

SPORTS and RECREATION

Both York swim teams surge past McMaster U.

The York University varsity swim teams started off their season with a bang Friday, when both the men's and women's teams soundly defeated McMaster, in inter-university competition at the Tait-Mackenzie pool.

The women's team won by a score of 59 to 34, while the men swam away with a 60 to 34 victory.

The wins were achieved by team efforts as York swept to four relay victories. After spending the Christmas season at their training camp in Florida, the team was ready for competition.

Despite this, team coach Dave Goodman concedes that York faces tougher competition ahead. Yesterday York met Western and tomorrow night it will face McGill and the University of Toronto.

The individual stats were as follows:

For the women: Jan Bueley, first in 50 metre free-style in 31.5 seconds, second in 200 metre backstroke; Gail Aamodt, first in 200 backstroke in two minutes 56.1 seconds; Candy Millar, first in 200 free-style; Bernita Hickey, first in 200 metre breast-stroke in three minutes 21.8 seconds, second in 200 metre free-style; Kathy Needham, first in 800 and 400 metre free-style, followed by Donna Snell who placed second in the events.

For the men: Arvids Silas, first in 1,000 metre free-style, first in 200 metre breast-stroke, second in 200 metre individual medley; Paul Boulding, first in 500 metre and 50 metre free-style; George Trenton, first in 100 metre free-style, Peter Tiidus led the men's team to first place in the medley with his backstroke.



The York's women's swim team outscored McMaster last Friday by a margin of 59 to 34, while the men's team splashed to a 60 to 34 victory. However, coach Dave Goodman cautions that tougher competition floats ahead.

Yeomen snatch two victories

By TONY MAGISTRALE

The last three games played by the York hockey Yeomen were just about the same as any other games they have played this season: the team demonstrated once again its strong offensive and porous defensive play.

Against McMaster, Queen's and Waterloo, York's goals for and goals against summed up its play

fairly accurately: 18 goals for and 18 against.

The Yeomen managed to win two of the three games, beating McMaster and Queen's, but their defensive shortcomings took the lustre from the victories.

Last Wednesday, York won the first of the games, edging the McMaster Marlins 7 to 5. The teams swapped goals in the first two

periods, with McMaster outscoring the Yeomen 3 to 1 in the first and York outscoring the Marlins 3 to 1 in the second.

With the game tied 4 to 4 going into the final period, both teams adopted the style of play which has characterized the NHL since the expansion year: close-checking.

What was slightly un-characteristic, though, was the fast spurt to the finish line put by on the Yeomen in the final 10 minutes.

Peter Ascherl shot York in front with a goal at the halfway mark of the period and, in a tight contest like this one, the tie-breaking goal is usually also the winner.

However, the Marlins came right back to tie it up and once again the two teams were in a deadlock.

SPLIT DEFENSE

Finally, with less than five minutes remaining, Gary Gill put the Yeomen in front to stay when he split the Marlin defense and went in all alone to score.

York's final goal came from Ron Hawkshaw into an empty Marlin net. Hawkshaw scored two goals in the game with singles going to Ascherl, Al Avery, and Bob Wasson. Final score: 7 to 5.

Saturday afternoon, the Yeomen hosted the Queen's Golden Gaels in what proved to be perhaps the hardest-hitting contest of the season.

For the Gaels, it proved to be another of those "too little, too late" performances as they were out-gunned 8 to 7 despite a last minute flurry. Ron Hawkshaw scored the hat-trick for York, while Bob Wasson added two. Singles went to Doug Scellars, Peter Titanci, and Gord Cullen, who also collected three assists.

TERMINAL STREAK

Sunday night against Waterloo, the Yeomen terminated their short-lived winning streak. The combination of sloppy defense and a rather impotent offence added up to a 6 to 3 defeat at the hands of the Warriors.

The victory strengthened Waterloo's hold on third place in the OUAA's Western division and brought its season record to 3 and 3.

The loss for the Yeomen dropped their season percentage to .500 with four wins and four defeats, but they still hold a two game in hand advantage over the Laurentian Voyageurs, who are tied for second place in the Eastern division.

For the umpteenth time, the U. of T. Blues have a stranglehold on first place, sporting a 6 and 1 record.

York's informal world of inter-college sports

By EVAN LEIBOVITCH

From amidst the conflicts concerning the need for a college system at York, one of the facilities offered by the colleges — and funded abundantly by their councils — is intercollegiate sports, often ignored by the commuter student.

