

Royal Military College remains competitive despite enrolment under 720

Last Sunday the York Yeomen hockey team won a pair of games in the city of Kingston, toppling Queen's 5-2 and edging out a surprisingly competitive RMC team 6-5.

Yeomen coach Dave Chambers admits that York always seems to have trouble with the Redmen while they can demolish other teams like the Ryerson Rams by scores in the double digit range. "We have trouble with RMC," Chambers said. "I don't know if it's psychological but they are a very well conditioned team and a very well coached team as well."

In addition to beating the Redmen by a single goal this season, York beat RMC by single goal margins in both of last year's season games. This may not be a shock, but when you consider that RMC's enrolment is just under 720 and York's enrolment is around 41,000, the fact that they can field competitive teams is surprising.

Royal Military College's athletic spokesman Captain Jack Lansing attributes their success to the requirements a cadet must fulfill upon entry to the college. "Our concept and criteria in recruiting considers the whole person, which is similar to York's philosophy," Lansing said.

Lansing attributes the growth of the hockey program to



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its coach, Dr. Wayne Kirk. Kirk took over RMC's hockey program over four years ago after coaching the Kingston Voyageurs.

But Kirk's takeover of the hockey team is only one step toward producing a competitive team, another way is through discipline. It's obvious that any team a military college produces will have strict discipline. It is also taken for granted that any athlete from a military college will be physically fit, it is part of the military's athletic philosophy. The athletic branch of the military's motto is 'Mens sano in corpore sano,' which simply means 'A strong mind and a strong body.' In fact every student attending RMC must participate in athletics. It is a mandatory requirement. It is left up to the individual if he wishes to compete at the varsity or intermural level.

Captain Lansing said that when recruits are considered for RMC they are judged on their academic ability, athletic ability as well as their military potential. Imagine the athletic program at York if every student was considered for their athletic ability as well as their academic worth. We could be national champions in virtually every sport, but unfortunately our numbers are too great to make this a practical consideration.

RMC fields a total of 14 mens teams and eight womens teams, each closely competitive in their respective league. With enrollment under 720, with the ratio of men to women somewhere near 12:1, one might think that athletes compete in more than one sport but this isn't very common.

"They only play in more than one sport if their seasons don't overlap," Lansing said. "It only happens to women who play badminton and then play squash later on in the year."

So the next time York plays the Redmen (like this Sunday at the Ice Palace) and happens to beat them, don't laugh and say it's only RMC. If York was even close to the per capita level of RMC in varsity athletics we would be humbled by losing just a single game in any sport.

Rugby team humbles U of T Blues to cap second undefeated season

By MANOJ PRAJAPAT

The York Yeomen rugby team capped its second consecutive undefeated regular season with a 43-14 romp over the U of T Blues this past Saturday.

York dominated the match from the beginning, and led 19-10 at the half. "The score's pretty much indicative of the play," Yeomen head coach Mike Dinning said. "We played real well."

Calling it "our best performance of the season," Dinning is pleased to see his team at its sharpest heading into the playoffs.

York will need to be at their best as they will host the tough Waterloo Warriors to open the first round of the Ontario Universities Athletic Association (OUAA) playoffs this Saturday. The Warriors will field basically the same team that beat the Yeomen two years ago at the OUAA finals.

"They (Waterloo) should be very strong," Dinning said. "It'll be our

toughest game to date."

Much of the Yeomen's success this season can be attributed to their powerful running game. Dinning, though, is not overly concerned about Waterloo defending it and does not plan on making very many changes for the upcoming contest.

"We've scored over 100 points more than any other team in our division," Dinning said. "So we're not going to change. We're going with what got us here."

York should field its most complete line-up of the season for the playoff opener. There are no major injuries and stand-out Gary Kalk will return after a one-game suspension.

Kickoff is 2 p.m. at the rugby field.

Note: Greg O'Connor led the Yeomen with three tries against Toronto. Spencer Robinson and Scott Switzer had two tries each while Mark McCauly added a single. Darryl Cook connect on four conversions and one penalty kick.

Women rookies show potential in swim meet

By EDO VAN BELKOM

Strong showings by rookies on the women's side and strong outings by veterans for the men were the highlights of York's first official swim meet held in the Tait pool over the weekend against the University of Guelph.

