

# Sports and Recreation

## Spikers clinch first against Rams

### Sandy Simonits

The Yeomen volleyball team defeated Ryerson Rams 3-0 (15-12, 16-14, 15-7) in league play on Thurs., Feb. 7 to clinch first place in the OUA East division.

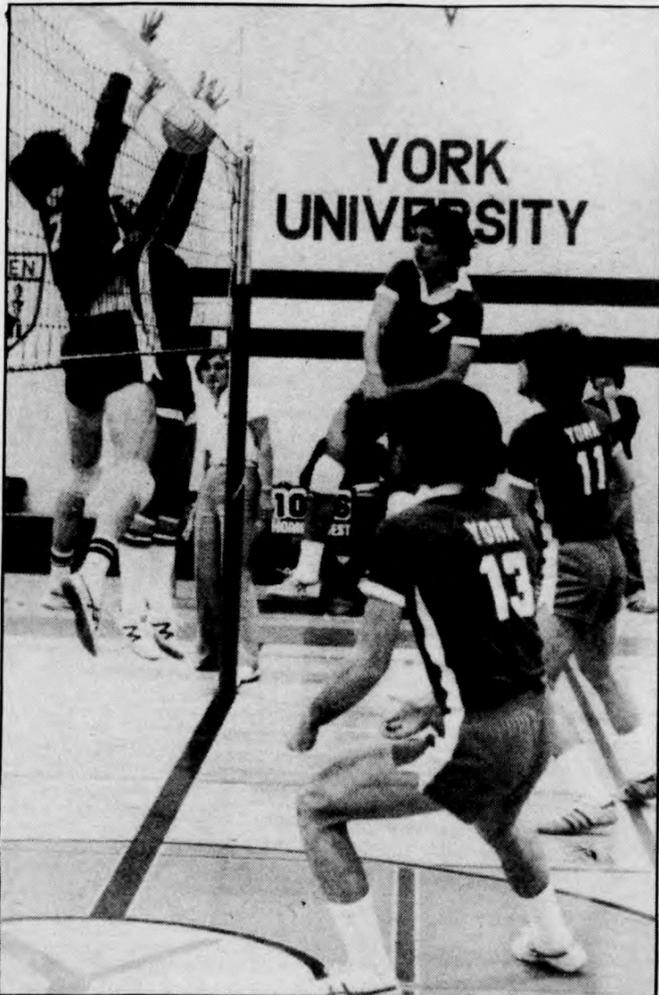
In what might be labelled their worst performance of the year, Yeomen were unable to make good on service receptions, and the Rams, led by Junior National Team member Alex Katrzynski, took advantage to make it a closer match than the scores indicate. At one point in the second game, Ryerson was leading 14-6 before York came back to sneak out a 16-14 win.

Mark Ainsworth was the top Yeoman against Ryerson with eight of the team's 33 kills, seven of its 27 digs, and three of York's six stuff blocks. Jim Claveau and John May added eight kills each.

Yeomen went on to wrap up their regular season this past Tuesday by beating the visiting U of T Blues 3-1 (15-4, 15-8, 8-15, 15-11) to finalize their league record at 10-2. Second place Queen's finished the season one game back with a record of 9-3. York's overall league-exhibition record was 28-6.

Yeomen's play was much improved against Blues, especially in blocking where Claveau collected eight of the team's 21 stuff blocks. Once again, Ainsworth led the way with 13 of the team's 52 kills and eight of the Yeomen's 32 digs.

On Feb. 22-23, Yeomen are in Waterloo for the OUA championships.



York Spiker Lino Girardo and teammates Dave Chambers (11) and Doug Kennedy (13) watch as Lino's spike sneaks past U of T block.

Bryon Johnson

## Two more swimmers qualify

York University's swim team qualified two more swimmers for the CIAU's this past Friday, while competing against the Western Mustangs in a co-ed swim meet.

This was the last dual meet for both teams before the upcoming Ontario Championships and the strong Mustangs seemed primed and ready as they overcame the York men's and women's teams by narrow and solid margins respectively. Yeomen were edged out by a score of 58-53, while the women's scoring closed out at 66-47 in Western's favour.

Despite the team losses, some individual York swimmers did perform with aplomb. Yeowomen drew strong performances from veteran Jane Thacker, rookie Lise Charland and Liz MacGregor, who was one of the CIAU qualifiers to emerge at this meet.

A very steady Thacker, who has back-boned the team all season, came second in three races,

showing her versatility in the breast stroke and individual medley events.

MacGregor captured the 50m freestyle in a time which qualified her for the CIAU's and drew accolades from her coach Carol Gluppe, who this weekend leads the largest contingent of swimmers ever to compete for York to the OWIAA finals at McMaster.

Showing her strength in the distance events by winning the 800m freestyle and placing second in the 200m butterfly, rookie Lise Charland continued to impress in her inaugural season with the team.

Other sharp showings came from Donna Miller, winning the 200m backstroke and placing in two other events, and Jane Goldie and Bernie MacGregor, who swam very well in achieving personal best times in their events.

Coach Gluppe was happy with

the results of the meet and she feels that her swimmers will impress at the OWIAA's in Hamilton next week, her expectation being that the team will be able to bring back medals in at least seven events. She also has four members (Miller, Thacker, Charland and MacGregor) qualified for the CIAU's now and is hoping for a couple more.

Men's coach Gary MacDonald was equally gladdened by the results of his male swimmers. "Western beat us overall," he cautiously noted, "but without their 16 points in diving we beat them by 11 points in the pool."