The 16 sports involved in the programme are open to competition from York's nine colleges, as well as Osgoode, administrative studies, and graduate students. Each "unit" is allowed one male and one female representative to sit on the Inter-College Athletic Council, which sets up a constitution as well as specific rules for intercollegiate play.

Thanks to this system, a usually informal-but-fun type of game is played from among the teams bearing nicknames such as the Owls, the Green Machine, and the Maroons.

Coordinators of the system, A. Tidus and Pat Murray, are fairly pleased with the results. "Although most of the games are played simply for enjoyment, there might be some people who are not pleased with their situations. For instance, in basketball and hockey, the two most competitive sports, competitors aren't on much of a friendly basis. Depending on the team, especially if they are in the front running, some will insist that each rule be kept to the letter, whereas other teams take a more flexible and sportsmanlike attitude."

Tidus said, "However, the less physical the sport is, the friendlier the attitudes between opponents are. And coed sports are the other extreme from hockey and basketball. It seems that the men are definitely toning down on their combativeness when women are involved in the game."

And the combativeness is there. In a men's hockey game last Tuesday between Vanier and Osgoode, a number of roughing penalties were handed out, and a minor brawl started at the end of the game. Some teams are so competitive that they will try to default an opposing team if it is more than the 10 minutes late, as specified in the rules. They'll be glad to play the other team in 15

minutes, as long as it defaults the points for the game.

Default is dealt with pretty harshly in the system. If a team defaults one game in a certain sport and division (men's, women's or coed), it automatically loses 100 of the 200 participation points possible. A second default means the loss of all the participation points, and a third default automatically eliminates that unit from any further participation (or points for standings — 350 points for first place, 275 for second, 225 for third, and decreasing by 25 points for each preceding place).

For some colleges, it's an uphill battle, getting money for sports. Tidus recalls talking to Calumet's council on behalf of inter-college sports, and being very pleased to come away with anything near \$500. Some other colleges place higher priorities on the sports, however: Stong and McLaughlin, both contenders for the York Torch, contribute substantially more time and money than, for instance, graduate students, who Tidus deems, "the poorest organised of the units".

A spokesman for Osgoode (possibly the best organized of the units) declined to comment on the amount its council had allotted to sports. Although claiming to have drawn up the Osgoode sports budget, he said that he did not have even a rough estimate of the amount, "and even so, it might not be in Osgoode's interest to show the amount."

Tidus states that the present system evolved from intramural systems at other universities, but that more importance has been placed on coed sports and less on the significance of specific sports.

Although the general turnout to the games is not overwhelming, the programme does excite a solid level of enthusiasm.

Events remaining for inter-college competition this year are broomball, curling, squash, badminton, archery, and table tennis. Information can be obtained by calling coordinators Arvo Tidus or Pat Murray at 2351, or by contacting your college council office.



Dr. Labib Squash tips

The attack strategy

This is the first in a two-part summary on strategy in the game of squash. This section concerns itself with one specific aspect of the attacking game.

The second part will deal with a more general overview of strategy and the best type of shots to use in various situations during a match.

The most opportune time to play an attacking shot (such as the drop-shot) is when you have forced your opponent to the rear of the court with a cross-court lob or a drive shot parallel to the side wall.

When this situation arises, chances are that your opponent will play a boast, or similar shot, driving the ball up into the opposite corner at the front of the court. During this time you should be standing at the ready position in the centre of the court.

When your opponent plays his shot, move quickly to the ball, execute the drop-shot, and return to centre-court.

The type of shot you play, of course, depends upon where your opponent is standing in the court if he is a good player he will have moved to centre-court after playing the original return

shot; thus, the drop-shot would be the most effective shot for you to play.

After playing your shot, return immediately to the proper position in the centre of the court.

Now you have your opponent in trouble and you possess a good chance of winning the point.

Playing the drop-shot will make it very difficult for him to run to the front corner of the court, play his shot and then return to the centre of the court.

Meanwhile, you will be waiting at centre-court in a good position to return any shot your opponent might play.

Most opponents in this situation would do well just to return your drop-shot, but if your opponent is of top calibre he will most likely try to execute a strong forehand drive, forcing you to the back corner of the court and allowing himself time to recover to centre-court.

This combination of shots (cross-court lob followed by a drop-shot) is one of the most basic in the game of squash.

It forms the basis of a sound attacking game and, if executed properly, will keep your opponent on the move constantly.