five starters were well into double figures with centre John Christenson collecting 16 points while guards Enzo Spagnuolo and Mark Jones tallied another 19 and 18 points respectively.

Greg Armstrong led the way for Carleton with 20 points. Teammate Peter Riachards chipped in with another 14, 10 of those coming from the free throw line.

But it was the backcourt tandem of Jones and Spagnuolo that gave



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the Ravens fits all game long with their aggressive man-to-man defense and relentless fast breaks.

The duo was responsible for 11 of the 15 turnovers the Ravens committed through 30 minutes of play.

It was Spagnuolo who got York back on track in the opening minutes of the match when they were down 9-6 after five minutes of play.

Guarding Carleton's Bill Holmes, Spagnuolo nimbly pestered the 187 cm (6'1") guard all over the floor, stealing the ball twice during the Ravens' two possessions with York

down on the scoreboard.

He turned both steals into easy lay-ups before Parobec nailed York's resurgent comeback with a resounding slam dunk at the seven minute mark to give the Yeomen a 16-9 lead.

They never looked back afterwards, taking a 52-30 advantage into the intermission before maintaining as much as a 40-point margin throughout the final 15 minutes of play.

The east division final is set to go at 8:15 p.m. tomorrow night at Tait.

## Skaters carve winning performances

By ELISSA S. FREEMAN

At the Ontario championship skating finals held at Western last weekend, the York figure skating team showed everybody what they had proved throughout the entire season—that they were simply the best team to lace on skates in the province.

York swept first place laurels amassing a total of 145 points. Their closest competition was last year's champions, who collected 106 points, for second place. Western eked out a third place finish over U of T by finishing with 87 points, compared to 84 points for the Lady Blues. Waterloo finished fifth with 56 points followed by Ottawa with 12 points.

Before entering the final competition, York had already swept all three of the invitationals they entered. Although optimism was high, the squad only lead by six points after the first day of competition. York, however, had no problem sweeping the intermediate and senior events the following day.

Coach Wendy Amorim had nothing but praise for the team. "They were exceptionally good; they just skated so well."

Winning 11 out of a possible 23 events, the York squad was dotted with some extremely notable talent that helped the team to their top finish.

Donna Martini, the younger sister of Canadian national pairs champions, Paul Martini, placed first in the Senior Solo Dance. In the open men's event, David Watson, who placed eight in the Canadian national championships, put on a dazzling performance to take first place honors in that category.

## No unlucky numbers for Yeomen gymnasts

By MARK ZWOLINSKI

York University defended its crown by winning its 13th consecutive provincial men's team title at the Ontario University Athletic gymnastics championships at York last Sunday.

The five-man York squad held an impressive lead throughout the race for the team championships, logging 167.4 points to edge the University of Toronto's 157.2 points.

McMaster University took the team bronze with 139.4 points, followed by Queen's with 128.6.

"Our gymnasts showed their pride and dedication this time around," said coach Nasao Nasaki. "Thirteen Ontario titles looks great on our program, but it is really quite difficult to keep up that kind of consistency. What can I say? Each and every one of them made my job easier." Three Yeomen battled in

the individual all-round competition, which saw Alland Redden resolve matters by capturing his first Ontario title with 56.8 points.

Redden, a third-year physical education student, turned in consistent performances of 9.2 or better out

of a possible 10 points on each of the six compulsory events.

Teammate Brad Peters came in second place with 55.35 points while Walter Quigley rounded out the top three with a third place 54.65 score.

Four Yeomen made the top six grade with Pat Rogers totaling 52.1 points for a fifth place finish overall.

York was without Canadian National Team member Frank Nutzenberger, who injured a back muscle in Calgary last weekend.

U of T's Shawn McMannus, placing fourth, and Dan Fedder, sixth, completed the awards in the individual all-rounds.

