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MEN'S ATHLETICS

vanier cup

The Vanier cup will be played on Saturday November 21 at 3pm at the Skydome.

The Vanier Cup pre-game rally is being held at the FACTORY. The Factory is located at the corner of John and Mercer street, on Mercer. The pre-game rally starts at 12pm. There is a special student package available for \$20.00, this includes tickets to the Vanier Cup pre-game rally and the Vanier Cup game.

For ticket information please contact the Athletic department office at Tait McKenzie gymnasium.

cross country

Albert Dell'Apa was the top Yeomen finisher in 5th place (32:09).

hockey

The Yeomen were at the University of Minnesota over the weekend. They played in two games against UMD losing 5-7 on Friday and 0-11 on Saturday.

Scoring in the first game were Matt Stone, Shawn Costello, Jim Dean, Jason Hicks, and Bill Wright. In the second game the Yeomen were disadvantaged by 18 UMD power play opportunities, 4 of which saw York two men short.



Yeomen Tennis • photo by Michele Boesener

rugby

The Yeomen had their only loss of the season in the OUAA this year losing to McMaster 23-11.

tennis

OUAA individual championships were held at Kingston this weekend. Peter Bedard and Ben Woo won the gold in Men's doubles after defeating Queen's. Bedard had to withdraw from the singles semi-finals due to injury.

WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

field hockey

The Yeowomen shutout McGill 5-0 in their first match. On Saturday they defeated Guelph 1-0 before losing to UofT in the gold medal match 0-1.

volleyball

The results from the Mizuno Tait McKenzie Women's Volleyball Classic:

Friday, October 30, 1992

Winnipeg def. Toronto (2-0; 15-8, 15-10)
Montreal def. UBC (2-1; 15-11, 13-15, 15-11)
York def. McMaster (2-0; 15-5, 15-4)
Manitoba def. Mt. Allison (15-3, 15-9)
UBC def. Toronto (2-0; 15-7, 15-9)
Montreal def. Winnipeg (2-1; 15-11, 5-15, 15-13)
York def. Mt. Allison (2-0; 15-1, 15-2)
Manitoba def. McMaster (2-0; 15-2, 15-2)
Winnipeg def. UBC (2-0; 15-12, 15-3)
Montreal def. Toronto (2-0; 15-5, 15-3)

Mt. Allison def. McMaster (2-0; 17-16, 15-4)
Manitoba def. York (2-0; 15-4, 15-13)

Saturday October 31, 1992

Toronto def. Mt. Allison (3-2; 15-17, 15-11, 15-5, 10-15, 16-14)
UBC def. McMaster (3-0; 15-6, 17-16, 15-3)
Manitoba def. Winnipeg (3-2; 15-11, 4-15, 15-11, 5-15, 15-11)



Volleyball action at the Mizuno Classic at Tait Gymnasium • photo by Michele Boesener

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Volleyball Yeowomen settle for silver

by Rob Seaman

The York Yeowomen came within one match of winning gold at the Mizuno Tait McKenzie Women's Volleyball Classic here at York this weekend. Unfortunately for the Yeowomen, that match was



against the top women's volleyball team in the nation, the University of Manitoba Bisons.

York began the tournament by playing McMaster, and it was a good thing for York that they were playing one of the weaker teams. Although they won rather easily two games to none (15-5, 15-4), their play was somewhat sloppy.

"We'll have to play a lot better than that later on," coach Merv Mosher declared afterwards. "Our defence isn't where we want it to be yet."

The defence showed up in force for York's second opponent, Mount Allison. The Yeowomen crushed the Mounties 2 games to 0, by scores of 15-1 and 15-2. In the

first game York lost its serve just 3 times and lead at one point 13-0.

Coach Mosher was obviously pleased with his teams performance, and the win guaranteed York a spot on the medal round. But York had one more game, against the number one ranked Bisons, and Mosher knew his team was in for a battle.

"On paper, no one should touch them," he said. "They're big, well coached, [and] experienced."

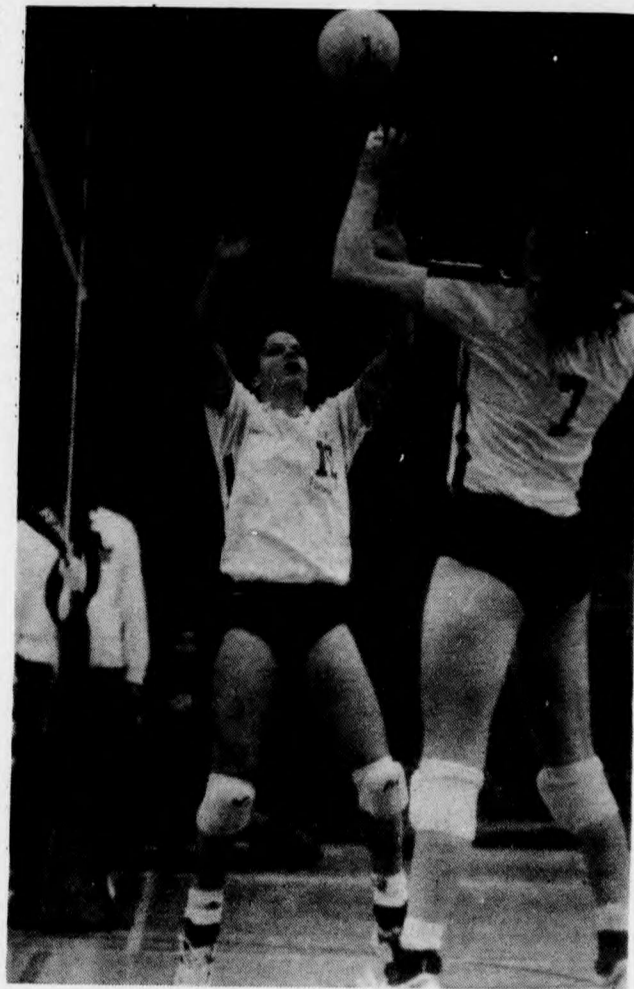
In the first game York did not touch them, as they were trounced 15-4. A more confident York took the court and the lead in the second game. However, with the Yeowomen leading 12-8, the experience and size of the Bisons began to show as they rattled off 6 straight points and took the game 15-13, and the match 2-0.

