

Sports cont'd

York volleyball in class of its own

by Riccardo Sala and Jacob Katsman

The Yeowomen volleyball team is no flash in the pan. That's the word from head coach Merv Mosher, who stressed his long term commitment to volleyball at York. "We've built up a programme which I would consider the best in the province."

With his team taking their seventh OWIAA title in nine years in addition to earning a bronze at the CIAU championship tournament, Mosher's comments are justified.

In the OWIAA championships, the Yeowomen conveniently defeated the University of Ottawa three games to take the title. En

route to the final, they also beat the defending provincial champs from UofT.

At the provincial tournament, several Yeowomen were outstanding including Chris Pollitt, a tournament All-Star, and Mary Van Soelen, who took MVP honours for her performance against Ottawa in the finals.

Only the Ontario champion advances from the OWIAA conference to the nationals held, this year, at Windsor.

York started the CIAU tournament on the right foot by defeating the University of British Columbia (UBC) three games to two in the first round. UBC had been ranked first nationally throughout much of the year,

while the Yeowomen, (even with a perfect regular season) never managed more than fourth in the national rankings.

The Thunderbirds grabbed an early lead, taking the first two games. "UBC's faster offence took us two games to adjust to. Later, we were able to stop it with our blocking," said Mosher. The Yeowomen came back, sweeping the next three games to advance to the next round against the University of Victoria.

Ranked first nationally going into the tournament, the Victoria squad handed the Yeowomen three straight losses. "If we played them 10 times, we would win maybe once," Mosher said about the superior Victoria side.

After their loss to Victoria, the Yeowomen played the University of Regina for the bronze. Like UBC, Regina was ranked higher than York and won the match's first two games.

But once again, the Yeowomen rallied to win three straight games, this time taking the bronze in the process.

In the final, the University of Manitoba defeated Victoria in a gripping match that went the maximum five games.



The Yeowomen and coach Merv Mosher pose in front of their seventh OWIAA banner in nine years.

Individual honours for the Yeowomen went to Cheryl Guay, selected as a CIAU tournament All-Star, Pollitt who was chosen as a first team all-Canadian, and Susan Craig, who received an honourable mention. Earlier,

Guay had also been named OWIAA rookie of the year.

With all of this year's players eligible to return next season, Mosher sees no reason why his team cannot continue its tradition of volleyball success.

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Equity programme lacks \$

by Jacob Katsman

The Yeomen teams had to work with a \$6,232 cut in their annual budget while the Yeowomen enjoyed a \$10,799 increase in the 1989-90 season, according to women's co-ordinator Mary Lyons.

The Yeomen's \$6,232 cut was re-directed into the women's operating budget with an additional \$4,567 coming as an equalization base increase from the provost and other university sources, increasing the Yeowomen's '89-90 budget from \$102,030 to \$112,829. Reciprocally, the men's operating budget was decreased from \$189,602 to \$183,370.

This move came as a result of a five year plan to create equality

between men's and women's athletics, initiated in 1987 by the Ontario Commission on Interuniversity Athletics.

The equality plan aims to review the opportunities for female student athletes and ensure gender equality in interuniversity athletics by 1993.

By allocating 38 per cent of the total athletics budget to women's athletics, York is coming close to the desired equality objectives set out in the report, said Lyons.

"I'm not looking for 50-50 equality, but 60-40 will be appropriate," she said.

Men's co-ordinator, Wally Dyba, said that the same opportunity must be given to both male and female athletes and all the needs must be met. However, he points out that men's sports should not be jeopardized because of this

affirmative action programme.

Men's fencing, squash, curling and badminton have not been funded by the department since 1987, but because of the equality budget increase the women's badminton team was funded for the first time during the 89-90 season, said Lyons.

It is obvious that equipment heavy sports like football require greater funding than other sports, and the men's hockey team requires more equipment than the women's hockey programme, explained Dyba. "These differences should not be overlooked."

This April, the five year plan will be reviewed by York's athletic department, which will once again try to balance its negligible budget, and allocate the limited Tait McKenzie facilities equally between the sexes.

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WATER POLO

One of the only silver linings to the Yeomen's dark cloud was Wayne Corrigan, who won the Kevin Jones Award for rookie of the year. Effort: **B-** Results: **D-** Composite: **C-**

WRESTLING

With Coach John Park's highly-publicized departure, the Yeomen had to struggle to finish sixth at the CIAU championship meet. Effort: **B** Results: **B-** Composite: **B**

NEW/YOUNG TEAMS

In addition to the above-mentioned teams, there were three others that participated as York University Varsity squads.

These teams, however, suffered because of the young age of their particular sport at York. Among these were the men's curling squad, and both of York's cross-country running teams (of which the Yeomen were not even able to field

a full team for the OUAA championships).

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