

# sports and recreation

## Victorious women show no mercy at provincial finals

By Kim Llewellyn

York can chalk up another Ontario championship for its 1978-79 season with the home tournament victory of the volleyball Yeowomen last Friday and Saturday.

In the championship match, York toppled the powerful Western Mustangs Saturday night with scores of 15-7, 15-7, 15-1, bringing to an end Western's seven year dynasty in the sport.

The victory vindicated last year's season, when the Yeowomen ended a spectacular season unexpectedly poorly, finishing fifth in the province.

In Tait McKenzie gym, Friday, Ontario's four top teams, Western, Waterloo, Guelph and York competed in round robin play to determine who would advance to the finals. One by one, the Yeowomen mercilessly cut down their rivals.

They undermined Western's spirits early, with a

15-0 annihilation of the Mustangs. York took the match with scores of 15-0, 15-10, 14-16, 15-17, and 15-12.

The Guelph Gryponettes fell next under the York axe, 15-12, 15-6, 12-15 and 15-2. Waterloo followed in three easy games, 15-1, 15-10 and 15-9.

When the smoke cleared the undefeated Yeowomen and Western, with two wins and one loss, were left to contest the title.

York captain, Sandy Hart, said momentum was the key to their victory over the Mustangs. "We also were the stronger team all season," she said.

Power spikers Hart and Ellana McKendry were selected as tournament all-stars.

The team now proceeds to the Canadian university championships, held next weekend in Hamilton, in which Hart cites the University of Saskatchewan as the team to beat.

## Erwin wins more medals at Tait

By May Lau

York's Mark Erwin improved on his record in the 50m freestyle during the OUAA Championship that was held at Tait pool on February 16th and 17th.

Erwin lowered his record from 24.5 to 24.29 seconds while swimming in the heats. In the finals that night, however, Erwin lost to P. Moore of U of T.

Not too far from the leaders in that final was the other Yeomen, John Bevan, whose time of 24.88 placed him fifth.

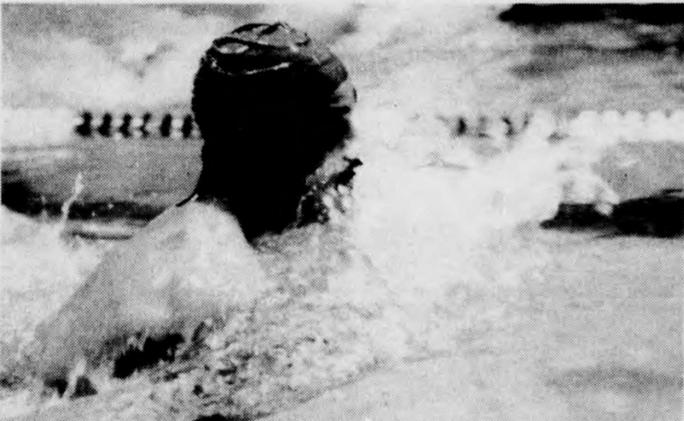
In the 100m freestyle, Commonwealth Games swimmer, Jay Tapp, of U of T, did not have an easy victory. York's own speedster

Mann was 4th and 5th in the 100m and 200m freestyle consolation finals.

Andy Manahan swam a 2:21.42 in the 200m butterfly, winning the consolation finals and taking 9 seconds off his personal best time. He was 6 seconds ahead of his nearest rival and his effort was 3 hundredths of a second faster than the 5th man in the finals. Manahan was 2nd in the 100m butterfly consolation finals.

York's other breaststroker, Paul Boulding, placed 2nd and 6th in the 100m and 200m breaststroke consolation finals. Meanwhile veteran Yeomen, Peter Tiidus overcame stiff competition in the 200m

6th in the finals while the 'B' team (Tiidus, Boulding, Dan Hudson and Howard Leathers) was 3rd in the consolation finals. The other Yeomen who contributed their best efforts to the team were Marc Nadeau, Jon Balcombe, Phil Witton and diver Bob Robichaud.



