

## Sports and Recreation

# Field hockey silver good omen



**Gary Cohen**  
Coach Marina van der Merwe is "extremely pleased" with the silver medal performance of her

Yeowomen Field Hockey team at the CIAU Championships, but, more importantly, she takes her team's display as an omen of

bigger and better things for the future of women's field hockey at York and in Canada. Several years ago, under the

auspices of the Coaching Association of Canada (C.A.C.), an apprenticeship program was developed in an effort to upgrade the calibre of field hockey throughout the nation. Apprentice coaches were assigned to work with established coaches in a type of expertise exchange programme. Coach Van der Merwe, who also directs the women's national team, was "given the honour" of being assigned one of the apprentices, Kathy Broderick from the U of Alberta. Broderick learned and aided, while van der Merwe put the national team through their paces in Vancouver last year before coming to York to assist with the Yeowomen.

Coach van der Merwe feels that the apprentice coaches have already aided in upgrading the quality of field hockey at the universities to which they have been assigned. But the future holds the real dividends of the program.

Next year Broderick will return to the University of Alberta with valuable knowledge and experience that would not have been available to her if not for the C.A.C.'s enlightened program. By disseminating their expertise, the coaches involved throughout the country are hopeful that they can turn Canada into a highly-ranked field hockey nation.

"Right now Canada has reserve team standing for Moscow. Only the top five nations in the world compete," said van der Merwe. "Our goal is to make Canada one of those five teams at the next Olympics (1984)."

The future also looks bright for York. Van der Merwe is hopeful that the Yeowomen's "good

showing will attract more new players with provincial or national experience to the York team."

Van der Merwe, who has worked with Yeowomen since 1970, last weekend saw her labours come within a hair's breadth of reaching fruition. A 3-0 loss to U of T in the championship final prevented York from snatching the national title.

Yeowomen played almost flawlessly throughout the preliminary round, losing only once to "a very powerful team from the University of Victoria", by a score of 2-1.

York downed the University of Alberta, 3-2, U of T, 2-1, University of Manitoba, 4-1 and Dalhousie, 3-0. The win over U of T marked the first time that York has ever tasted victory against the Blues, and all appeared to be clear sailing as Yeowomen faced them for a second encounter in the final. But it was not to be.

"The field was very fast, but slippery," noted van der Merwe. "That really hurt us in the final. It's true that both teams faced the same conditions, but U of T is a strong, hard-hitting team. The only way to contain that kind of power is to get to their players to take the hit. We had a hard time covering them on that slippery turf."

Yeowomen got standout performances from their top scorer, Sheila Forshaw, their rookie goalkeeper Carol Robertson and Laura Branchaud, who scored the winning goals against both Alberta and U of T.

The hosting University of Victoria team bagged the bronze medal, with Dalhousie, Manitoba and Alberta finishing between them in that order.

## A big splash

**Mary lau**  
Four York swimmers qualified for the Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union (CIAU) Championships as, in their first showdown of the season, the Yeomen and Yeowomen swim teams defeated the hosting University of Guelph by a combined score of 97-93.

Of the four, Jane Thacker was the lone Yeowoman to have qualified for the CIAU's last Friday evening. In the 200m breaststroke, Thacker swam a steady race to win and qualify with a time of 2:58.3. "That is really exciting," said Yeowomen coach Carol Gluppe, "that swimmers are qualifying for the CIAU's so early in the season. I am sure that we will see more swimmers joining the present four qualifiers before the Christmas break."

Looking back on the meet, those from the Yeowomen team that look most likely to fulfill coach Gluppe's prediction are Liz MacGregor, Donna Miller and rookie Lise Charland. MacGregor, a four-year veteran of the team, swam an impressive 30.5 in the 50m freestyle, a mere second off the cut-off time. The winner of this event was teammate Miller whose time was 30.2.

Miller, who ranked fourth best in the 200m backstroke at the Nationals last year, easily stroked her way to victory in this event with a time of 2:43.4.

The outstanding rookie of the meet was Charland. Her victories were in the 100m butterfly and 200m freestyle with times of 1:13.0 and 2:24.1 respectively. She also finished second in the 400m freestyle. All her times were mere seconds away from the CIAU cut-offs.

"The other rookies I am really pleased with are Jane Goldie and Doreen MacGrath," added coach Gluppe. Goldie, an 'import' from the Yeowomen volleyball team, swam an impressive fourth in the 50m freestyle with a time of 31.8. MacGrath was third in the 200m backstroke, turning in a personal best time of 2:58.7. Judging by last Friday's performance, it is evident the Yeowomen are in fine shape this season, and could be the team to pull off a few surprises at upcoming meets.

