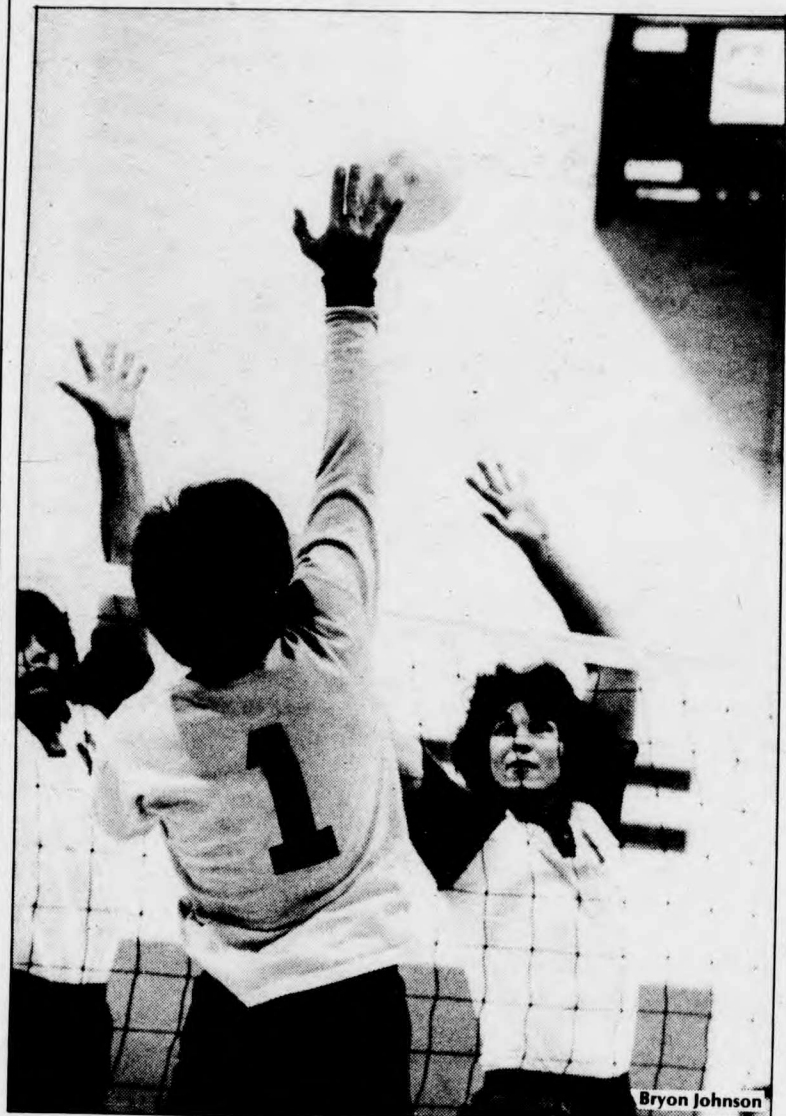




Yeo - teams still unbeaten



Yeoman Larry Simpson (right) goes up to block a hit by a Queen's player. York won that match three games to one.

Gaels, Voyageurs no match for Yeomen

Rose Crawford
The York Yeomen remain undefeated in the OUAA East Division with a perfect record of 8-0, following last weekend's volleyball action at the Tait McKenzie Centre gym.

Last Friday evening the Yeomen took to the court against the Queen's Golden Gaels and had little trouble defeating them three games to one, by scores of 15-9, 15-13, 9-15 and 15-11.

John May led the Yeomen both offensively and defensively with twelve kills and seven digs. Bruce Bert was the Yeomen's best percentage hitter with eight kills out of ten hits.

In Sunday afternoon's match the Yeomen faced the Laurentian Voyageurs and needed only 49 minutes to chalk up their eighth league victory.

Even though the Voyageurs were defeated three games to none (15-5, 15-12 and 15-12), they did give the Yeomen somewhat of a difficult time, especially in the last two games of the match.

In the second game, Laurentian's offence came alive and at one point they led 12-7, but York quickly pulled together and came back to win it 15-12. The third game was much more closely contested than the previous two, with the Voyageurs forcing the Yeomen to fight hard for every point. York prevailed however, and won it 15-12.

Despite the two victories over the weekend, coach Wally Dyba did not seem overly enthused about his team's performance.

"We should be able to stomp all over them... We're better technically, better physically and better as a team."