Gary Hershorn

Erwin, clung on to him all the way till the last 7m where Tapp just managed to struggle ahead for the winning touch.

Tapp lowered the standing record of 52.7 down to 52.63. The former record was held by ex-Yeomen and present coach of York's men swim team, Gary MacDonald.

Erwin collected another silver medal with his time of 53.97. The silvers are okay," said Erwin, York's only medallist at the Championship. "What I am most satisfied with are my times."

Sharing his view is teammate Martin Tiidus who very narrowly missed winning medals in the 100m and 200m breaststroke.

"Naturally I am a little disappointed in not getting a medal," said Tiidus, "but considering that we are in the middle of our tapering period for the CIAU's, returning good times is enough of a reward for me."

In the 100m breaststroke, Tiidus was edged out by Joe Terejko of McMaster for 3rd place by 4 tenths of a second. In the 200m breaststroke, the electronic timing system showed R. Micheli (U of T) 2nd at 2:31.08, J. Watt (U of T) 3rd at 2:31.29 and Tiidus 4th at 2:31.78. Tom Campbell of Waterloo was the clear winner with the time of 2:28.22.

The other Yeomen did pull off a few other good swims. Trevor

backstroke to earn himself a berth in the consolation finals.

The 2 Yeomen medley relay teams performed up to expectations. The 'A' team (Bevan, Tiidus, Manahan and Erwin) was

## This time we almost made it, didn't we?

By Greg Saville

For a team many expected little from this season, York's hockey Yeomen have been a surprise to those shaking their heads at the thought of disaster from York's large turnover after last year.

For the most, Yeomen have lived up to coach Ron Smith's optimism of last October ("we'll be competitive") and not only made it to a semi-final playoff spot, but almost went a step further during a sudden-death bout against the second OUAA ranked Laurentian Voyageurs last Tuesday. Almost, that is.... York dropped the game 4-3 and were eliminated from further playoff action.

"The Laurentian game was another example of a game York should have won, but didn't," Smith said after the game. "It's been the story of the Yeomen this year."

That's not to discredit the Voyageurs who looked well-disciplined and totally outclassed the slow-starting Yeomen in the first period.

Vees pre-game work on power play and short handed situation paid off as they led 3-0 after only six minutes of play. Two power play goals by Charlie Hamilton and Robin Laking started the Vees tally. Hamilton quickly capped another and, at 17:02, teammate Tim Stortini received a flip pass to score a breakaway goal on a York power play.

With disciplined play in the controlled hands of

the Vees, and with all seemingly lost, Yeomen defenceman Roger Dorey boomed a slapshot from the point past Laurentian goalie Lou O'Hara. It came in the last 33 seconds of the period and proved to be the clincher that sparked Yeomen in the second period.

"That first period goal gave them life," said Laurentian coach Billy Harris. "York deserves a lot of credit as they forced us to make mistakes even though they were down by four and playing away from home."

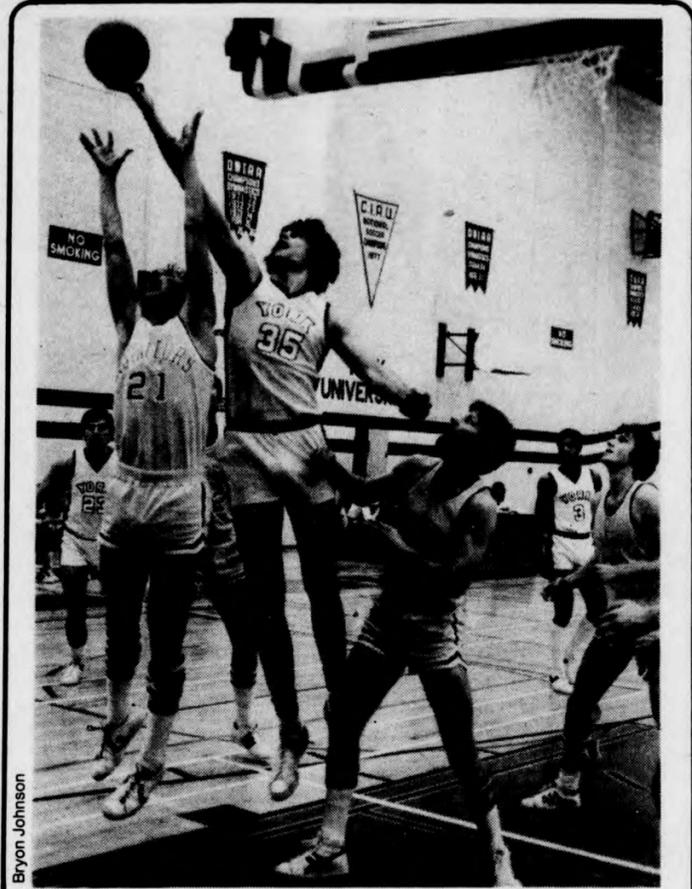
York's Tony Robinson connected at 10:24 of the second period and center Brian Burtch at 18:29.

