

# Sports and Recreation

## Spikers sweep three

### Sandy Simonits

The Yeomen volleyball team added three league victories during the past weekend, and now hold down first place in the OUAA East division with a 7-1 record. York's overall record, including exhibition matches, is 23-3.

On Friday, January 18, York visited Ryerson for the first time this season and came away with a 3-0 (15-7, 15-4, 15-9) win.

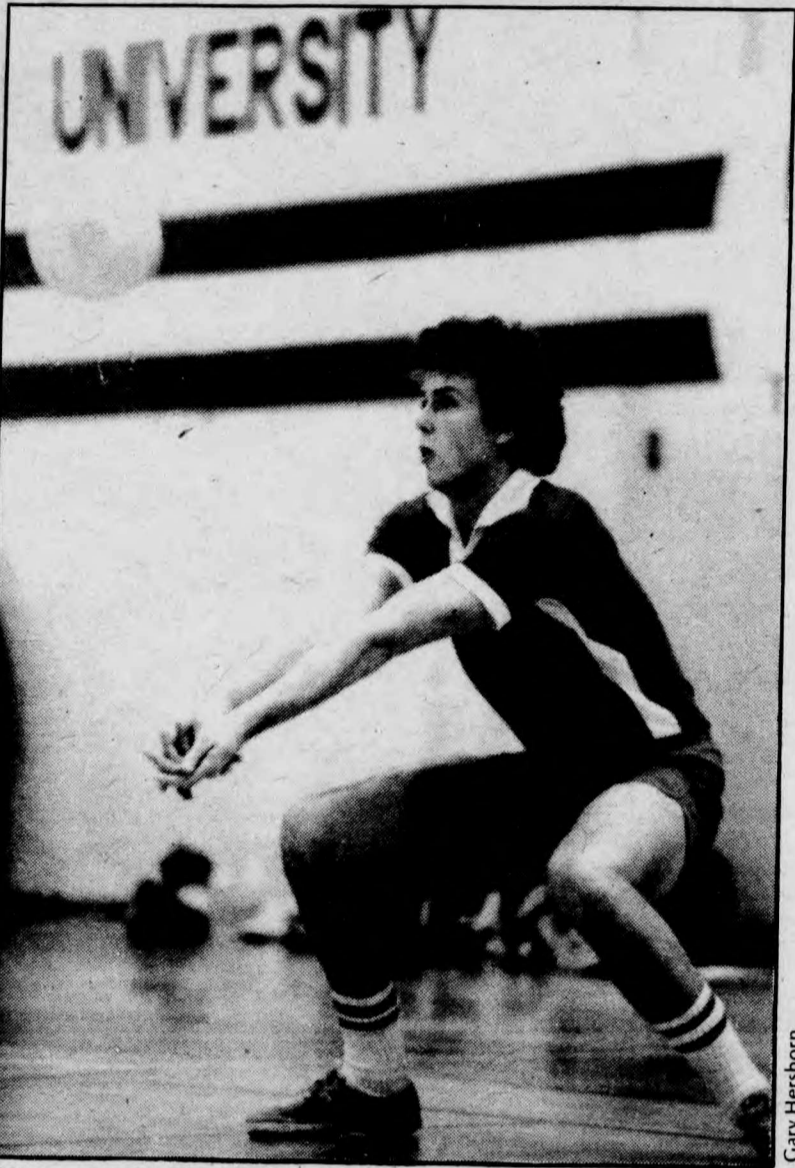
Yeomen spikers produced 34 kills of 63 attacks. Lino Girardo led with ten kills, followed by Doug Kennedy with eight. The blockers accounted for nine stuff blocks (scoring a point or side out by blocking an attack). Lino Girardo was tops with four stuff blocks. Larry Simpson contributed three. Of the attacks that penetrated the block, the defense picked up nine digs, with four of them going to Simpson.

The next day Yeomen played host to both Queen's and Ryerson.

As a result of beating York 3-2 in Kingston the last time they met, Queen's moved up to sixth ranking nationally. York stayed right behind in seventh. But after soundly defeating Queen's 3-0 (15-5, 15-3, 17-15) on January 19, York should move ahead of Gaels in the rankings.

Yeomen hit for 47 kills of 105 attacks. Mark Ainsworth scored 18 kills, Lino Girardo had nine. York made eight stuff blocks with Lino Girardo recording four. The Yeomen picked up a high 31 digs (Ainsworth 8, Franco Girardo 7).