Dyba, commenting on the lack of competition in the OUAA East Division stated, "We're just back

from playing in the Excalibur Classic, which is a very prestigious tournament. It's hard for the guys to be up for games against teams like Queen's and Laurentian, they're on a different level, they're below us."

The Yeomen are in action again Wednesday January 29 when they will face the U of T Blues at U of T.

Tiger by the tail

Jules 'Sparky' Xavier

Seventh ranked York Yeowomen had the tiger by the tail when ninth ranked Dalhousie visited Tait for an exhibition volleyball match, a 3-1 mauling in favour of York.

With two national players, Karen Fraser and Caren Massen playing for Dalhousie, it seemed that York had met its match.

However, the Yeowomen are a team that blends all aspects of the game together as a single fighting unit that has prevailed over the more powerful teams in the past.

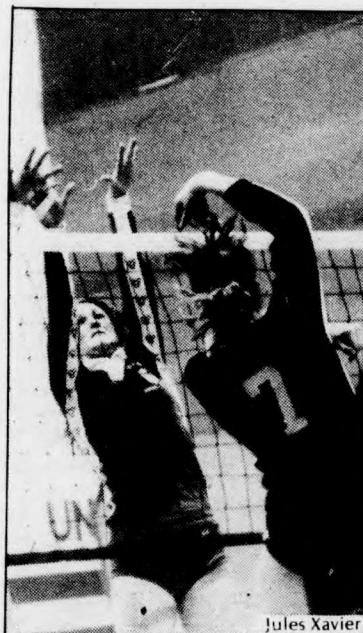
Their latest upset victory over the power teams was in the University of Winnipeg Volleyball Invitational where York upset No. 1 University of Saskatchewan.

Coach Merv Moser has blended a veteran team with a number of very talented rookies which work well on the courts. Team effort has been their key asset combined with their talent.

York took an early 2-0 lead (15-12, 15-13) before Dalhousie struck, winning the third game 15-10.

From this point on, the Yeowomen dominated the court and in easy fashion took the fourth game and match with a 15-4 score.

At times though during the action Dalhousie's Massen put on a brilliant display of her volleyball talents with her destructive kills and exciting defensive play.



Ellana McKendry attempts to block a Dalhousie spike.

X-rated: Veteran Marla Taylor was chosen the inaugural **OWIAA Athlete of the Week** for her excellence on the volleyball court in the University of Winnipeg volleyball invitational... Taylor was also runner-up to the **CIAU Athlete of the Week**... Yeoman Dave Chambers made it a York sweep as he was also named the **OUAA Athlete of the Week** for his performance in the Excalibur Classic volleyball tournament.

Figure skaters show promise

Jules 'Sparky' Xavier

The Yeowomen figure skating team, third in the OWIAA last year will be a tough team this year if this past weekend's results are any indication of what's to come.

York took part in the Western Invitational Figure Skating Competition with favourable results. This is the first time that York has fielded a full team of 16

women plus an added bonus of one male.

Western, U of T, Waterloo, Guelph, Queen's and York took part in the ten different categories with York winning three.

York's top skaters were Rebecca Simkin in Novice Singles, Cathy Geraci-Junior Singles and Cathee Maron coming first in Intermediate Singles.

Charlene Alexander picked up a

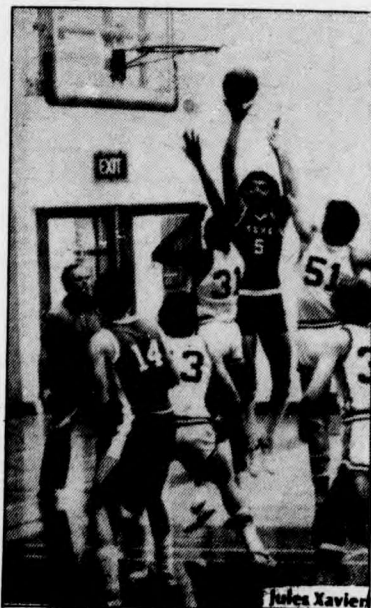
bronze in Novice Singles as did Andrea Ingledew in Intermediate Singles. Fourth year veteran Roxanne Steeves won the silver in the Intermediate Solo Dance.

The team will be putting on a display of their various talents February 7 at the Ice Palace for those interested in observing one of the strongest Yeowomen figure skating teams ever to grace the ice of York.

