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"Dynamic" volleyballers clinch tournament

The top women's volleyball league in Ontario held a tournament last Sunday and York won it.

The Ontario Volleyball Association Senior Double 'A' League Qualification, in which York won nine out of ten games played, was held at Borden Secondary School in Scarborough.

"We have a dynamic squad," says Yeowoman Sandra Hart, "and a very good chance of winning the Ontario Championships. It is a bit too early to tell but we've started off the season pretty strong."

The York team won most games in the tournament handily. Its only loss was to Oakville 15-9 but in the next game York turned around and reversed the score against Oakville.

Although the team was classified as a club for the tournament it was made up largely of Yeowomen. If Sunday's showing is any indication

the season promises to be a winning one for the varsity team.

The Ontario Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Association divides its 12 volleyball teams into two tiers, those teams ranking from first to sixth place in tier one and those ranking from seventh to twelfth in tier two.

Last year the Yeowomen had many first year players and ranked seventh, although in the previous two years they ranked second and third respectively.

This placing qualified them for the tier two classification.

"But we are going to pull out of that," says Sandy Silver, coach of the team. "I expect we will at least finish in the first tier this season."

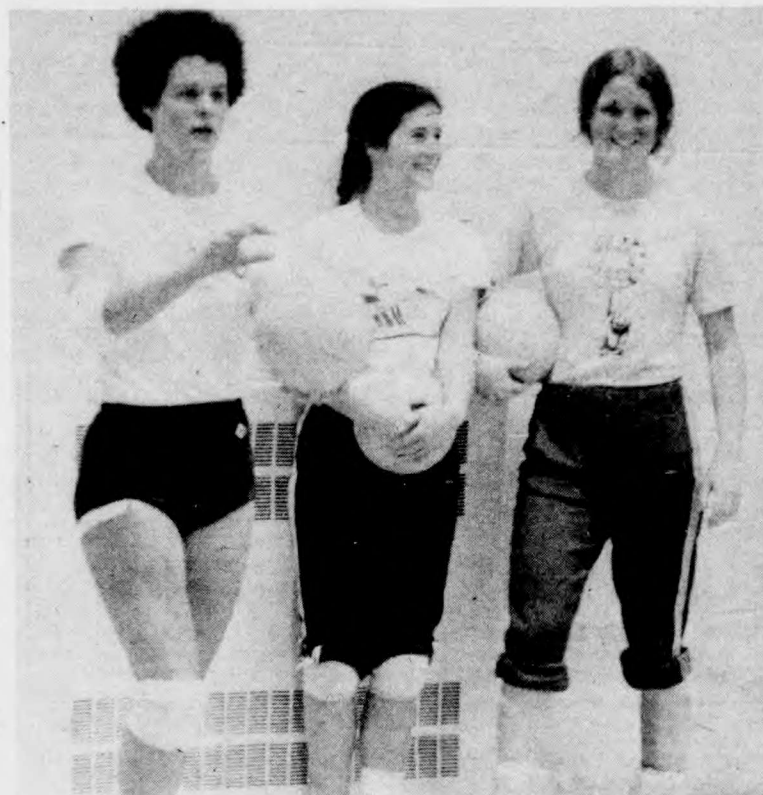
Yeowoman Ellanna McKendry goes a step further: "We'll move up a tier if not beat most of the teams in tier one."

Both Hart and McKendry were members of the 1976 Ontario junior volleyball team. This year they are joined by Fiona MacGregor and Jane Goldie, members of the 1977 team.

Hart practised with a club in Korea over the summer. While she was there the club played against the American national junior volleyball team who were on a good will tour in Korea.

Asked for a comparison between Korean and Canadian volleyball she replied that there was none. "In Korea they start intensive training right from when they're quite young. I only played with a Korean high school team but we beat the American team three times. North American volleyball just isn't as consistent."

Next Saturday the Yeowomen travel south to compete in the Princeton Invitational Tournament.



Left to right, Sandra Hart, Jane Goldie, Allanna McKendry of the women's volleyball team.

