

## Yeomen fencers not foiled yet

Chris Dodd  
It's back to the drawing board for Coach Richard Polatynski and the York fencing team after having finished well behind the leaders at the RMC tournament held last weekend.

The York contingent of inexperienced players showed promise, if not excellence, at the tourney. "We have a very inexperienced team," said Coach Polatynski. "A lot of our players are competing in first tournaments. Things may look good for the future."

### Feeling out process

In the tournament, however, the Yeomen showed some growing pains. They finished 7th out of 16 teams in the foil competition which was won by the host team, RMC. The Yeomen also finished out of the running in the Sabre and Epee competition.

"I was disappointed with the results," said Polatynski, "but 80

per cent of our team members are rookies. There are a lot of people on the team as well, which doesn't allow for a lot of individual attention."

It seems like a hefty job of

rebuilding for Polatynski and his swordsmen. "We all have a lot of work to do," says the Coach. The team will now prepare for its next tournament, January 8 at Carleton.

## Sportlite

Mark Zwol

As the cold weather rolls in, you might be giving thought to waxing up the old skis for another season of downhill. Ah, but the price of tow tickets and equipment is enough to take anyone's pocketbook to the sidelines. Well, this year's York Ski Club has organized an agenda that should put the fun back into skiing and take the sting out of some of those price tags.

Headed by a committee of twelve reps, the club boasts several membership benefits: free ski lessons for beginners, ski clinics for racers, "product knowledge" featuring many "how-to" seminars, inter-college ski competitions, and last but not least, a two dollar membership fee which offers a ten per cent discount at the "Racing Stripe" ski shop.

"York hasn't had a ski team in four years," Club President, Jay Madarino, said. "There hasn't really been too much support for the whole thing in previous years, but we've selected reps from all the colleges while Western, MacMaster, and other universities have agreed on meets to be held at various resorts across Ontario."

A non-profit organisation, the club is also credited with five qualified instructors and three racing coaches. As well, negotiations are under way for subsidized tow tickets to go along with the club bus that will provide transportation to and from events.

## Athelete of the week



Waterpolo netminder Bryan Robertson gets the nod as Excal's Male Athelete of the Week. He is unquestionably recognized as the finest varsity netminder in Canada.

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## SPORTORIAL

*Elissa Freeman*

When competing in a championship tournament, the last thing on a player's mind is the general organization of the event in which he/she is playing. That aspect is supposed to be handled by the designated organizers, in this case the OWIAA at the OWIAA Singles Final held two weeks ago at the White Oaks Tennis Club in St. Catherines. Although, the Yeowomen Tennis Team was triumphant in their bid to capture the overall crown, the event was plagued by many unnecessary administrative problems.

One such problem concerned the starting times of the matches. A schedule was never posted--something that inevitably leads to a great deal of confusion among the players and their coaches. The result was the default of Brock's number one player, Kim Whipp, because she was late for her match. The ruling came from a tennis umpire who is a member of the Ontario Tennis Association, and whose credentials include the refereeing of matches between the likes of John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors. On the other hand, according to Whipp and her coach, Oluf Lauridsen, she was supposed to start at 10:00 a.m.--a time known only to these two people. Lauridsen who also happened to be the tournament director, overruled the umpire's decision and Whipp was allowed to compete. This ruling upset both players and coaches and is still under protest.

### Shaky Foundation

However, this problem is merely a single crack in the already shaky foundation of the total OWIAA tennis system.

To ameliorate the situation, York team members, Debbie Kirkwood and Ann Kravchenko, have devised a system that emphasizes the team aspect of the game and eliminates the confusing individual rankings. "It's something about which I felt strongly enough, that I tried to do something about it," said Kirkwood.

Under the present system, the university teams compete in one ranking

meet and are immediately propelled into the Doubles and Singles Final competitions. The rankings are divided up into six 'flights', lettered from 'A' (the best) to 'G'. This means that one team may have a number of players scattered amongst the numerous flights. Each flight is also only allotted a specific number of points. For example, at the Singles Final, Kirkwood, who was in the 'B' Flight, won two out of three matches, worth 20 points. Kravchenko, who played in the 'D' Flight also won two out of three matches, but was only awarded 15 points for her effort.

### Several Sectionals

Under Kirkwood and Kravchenko's proposed system, the teams would play in several sectionals before competing in the major final tournament. In these sectionals, Team A's number 1 player would play Team B's number one player, Team A's number 2 player, would play Team B's number 2 player etc. The winner of any given match would then be given 10 points and the loser 5 points. At the end of all the sectionals, the team's overall points would be totalled. The whole team would then be given one specific ranking according to this total--instead of having players seeded in a haphazard fashion. More importantly, it would mean that a squad could not depend on one 'all-star' to gather all their points. It would have to be a team effort.

The only question is whether the OWIAA will adopt this system in time for the 1983 season or whether they will adhere to the present one for another year.

It would seem that the choice is obvious. Kirkwood and Kravchenko have already made their point. As for the OWIAA, the ball is now in their court.

## Yeomen even

Mark Zwol

The York Yeomen hockey team had "one of those days" last Saturday in a 2-1 loss to the Windsor Lancers. The Yeomen outshot the Lancers 38-22, but lost on a late third period goal with less than three minutes remaining. "We really didn't play very well," said Coach Bob Hedley. "Windsor was really up for the game--they checked and skated effectively. We had opportunities but things just weren't going our way."

The Yeomen defence continued their gritty, hustling style of play. Goaltender Dave Stewart, while beaten for two goals, turned in another solid effort to compliment his two shutouts thus far this season. Bill Ellison scored the lone Yeomen goal.

**GOALPOSTS:** While the loss evens the Yeomen record at 2-2, if last Wednesday's 8-7 defeat to U of T is any indication of things to come, the OUA had better take note of what is brewing at the York pond.

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