Bo Pelech out of action

Micheal Allen

The York Yeomen cagers continue to dominate their OUAA East Division, adding two more victories to their unblemished 4-0 league record, trouncing the



Peter Greenway in action against the U. of T. Blues. He led all scorers with 26 points.

visiting Queen's Golden Gaels 107-64 Friday evening and the University of Toronto Blues Tuesday evening 102-63 at U. of T. Tuesday's victory, however, was overshadowed by a wrist injury to Yeomen co-Captain Bo Pelech, who could be out of action for up to six weeks.

"It sure is a tough blow," commented head coach Bob Bain after the victory. "Bo is our leader both on and off the court and we'll miss him. Our only consolation is that we know he'll be back just as soon as possible. Even when he's hurt, it's hard to keep him off the court. He's just that type of guy. That's why he's our team leader, I guess."

Fortunately, the Yeomen will undoubtedly still remain atop their OUAA East Division, even without Pelech's services, but his aggressive style of play and his outstanding defensive abilities will be much in demand as the Yeomen move into the OUAA playoffs early in March.

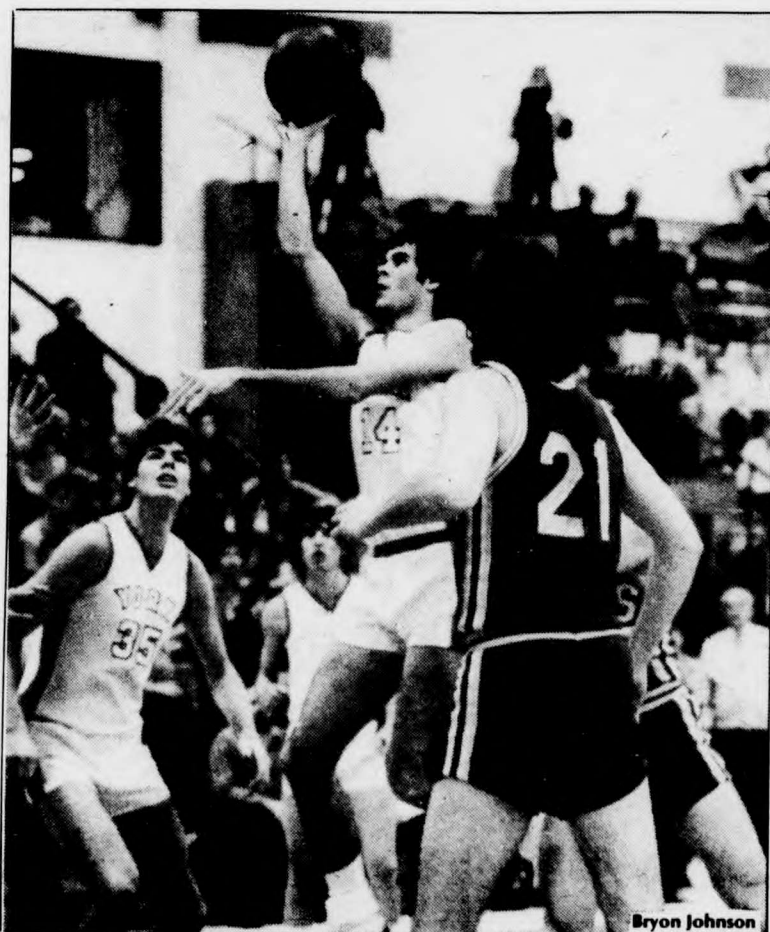
Pelech led the Yeomen scoring in Friday evening's York-Queen's contest, scoring 20 points while rookie centre John Christensen,

who has recently turned in several strong performances for the Yeomen, tossed 16 points.

Christensen's mild mannered partner at the centre position, Peter Greenway, paced the Yeomen victory over the Blues, who currently hold down second place in the OUAA East, netting 26 points. Veteran guard Paul Jones added 17 while Hubert Smith led U. of T. with 12 points.

Both the Yeomen and Yeowomen 'hoopsters' head north this weekend to tangle with the Laurentian Voyageurs and Vees. When asked to comment on the weekend trip, guard Paul Jones is rumored to have said, "This is one road trip that I certainly won't have any trouble getting 'up' for."

The York Yeomen have stretched their season record to 23-2, bowing only to the Franklin Pierce Raiders from Rindge, New Hampshire and to the defending CIAU champions Victoria Vikings. However, the Yeomen have yet to meet either the Acadia Axemen or the St. Francis Xavier S-Men, two top contenders from the AUA (Atlantic Universities Athletic Association).



David Coulthard (No. 14) goes up for a lay up while teammate John Christense looks on. York defeated Queen's Golden Gaels 107-64.