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Rooks stands out at world meet



A bespectacled Nancy Rooks sprints to a top spot at meet

Barely five feet tall and weighing a mere 90 pounds, Nancy Rooks showed her determination to the approximately 14,000 persons in attendance last Friday night at the Toronto Star Maple Leaf Games at Maple Leaf Gardens.

The lone Canadian in a top flight international field, Rooks surprised a great many people with her gutsy third place finish behind the United States' Jan Merrill and Ireland's Mary Purcell in the 1500 metres.

At the gun it was Merrill who took the early lead in a tightly bunched pack of seven with Rooks trailing the field through the first few laps. By the midway point in the race, two Americans had dropped significantly to leave only five in contention, although even at this point it appeared that the race was really just between Merrill and Purcell as the entire field was beginning to spread out.

With about four laps left in the ten and a quarter lap race, Rooks began to come to life, and as she did, so did the crowd. First she passed Brenda Webb of the University of Tennessee to move into fourth, and then about 200 metres later she passed Debbie Vetter of Iowa State University to slide into third.

With just less than two laps left Merrill began to pull away from Purcell and continued on in her strong running form to record a fine 4:15.8 victory. On the closing

lap Rooks was even gaining on Purcell but she was not close enough to pose a serious threat to the Irish girl with Purcell clocking 4:18.1 and Rooks 4:21.5.

In the Ontario Universities 50 yard dash final, Western Ontario's David Lee Pong maintained his undefeated string of 1979 by sprinting to victory in 5.58 seconds. York's duo of Andy Buckstein and Noel Grant was shunted back to third and fourth place in times of 5.69 and 5.72 seconds, respectively, as Laurier's Ron Archibald came in second at 5.68 seconds. Both York sprinters broke the old varsity record of 5.74 seconds established by Buckstein last year.

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encouraging to those concerned.

One athlete that did shine was Brenda McLaughlin who was very pleased with her personal best of 6.9 seconds over 50 metres as she placed second in her afternoon section.

Steve Caws showed his versatility by leaping 1.85 metres in the high jump for a second; a clocking of 7.9 seconds for the 50 metre hurdles for a second in his section; and by adding a 9.98 metre shot put for an eighth. All three events were in the afternoon.

The only other competitor for York in the afternoon was high jumper Sandy Rozier who placed seventh with a leap of 1.55 metres.

In the evening's Invitational meet, Caws (who was a late ad-



York's Andy Buckstein (right) finishes third in 50-yd. dash.

students only), Sharon Clayton had York's top finish with a varsity record tying 5:02.9 in the mile for second place.

Coming up with strong third place showings were middle distance runners Farooq Shabbar in the 1000 yards and Derrick Jones in the mile.

One other top performance for York was that of Steve Caws in the high jump where he took fourth place and added five centimetres to his varsity record by leaping 1.90 metres.

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On Saturday, coach Scott White took five York trackers to London to participate in the afternoon's all comers meet and the evening's Invitational meet, but the results for the most part were not very

dition to the event) high jumped for the third time in less than 30 hours and took a bronze medal by clearing 1.85 metres once again.

Shotputter Bill ("Clingfree") Milley was disgusted with his showing as he put the shot 13.70 metres for a fourth place finish showing as he put the shot 13.70 metres for a fourth place finish, and then contemplated a murder-suicide pact on the way home when not performing his Bob and Ray imitations with Caws.

Andy Buckstein came out of the blocks slowly and never fully recovered in the 50 metres, being timed in 5.9 seconds for a fourth in his semi-final and hence missing the qualifying final by one place.

Talented team eyes finals

By Jeff Carmichael

If you haven't seen the Yeowomen volleyball team in action, you've missed a lot.

On January 23, the Yeowomen hosted Waterloo Warriors. York, fourth in the country behind Waterloo, beat the Warriors in three consecutive games. Throughout their flawless match, Yeowomen proved themselves to be top contenders for both the Ontario and Canadian Inter-Collegiate Championships. The Ontario Championships will be held at York's Tait McKenzie Gym on Feb. 23 and 24.

The disadvantage for the nationally ranked teams in the province (York, Waterloo and Western), is that only one team from Ontario can advance to the Canadian finals. If the Yeowomen continue their trend of playing exceptionally well at home, the possibility of their advancement to the National Championship at McMaster looks extremely bright.

The Yeowomen are comprised of many high calibre and very talented players. The members of the team are successful athletes in a variety of sports.

