

# Sports and Recreation

## Volleyballers capture Ont. playoff berth

Add the volleyball Yeomen to your list of successful York athletic teams.

After the final round of league competition at Ryerson last weekend, York's totally revamped squad of nine all-out competitors found themselves in second place after being edged out of first on a tie breaking decision with Laurentian.

"We had identical records with Laurentian" said coach Wally Dyba, "but we lost a match to Queen's whereas they didn't, so they wound up first."

"But we are in the playoffs for sure, we had to beat U of T to do it, and we managed to do just that."

York defeated the Blues by scores of 15-12, 5-15, 15-4 and 15-12.

Yeoman Franco Girardo was singled out by Dyba as the most successful member of the team, in the weekend tournament.

"He put away seventy per cent of the spikes he attempted", said Dyba, "he and Janis Ozolins who had 18 kills altogether. They were the standouts."

In the second match York had a fairly easy time with Ryerson, defeating them 15-8, 15-8 and 15-7.

This victory left the Yeomen in a good position to challenge Laurentian for the top honours of the day in the third and final match.

Girardo and Ozolins teamed up again to register another high kill percentage, as York defeated Laurentian in three straight matches after losing the first. The scores were 7-15, 15-6, 15-12 and 15-7.

Dyba was also quick to point out that the teams serve receiving average has improved tremendously. Girardo and Showkat Hussain were the outstanding Yeomen in that respect.

York is looking to meet Western in the OUAA finals which will be held at Laurentian next weekend. Western is the defending champion in Ontario and Dyba expects they will be in the final for sure. He should know, he was the Mustangs assistant coach before coming to York.

In order to meet Western in the final, York will have to beat Laurentian and Waterloo.

"It'll be tough," he said, "so our guys will have to be really psyched up, but if we get to the finals, it looks good."



York's Sammy Manfredi and Lino Girardo show the true grit that has enabled them to reach second place in their division and a possible shot at the defending champions from Western. Coach Wally Dyba feels the round-robin eliminations will be tough, but if York ship win, can get into the final, he foresees a Yeomen champion

## Yeomen slump in Bowling Green

By IAN WASSERMAN

York's hockey Yeomen are in a slump.

Although the nationally ranked team has won nearly all of its league games they have not been

playing up to par, and with the playoffs but two weeks away, the Yeomen will have to turn themselves around, in order to remain in contention.

Last weekend, coach Dave Chambers took his charges to Bowling Green, Ohio, to meet the Falcons who are the fifth ranked American College team. The Yeomen came away losers, dropping both games, 6-2 and 4-3.

Coach Chambers knew that the squad would have to organize their play, but Friday night's encounter was one of the worst games the team has played all season.

The Yeomen were not executing the fundamentals. The defence were getting beaten in one on one situations, and the forwards were not making the clean passes they are known for.

The only bright light of the game was Steve Bosco, who returned to duty after being out for two weeks with an injury. Bosco thwarted the Falcons on several occasions and those that got by him were more the fault of the defence. He said after the game "I wondered to myself, why did we bring the rest of the team with us, it was like a shooting gallery out there." Brian Burch and Doug Sellars, scored the two York goals.

Chambers called a team meeting Saturday before the second en-

counter with the Falcons. Where stressed the fact that it was only a few weeks to the playoffs and that the teams that they would have to face before then are no pushovers.

On the ice once again it seemed that Yeomen were about to start the climb back to the top and into the swing of things. They came out playing their usual style of hockey making the passing plays work and watching the fundamentals such as backchecking and picking up their wingers. Although it looked like they had put it all together, they found themselves down by three goals at the end of the first period.

In the second period the Yeomen started a comeback on a goal from Aidan Flatley that ignited the flame. But they had trouble breaking through a strong Falcon defence and when they did they couldn't find the net. Finally Ron Hawkshaw pulled the Yeomen within one goal as the second period ended. In the third period, both teams traded goals with York's John Goodish scoring with ten seconds left in the game. Once again the goaltending of Pete Kostek helped keep the Yeomen in the game until the end. He blanked the Falcons on several opportunities that looked to be sure goals.

## York pair win top bird honours

By CHRIS MICHAELS

York Badminton Yeomen took top individual honours in the OUAA Sectional Finals held at R.M.C. last Saturday.

Gienek Kszakiewicz captured the singles title for York and later teamed up with Joe Jong to win the doubles crown. Fellow team mates maintained the attack with a performance which saw no York player with a ranking lower than second place in their individual seeds.

The sectional final included the universities of Queens, Laurentian, Ottawa, with R.M.C. and Ryerson. Sectional winners advance to the

OUAA finals to be held at Western U. this Saturday.

In the singles event Joe Jong of York placed second in the second seed event, Barry Ramsay tied for a three-way finish for first place in third seed position, and Michael Christ finished second in fourth seed.

The second seed doubles team of Barry Ramsay and Michael Christ also finished in second place after a hard fought decision in the final moments which saw Queens maintain an uncertain doubles position after losing the first seed final to York's Gienek Kszakiewicz and Joe Jong.

