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Winnipeg takes gold at Volleyball Classic

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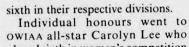
The Yeowomen soccer team may not be participating in post season play this year, but they ended 1987 on a definite high note.

Hosting their cross town rivals from the UofT, the York team took to the field and demonstrated a great deal of discipline in totally dominating the contest, counting a 4-1 victory.

Scorers for the team, in what assistant coach Jorge Almeida called a historic match to be remembered for years to come, were captain Carolyn Hanrahan, Sue Gough and Kristen Bell who scored twice.

The Tait-McKenzie Volleyball Classic was held last weekend and the results have York capturing only two of the five matches in which they competed. The Yeowomen downed Saskatchewan 2-1 in Friday's round robin and Ottawa 3-1 on Saturday. By the end of competition, Saturday evening, the University of Winnipeg had taken the gold with Manitoba and Laval grabbing silver and bronze respectively.

York's cross country teams comthe middle of the pack, each placing



placed sixth in women's competition and to Bruce Wainman, an OUAA all-star who finished up tenth in the men's field.

The Yeomen badminton squad took part in the OUAA Combined One Tournament at McMaster last weekend and placed second with 22 wins and 8 losses, while the Yeowomen placed fourth with 18 wins and 12 losses in the OWIAA tournament, also held in Hamilton.



In women's basketball, the Yeowomen travelled to Guelph last week and came back with a 48-35 win over the Gryphons with Michelle Sund netting 14 points. The men went to Windsor last Saturday and although they narrowed a 21 point half-time deficit, it was still too much to overcome, final score Lancers 98, Yeomen 89. Jeff McDermid scored 30 points and Stafford Lowe dunked 22 in the losing cause.



THE KOTEFF FACTOR: York defender Carl Koteff played strong defensive ball in Saturday's match. Despite this the Yeomen fell short, losing to U of T 3-1 in the Yeomen's first playoff appearance in 10 years.

Soccer Yeomen exit early after first round playoff loss

By GARRY "HOWIE" MARR

Even though the fruits of York's soccer Yeomen's hard work was a playoff position, they failed to overcome their first playoff challenge and were defeated 3-1 by the University of Toronto Blues.

It was the Yeomen's first playoff appearance in ten (10) years and they could have easily finished first and played this match at York. But the Yeomen were forced to travel to Varsity stadium to play a first-place Blues squad that is nationally ranked fifth and was only two points ahead of York upon completion of the regular season.

The Yeomen came up just short of a victory, which has been their problem all year. They were able to dominate the Blues early in the first half, but could not find the mesh. As a result, the first half finished in a scoreless tie.

York had some golden opportunities in the first half. One of their better opportunities came off a Hunter Madeley throw-in. Madeley backed himself up into an exit corridor to make a running throw across the field. It almost worked as the ball got to Richard Fitt in front of the net, but Fitt could not convert.

Before the game, York coach Eric Willis said he felt it was necessary to give the Blues "less space." Willis was fully aware of the fact that Toronto had scored the most goals in the division. By the same token, York's scoring ability has been suspect all year. The Yeomen plans for a defensive game were definitely working in the first half.

In the second half, Toronto was able to score first with a goal by Rob Pacas. In what must have been a definite mental lapse by the York defenders, Pacas was able to walk right into the York zone unchallenged and deposit the ball high in the right corner, beating York goalie Dave Ashfield.

After the game, coach Willis said that Pacas was probably not aiming for the spot. Toronto coach Jim Levkos confirmed that it was a "lucky shot." Nevertheless Toronto was able to score the first goal, something York should have done in the first half.

Toronto was able to make it 2-0 when Pat Cubellis received a head

pass and kicked it into the York net. Levkos called Cubellis, who played for the Canadian national team, a "key part of a very explosive attack." Levkos commented that Toronto had scoring from nine players during the season, and that York "gets credit for a stong game" in containing this attack.

The Yeomen appeared to be finished after Toronto scored their second goal and the Blues certainly thought the game was over. However, York showed great character and came back to make the score 2-1. Andrew Miljanovksi scored for York after the Yeomen continually hammered away at the Toronto net.

The Yeomen had five minutes left to tie it up and were forced to open up their offense and press. This left them weak in their own end and Toronto was able to capitalize with Pat Cubellis making it 3-1 with his second goal of the night. He beat Ashfield in close with little harassment from any York player.

Willis was happy with York's progress this year and has a good core coming back next year. Levkos indicated that he felt this was one of the best York squads in years.



UP AND OVER: A Yeowoman tries to spike the ball over Saskatchewan's front line en route to a 2-1 victory. York was 2-3 overall at the tournament held at Tait-Mckenzie last weekend.



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