

B-ballers, V-ballers and badminton lose

York wins top three spots in gymnastics

By MARGIE WOLFE

Last Saturday four varsity women's teams took the bus downtown to participate in invitational meets hosted by the University of Toronto. The teams competing were basketball, volleyball, badminton and gymnastics.

As expected York's gymnastics squad defeated their opponents while the other teams from York came extremely close.

A basketball game started the day's competition with the University of Toronto narrowly defeating the York women 26-23. During most of the game U of T dominated York with about a 10-point lead. Sloppiness and lack of hustle accounted for York's low score. They missed rebounds, passed ineffectively, and failed to make their few shots on basket count for the first three quarters of the game.

However, in the last minutes of play the York women finally came alive. Their defence tightened

York chessmen come in fourth after 6 rounds

York entered eight participants in the sixth Eastern Canada Intercollegiate Chess Championships held at Hart House, Nov. 14-17. After six exhausting rounds, York's top four scores equalled 14 points. Officially, this was good enough for fourth place. However, if scores of participant non-students of the universities that they represented were disregarded, York would have placed second only to the University of Toronto.

Top individual scores by York players were recorded by Paul Janicki (4 points), J. Reinbergs and L. Mundwiler (3 1/2 points).

while their offence began to produce. Toronto's 10-point margin quickly diminished with the final score showing only that three-point difference.

The York volleyball team, although usually very competent was unable to get moving in this match. They were easily toppled by Toronto's senior squad, three games to nothing. Their second match against the intermediate team was a give away as well. York was leading 2-0 when they just decided to quit. They seemed to forget how to serve and their defence completely broke down. The University of Toronto sensed this collapse and expertly took advantage winning three straight games and defeating the York team 3-2.

Competition continued with a badminton tournament between the two Toronto schools. Regulation matches could not be played as not all the York competitors were able to show. As a result matches were fouled with doubles players playing in single games. This proved to be even more disastrous as these substitutes from York were required to compete with women who are highly rated Canadian players.

However, the badminton tournament was not a complete failure as the doubles team was victorious over their U of T opponents. It was an exciting game expertly played on both sides.

As expected the York gymnastics team was extremely successful in their meet. They easily picked up all the top positions. Out of 16 competitors, York took first, second, third, seventh, eighth, and ninth places. Highly ranked Barb Thomson, one of Canada's best gymnasts came out on top with Elsbeth Austin and Liz Taylor taking second and third in overall points. York's Cory McLeod, Shirley

Rutherford and Carol Ferguson also did extremely well.

As usual Barb gave a beautiful performance. In individual events she won the floor exercise, uneven bars and vaulting competitions. A fall off the balance beam caused her to lose that event thus marring an otherwise flawless all-round performance.

Elsbeth Austin, a second year student, won the balance beam and came in second in all the other events. She is a consistently strong competitor who has performed in international competition and is highly ranked among Canadian gymnasts.

Liz Taylor, a transfer student from Queen's successfully complemented this year's York squad. She is a tiny girl who misses the five-foot mark by a good two inches but shows surprising strength despite her petite form.

York's success in gymnastics at this meet and their expected success in coming tournaments this season is due not only due to the talent of the girls but also to the capable coaching which they get. Boris Bajin, the former coach of Yugoslavia's national women's gymnastics team is giving expert guidance to York's women and seems to be leading them to even greater heights in inter-collegiate competition.

Although this meet with the University of Toronto was only invitational it served its purpose in demonstrating that the old school is not infallible. Many of the York women going into competition on Saturday were tense and worried not because they doubted their own skill but because they feared U of T's reputation. In total competition York came out second but individually each team showed they had the skill to compete on the same level as the highly rated University of Toronto.



York's Barb Thomson won the uneven bars at the U of T meet.

Sports Grab Bag

Windsor to B-ball with York

Last year's national champions, perhaps the best basketball team in Canada, is coming to York on Saturday.

The Windsor Lancers are playing York's undefeated basketball Yeomen this Saturday in one of the most important games of the young season. York's claim to be a great team will be severely tested on Saturday.

Last year's Lancers won all the marbles. Staffed by talent from the Detroit area, they showed the rest of Canada what the game of basketball is all about. This year the Yeomen hope to knock the Lancers down a peg or two. They have taken two successful steps in this direction so far. They opened the season with an easy win over St. Lawrence College and continued with a 77-22 defeat of the YMHA Blues.

The Yeomen will need all the help they can get on Saturday. York plays entertaining sometimes great basketball. Windsor will undoubtedly keep pace. The game should be exciting, interesting and enjoyable. Be in Tait MacKenzie, main gym, Saturday at 8:15 pm to cheer the Yeomen or razz the Lancers.