The most impressive swim of the night, according to MacDonald, was veteran Juri Daniels' effort in the 200m breaststroke. MacDonald didn't cite Daniels' showing only because it qualified the swimmer for the CIAU's, however. What most struck the happy MacDonald was the fact that Daniels qualified in his event despite a chronic elbow problem while improving by over five seconds from last week.

Along with his qualifying display in the 200m Daniels also came second in the 100m breaststroke. Sprint king Mark Erwin won the 50 and 100m freestyle events, with teammate John Bevan close behind, and freshman Bill Bevan won three events, including the 200 and 400m freestyles. Martin Tiidus also tasted victory for York in the 100m butterfly, while placing second in the 200m individual medley and the 200m breaststroke.

The men's team now has five athletes qualified for the CIAU's. With a good OUA championship coming up the men, like the women, could get two or three more qualifiers before the nationals at Laval.

## Gymnasts romp to their tenth consecutive provincial title

### Rita Hoobler

The Yeomen gym team romped to its tenth anniversary victory of the OUA's on Saturday at Queen's.

A six-man York team competed (with the five best scores counting), racking up a total of 256.95 points. In second place was U of T with 244.5, followed distantly by Queen's and McMaster.

In addition to the team title, Dan Gaudet, last year's Ontario champion, recaptured the individual all-around honors with 53.5 points. Nutzenberger was second, Marc Eprecht a disappointing fourth and Tom Bertrand fifth. The only competitor in the top five not from York was Simon Smith

from U of T.

The atmosphere of the meet was such that York's three Olympic hopefuls could try out some of their riskier new moves. This year, almost more than any in the past, York's win was assured. So it was an opportunity to test routines for the upcoming Olympic trials (Feb. 23-24 in Scarborough). An otherwise unimpressive general level of performance was highlighted by such spectacular tricks as Gaudet's full twisting back somersault on vault and Eprecht's triple back somersault off of high bar.

As a result of this meet, both York and U of T have qualified for the CIAU's. They will be held Feb. 29-Mar. 1 in Moncton.

### YEOMEN FENCERS' SEASON COMES TO A CLOSE

Yeomen fencers may have been "a bit out-experienced and lacking in confidence, but they were not outclassed" at the OUA fencing finals.

Team coach Richard Polatynski was quite pleased with his men's showing after a tough, tiring year of trial-and-error learning for its large group of novices. Veteran Scott Mitchell placed fifth in a field of twelve in foil, "a tremendous improvement for him" according to Polatynski, while Ron Warne, competing in sabre, finished last in a field of eleven.

In the team competition, the sabre squad placed fourth in a field of four, but as the coach points out, "that fourth means fourth best in the province."

Polatynski feels that, with a good summer's work and the learning experience of this year under their belts, his team will start to roll next year. "But right now I don't want to think about fencing for the next two weeks," he said tiredly, "then I'll get back into it slowly."

## Shortstops

### TRACK RECORDS TUMBLE AT YORK MEET

Last Saturday, four Canadian track records were set at a York U. all-comers meet.

Scarborough Optimists' Angela Taylor led the spree by establishing new Canadian standards in the women's 50m and 200m runs. Her times were 6.28 and 23.42 seconds respectively.

Also adding their names to the record books were Western's Sharon Lane, who ran the 50m hurdles in 7.20 seconds, and Taylor's teammate Ben Johnson, winner of the men's 50m sprint in a time of 5.85 seconds.

On hand at the meet were several York athletes who managed to deliver eye-opening performances. Roberta Angeloni breezed to victory in the women's 1500m run, stopping the clock at 4:27.8 minutes, while Nancy Rooks and Sharon Clayton finished two-three in the women's 3000m event.

### ON THE TRAIL OF THE GIANT SLALOM

On the first of this month, the men's ski team trekked to Collingwood's Blue Mountain, where they took sixth spot at a slalom race hosted by Waterloo.

Winning the team competition was Western who, led by individual leader David Tafel and runner-up Rob Safratta, amassed 160 points. They were followed by Guelph (133) and Queen's (127). York was well down the line in sixth place with 90 points.

This past Friday, the team took to the slopes again—this time competing in a Trent-hosted giant slalom event at Georgian Peak.

Once again the strong Western team won the event, but they didn't dominate as they had the week before. Western tallied 133 points, just four more than the team from Queen's that finished second. York's squad showed considerable improvement, taking third place with 107 points.

### SHEDDING A TIER

Barb Whibbs sunk 33 points to help the Yeowomen basketball team finish their regular season in style by walloping Wilfred Laurier 88-28 last Friday at York.

The win brought the women cagers' excellent record to 10-2, a smart enough showing for second place in the OWIAA's Tier II division. The ladies now move on to post-season play, beginning with the pre-finals to be hosted by Brock this weekend.

The pre-finals will afford Yeowomen the chance they have waited for all year—an opportunity to move up into the Tier I division and to cop a berth for the Ontario championships (Feb. 22-23).

Spark-plugging Yeowomen will be Barb Whibbs and Kim Holden, but a strong team effort will be needed to overcome the staunch opposition the team will face. Only one Tier II squad comes away with a ticket to the OWIAA finals.



Mary Doll

### YORK HOSTS OWIAA GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

York's women gymnasts will be after their ninth consecutive Ontario title as they host the OWIAA Gymnastic Championships on Sat., Feb. 16 at the Tait McKenzie gym.

The powerful Yeowomen will be competing in the finals against teams from McMaster, Western, Waterloo, U of T and Queen's. Though confident, York coaches Natasha Bajin and Tamara Bomp do expect tough competition from McMaster and Western.

York's Cathy Corns will be looking to repeat as Ontario's all-around champ, while both she and her teammates also attempt to land a spot for the upcoming CIAU championships in Moncton. Gymnasts qualify individually for the nationals.