

Looking for national ranking

Yeowomen set to make waves

Elissa Freeman

This year's Yeowomen Swim Team is destined to create some waves in the OWIAA this season. With a school of potential swimmers Head Coach, Carol Wilson, not only feels that she's working with "a great bunch of kids", but she also expects that the girls will figure predominantly in this year's league swim meets.

Wilson, who hails from Minnesota, got her first coaching job at York in 1970. Although she was still 'green in the field', Wilson felt that she was fortunate because, "I started off with a small group of

potential swimmers. Head Coach Carol Wilson not only feels that mature and experienced swimmers," she said.

As Wilson's coaching abilities developed, so did the Yeowomen swimmers. Wilson attributes this fact that York had several club swimmers. Such swimmers bring with them years of extensive experience--something that can only help the ranking of the team.

However, the line of development for the Yeowomen over the past 12 years hasn't been a consistent one; the graduation of top swimmers left

vacant spots on the team that were impossible to immediately fill. As a result, the team has gone through a few 'dry' years. But the 1982 season will be a different story. Out of 20 swimmers, there are only three third-year members and all the rest are in first or second year. This means the team will be even stronger next year.

Although many of the swimmers are newcomers, some have high-school and/or club experience. Two such swimmers are Sandy Greves and Anne Bevan. Both girls are members of the highly respected Etobicoke Swim Club and both have time standards in their respective events that could put them in the CIAU Finals.

Greves, a good freestyler, is also very proficient in the butterfly and it won't be surprising if we see Sandy churning through the water in this event during the nationals. Bevan is a backstroker who Wilson feels is an outstanding first-year recruit. She expects her to be a prominent figure on the team.

Jeannette Wielhouwer is another freestyler that should make a big splash this year. Wilson describes Wielhouwer as a swimmer who "has not come close to her potential."

Another highlight on the team is



Allison Bradshaw, a third year disciplined freestyler. She will be joined by first-year club swimmer Christine Bogie. Bogie, who just recently had knee surgery, "will be really pulling this year," adds Wilson. "But she should be back in form in the latter half of the season."

Lynn Kerwin and Catherine Mangeri are two more experienced swimmers that are new to the team, but will add depth to the squad. According to Wilson, the girls should do well in the league meets.

Under the "most improved" category, are second year veterans, Shelley Cadotte and Helena Sullivan. Cadotte, who never swam competitively until last year and teammate Sullivan, are two more Yeowomen who have not yet reached their peak.

This year, the Yeowomen also have a few members with water sport backgrounds, but are new to the world of competitive swimming. Marquerite Jack, a synchronized swimmer, Renee Mero and Kim Schweitzer, both water polo players who developed freestyle techniques because of the demands of their game, already have the prerequisites of strength and versatility. That should help them in their new found sport.

The rest of the team is a group of promising first year swimmers. Debbie Marinoff, Laura Reitz, Paula Vo'vis, Susan Greenberg and Diane Davis have all had competitive experience. "But," said Wilson, "it's yet to be seen what they will do because they are in a much more intense and diversified programme than what they've been used to."

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TRADITION?

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This year was supposed to be the year that the Yeomen football programme showed some considerable gains toward developing a winning tradition. Coach Pickett and his Yeomen were touted as "opportunists" in the OUAA league--definitely having the talent to accomplish in 1982, what has been out of reach for the Yeomen in their brief eleven year history--a playoff berth.

Well, this year is over, and once again the Red and White are eliminated from playoff contention, finishing with a 2-5 record. While their won-lost record indicates no substantial gains "on paper" and although the season finished on a disappointing note, there is an enthusiastic attitude in the lockerroom.

"I think that the gains we have made in our football programme are significant. With that development going for us, I can't see why we won't continue to improve," says Coach Dave Pickett.

tradition on its way

The development "Pic" is talking about comes from a plan for the gridiron Yeomen which was initiated in 1978. Back then, Pickett served as the assistant-Yeomen Coach under former CFL great, Frank Cosentino. In four short years the Yeomen have several unprecedented achievements to show for their efforts: production of some all-star calibre players attraction of top high-school recruits, and perhaps most important of all, national recognition.

Halfway through the 1982 training camp, all Yeomen coaches were confident they had "the" team to carry York to an OUAA playoff berth. Now that the Yeomen are eliminated from the playoffs, a lot of speculation is floating around as to "just what did go wrong with the red and white."

Bite the Bullet

But let's face it, the Yeomen had to "bite the bullet" on their quarter backing situation, going with younger pivots in Tino Iancono and Paddy O'Neil. The Yeomen adopted a newer, more sophisticated passing attack this season because of their two strong-armed quarterbacks. Iancono definitely didn't have the season many people were expecting him to have. After an impressive rookie season in 1981, during which he compiled 54 of the votes for CIAU rookie of the year, Iancono pulled a groin muscle early this season, and never seemed to stay on the right track for very long. As for O'Neil, I'm sure no-one will forget his three-touchdown performance in the 35-5 Yeomen trounce over Windsor. As a back-up quarterback though, he saw relatively little action.

game of inches

Although the quarterback position was but one of many that the Yeomen had to fill with young players, if you reflect on their season, a couple of inches here and there might have changed a few headlines. The Televised game against the Guelph Gryphons in late September was a good example of this. While York took the game on the chin, they really lost it in the first two series of plays when they failed to contain the Gryphons deep in their own zone. In that first quarter, the record books show Iancono 0 for 2 on the critical scrimmage that would have kept the York drive going. Yet this was typical of almost all Yeomen performances in the first half of play where passes just seemed to slip through outstretched fingers. As a result, the Yeomen lost their momentum and were forced to play catch-up ball all afternoon.

That "Blitz-82" annual York-U of T rivalry is another game where inches loomed larger than yards in the final outcome. It was in those "dying seconds" of the game that another "Iancono pass" just slipped through the fingers of diving bodies in red and white.

changed outcome

Examples are examples, and when you have a boisterous crowd to appease, they just don't stack up. Yet if there were convenient replays and some colorful commentary from the "airwave Johns" to review and observer might hear as well as see that had a couple of those inches been "stretched" in favor of the Yeomen, there might have been a totally different outcome in both game scores and the 1982 season. The Yeomen have not had their signature season as of yet, but if anything can be said while cleats are being cleaned for the last time, it is this: Good things come from bad!

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