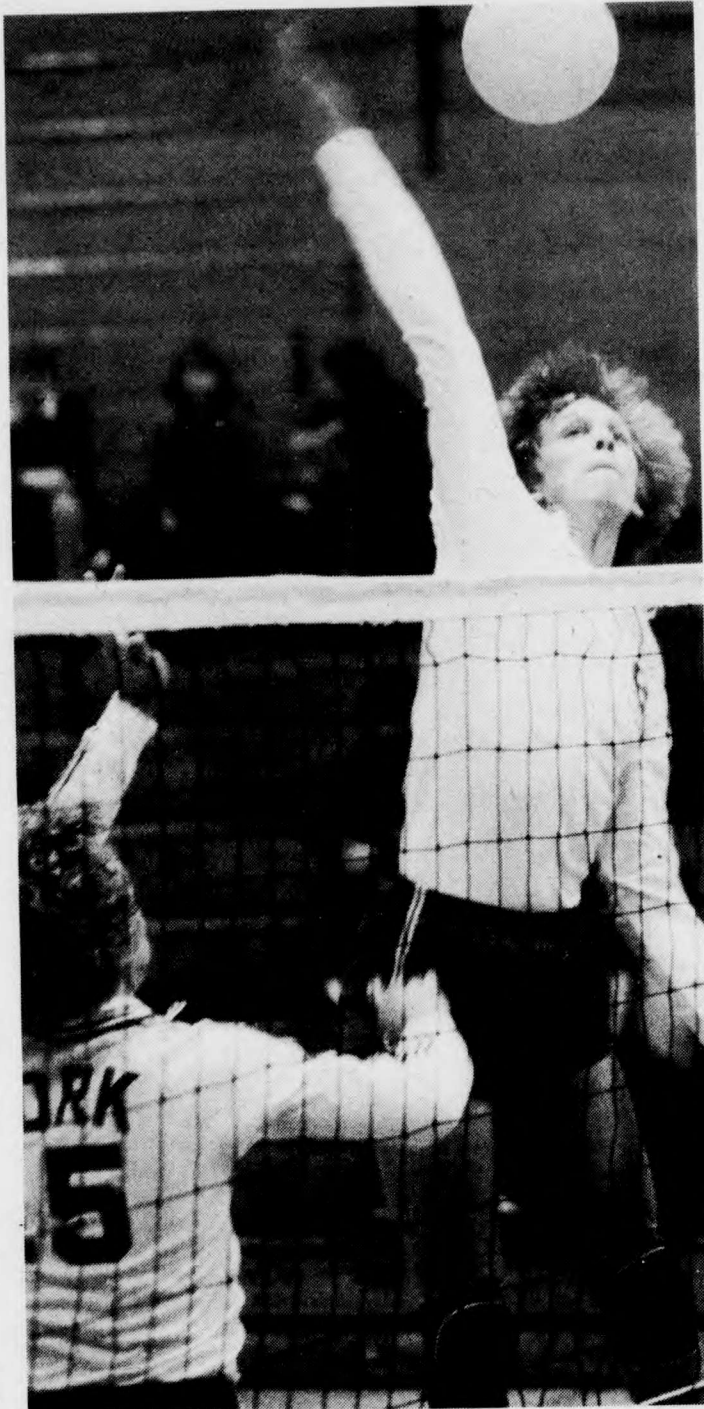


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A little brotherly advice—take this ball and stuff it.

## York cancels Blues

By MARK ZWOLINSKI

The York Volleyball Yeomen are solemnly enjoying their newly-acquired roles as table turners in the Ontario University Athletic Association (OUAA) circuit this year.

It started with your basic team turnaround back in early January: a solid effort in the Excalibur Classic Volleyball tourney saw them finish an impressive second to Ball State in the championship final.

The latest installment includes a three games to one victory over their cross-town rivals U of T in the OUA East Division final last Saturday night at the Tait Gym.

"It's the best we've played since the Excalibur Tournament," said coach Wally Dyba. "Now's the time to be playing well and we're coming up with the efforts we need."

The latest win accomplishes a host of good things, the most notable of which reverses last year's results in the very same OUA East final. The Blues downed the Yeomen in three straight games ending a six-year reign York had held on that particular title.

But this year's win reflected the not-so-new look Yeomen making strides towards a return to the top of the OUA, another title that has been synonymous with their name.

The 1984 season so far has been a rollercoaster affair for coach Wally Dyba.

After a strong surge in the Excalibur Classic, York ventured through both ends of the spectrum.

They upped their league leading record to a 13-2 mark while discharging any notions of a Blues jinx by taking four of the six meetings between the two teams this year.

In the process the Yeomen, who were not ranked in the CIAU at Christmas, jumped onto the national charts at the number seven position.

However, they mixed in a pair of consolation championships at Laval and Dalhousie during which Dyba admitted "we could have played better."

"We've been struggling," Dyba said, "At times we've played well and at others we've looked bad. We're going through a peaking process right now. The way we planned it this year was to play well at this time. It looks like our plans are coming through at the right time."

Saturday's victory, a 15-11, 8-15, 15-12, and 15-7 decision, was the type of effort Dyba has been looking for in recent weeks.

Several Yeomen chipped in with solid all-rounds efforts. Walter Zanel led the way with 18 kills, 9 digs, 19 block, and two service aces.

Brian Davis and Bruce Burt each had 15 kills while Burt added another 16 digs and four blocks.

Excalibur Classic MVP Dave Samek put in his usual day's work with 11 kills, 23 digs, 17 digs, and four blocks while adding a single service ace.