After this match Queen's defeated Ryerson 3-1 in the round-robin play before York shut out Ryerson 3-0 (15-4, 15-13, 15-13). Yeomen totalled 37 kills of



This Yeoman had to dig deep for this set shot.

84 attacks (Kennedy 13, John May 9), eight stuff blocks (York Excalibur Classic all-star Jim Claveau counted four), and 27 digs (Kennedy 6, Franco Girardo 4).

Next home game for the Yeomen is Tuesday, February 12

at 8 pm when they host the U of T Blues. This weekend they travel to Penn State for the Nittany Lion Invitational. This tourney will feature the top university teams from the Eastern U.S., including Ohio State, Penn State and Pittsburgh.

Gary Hershorn

## Wrestling rookies sparkle as team prepares for OUAA's

Competing at the Guelph Open Tournament last Saturday, the Yeomen wrestling team responded in mixed fashion. But outstanding performances were turned in by Carlos Moniz at 158 lbs. and Jonathan Graham at 150 lbs.

Both reached the quarter-finals in extremely tough weight classes. Moniz led National team member Lloyd Renken of UWO most of the way before bowing out in a close decision. Graham, still a junior-age wrestler, scored the upset of the tournament when he defeated Canadian champion George Apostolov of Guelph. His quarter-final match against two-time Olympian Egon Beiler has to be chalked up to experience.

The team was coming off a highly competitive performance at the Queen's Open (Jan. 12), a meet which marked the first tournament of the season for some team members. Yet it was the initiates who sparkled in Kingston.

Wrestling up a weight class in his first meet of the year, Jim Stitt performed very well in the 126 lb. class. Ray Takahashi, '76 Olympic team member, eliminated his chances at winning a gold medal, but Stitt continued on to capture third place in his division.

Also competing for the first time, Doug Austrom pinned his first two opponents before his chance at the gold was taken

away when he met Clark Davis, who is ranked sixth in the world in the under-21-year-old division. Austrom, too, had to settle for a hard won, third-place finish.

Commenting after the Queen's meet, coach Albert Venditti remarked, "I am very pleased with the team's performance. Queen's is a very good opener for the season. We can now begin to iron out some of the kinks and wrinkles during the next six weeks before we tackle the OUAA finals."

The Guelph results indicated

that the team still has a lot of work ahead of it. Dave Tooke at 126, Jim Mendicino at 134, Dave Carmichael at 177 and Doug Austrom at 190 lbs. had limited success at Guelph. All had draws that reflected the difficulty of the tournament, which attracts competitors from every province.

Still, with the OUAA finals only a month away, Coach Albert Venditti expects his fighters to mentally and physically peak in time to emerge among the top three teams in Ontario.

## Yeowomen finally win to capture Concordia tourney

The York Yeowomen hockey team travelled to Montreal this past weekend to capture the Concordia Women's Hockey Invitational Tournament.

In Friday night's contest against the University of Potsdam from New York, Sue Howard led the way for York, scoring two goals in Yeowomen's 6-2 victory. Also scoring for York were Sue Skeratt, Lisa Biglin, Julia Lowry and Karen Muhitch.

Saturday's championship game saw the Yeowomen meet the hosting Concordia Stingers. Concordia had advanced to the finals by virtue of their win over the University of Vermont.

In what was initially a goaltenders' duel, York won 3-0. Sue Howard scored late in the first frame to give York a 1-0 lead, with Lisa Biglin getting the assist. Julia Lowry then capped off the scoring, counting once in the second and adding a final goal in the third.

The Yeowomen goaltending tandem of Debbie Phenix and Gail Dolson played brilliantly in the nets to preserve the shut-out for York.

Yeowomen placed three players on the tournament all-star team—Betty Ann Armstrong, Alice Vander Ley and Sue Howard. Howard was also selected as the tourney's MVP.

### ATHLETES IN ACTION ON SATURDAY

The Athletes In Action basketball team, considered one of Canada's finest basketball squads, and currently sporting a 31-5 record, meet the Yeomen this Saturday evening at 8:15 pm in Tait McKenzie.

The A.I.A. team, a ministry of a Christian youth organization known as Campus Crusade for Christ, tours Canada and the northern United States, competing against university teams and occasionally meeting visiting national teams. During the half-time of each game in which they perform, members of the team discuss their Christian faith and encourage others to commit themselves to this way of life.

In their 1978-79 season the A.I.A. team defeated the visiting Russian national team (ranked second in the world) by a 79-71 score and then battled in a losing cause (94-91) against the Yugoslavian national team, the number one ranked team in the world.