"We had them on the ropes for the second and third period," said Smith. But it wasn't enough. Though York rallied to put Laurentian off-balance, and goalie George Darnowski came up big, Vees netminder O'Hara was not to be daunted as he foiled York's chances for further playoff action.

It was the ninth consecutive year Yeomen have obtained a playoff berth but this was not to be their year. What about next year?

Smith says he'll be losing more players including all his defence. In fact he expects only five will return from this year's crew. "It looks like another rebuilding year" he said.

But there were many surprises from them this year, so who knows....



Yeomen leap to victory and into OUAA finals

## Women gymnasts on top again

By Rose Crawford

The university of Western Ontario played host to the 1979 O.W.I.A.A. Gymnastics Championships last February 17th. York University has dominated these championships for the last eight years and this time was no exception. Both the junior and senior teams turned in strong performances on their way to York's consecutive Ontario championship.

In the junior category the Yeowomen placed very well in the individual events, having at least one competitor in the top six.

Beam was by far the best event for York as four competitors placed in the top six. York's Norma Gazensky placed third in the all-round competition. The junior team title was taken by McMaster with a total of 124.80 points, York coming in second with 114.85 points. Third place went to Western with 111.15 points.

In the senior category York fared extremely well, easily

capturing the senior team title with 251.30 points, Waterloo and Western placed second and third with 245.60 and 238.30 points respectively. Cathy Corns of York, captured the vaulting and floor events and placed second on the uneven bars and beam events. With this strong showing Corns also captured the individual all-round title thus becoming the Ontario Universities' Senior Champion.

Another York competitor, Laurie McGibbon, was the winner of the beam event and placed fourth and fifth on bars and floor

exercises. In the individual all-round competition, McGibbon placed third.

Second place went to Ann Samson, a strong competitor for Waterloo.

The Yeowomen have more than the Ontario Championship to celebrate about as all five senior competitors for York have qualified for the national championships to be held this weekend at the University of British Columbia. Along with Corns and McGibbon, York will be represented by Sue Baier, Lynn Engoish and Charlene Kelly.

## Yeomen finish third

By Mark Monfette

The OUAA volleyball season came to an end last weekend, with York finishing up third overall.

The championship tournament, played at York, had Western come out on top, with Queen's in second.

York's hopes of capturing top

spot came to an abrupt end Friday night when they were soundly defeated by Western, the ninth ranked team in the country.

"We just couldn't get on track," said coach Wally Dyba.

York lost the first set 10-15, 17-15, 6-15, 1-15. Outstanding in the game was power hitter Mark Ainsworth.



On Saturday night the team recovered some of their composure and defeated Guelph in a battle for third place.

The scoring went: 15-17, 5-15, 15-4, 17-15 and 15-6.

Outstanding in Saturday's game were Lino Girando and Larry Simpson, who sparked the team's comeback in the penultimate match.

Dyba pointed out, however, that the team is quite young and will certainly improve in the years to come.

"The way we finished," said Dyba, "showed that we were obviously a better team than we showed in the semi's and it's always nice to end the season on a good note."

The Yeomen are now the tenth ranked team in the country.