Yeowomen can't steal Blues' thunder at indoor final

By PAMELA JARVIS

It was a very emotional final. After defeating the U of T Varsity Blues in two tournament finals this season, the field hockey Yeowomen finally succumbed to Toronto in the OWIAA indoor championships last weekend.

The 3-0 win gave Toronto a perfect 3-for-3 record in championship play this year. Liz Hoffman's Blues captured the Ontario and Canadian outdoor titles in the fall.

"After the other two indoor finals were played, U of T made a change that worked against us," said fiveyear Yeowomen veteran Sharon Creelman. "The teams were pretty even scoring-wise. We didn't convert our chances. We played for 40 minutes but if you don't score, you can't win."

York opened the tournament, hosted by U of T, on Saturday, demolishing Queen's 12-0. Nine Yeowomen scored in the offensive blitz. Michelle Capperauld registered the shutout.

In the second of three games, York beat Waterloo 5-1. Joel Brough had a pair for the Yeowomen. Creelman, Jackie DeGoeij, and Cathy Timmins had singles.

The day ended with a 9-1 victory for York over Guelph, the eventual bronze medalists. Creelman set the pace with a five-goal performance. Brough, Kelly Thormeyer, Dale Peltola, and Tammy Holt scored the other York markers.

A perfect 3-0 record in roundrobin play advanced York to the semifinal against the Western Mustangs.

The 'Stangs had nothing to lose and played a very physically aggressive game. However, "they didn't have enough depth to keep it going. We really controlled the boards,' said York coach Marina van der Merwe. "It was a good warmup game for us . . . they played similar to U of T. Our athletes could experience what we had to do."

Creelman had a pair in the 6-1

win, with singles going to Holt, Timmins, and Peltola. Western's Sarah Ostler's late penalty stroke spoiled Capperauld's shutout bid.

Once again the provincial final was an all-Metro affair. The Blues were determined to regain their supremacy.

"We were really psyched but we knew it would be close," said Blues captain Bernie Casey. "We don't take York for granted."

Stubborn defensive play by both teams kept much of the action at midfield. Despite several golden scoring chances at both ends, the sparkling efforts of Capperauld in the York net and Toronto's Tina Farrar kept the game scoreless.

No one was happier with the halftime result than Blues coach Hoffman.

"It was a real lift," said Hoffman. "The last two games we were down two goals at half."

The second half featured more of U of T's "power running" and numerous penalty corners that York

In a classic match-up, Creelman - a Seoul Olympian - fired a point-blank shot from a penalty corner that beat Farrar. Only a sweeping stop by all-Canadian Casey saved the goal.

With the clock winding down, Toronto fed forward Vicky Smith with a pass up the left board. In a play eerily reminiscent of the Ontario outdoor final, Capperauld got a piece of Smith's weak shot but the ball managed to dribble over the line. The umpire signalled for goal, despite York's protests that Smith had obstructed the defenders, which put the Blues ahead with only a couple of minutes remaining.

With about a minute and a half remaining, York pulled goalie Capperauld in favour of an extra attacker.

Unfortunately the bold, yet necessary set play did not run as planned. Toronto intercepted the ball and Smith converted for her second of the game.

The Yeowomen attempted to regroup but ran out of time as U of T's Ainsley Press scored on the empty net to put the game out of reach.

"We had to pull the goalie or they would have just stalled," explained van der Merwe. "It wasn't finely tuned, which shows that it must be practiced."

The goalie-pulling did not shock the Blues. However, Smith said she was "surprised at the results. It usu-

ally means a quick goal for the team but we were able to capitalize."

"They've always been barn burners . . . and that's exciting," said Hoffman of the U of T York rivalry. Her Blues have now won three straight provincial indoor titles.

"It's a game of control," said van der Merwe. "We maintained our game plan for 90 per cent of the game - but we couldn't control the forcefulness or the rule interpretation."

Van der Merwe had high praise for rookie goalkeeper Capperauld. "Fabulous," said van der Merwe.

"She was 'studied magic.' She displayed calmness and applied technical expertise. For a first-year player against that calibre . . . it was one of the most encouraging outcomes (of the weekend)."

Capperauld, Timmins, and Peltola were named to the second allstar team. Creelman, who lead the Yeowomen with 11 goals, was a first team all-star.

York nabs OUAA track silver

By DANNIS KOROMILAS

The York men's and women's track and field teams captured second place overall at the OUAA and **OWIAA** Championships held last weekend at the Metro Track Centre.

With 13 teams from across Ontario attending, the provincial meet boasted some of the most promising university athletes in the country.

Among these was York superwoman France Gareau, who captured two gold medals - in the 300m and 600m — and a silver — in the 60m sprint - in just one hour of competition. Along with these victories Gareau ran anchor in the women's 4x200 and 4x400m relays.

All the latter race, the Yeowomen trailed a powerful Western squad until the final stretch when they handed off the baton to Gareau, who bolted past the competition to a first place finish.

The 21-year-old track star is no to high intensity competition, as she was a member of Canada's Olympic relay teams at Los Angeles in 1984. Gareau was named top female athlete of the OWIAA meet for her efforts.

Coach Sue Summers, whom several athletes credited with much of their success, seemed quite satisfied

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with the overall performance of both the men's and women's teams.

"All the women came through with solid performances. The men also came through very strongly and we had a lot of personal bests," said Summers.

Other Yeowomen results included Lesa Mayes' win in the shot put. Mayes took the gold with a toss of 13.33m. Andrea Hastick finished third in the triple jump. Carlene Reid and teammate Hastick secured fourth and fifth in the long jump. In the high jump, Pam O'Donnell tied for third place with a leap of 1.65m.

In the 60m hurdles, Karyn Humber and Lesley Tashlin placed third and fourth. Carolyn Lee ran to a fourth place finish over 3000m.

The combined efforts of the team gave the Yeowomen a total score of 95. Western was a close third, finishing only 2 points behind York. Toronto walked away with the OWIAA title, amassing an unbeatable 147 points.

U of T also dominated the men's overall standings. Toronto posted 142 points, followed by York's 104 points and Western with 99.

York's Sean Foudy had an impressive run in the 60m hurdles. He is speeding to the gold medal with a 8:11 finish. Louis DePaoli was third. Foudy also had a fourth place finish in the 60m sprint, behind teammate Dwayne Roker.

Casey Belaisis placed third in the triple jump and fifth in long jump. Yeomen Graham Booth and Walter Hauer packed a one-two punch in pole vault, winning the gold and silver.

The men's 4.400 relay team also scored an admirable finish, taking second place. As far as the national finals are concerned, the men are confident that a change in their order could give them the edge they will need to pull from the competition and perhaps grab the gold.

"I think second place is the best York has ever done at the Ontario University Championships. U of T has won it the past 16 years . . . it would have been nice if we could have beaten them but they were much too strong," said coach Summers.

Both the Yeomen and Yeowomen are looking forward to the CIAU championship in Sherbrooke next week and their chances are good. Running against the best in the country will be no piece of cake, but from the attitude of the athletes and the results thus far, they have the hunger and drive to give their rivals a run for the money.

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