

# Sports

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## Volleyballers head to nationals

# Yeomen defeat Queen's for championship

By MARTY HERSON

KINGSTON — Saturday, the volleyball Yeomen became the new Ontario University Athletic Association champions as a result of their convincing three games to one defeat over defending champions Queen's.

Tough competition and physical stress characterized the OUA A championships. York's six starters played all 12 games and were 8-4 at the end of the day.

The format of the championship was a four team round robin. The West section qualifiers were Waterloo and Western. In the East section, Queen's and York qualified.

Each match play was the best of three games with one point awarded for each match won. The top two teams were to qualify for the final, a best three of five competition.

York downed Waterloo 2-0 and then took a close one from Western, 2-1. Thus far York had two points and as a result of Western's victory over Queen's, remained the only team undefeated.

The Yeomen's final opponent in round robin play was defending OUA A champions Queen's. This match was a must for Queen's to win in order to remain in contention for the finals.

In Queen's desperate attempt to stay alive for a berth in the finals they forced the play to the Yeomen and came out on top 2-1. The poor volleyball displayed by the Yeomen was due to York's overconfidence in having clinched a spot in the finals.

After round robin play was concluded, York and Queen's qualified for the finals with identical 5-3 records. Western took the third spot with a 5-4 record and Waterloo trailed the group with a 1-6 record.

A partisan crowd of close to 400 and the home court advantage helped Queen's to their overwhelming 15-5 victory in the first game.

The second game proved to be the turning point in the match. York immediately took control and ran up a 10-4 lead. However, as Queen's had done all day, they fought back to tie it all 13 all. The ball changed back several times and the Yeomen were fortunate to come out on top 15-13.

The second game seemed to ignite the Yeomen as they went on to win the next two games 15-11 and 15-9 and the match three games to one.

Fine effort and skill were displayed by Orest Stanko, Gary Mees, John Eliashevsky, Marty Herson, Dion Rugosi, and Yuri Tarnavsky who played all 12 games. Recognition must also go to Coach Tudor Bompia and the other Yeomen who were instrumental in the team's success throughout the year.

The Yeomen go on to the Canadian Championships to be held Feb. 23 and 24 at Sudbury. The York squad will come up against the powerful Winnipeg Westmen, the defending Canadian champions. This year's Canadian champions will represent Canada at the World Student Games to be held in Moscow in August.



The York Cricket Club takes advantage of the balmy weather to hold an impromptu match to celebrate Australian Pioneers' day Friday.

## Only in Canada you say?...

Last spring members of the York community decided to form a cricket club open to all faculty, staff and students captained by director of Safety and Security George Dunn.

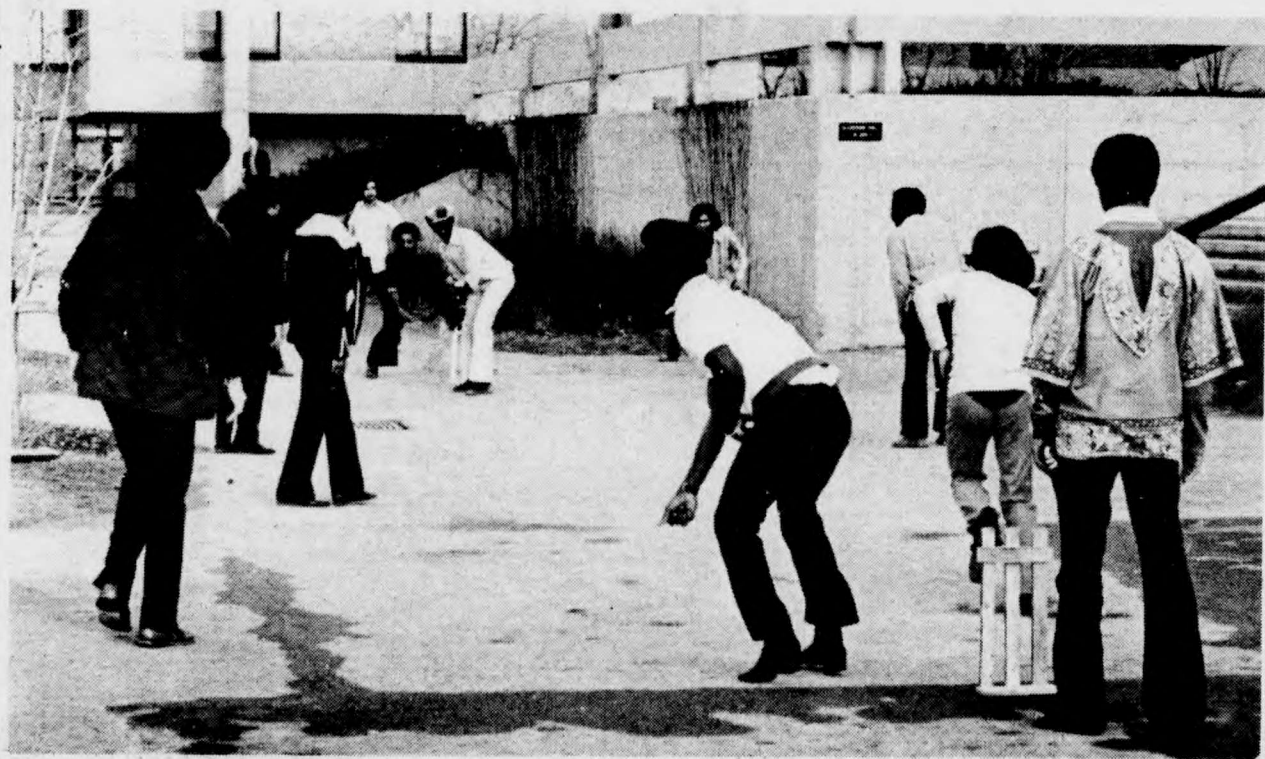
The team participated in only one match last year but plan to play in six to a dozen contests against a variety of clubs this year.

