

Nothing relaxes the boys like a good fight.
—Francis 'King' Clancy, 1965

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Zanal, in all star-form, helps York collect the bronze in Excalibur classic

By PETER BECKER

The sixth annual York University Excalibur Volleyball Classic was held last weekend with the Bisons of Manitoba walking off with the top prize.

The eight-team tourney included the Ball State Cardinals from Muncie, Indiana (fourth-place finishers at the 1983-84 NCAA championships and silver medalists at last year's Classic), Penn State's Nittany Lions (1982 NCAA finalists), the Laval Rouge et Or (QUAA champs), the Dalhousie Tigers (AUAA champs),

the Waterloo Warriors (OUAA champs), the Manitoba Bisons (CIAU and Excalibur Classic champs), the Western Mustangs, and the host club, York's own Yeomen.

In the championship match the Bisons needed our games to beat the Waterloo Warriors 15-7, 15-11, 9-15, 15-12, but to get to the final it took the Bisons five games to knock out the host Yeomen in a hard-fought contest 15-4, 12-15, 15-5, 8-15, 15-11.

In the Bronze medal match York handled the Laval Rouge et Or in three straight games 15-5, 15-6, 15-4. "We have a very strong program

and I think we are proving it's second to none in Canada," said Manitoba coach Garth Pischke of his team's triumph.

Tournament MVP honors went to Bison power hitter Terry Gagnon, and the tourney all-star team included Manitoban John Barrett, and Olympic team member, Peter Curry of Western, Mario Regnere of Laval, Owen Jones and Dave Ambrose of Waterloo, and York's own Walter Zanel.

Western, Ball State, Dalhousie and Penn State finished the tournament in that order.

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Dave Samek, setter for the Yeomen volleyball team, was named athlete of the week in the OUAA just before the holidays. Samek led York with a 57% kill percentage, 10 digs, eight blocks, and made 24 of 36 attacks on their way to winning the University of Guelph OUAA Invitational Tournament.

Yeo-of-the-Month

The Yeoman for the month of November is gymnast Brad Peters. Peters, a third year math major, won the all-round title at the 11 nation Panasonic Cup Gymnastics meet and repeated as winner at the York Invitational Gymnastics meet. Peters has been the top gymnast for the Yeomen this year.

The Yeowoman for November is Paula Lockyer. The Yeowomen basketball team will depend on the two-time OUAA all-star for much-needed leadership and court presence. Lockyer is a fourth year geography student.

Christmas a real turkey for Yeomen at Ryerson tourney

By GARY SCHOLICH

The Ed DeArmon Memorial Basketball Tournament was not a highlight for the York basketball Yeomen. The squad wound up sixth in the eight-team competition, losing to the McMaster Marauders in a consolation final that was more of a consolation to the Marauders than to the York squad.

The Yeomen dropped a 73-61 decision to the University of Calgary Dinosaurs on the first day of the tourney. John Christensen led York with 20 points while Mark Jones sprung for 14, and John Rhodin led Calgary with 18 points while Bill Nash scored 14.

At times, the Yeomen were ragged undisciplined. Their ball movement was not as crisp as Calgary's, and the Dinosaurs made better overall shot selection.

York assistant coach Mike Quigley said, "The intensity really didn't pick up until the last six minutes. We were getting killed on the boards. We have to work for everything." If not for some strong defensive pressure,

the score would have been more decisive.

The second day, however, saw a more effective York team defeat the Allegheny (Pa.) Gators 99-81. Tim Rider and Christensen led the Yeomen with 21 points each, while Jones contributed 18.

In their final game, York was outmuscled by a powerful McMaster squad, losing 92-65. The Marauders closed off the inside passing lanes, holding the Yeomen to perimeter shooting. Mac had a strong inside game.

Perry Bruzzese led a balanced McMaster attack with 18 points, followed by Ed Zubas and Peter Ross with 15 and 14 respectively. Rider led York with 13.

"We learned some things, but we haven't really progressed," said York coach Bob Bain.

NOTES: York will be acquiring a new recruit in 6'7", 220 lb. Stuart Levinsky... University of Waterloo beat UPEI 71-70 for the championship... Calgary took Victoria 58-54 to decide third place.



Yeoman Don McLaren, who took part in the January 4 Canada vs. Dynamo hockey game down at Maple Leaf Gardens. Highlight of game was Harold Ballard's in-depth analysis of foreign policy.

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