"I really did not expect the men's team from Guelph to give us such a fight. However the Yeomen hung together and swam superbly in the second half of the meet to walk away with a comfortable lead," stated Yeomen coach Gary MacDonald.

Swim well the Yeomen did. Last Friday, three Yeomen beat the CIAU qualifying standards. The first of the three was Bill Bevan, a swimmer of international calibre. Bevan qualified for the 400m freestyle. Bevan's older brother, John, showed what he can do too, by beating the cut-off

time in the 50m freestyle with a clocking of 25.1. The third and last qualifier for the evening was Mark Erwin. Erwin, a champion of the 100m freestyle, won and qualified in this event with a time of 54.4.

Although Martin Tiidus did not join the league of qualifiers at last Friday's meet, he shone in the 200m breaststroke, winning it impressively by a wide margin with a time of 2:35.7. Tiidus was also second in the 200m individual medley.

The Yeowomen will be travelling to Guelph this Saturday, November 10th for the University of Guelph Invitational Relays.

## Skaters win opener

**Neil McKay**

If they are to have any success at all this season, York hockey Yeomen must continue to come up with the kind of total team effort they exhibited last Saturday night at the Ice Palace, where, minus the services of forwards Scott Densem and Al Sinclair, they hustled their way to a well-deserved 4-2 victory over Waterloo Warriors in York's home opener, before a boisterous crowd of 250.

Jeff Black and Alf Beasley led the attack with a goal and two assists apiece. Frank McCarthy and Dave Gaston also scored in

the fast and often chippy contest.

The game was actually decided in the opening twenty minutes. Although Yeomen managed only ten shots on goal in the first period, they made the most of their opportunities and went into the dressing room with a commanding 3-0 lead. Gaston opened the scoring at 8:55 on the best individual effort of the night as he shifted his way around a Warrior defenceman and tucked a shot between the goaltender's

legs from close range. Black upped the count to 2-0 at 14:10 and McCarthy added the winning goal on a power-play at 19:37 with a well-placed twenty-foot wrist shot.

Scott Densem is out of the lineup with a fractured cheek and his return is indefinite.

Sinclair, the team's top attacker until now, has decided that the pursuit of law and order is more important than the pursuit of goals and grades, and has quit school to join the police force. His departure leaves a large hole at the centre ice spot and unquestionably his leadership will be missed.

After taking the early lead, the final two periods saw tenacious checking by the Yeomen as they limited Waterloo to just a handful of good scoring chances.

George Darnowski turned in another solid game in goal. With Yeomen clinging to a 3-2 lead, Darnowski made three big saves before Beasley added the insurance goal on a power-play at 10:48 of the third period.

The win brings York's record at one win and one loss. Last Thursday night in Guelph, York lost their season opener to the Gryphons by an 8-2 count. A lack of big shooters up front means York will have to try to avoid getting caught in any high scoring shoot-outs with the more powerful teams in the league. Yeomen play host to U of T Blues in their next home game on Wed. Nov. 7 at 8:15.



Craig Hildebrand

## Yeomen out-hustle Warriors

**Sandra Simonits**

Once again the Yeomen volleyball team proved to other Ontario teams that it's no mistake - they're number 1.

On November 3rd they travelled to the University of Waterloo Invitational Tournament to beat the remaining OUAA teams that had not made an appearance at the Brock tourney two weeks before.

In the round robin York finished first by taking care of Queen's 15-10, 16-14; a much improved Laurier 15-12, 15-6; McMaster 15-11, 16-14; and Guelph 15-6, 15-10.

The semi-final pitted pool A winner York against pool B runner-up Scarborough Satellites, with York coming out on

top 15-6, 15-12.

The Warriors of Waterloo, winners of Pool B, also won their semi-final to advance to the Championship match (a best 2 out of 3 games).

York raced to a 7-0 lead in game one before Waterloo called a time-out. However, York kept up the momentum and scored a 15-5 victory.

The second game was a different story as Waterloo kept within a few points of Yeomen until it was match point for York at 14-11. But Yeomen were unable to put them away as Warriors tied the game and sent it into extra points. A fired-up Waterloo side kept trading side-outs with York, as neither team was able to score game point. The exciting finish resulted in an 18-

16 Waterloo victory.

The deciding game started off in the same way as the second game had finished. After 10 rallies only one point had been scored. Gradually York pulled ahead 12-8 on solid blocking and spectacular back court saves. Two time-outs by the home team didn't help much as York went on to win the game 15-9.

In the stats department, Brian Rombough led the team with the best serve rating, 45% (team rating 38%), the best attack rating, 71% (team 62%), and best kill percentage of 64% (team 45%). Larry Simpson, once again, was tops in serve receptions with an 88% rating (team rating an impressive 81%). John May's powerful spikes scored 50 of the team's 199 kills.