Girls' V-ball beats Guelph

Remembrance Day proved to be memorable for the women's intercollegiate volleyball and basketball teams. These two varsity teams played their first games of the season Nov. 11 at the University of Guelph.

Although it was an away meet both teams demonstrated that they had the skill to come out on top in this year's league competition.

The volleyball team trounced their opponents from Guelph in an easy three game victory. Although the scores of 15-11, 15-7 and 15-12 indicate tough competition, laziness on the part of the York team allowed the Guelph women to come as close as they did.

Technically York had it all over Guelph, a team which plays an only passable game of volleyball. York's problem in the past has been an inability on the team's part to gell on the floor. If they can overcome this lack of teamwork, this talented squad can easily go far in league competition.

Although they lost, the basketball team demonstrated that they have the ability to come out on top in future games. This game with Guelph was a close one with the home team winning by only a few points. Until the last minute of play the score was tied with the York defence breaking down only in the final seconds of play.

Success seen for hockey girls

This weekend the women's ice hockey team travel to Guelph for the Guelph Invitational Tournament. Friday night they take on Guelph, a team that look like the Argos and play like the Bruins while on Saturday they challenge the mortals from Ryerson and Macdonald College.

Last year was the first for powder puff hockey at York, with a considerable amount of enthusiasm shown. This year hopefully success will match enthusiasm.

York's swimming first years show potential for high hopes

By LIZ MITCHELL

There is a lot of potential lapping the Tait MacKenzie pool this year. It is contained in the women's varsity speed swimmers, and high hopes are held for their success in the OQWCIA league.

This team is out to prove just

how much rookies can do, as seven of the nine members are freshmen facing their first year of university competition. Jean Carnochum, Cari Fortheath, Lynn Logan, Karen Petryshyn, Sue Purchase and Paula Thompson are all Toronto talent who have trained in high schools and local pools. Marcia

Potruf trained in her Burlington high school. The remaining two members are Janet Nash, who set three records in the championship meet for the league last year, and Liz Mitchell, who swam with the University of Windsor last season. Windsor hosted and won the league finals in '68-69 but York's women can aim at capturing the laurels this season.

Coach Kathy Lane hails from Simon Fraser University where she swam competitively. The recent invitational meet at McMaster gave Mrs. Lane a better picture of the team in relation to other Ontario and Quebec competitors.

Although the girls only placed eighth out of the 10 universities represented, the meet was not an accurate prediction of the future as many of the winning schools, such as Guelph, and the University of Toronto who placed first and second respectively are from the CIAA rather than York's OQWCIA league. Also Lynn Logan, a promising contender in some events, fell and sustained an arm injury which will keep her out of the water for a few weeks. The best York performances at that meet were a third by Sue Purchase in her 100-yard breaststroke event and a fourth in the medley relay.

The women's season is just getting underway. Right now they are preparing for a league meet to be held in Windsor Nov. 2. The league championship finals are planned for Feb. 7 and the girls aim to be in prime condition by that time.

Squash champs here

By COLIN MacANDREWS

York University will see a fine exhibition of squash this Friday when the U.S. amateur champion, Anil Nayer, takes on the North American professional champion, Sharif Khan.

Anil Nayer, who has only lost once in the last 14 months, is a phenomenon of the squash world. After being educated in India, he came over to Harvard University four years ago, winning the U.S. intercollegiate title for a record three times in a row, and captaining the outstanding Harvard team of '68-69. Last February he won the U.S. amateur title from Sam Howe of Philadelphia.

His game, played at breathless speed, is based on superb control and racquet work. He is extremely difficult to beat on the court because of his incredibly fast reaction and his speed of foot. At Rochester in play against Ralph Howe of the United States, there was one point in which Nayer switched three times between the front sides of the court that neither I nor Larry Terrell, the U.S. ranking number three could work out afterwards exactly when it happened.

Anyone watching this exhibition will see the incredible use of wrist by Nayer, which is so strong and supple that the ball can be sent at speed and consistency to any point in the court even if the body or feet are caught out of position.

Sharif Khan, who has become familiar to York squash players through his tuition in the past two weeks, is another remarkable player. One of the half-dozen or so inter-related family who have dominated both British and U.S. squash over the last decade, Sharif is currently the North American Open champion. Son of Hashim Khan, easily the greatest of the family, Sharif plays with tremendous force and accuracy. Few players can survive on the court with him when he is playing to his full extent. Of these Nayer must be counted as one.