

Volleyball team gains poise

Yeowomen whip through Windsor in pre-final

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In the '82-'83 season, Merv Mosher's rookie-laden Yeowomen Volleyball Team has gone from an easily intimidated team to one that is starting to gain its championship poise. This progression was evident at the OWIAA pre-final, held at the University of Windsor last weekend, where the Yeowomen swept like wildfire through the competition.

The pre-final tournament was held to decide which second and third place teams from all three Ontario divisions would take part in the OWIAA final at Queens. The three first-place teams, Queens, Waterloo and Ottawa, have already received byes into the tournament final.

Breezed through tourney

During the two-day round-robin play, York breezed by McMaster (15-1, 15-7), Carleton (15-4, 15-1),

On road to Waterloo

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win over the Brock Badgers. But the Yeomen have defeated the Warriors in the two teams' previous meetings, this year, and according to York's league M.V.P., Enzo Spagnuolo, York will be out to gain some respect.

"Sure, we've seen the rankings. I don't think that bothers the guys too much because they are based on won-lost records. I think that we are where we want to be though, and if we play our game, they'll have to rank us up there.

Ryerson (15-0, 15-5), Windsor (15-5, 15-7) and Western (15-10, 15-7).

The Yeowomen finished on top of the standings and were scheduled to play McMaster in the final. However, while York had been busy participating in matches both Friday and Saturday, the Marauders had lost their first two games on Friday and had already figured themselves to be eliminated from competition. Upon discovering their play-off

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Last weekend's OWIAA Figure Skating Championship held at Queens saw the York team glide to their highest finish ever as they captured second place in the overall competition.

York was only 15 points behind first place Western who won the title with 125 points. Queens accumulated 102 points to finish third, while U of T and University of Ottawa checked in with 84 and 17 points respectively.

In the individual events, York stood out with several first place awards. Gia Guddat won both the Senior Interpretive and Open Singles events. Andrea Ingledew placed first in the Senior Singles and Cathee Maron captured gold in the Intermediate Singles. Becky Simkin also represented York with a first place win in the Novice Singles.

Both Charlene Parrinder and Joanne Courtts skated to third place finishes in the Junior Interpretive and Intermediate Solo Dance respectively.

berth, McMaster was not only excited but also relaxed as they had a day and a half reprieve from tournament play. Conversely, the Yeowomen had to dig deep for that extra ounce of energy in order to extend their winning ways.

Even though they had easily defeated the Marauders earlier that

weekend, York was stretched to the five-game limit, but managed to prevail, winning 12-15, 15-10, 9-15, 15-12, 15-6. "I think it was a combination of conditioning and determination that gave us the win," commented Mosher.

Concerning the upcoming tournament final, Mosher feels that

Queens will be the team to beat. Although York has yet to beat the undefeated Golden Gaels, all of their previous matches have had to go five games with the Yeowomen losing by the narrowest of margins. But if York can continue its dominating play, Queens may be ripe for the picking.

Laurier turns back victory dream

MARK ZWOL

The York Yeomen hockey team, who alternated between flashes of brilliance and periods of recession, can only look back at their see-saw year and wonder what might have been.

After struggling through the year, winning the games they had to win to get into the sixth and final play-off position in the OUAA, the Yeomen watched their dreams of a semi-final berth against the Western Mustangs disappear when the Laurier Golden Hawks fired the winning goal in overtime to defeat the Yeomen 5-4 last Thursday in Kitchener.

Laurier's Bob Holden hung the

noose on York's neck when he netted the breaker at 6:26 of the overtime period.

The Yeomen's hopes were dealt a serious set-back in the first shift of the game when defenceman John Campbell broke his wrist at the 26-second mark of the opening period.

"I don't know how it happened," Campbell said. "I took my check in the boards--it wasn't that heavy--and it just twisted somehow."

From that point on, the Yeomen had to play catch-up hockey. Laurier jumped out to leads of 2-0 and 4-2 in Campbell's absence, but York fought back to tie the score at four in the third period on goals by Bill Elisson and Scott Magdar. That set up the sudden death overtime play-

off.

"It was a pretty wild overtime," Campbell commented. "We had a loose pack in front of their goal with their goalie down and we still couldn't put the puck in the net. Then they came back and iced it."

The Yeomen have come a long way from their meager beginnings last September, considering that they were still learning each other's names by their fifth game of the season. They finished the regular season out at 13-12, and while they have yet to prove that they can handle the top-ranked teams, with the majority of the team returning next year, the Yeomen will be looking to turn around the six games they lost by one goal this season.

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