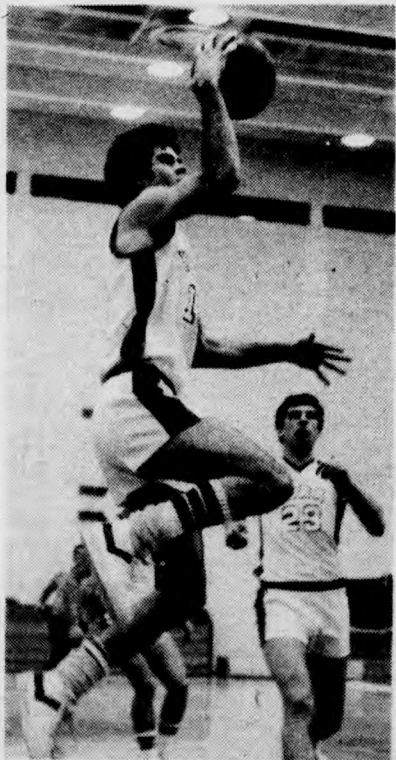
According to Sandy Silver, the Yeowomen volleyball coach for four years and a former coach of the Ontario team, "the team is made up of individuals who have a variety of interests with the major one being volleyball. Each player respects one another and this trait leads to the cohesiveness displayed on the court. They are very hard workers with the majority of them being actively involved in volleyball twelve months of the year".

Seven of the team's nine players have been, or are, currently members of Ontario's Provincial team. They are Sandy Hart, Jane Goldie, Fiona MacGregor, Kim Ronsyn, Marla Taylor, Eilanna McKendry, and Brenda Lord.

Many of the Yeowomen have had past competitive experience in other sports: Fiona MacGregor in badminton, Sandy Hart in gymnastics, Marla Taylor in the throwing events of Track and Field, and Jane Goldie was a very successful competitive swimmer. Kim Ronsyn, a qualified swimming instructor, is currently

training with Canada's National Volleyball team.

It's not very often a person gets the opportunity to watch a team whose members are all exceptional athletes. The Yeowomen volleyball squad is such a team. Whether they make it to the National Championships or not, they are, without a doubt, winners.



Dave Coulthard and Ron Kaknevicus

By Bruce Gates

The York Yeomen set a team record last Friday night at Tait McKenzie by filling the hoops with 123 points on their way to an easy 123-63 win over the Ottawa Gee Gees.

Saturday's game here against the Etobicoke Estonians was no cakewalk by comparison, but according to alternate forward Ron Kaknevicus, York "did a

number on those guys" and won 89-69.

Centre Lonnie Ramati netted 32 points against the Estonians, following up his brilliant 29-point performance Friday night against Ottawa.

Ramati dominated Gee Gees centre Steve Huck, limiting him to only a single point and no rebounds. Huck, who's been averaging 23 points a game, is an all-star candidate — something which must have rankled York's big centre, who went 11 for 11 from the foul line.

Explained coach Bob Bain: "When Lonnie wants to dominate someone he really dominates them."

The entire York team dominated the Gee Gees, with seven players hitting the double figures; and, with Ottawa subbing often in the first ten minutes, York piled up a 51-16 margin and appeared on their way to hitting the 100 mark before half time. As it was, the Yeomen led 67-39 at the half.

As the lead mounted in the first half, Bain also subbed his players, and it seemed that no matter who was out there, they totally out-classed Ottawa. The only bright note for the Gee Gees was the 19-point effort by Pat Signorotti.

"I think the players felt they had something to prove," offered assistant coach Gerry Barker after the game. "They were up by only

Yeomen win again, and again....

three at the half against the Gee Gees in the game we played in Ottawa. The guys knew what they had to do this game and just went out there and did it."

Free throws: Yeomen had 74 rebounds against the Gee Gees...Apparently the record for most points by one team in a game

in this league is 134 set by the U of T a number of years ago... Tomorrow night York hosts Laurentian...York now has an unofficial cheerleader in the person of Dave Turner, who could become the Yeomen's answer to Victoria's Mad Viking, or Waterloo's Warrior.

Brennand makes big splash

By Lynn Tomlinson

Betty Ann Brennand, of the York Yeowomen Synchro Team, captured first place in both the senior figures and the solo event at the OWIAA Synchro Sectional Meet held over the weekend in Waterloo to boost York to a second place finish overall. Queen's University took first place ahead of York only after the team routine event in which York had no entries.



Randy Bregman

Brennand, who will be competing at the Canada Games this weekend in Brandon Manitoba, has placed first in the OWIAA Synchronized Swimming Championships for the past two years. Coach Pat Murray is confident that Betty Ann will also do well this year as she is ranked among the top fifteen swimmers in Canada.

In novice figures, Gayle Brocklebank swam to a second place finish while teammate Judy Fudge captured seventh place out of seventeen entries. The two girls later combined their talents in the duet event to take third spot. Coach Murray was also pleased with the performances of Mary Ann Hand and Linda Feese, first-year competitors with the team and promising hopes for next year.