Freshman Carolyn Lee had good

performances in both the 800 and 400m freestyle where she came from behind to place third in both events. Another rookie, Anne Nicolussi, put in strong performances in the 100 and 200m freestyle events to finish second in each. The best showing on the women's side was put in by Nicole Macpherson, who won the

freestyle events at 200 and 400m distances.

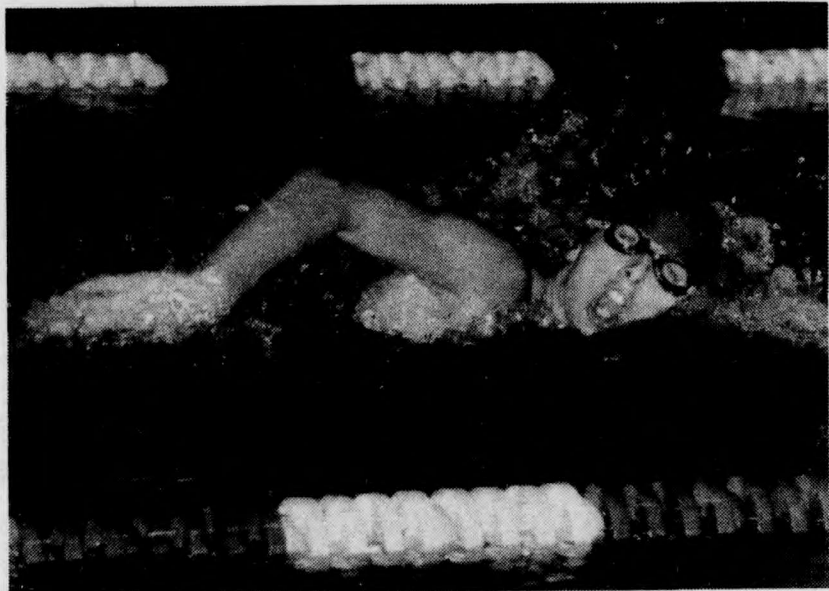
Despite these good showings, the women's team fell behind their Guelph counterparts by a score of 87-34.

The men fared considerably better than the women, winning six of their events, as well as placing one, two, in four others. Adam Robinson and Victor Verblac took top spots in the 50m freestyle while Keith Reynolds and Robert Kerwin mirrored this result in the 50m backstroke.

Bruce Kaufmann, the OUAA record holder in the 50m freestyle, also did well, winning both the 100m freestyle and the 200m breaststroke. The men as a team tied the Gryphons with 61 points.

York's next meet will be against Waterloo on November 8 and according to York's assistant coach Steve Ratz, the Warriors are the team to beat if York is to move up in the standings.

"Last year we finished in sixth spot while Waterloo finished fifth," Ratz said. "We have a good chance but it will be tough considering Waterloo has Mike West." West won a bronze medal at the Los Angeles Olympics in the backstroke.



UP FOR AIR: York swimmer Debbie Marinoff takes a breather between strokes at the York Guelph swim meet on the weekend.

Sports Briefs

By LORNE MANLY

VOLLEYBALL

The York Yeomen volleyball squad trounced Waterloo and U of T last weekend en route to winning the East-West Challenge. York easily beat Waterloo three games to none (15-13, 15-11, 15-11) and came from behind in all three games against U of T (who were last year's OUAA champs) 15-13, 15-11, 15-12.

Added to York's winning the Brock Invitational, the Yeomen now have a record of 17-1 in games, and a combined match record of 8-0. The players are very optimistic that nothing will stop this year's team under the direction of Hernan Humana and their success so far has not proved otherwise.

FIELD HOCKEY

The OWIAA (Ontario Women's Inter-University Athletic Associa-

tion) announced its all-stars this past weekend and four Yeowomen were named to the West division team: goaltender Sharon Bayes, Sandra Levy, Karen Hewlett, and Sharon Creelman.

FOOTBALL

Bundas' Odds: Last year York played Western with the same record and in a similar situation at home. They lost that game and were forced to travel to London where they were eliminated from the playoffs. This could conceivably happen again unless York comes up with a big offensive effort. The spread is three points for Western over York, for home field advantage. Take York, with the points. Trust me.

MARTIAL ARTS

A festival of Gentle Martial Arts takes place Saturday starting at 12:30 p.m. at U of T's athletic centre (55 Harbord St. at Spadina).

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