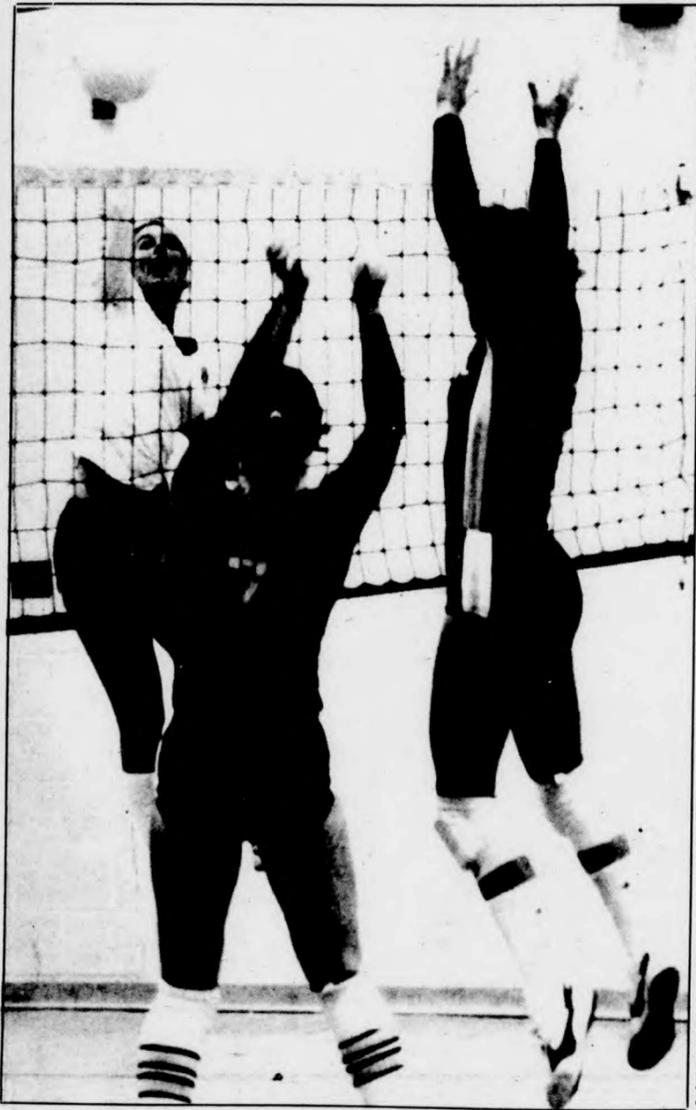


# SPORTS

## Yeowomen tame Tigers win Classic



The talent and experience of Olympic players Karen Fraser (7), and Karin Maessen (12) were not enough to stop the Yeowomen. York's Trish Barnes (white), one of three Junior National players on the York squad, was outstanding as a power hitter.

### Rose Crawford

The old adage that the best offense is a good defense was never given more credence than in last weekend's Tait McKenzie Women's Volleyball Classic.

The York Yeowomen put on a dazzling display of defensive volleyball to easily defeat the Dalhousie Tigers in three straight games, 15-7, 15-10, and 16-14, on their way to winning the gold medal match.

The Tigers were led by Karin Maessen and Karen Fraser, both members of Canada's Olympic volleyball team. Their talent and experience, however, were not enough to match the Yeowomen's more consistent team effort. As Yeowomen coach Merv Mosher later put it, "They have one outstanding player (Maessen), one good player (Fraser), and a supporting cast. She (Maessen) just couldn't do everything."

The third and final game of the match was by far the most hotly contested. After floundering in the first two, and allowing the Yeowomen to coast to easy victories, Dalhousie came alive and jumped to an early 8-4 lead.

At this point it seemed that all the steam had gone out of the York attack. Maessen took full advantage of the situation, scoring with numerous devastating hits, taking her team to a seemingly insurmountable 11-5 lead.

Much to the home crowd's pleasure, the Yeowomen came back to life after what surely must have been the longest and most exciting rally of the tournament which ended in their regaining possession of the ball.

From that point, they gained steadily on the Tigers and closed out the match with a 16-14 third game score.



Maessen (12)...the power hitter

Following the formalities of the awards presentations, a very tired Maessen attributed her team's demise to early season jitters. "We were very nervous coming into this match, partly because we were in the finals of our very first tournament and partly because York beat us in the round robin."

Tigers coach, Lois MacGregor, added that the main problem was her team's inability to stick to its main strategy — aggression.

"We just didn't play aggressive enough. We didn't give them as tough a match as we could have."