The idea of having a team is largely to provide entertainment to its members, and generally to promote the ideals of gentlemanly conduct, good sportsmanship, and the maintenance of a stiff upper lip and a straight bat. The team intends to play several games, to practice about once a week from the commencement of May.

In cricket, there are eleven players on each team. One does not arrange a game, one arranges a 'fixture', or 'match'. The batting team sends two batsmen to the crease, one at each set of stumps... the

fielding team provides a bowler, who — to use words understood in less noble games — pitches the ball from one wicket to the other. The batsman attempts to stop the ball from hitting the wicket he is defending. If he hits the ball far enough, he and his partner exchange ends, scoring a 'run', while the fielders retrieve the ball. When everyone in the team has been bowled out, the teams change. The game lasts for a set period of time (anywhere from one day to five days.), but it is quite essential that adequate respite be gained by play stopping for a tea break, perhaps the best part of the day — apart, of course, the gentlemanly race for a pub before closing time at close of play.

No experience is needed. Queries should be addressed to Colin Campbell at 667-2203, or Barry Argyle at 667-3281. Both men and women are welcome.



The cricket fever caught on, as students set up another match in the early afternoon just north of the Murray Ross Building.

## Swordsmen place second

By DON DIEGO

At the Carleton Invitational last weekend, York fencers placed second in the foil and sabre events. (The former is fought with a point weapon, the latter with an edged weapon.)

In trying for the best of nine hits in nine successive bouts, the foilists suffered an early loss to Royal Military College. They came back,

to beat Ryerson and Carleton, and finally RMC in the semifinals. But R.A., a civil service team, won the final, 5 bouts to 3. Vic Swoboda was the best for York, with only two losses.

In the six team sabre competition, York's second place showing was its best ever. York upset Carleton, the pre-tournament favourites, 5-4, in the semifinals, but fell short in the

final, losing to RMC. Fred Granek was the top sabreur, with a record of 9 wins and 1 defeat.

The épée team was eliminated early and did not place.

This weekend, at the U of T, York's women's team is competing in the OWIAA foil finals, having qualified as a result of sectional competition last week at Ryerson.

## Sluggish play allows Gee Gees to take York

By ED PIWOWARCZYK

York's hockey Yeomen had the shooting edge but the Ottawa Gee Gees had the scoring edge and went on to down York 5-2 Friday night at the Ice Palace.

York outshot their opponents 39-30 but were unable to make the most of their scoring opportunities, as Dave Wright and Gerri Greenham were the only ones able to put the puck past Ottawa's Alain Larose.

The Yeomen had trouble moving the puck out of their own end all evening and the ensuing defensive lapses and giveaways were taken advantage of by the Gee Gees.

York for the most part also displayed a lack of aggressiveness in failing to hit the fast-skating Ottawa forwards to break up their attack.

In the Ottawa end, the Yeomen were erratic with their shooting and missed on tip-ins around the net.

The York squad was forced to try to come from behind throughout the game as Ottawa opened scoring in

the first period only to have Wright tie the score before the buzzer.

Ottawa scored two unanswered goals in the second period and iced the game with their fourth goal twelve minutes into the final frame.

Greenham scored with a minute half left in the game but Ottawa scored again when York netminder Greg Harrison was lifted for an extra attacker. Harrison was headed for the bench when York was caught up the ice and scrambled back in a futile to knock the puck from Ottawa's Bernard Gouin.

PUCKNOTES: Ottawa's Pierre Chartier and Dan Hurlubise were the first two stars, with York's Murray Spence being the third selection... The Yeomen host the Queen's Golden Gaels tomorrow at 8:15 at the Ice Palace before travelling to Kitchener to meet Waterloo Lutheran 8 p.m. Saturday night. A ballot box will again be in the lobby of the Ice Palace to allow fans to vote for the most valuable Yeoman.

## Puckwomen dump McGill 4-1

By MARG POSTE

Sparked by the three point performance of Cathy Brown, two goals and an assist, York's hockey Yeowomen posted a 4-1 victory over McGill Saturday at the Ice Palace. Other York markers came from Sharon Gibson and Debbie Cate. Maryse Gabbout was the lone McGill markswoman as York outshot McGill 34-28.

In the game, which for the most part was sloppily played, the Yeowomen missed numerous scoring opportunities because of erratic shooting and McGill's good netminding.

Gibson opened York scoring by tapping home the rebound from a shot by Brown.

York went ahead 2-0 on Brown's unassisted break-away goal, but McGill scored when the Yeowomen

were unable to clear the puck from its own end.

York finally put the game out of reach with 20 seconds remaining in the second period on Brown's second goal.

The only score tallied in the final frame was Cate's first marker of the season.

POSTE MORTEM: An official protest has been sent to the O.W.I.A.A. by York when the scheduled game against McMaster had to be played as an exhibition with unofficial referees, as the O.H.A. referees had failed to appear. A decision as to whether York will be forced to forfeit the game or have it rescheduled should be forthcoming from the league this week.

Friday night the team travels to Varsity Arena to take on Toronto at 6 p.m.