The York finalists will advance to London where they will meet tough competition from Western, U of T, and the University of Waterloo. All three teams have players which have been members of Canadian provincial or national teams. The Yeomen's own team of Gienek and Jong boasts the experience of a Canadian Junior Champion matched with a former Malaysian Junior player which leaves Yeoman coach Russ Evans optimistic at the outcome.

In cumulative team standings York trails Queens by a slim margin of one point as both teams prepare to send representatives to the provincial finals.

## Four fencers to contest championship

By DAVE FULLER

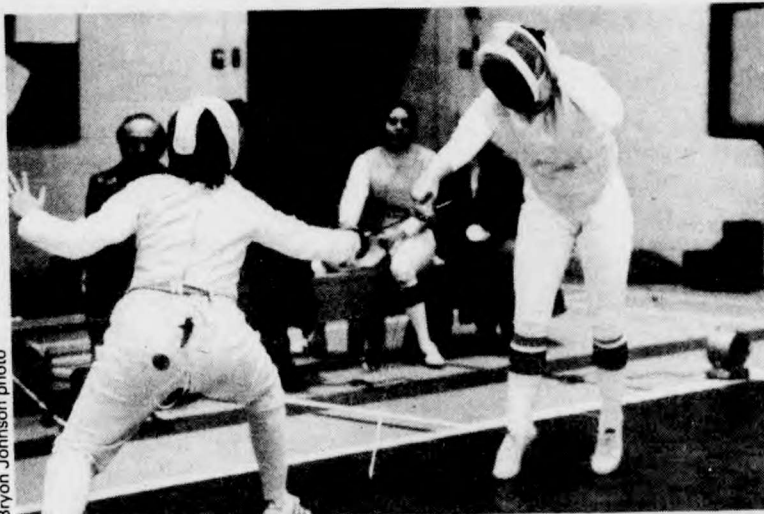
Four of York's fencers will compete in the Ontario University Athletic Association finals after last weekends men's and women's sectional meets.

Mike Stein, Sharon Boothby, Joseph Chan, and Wilson Lim will all compete in the individual competitions after York was eliminated from the team competition.

Fencing at York the women played host to Western, Ryerson, and Trent in a battle that prompted coach Richard Polatynski to remark on the great improvement they have shown over the beginning of the season.

"They were nearly done in by Trent, but they came up big against Ryerson, they've improved a great deal since the first sectional meet."

According to Polatynski, the girls have had their problems with the Ryerson team, "they've been a thorn in our side from the beginning, so it was great to beat them." Top fencers for the women were Boothby and Judy Goldberg, both of whom came up with some good fights. It was not enough, however, as the third place finish eliminated the team from the finals to be held



Yeowoman Judy Goldberg demonstrates how not to get stuck by dancing on her tiptoes to avoid being scored on by her Ryerson opponent. York's women hosted Western, Ryerson and Trent in the sectional tournament held here last weekend. Sharon Boothby of York advanced to the finals at the end of the month.

Also outstanding for the Yeowomen were Pat Thomson and Jayanne English, who have become stronger competitors with every event.

Western finished first in the meet, followed by Ryerson, York and Trent.

In the men's sectional meet at U of T, Mike Legris was eliminated

from further competition after the preliminary round.

In the sabre event, Mike Stein, the defending OUAA champion encountered some difficulty and wound up in fourth place. Wilson Lim took the last qualifying spot at sixth.

In the foil event, Joseph Chan had an "excellent day," according to Polatynski, and was able to advance to the finals which are to be held at Carleton next week.

"We've really come a long way from last year", said Polatynski, "last year we only placed one man in the finals, this year we've got three, it's getting better all the time."

Staff meeting 1 pm

## Sports Briefs

The York Ski team got their wish last Friday as glazed ice conditions prevailed at Georgian Peaks for a 12 team university slalom competition.

The Yeomen placed third overall, after a 10th place by Rod Farmer, followed by Paul Woodhouse in 12th, Blair Heslop in 17th and Glen McKay in 23rd. The team will host the York Invitational Slalom at Devils Glen tomorrow.

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York's women gymnasts took first place in both the Junior and Intermediate divisions of last weekends Tri-meet with Western and McMaster. The wins gave them first overall for the meet.

Doris Chandler was third junior in the floor exercise while Marilyn Hayes was third on the balance beam. The two Yeowomen were fifth and sixth all-round juniors respectively.

In the Intermediate events, Molly Larin placed first on both beam and floor and second in the vault and on the uneven bars to take the first all-round position. Lisa Beverly and Marlene Boyle were tied for third on the uneven bars.

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York Divers Lee Colby and John Filion combined for two seconds and a third against a pair of former CIAU finalists from McGill at last weekends diving meet. Coach Kathy Lane is pleased with the teams rapid development this year, with many of the divers reaching national calibre after only one year of competition.

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And because there's no more room, we'll quickly say that the Volleyball Yeowomen were "talented threats" in their recent matches against McMaster, Queen's and Waterloo, however they were unable to upset any of their opponents. Look for a more complete report next week.