Yeowomen captain, Marla Taylor, was asked how she and

(Maessen and Fraser) simply couldn't do everything, if we stopped the rest of the team, and that's just what we did."

That strategy worked like a charm for York, especially in the first two games of the match where the Yeowomen totally dominated play.

Yeowomen Donna Kastelic and Andrea Williams, both members of the Junior National team, teamed up for some very effective blocking, greatly minimizing Dalhousie's attack at the net, especially Maessen's power hitting.

York's entry into the championship game was by virtue of a narrow semi-final victory over the University of Winnipeg Lady Wesmen, the team which handed York its only defeat, a 16-14, 10-15, 15-7 decision in early round robin play.

The Yeowomen should not have had any trouble with the Lady Wesmen, but as Mosher pointed out, "They don't look so fantastic, but you just can't let up against a team like that."



Maessen (12)...the defensive digger

## Last minute goal beats Lady Blues

Gail Stewart's goal with 1:33 remaining in the game eliminated any thoughts of overtime by Toronto as the Yeowomen won their second consecutive York Hockey Invitational with a 4-3 victory over the Lady Blues.

In advancing to the finals, York needed two goals from Sue Howard, one with 15 seconds left in the game to tie the score at three, and another in overtime to defeat the University of Guelph 4-3.

In York's second game, five unanswered goals in the last six minutes advanced York into the finals by virtue of their 5-0 victory over McMaster University.

Toronto's Karen Ranson's usually steady goaltending became suspect as York jumped into a quick 3-1 lead on Annabelle

Mezzera's two goals and a shorthanded tally by Judy Butler.

Toronto evened the score at 3-3 with two power play goals by Karen Wright and Lynda Relf and another goal by Wright before Stewart scored what proved to be the game winner.

Going into the game, York's game plan was to exploit the Toronto defence yet York's own defence coughed up the puck, made erratic passes and were caught up the ice more times than York goalie Donna Thompson would like to have seen.

The key to York's victory was their "desire to win" as they took the game to Toronto in the third period, outshooting the Lady Blues 8-3.

—Jules Xavier

## Athletes of the Week

Ice hockey Yeowoman Judy Butler is *Excaltur's* Female Athlete of the Week after her performance in the Yeowomen Ice Hockey Invitational. In three games, the rookie scored three goals and picked up six assists.

Rookie Rick Simpson of the York Yeomen hockey team gets the nod from *Excaltur* as the Male Athlete of the Week. He scored twice and added an assist in York's 5-5 draw with Queen's.

### This weekend on Campus...

The York hockey Yeomen, sporting a 3-1-1 OUA season record, take on the visiting Laurentian Voyageurs on Saturday, November 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the York Campus ice arena. They will then continue their season on Wednesday, November 18 with a game against the University of Western Ontario at 7:30 p.m....the Yeowomen hockey team opens its 81-82 OWIAA season tonight at 7:30 p.m. against the U. of T. Lady Blues, last year's league champions. On Saturday, November 14 at 2:00 p.m., the Yeowomen will take on the Queen's Golden Gaels for further league play...the Yeowomen volleyball team, fresh from its victory in the Tait McKenzie Classic, will face the McMaster Marauders tonight at 7:00 p.m. Action will get under way in the Tait McKenzie Centre gymnasium.

## Johnstone's goal lifts York to 5-5 tie

### Jules Xavier

Kevin Johnstone's goal with 4:55 left to play enabled the York Yeomen to come from behind and tie the Queen's Golden Gaels 5-5 this past Sunday at York's Ice Palace.

Johnstone picked up a rebound off the boards and blasted a shot by Queen's goalie Allen Keller for the equalizer.

With York trailing 5-3 in the third, Johnstone set up teammate Rick Simpson with his second goal of the game to close to within one goal of Queen's.

Queen's took the lead early in the third period with Joe Minken capitalizing on York's inability to clear the puck from their zone. Three minutes later, with York's defence caught up the ice, Dave Farrish beat York goaltender Dave Stewart with a quick wrist shot.

Stewart performed wonders in the Yeomen net as he faced 43 shots, 19 in the first period alone. Queen's Keller had a relatively easy time as he turned aside 32 York shots.

York were led by the line comprised of Johnstone, Simpson and James Canton who combined for 3 goals and 4 assists. Their aggressive forechecking forced Queen's into a number of mistakes and if not for Keller's goaltending, the trio could have added more to their game total.

Claudio Lessio and Tim Haunn were the other York scorers while Rick Minken, Ken Austen and Ron Davidson responded for Queen's.



Rookie Dave Simpson

Since York's season opening loss to the University of Toronto, the team has been undefeated with victories over Waterloo (8-4) and Laurier (3-2).

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