Against CIAU teams, the A.I.A. has scored victories over St. Mary's, Dalhousie, Winnipeg and Victoria, including an exciting 93-92 overtime victory over the Vikings.

## Shortstops

### YEOWOMEN WIN THREE MORE

The Yeowomen basketball team has continued its outstanding play by registering three more victories, extending the team's unblemished record to 7-0.

The visiting Yeowomen easily defeated Wilfrid Laurier 77-32 in a league game played on Jan. 11. High scorers for York were Kim Holden with 20 points and Barb Whibbs with 14.

On Jan. 12, York hosted Queen's in an exhibition game, with Yeowomen snatching a 75-60 victory. Queen's took an early lead in this game, but York rallied to come back and pull away in the second half.

Barb Whibbs was the hot shooter for York, with 22 points. In support, Kim Holden sunk 12 points, and Margot Wheeler and Elaine Stewart added 10 each. For Queen's, it was A. Cox with 19 points, and C. Fox and J. Deakin with 10. This is the third time this season that York has been able to defeat the Tier I Queen's squad.

And the team continued to roll along by scoring a 75-31 triumph over Carleton last Friday, the team's seventh straight league victory.

The York string was finally broken on Tuesday night in an exhibition match against U of T. Yeowomen bowed 50-43 to even their season series against the Blues at 1-1.

York's next home game is against Brock on Jan. 25 at 6 pm in Tait.

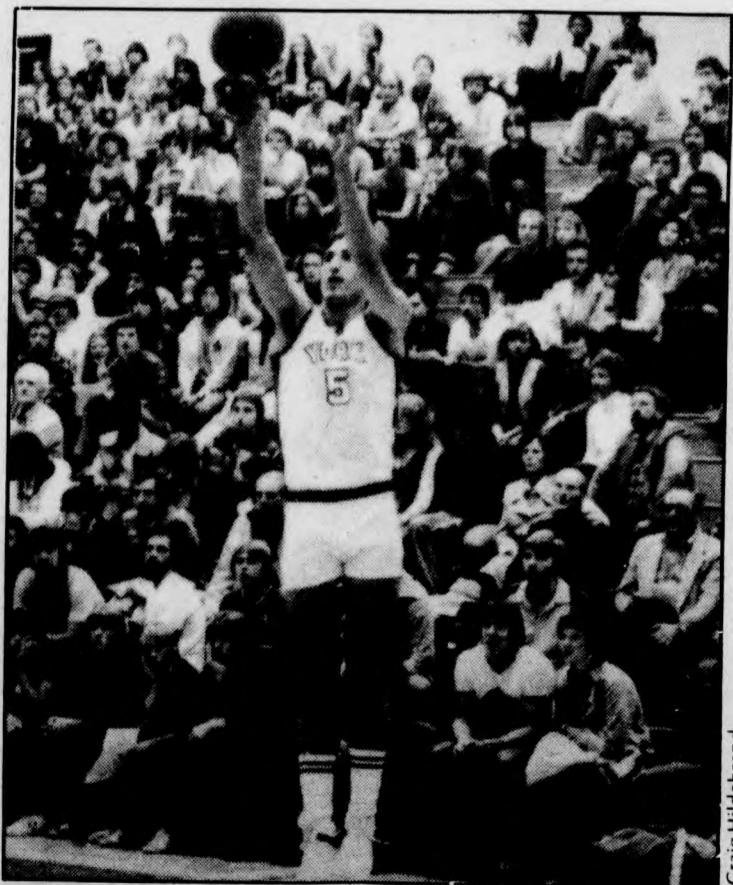
### CAGERS KEEP ON COMING

The Yeomen cagers boosted their OUAA basketball record to 4-1 during a week of heavy action.

Last Friday York visited Queen's just long enough to hand the Gaels a 90-67 setback. Despite playing without the services of star forward Bo Pelech (writing his GMAT), Yeomen seemed to find no trouble in producing points. Guard Dave Coulthard hit 16 from the field and added three free throws to tally 35 points. He was ably supported by his backcourt partner, Paul Jones, who counted 20 points.

From Kingston it was on to Waterloo for the Mike Moser Memorial game on the next day. The game, played in the memory of the former Waterloo athlete who tragically died of a heart attack, marked the second consecutive win for the Yeomen in this exhibition contest. They carved out a slim 59-57 victory over a tough Warrior squad.

The team finally made it back to Toronto, but this time to visit U of T where, on Tuesday, Yeomen clobbered their downtown rivals by outscoring them 76-35.



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