

York swimmers lose out to experienced competition at synchro championships

by Riccardo Sala

Sometimes synchronized swimmers look like the can walk on water, but that would be only an illusion. For York's synchronized swimmers, reality going into last weekend's OWIAA championships at McMaster was that they were at the back of the pack.

Of the seven teams entered in Hamilton, the Yeowomen finished last. The expected shootout between McGill and Western for the Ontario

title never came about, McGill winning by a solid margin for their first title since 1983.

"We finished last because we were entered in so few events (two out of six) and it made a big difference," York coach Pat Murray said.

In the team program, York managed sixth place. In novice figures, the only other section where York competed, Yeowoman Melanie Slauson led the York contingent with an eighth place finish. She was followed by teammates Amy Micks in 12th and Pat Kolesnichenko.

The weekend results were nearly identical to those of the York Invitational one month ago. Like she was

then, Murray was stoic on Saturday about the results here.

"It wasn't the greatest, but we survived," she mused.

Micks was the only veteran on the Yeowomen after Christmas, with Sandra Thomson out with skiing injuries.

"I've never been in a position where I have eight novice swimmers in the pool at the same time," Murray said, explaining the work she has had to do with this young York team this year.

Optimistically Murray added, "I think that now that they (the Yeowomen) have got one year of experience, it'll make a big difference next year."

York Varsity Athletics Schedule February 12 - 25

Wednesday February 12

BASKETBALL
Yeowomen at UoFT - 6:00 pm
Yeomen at UoFT - 8:00 pm

Friday February 14

VOLLEYBALL
Yeomen at East Division semi-finals
Yeowomen at Ottawa - 7:00 pm

Saturday February 15

BASKETBALL
Yeowomen at Ottawa - 6:30 pm
Yeomen at Ottawa - 8:30 pm
FIGURE SKATING
Yeowomen at OWIAA Championships at Western (Sunday also)
GYMNASTICS
OUAA Championships at York (Sunday also)
OWIAA Championships at York (Sunday also)
SWIMMING
Yeowomen at OWIAA championships at Ottawa (Sunday also)
VOLLEYBALL
Yeowomen at Carleton - 11:00 am
Yeowomen at Queen's - 8:00 pm

Sunday February 16

BASKETBALL
Yeomen at Carleton - 2:00 pm
Yeowomen at Carleton - 4:00 pm

Tuesday February 18

HOCKEY
Yeomen at Divisional quarterfinals
Yeowomen at OWIAA semi-finals

Thursday February 20

HOCKEY
Yeomen at Divisional semi-finals (until Feb. 24)

Friday February 21

BASKETBALL
Concordia at Yeomen - Tait main gym - 8:00 pm

Saturday February 22

HOCKEY
OWIAA Championships (Sunday also)
SWIMMING
Yeomen at OUAA Championships at Brock (Sunday also)
TRACK & FIELD
York at Eastern Michigan Invitational
VOLLEYBALL
OUAA Championship at West winner

Tuesday February 25

BASKETBALL
Yeowomen at OWIAA quarterfinals

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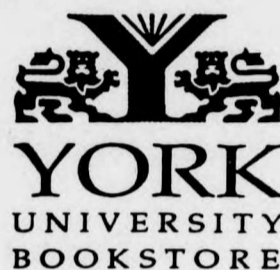
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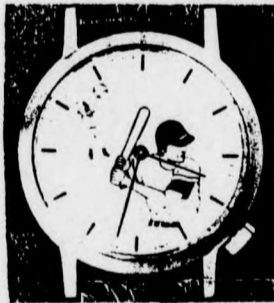
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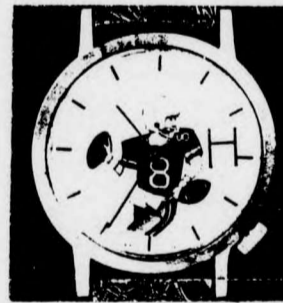
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