

York basketball squads now have combined record of 15 and 2

By GARY SCHOLICH

York basketball teams now carry a combined record of 15-and-2 after gaining sweeps at Ottawa and Carleton, this past weekend, to go along with a split at the University of Toronto, the previous Tuesday.

The Yeowomen lost for the second time this season, dropping a 74-63 decision to the Lady Blues. It was, however, a personal victory for the less-experienced York team.

Yeowomen Coach Frances Flint said, "We didn't back down. We challenged them and pushed them to the limit." She was very pleased with her player's composure against one of the top teams in all of Canada. York did take a 38-36 lead during the second half, but the Blues wore down the Yeowomen. Pat Melville led Toronto with 29 points, along with 17 by Angela Orton. For York, veterans Paula Lockyer and Anne Marie Thuss hit for 17 and 14 respectively.

The Yeomen posted a 68-58 win over the cross-town side. In what was York's toughest league game so far, Assistant Coach Paul Franz was happy about the play of the big men as Tim Rider and Stu Levinsky hit for 22 and 18 points respectively. For Toronto (minus Ronald Davidson

with a leg injury), Sam Hill scored 24 points.

Over in Ottawa, York swept both doubleheaders with the Yeowomen supplying more of the drama. The Yeowomen overcame an eight-point deficit to pull out a 46-44 overtime win over the Ottawa Gee-Gees. With

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the game tied, Thuss hit a critical basket during the extra frame, and Lockyer sealed the victory with two free throws.

The Yeomen, on the other hand, were never challenged as they defeated Ottawa 81-44. The game was a cakewalk as York took a 38-11 lead at the half.

At Carleton, the Yeowomen held a 27-26 halftime lead before storming out to a 69-56 win over the Robins. Thuss led with 23 points, while Sue DeRyck had 11 rebounds to go with her 10 at Ottawa.

Rookie Heather Reid felt that the atmosphere was totally different over the weekend from U of T. "We were really up for the Blues, but things weren't clicking that well for awhile at Ottawa."

Things were not clicking well at the start for the Yeomen as they fell behind by eight to the Ravens. Bain said, "It seemed we didn't come to play." However, York recovered and overtook Carleton for a 35-28 lead at the half.

A good sign for the team was improved play by the bench. In Bain's opinion, Mike Sherwood and Jeff McDermid have held the team in there, while Lou Karkabasis' play has also come along.

Sports Briefs

By JAMES HOGGETT



ALL TOGETHER NOW: Members of York's Synchronized swimming team show off for the camera. The team finished third overall at a recent OWIAA meet.

SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING

The York synchronized swimming

team placed third overall in a field of 10 at the OWIAA routine meet at Queen's university over the weekend.

The squad finished sixth in the team routine while individual swimmers placed high. In the novice figures event Alison Bittle and Anne Beetlestone finished third and sixth respectively. In the solo, Cathy Clark was third and in the duet event the team of Nicole Karwacki and Lee Anne Harrison placed fourth despite a penalty for a time limit violation.

York's best event of the weekend was in the senior figures where three swimmers placed in the top six. Cathy Clark won the event while Lee Anne Harrison and Nicole Karwacki finished third and sixth respectively.

SKIING

The week of January 24 the York ski team were at Blue Mountain Peaks competing in the third race of the Pepsi OUSKI Series. Top finishers were Gillian Esson of Ryerson and Paul Zemmlo of Western.

Top finishers for the Yeowomen were Cindy Mayer who finished 13th, Christy Vivian in 32nd and Gail Pyke in 33rd.

Top finishers for the Yeomen were Kevin Board who placed 36th and Curtis page, who managed to recover from a missed gate, finished 42nd.

Last Friday at the Pepsi OUA and OWIAA Ski Races, the York Ski team finished with their best performance to date this year. The races were held at Blue Mountain Peaks and both York teams finished a very respectable sixth overall.

Both the Western men's and women's teams took top honors while individual firsts went to Gillian Esson of Ryerson and Andy Stone of Waterloo.

The top finishers for the Yeomen were Stacey Dunn who finished 17th and Kevin Board who placed 24th.

For the Yeowomen the top finishers were Cindy Mayer who placed 14th and Christy Vivian who finished 24th.

The final two races of the series are to be held February 6 and 7 at Blue Mountain Peaks.

GYMNASTICS

The Yeowomen gymnastics team, lead by North York native Barb Nutzenberger, will host the OWIAA ranking meeting this Sunday at 10:00 a.m. at Tait McKenzie.

Nutzenberger, who placed fourth at last year's national championships in British Columbia, should have an excellent chance to win the provincial championship all-round title, formerly held by Debbie Kirby of McMaster. Nutzenberger's brother Frank was a former gymnast with the Yeomen and a member of the 1984 Canadian Olympic team.

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