The 2-1 record placed York second in their division and were forced to play the University of Montreal Carabins, first place in the second division.

To win their division, Montreal had to beat three very tough teams; UBC, Winnipeg, and Toronto. Mosher knew what to expect.

"They are a very strong team, similar to Manitoba," he warned.

For the playoffs, the



Tournament all-stars Kendra Irwin and Susan Craig warming up. • photo by Michele Boesener

matches were extended to best of five, and a good thing for York as they were easily beaten in the first two games, 15-6 and 15-10. In both games Montreal built insurmountable

leads, 8-2 and 12-2 respectively.

The next two games were all York. Spurred on by team leader Susan Craig and some fine play by first year team member Taska Hoorstra, the Yeowomen forced a fifth game with scores of 15-9 and 15-7.

The final game of the match was emotion filled. The crowd cheered every York point or good play enthusiastically. The most vocal fan in the stands was Sue Lesage, a member of the team who had been forced to the sidelines due to back spasms. Her size was greatly missed, especially against the Bisons.

York fell behind early in the game, but the rising York tide of the previous two games could not be stopped, as they won the game 15-11 and the match 3-2.

"What a great game," said Mosher afterwards. "The team really showed a lot of heart."

York was now bound for the gold medal match. Their opponent was again to be the Bisons of Manitoba, who had been pushed to 5 games in the semi-finals against Winnipeg.

After the emotional win against Montreal, this match seemed anti-climatic. York played well in the first game, losing 15-9.

The wheels fell off after that. York started to miss serves and other fundamental plays as the Bisons swept the Yeowomen in three games.

York's showing was a great achievement. The loss of a key player like Lesage would greatly damage most teams, although hurt by this loss, the team regrouped and fought on.

The team showed a lot of character, and this bodes well for another championship season of York Yeowomen volleyball.

Prodigal son returns to York

by Josh Rubin

After a three year taste of the NHL, Dave Chambers is back at York University.

And the man who coached the Yeomen to their first ever national hockey title says he's glad to be here, despite what some people would see as a definite step down the ladder.

"I've always wanted to end my career at university. I've put a lot of work into becoming a professor," said Chambers, who returned to campus this May after spending time with both the Quebec Nordiques and Minnesota North Stars.

After spending a season as the North Stars' assistant, Chambers moved up in the world to become head coach of the Quebec Nordiques under former Minnesota GM Pierre Page during the 1990-91 season.

Despite going to a club mired in the basement of the NHL's competitive Adams division, Chambers says he enjoyed the chance at a head coaching job.

"It made me better as a coach," said Chambers, adding, however, that media speculation over whether or not the Nords would be able to draft Eric Lindros was sometimes hard to bear.

"It was tough. The Lindros situation dominated everything for the whole year," said Chambers.

Something all NHL coaches have to deal with,

though, was an enormously high turnover ratio, which Chambers found a little tough to take at first.

"You start working with somebody, and he's sent down, or traded. Sometimes it's just for financial reasons."

As a coach, it's also tough because you have to constantly keep in mind that your dealing with somebody's livelihood. I mean, if a guy gets sent down, he's suddenly making two thirds less."

Another adjustment Chambers was forced to make in his leap from university shinny into the NHL was the much lower ratio of practices in the pro game.

Whereas most university squads have daily practices of up to three hours, in the NHL teams sometimes have three or four games a week, shrinking the time for preparation and practice dramatically.

Despite the trials and tribulations, Chambers says he still had a good time in Quebec.

"The NHL was the only level of coaching that I hadn't experienced, and I really enjoyed the city," Chambers said.

Some of the other levels of coaching Chambers experienced include a world junior championship for Canada in 1988, several seasons with the national under-18 team, and also a stint as the head coach of the Italian national side.

His international experience made him a prime candidate to replace Dave King as

the head coach of the Canadian Olympic squad this year, but Chambers says he turned down a Hockey Canada offer in part because the contract was guaranteed for just one season. He also cited spending more time with his family as a reason he turned down the national team offer.

But the Olympic offer was only one of several Chambers has had since the Nordiques fired him 16 games into last season. Chambers says he was approached for assistant coaching positions in the NHL and was also offered a four year head coaching contract in Europe, but turned all offers down.

Though family concerns played a large role in Chambers' decision to come back to York, also instrumental was his growing interest and role in the university's coaching certificate program, something where he feels his 30 years behind the bench can be put to good use.

Chambers says he'd also like to help out current Yeomen coach Graham Wise in any way that he can, including on the recruiting front.

As for this year's crop of Yeomen players, Chambers sees a bright future, despite some early defensive difficulties. He was impressed with the Yeomen's current crop of rookies, which include the likes of former North Bay Centennial Bill Wright and last year's

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