Yeomen hoopers bigger, faster

By Bruce Gates

York University hosts the Ontario Women's Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association (OWIAA) singles tennis tournament this Saturday at its Keele Street campus. Nancy Green Doherty, the new women's tennis coach, believes her team can improve on last year's third-place finish.

"We really have a good team this year," she says, "and we have three particularly good players, but all six of them are very strong and should do well in both singles and doubles."

A doubles tournament will be held Saturday, October 15 at Waterloo.

Each year, these tournaments are held to determine a ranking order for teams competing for positions in the finals. This year's finals are to be held October 29 at the University of Western Ontario.

Eight universities have confirmed they will each send a six-player team to the day-long York tournament, which will be played on both hard and clay surfaces. The teams competing this year are York, third-place finishers last year; Western, the 1976 champions; the University of Toronto, last year's runner up, Brock, Guelph, McMaster, Waterloo and Windsor.

The York team has been practising on the five hard-surface courts at the Tait McKenzie tennis centre,

where some of the matches will be played. And this week it will practise on the clay surfaces of the York University Tennis Centre at Keele and Steeles, which was the site of this year's Rothman's Invitational Tennis Tournament.

Practising on both surfaces will give the team experience that should enhance its chances in the tournament.

This year, team play is being stressed because tennis is a team sport, says Doherty, who graduated from York in Physical

Education and was a previous Canadian junior tennis champion in singles and doubles. She was also Ontario junior tennis champion for seven consecutive years.

"What I'm stressing particularly," she says, "is that they be a team that works together and works to correct each other's weaknesses."

Adds Joanne Healy, tennis sports convener for York's Women's Athletics Council: "This year York has an excellent team, and I really feel it is going to be a winner!"

High winds but York wins

The York Sailing Club walked away with first place in both 'A' and 'B' division of the York Intercollegiate invitational races at Sail Ontario this weekend in Georgian 12.5's.

Because of high winds Saturday and heavy fog Sunday morning 'A' and 'B' teams sailed only two races each around the shortened Gold Cup course.

Harry Poyntz and Michael Hart had two firsts and a fourth to win in 'A' division and Karen McRay and Bonnie Bowerman had three firsts to win 'B' division.

York's overall team standing was a very respectable nine points. Queen's came second with 15

points and Western was third with 16 points.

Royal Military College and Waterloo were a distant fourth and fifth with 24 and 26 points respectively.

Among the York sailors are some champions. Poyntz, along with his brother Barry, won the World Abacore Championship in Kingston last July and McGrey came sixth in the Women's Single-Handed World Championships in Haylings Islands, England last July.

"With the sailors we have," says teammate Bowerman, "York has a solid chance of winning the Intercollegiate Championships in October."

York hosts tennis tourney

For coach Bob Bain the varsity basketball team is one big pain in the neck this season.

With players like Lonnie Ramati, 6'9", Paul Laefky, 6'7", and Frank

Zulip, 6'6", all top transfer students to York, Bain will not be seeing eye to eye with many members of his team.

But he does not mind because he

has a winning team. "I would have to say that although we haven't played or practised yet we will definitely be national contenders."

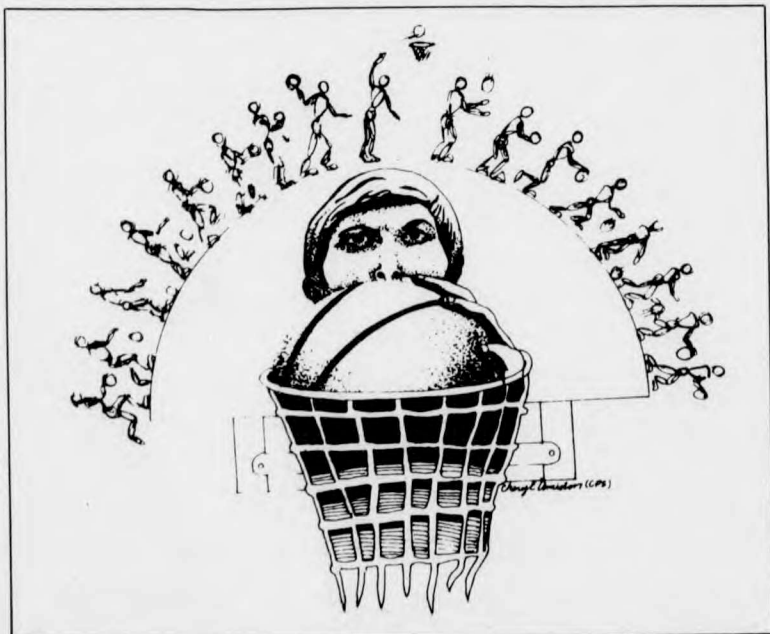
The reason for his optimism is clear: the talent. Carded athletes Bo Pelech and David Coulthard, both of the national junior team, will be playing for the Yeomen.

