

# 3 women's sports to get national finals

By MARGIE WOLFE

Beginning with the 1970-71 season, women's varsity athletics will advance from a secondary position in the university to a more dominant station alongside its male counterparts.

This significant step is a result of a decision made by the Women's Intercollegiate Competition Representative Council to establish nationwide finals for women's sports in Canada.

At the meeting held in Toronto Dec. 6-7, the council of 13 women physical educators, including York's Mary Lyons, representing 40 Canadian institutions, announced that

beginning next year, swimming, gymnastics and volleyball will have national finals at various spots throughout the country, with basketball in the following season.

Basketball was put off a year as it was believed that the schools from the west who have been playing men's rules for many years are still too far ahead in experience to compete fairly against universities that have only adopted the new changes in the past five seasons.

The council was set up with the idea that there would be only one member for every three institutions in the four Canadian

conferences. As a result the Ontario-Quebec conference, which is made up of 12 institutions, York included, sent four representatives while the Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Union sent two persons to speak for their six schools and the Atlantic (AWIAU) and Western (WCIAA) conferences, sending four and three members respectively.

When the competition begins next year each of the four conferences will send their champion to play for the national title.

Although York's women's volleyball and swimming teams may not be expected to make the finals, it is not wishful thinking to

predict that the gymnastic squad will take part in this first national finals competition.

York is rated among the top five gymnastic schools in the country. This status is

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## Koster and Frost won

### McGill squashes York 3-2

The York squash squad visited McGill for the first time last weekend and came second, just failing to win the prestigious McGill Invitational squash tournament by a one-game margin.

In the first match they swept through their American opponents, Corby School, by a five-love margin, only losing one game in the whole match. Then they met the McGill squad in the early afternoon, and playing extremely

well, came within a hairsbreadth of taking the match and tournament.

First Paul Koster and then Paul Frost came off court with clear victories. Koster played good, hard, though at times boisterous, squash to take a 3-1 win from the Scottish junior champion, Colin MacIntosh. Frost improved on his game and allowed his opponent no latitude, coming through at 3-0. With two matches in hand York

seemed in a strong position.

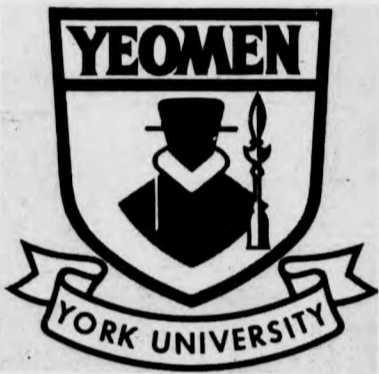
But matters became more open when Saul Ticktin emerged a 0-3 loser to his opponent, who played perhaps the best squash of all the McGill squad and who allowed Ticktin no time to move into his game.

With the match at 2-1, Doug Owens seemed to have lost his or he was two games to love down against a much older and experienced opponent and interest moved to Nabil Labib's match in which Labib seemed to have the upper hand.

But then news came that Owens, pulling out all stops, had levelled at two games all. A quick look showed a tired but game Owens fighting on in the fifth but finally dropping it and the match at 10-15 in the fifth game.

Labib was York's last hope. Down two games to one, he had levelled the match in the fourth game. The fifth and deciding game was as nerve-wracking to the gallery as it was, by the noises to the players. After a series of good rallies intermixed by horrifying mistakes the game arrived at 12-12.

Labib, after playing an excellent match, seemed suddenly tired and his opponent, Mike Martin, the brother of the famed Peter, took the game with a couple of beautiful and unplayable angles.



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