Freshman Ron Kacknevicius, and OUAA all-star Chris McNeilly, will also be making York look good.

Until cuts are made the team has been working out in the gym in an unorganized fashion. Already the injury list includes one busted nose, a turned ankle and stitches above one eye.

Bain is, in fact, facing a new worry this year. "They (the players) have been stuffing the ball so often I'm afraid they're going to break the glass backboards." The backboards cost \$600 to replace.

The season should prove exciting for basketball fans because the team is bigger and faster than ever before. They will have a chance to watch the team in action on October 29 when it defeats the Alumni team at Tait McKenzie gym.



Soccer: 2 draws

York Soccer Yeomen came away undefeated from a gruelling two-game road trip this weekend. In the season opener last Friday the Yeomen were held to a 1-1 draw in the Guelph by a strong Gryphon team.

Despite having lost all-star centre-back Paul D'Agostino early in the game with an ankle injury, York maintained a territorial advantage and were only thwarted from a victory by a weak finish.

All-Ontario striker Mike Burke, last year's leading goal scorer, secured a point for Yeomen with a brilliant opportunist goal on a clearing pass from emergency centre-back Bob Cameron.

Man-of-the-Match defenceman was Clive Banton.

On Sunday in Sudbury a re-built and much improved Laurentian side, hot from a 3-2 victory over University of Toronto Blues, served up a very aggressive brand of soccer and opened the scoring early in the game with a chance shot which caught York goalie Luigi Martelli off guard.

The Yeomen bounced right back and Aldo D'Affonso nodded a Mike Burke chip on to speedster Ian Dawson who unleashed a ferocious 35 yard drive which gave the Voyageur keeper no chance, for the tying goal.

The game settled into a physical struggle which saw five players yellow-carded and one Yeoman sent off with 30 minutes to play.

Losing powerhouse link man Peter Kovacs served to fire up the 10 remaining Yeomen who pressed continuously and were unfortunate not to finish the game as winners.

Both keepers made several excellent saves with Martelli earning full marks for many daring, 'at the feet' saves.

Bob Cameron again moved over to centre-back for the still injured D'Agostino where he had another outstanding game breaking down many Voyageur attacks in mid-field with his no-nonsense tackling and steady distribution, which earned him 'Man-of-the-Match' status. The final score was 1-1.

"Friday night we played to only about 50 per cent of our potential," says soccer coach Eric Willis, new to the team this season. "On Sunday we played considerably better, much closer to our potential and we deserved to win."

However Willis was satisfied with the split games considering injuries and the short man situation, but looks for victories in the next two games.

Events and Notices

Friday September 30 7 at 3 pm in Tait McKenzie Tennis (M), OUAA East Section at classroom. For more information call Lindsay Histrop, 447-9482

Saturday October 1
Tennis (M), OUAA East Section at U of T, 10 am
Cross Country, York Invitational, 2:45 pm
Tennis (W), OWIAA Singles Ranking at York
Football, Guelph at York, 2 pm
Water Polo, Early Bird Tournament at York

Wednesday, October 5
Rugby, Toronto at York, 4 pm

Novice squash seminar: October 3, 4:30-7:30 pm. Open to squash club members. Fee of \$5 to join club. For more information call Dave Jenkin, 661-0129

Figure skating: Organizational meeting for varsity team on October

