

# Sports and Recreation

## Rooks leads York on track



Gary Hershorn

Sandy Rozier, a York high jump hopeful, fails in her final attempt to clear the 1.55 m mark.

### Barb Mainguy

There were eight new records set on York's new indoor track at the Ontario University Athletic Association Track and Field Championships last Friday and Saturday.

"And we've been setting National and World records here

almost every weekend," marks David Smith, coach of the York team, who sees this as yet more proof of the high performance capacity of the new facility.

There were approximately 500 athletes participating in the weekend event, from twelve Ontario universities. One of the

best performances of the day was turned in by nationally-ranked, York student Nancy Rooks, who set a meet record of 9:38.7 in the 3000 metres. Other high-ranking York athletes were Sharon Clayton, who ran for a fourth place finish in the women's 1000 metres, and received a bronze medal in the 3000m; Farooq Shabbar, who captured third place in the men's 1000 m with a time of 2:29.5; and Bill Milley, who won the silver medal in shot-put with a throw of 13.75 metres.

Top honours overall in the woman's division went to the University of Western Ontario, with 140 points, and in the men's division to the University of Toronto, with 124 points. York teams finished sixth and fourth respectively.

While this could seem like a disappointing team result, Smith said the York showings were about what he had expected. But he is confident that because of the track centre, things will be looking up in the future.

"We're getting a lot of high school students now, who are getting used to training on the new facility. We hope they'll decide to come here, instead of going to the United States. And this year we had the best turnout ever for the team."

## Twin titles for gymnasts

### Rita Hoobler

York's gymnasts have returned from their most successful national championships ever. In the competition, held in Moncton last Friday, both the men's and women's teams placed first to capture national titles.

Of course the men's win was predictable (their eighth consecutive CIAU title) but the women's was in the order of a major upset. The team that was second to McMaster in the OWIAA's edged UBC by a margin of 95.3 to 93.95. McMaster was third with 92.85. This marked the very first time that Yeowomen have been national champions.

As for the Yeomen, they rolled to their victory with a record 159.2, a convincing twelve point lead over second-place Laval. U of T finished third.

In addition, Dan Gaudet won the individual all-around title with 54.5, making it the fifth year

in a row that a York gymnast has been champion. Frank Nutzemberger of York was third behind Laval's Yves Dion.

In the women's meet on Friday, Laurie McGibbon was the highest all-rounder at fourth. She and all of the other members of the team — Molly Larin, Sue Baier, Carol Orchard and Cathy Corns — qualified for at least one event each in finals by placing in the top six.

Corns earned the only hardware, however, in taking silver on floor. Although McGibbon had the second highest score on bars on Saturday, the medals are determined by both days' scores and unfortunately her total was only good enough for fourth.

All in all, it was an excellent performance for both the men and women and congratulations to the gymnasts and coaches are in order.

## Fight night: A rowdy time at Vanier

### Jonathan Mann

I don't know why, but I love boxing.

There's something about watching two men flail each other with their fists before hundreds of drunk, jeering screamers that brings out the best in me.

Last Thursday night I had a chance to watch some "pugilists" at Vanier Dining Hall, along with the 350 drunk screamers mentioned above.

Truth-be-told, it wasn't top notch action. There wasn't a single competitor there who I couldn't take on if I was mad. (You've never seen me really mad). But it was close enough.

The first bout was between two boxers whose combined weight totalled all of 176 lbs. But by the time it finally began the bar had been open for over an hour, so it was fun to watch the two ten year olds try to punch each other out. Mike 'The Irish Rebel' Mahon took the bout, after some spirited knocking about in three one minute rounds.

The next fighters, a varied assembly of pale adolescents, came and went without making any effect on me. Each of them spent six minutes in the ring spread over three rounds.

Now I'm sure that six minutes in the ring is more than enough for these fighters, but as a spectator, I have no concern for their feelings on the issue. Six minutes just isn't enough time for me to really sink my teeth into a battle. I would have liked fifteen rounds. Impossible? Sure. But fun to watch.

One thing I couldn't have asked for more of was blood. Now I'm not a boxing enthusiast because I get some perverse joy out of watching some poor guy waste the stuff the Red Cross tries so hard to get their hands on. But it's the icing on the cake.

Well, they had me in mind on Thursday night, because more than one fighter left the ring with a bloodied lip, or a knocked up nose spewing RO Positive. The referees always interrupted the fights just as that portion of the



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Now, does that hurt? Action from last week's boxing night hosted by Vanier College.

action started, but I'm told its in the rules.

Oh, I almost forgot to mention that the handsome trophies,

### YEOPEOPLE AT THE NATIONALS

Two York contingents will compete in national championships to be held on March 7-9 of this week.

York's sixth-ranked volleyball Yeomen are on their way to the nationals at the University of Saskatchewan after winning their first provincial title in six years under the directorship of coach Wally Dyba.

Dyba, finishing his third season at York, has been quoted as saying that "York is the 'Cinderella' entry in this final. Our main objective this season was to grab the Ontario title and now we're facing some of the best quality teams ever to compete at the university level."

Favorites at the tournament will be the defending champs, number two ranked U. of Saskatchewan and the nation's number one rated team from the U. of Manitoba.

Meanwhile, eleven York swimmers will be competing in the CIAU championships at Quebec's Laval University this weekend.

Four Yeowomen will accompany coach Carol Gluppe for a run at the medals. Veteran breaststroker Jane Thacker, freestyle specialists Donna Miller and Liz MacGregor, and butterflyer Lise Charland are the women's hopefuls.

Coach Gary MacDonald will take seven members of his squad to the CIAU's, with distance freestyler Bill Bevan and freestyle sprinter Mark Erwin representing York's best medal chances.

Capping off the men's team will be freestylers John Bevan and Marc Nadeau, breaststrokes Martin Tiidus and Juri Daniel, and, in the butterfly, Cameron Rothery.

## Shortstops

### RACQUETEERS STEAL THIRD AT PROVINCIALS

The York women's squash team, showing vast improvement over last year's fifth place finish, took third spot at this season's OWIAA championships in Waterloo.

Led by individual titlist Sandra Harris, Queen's University captured the provincial crown. Hosting Waterloo finished second followed by York, McMaster and U of T. Anne Green of U of T was second in the individuals.

The victory by Queen's represented its second consecutive provincial title.

### HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES COME TO YORK

On Saturday, March 8 the national champion Yeowomen gymnastics team will sponsor and host York University's Second Annual Girls Gymnastics Meet at the Tait McKenzie Centre gymnasium.

On hand will be more than 100 gymnasts representing 13 high schools from across the Southern Ontario region, including teams from Ottawa, Midland, Hamilton, Oshawa and Streetsville.

The express aim of the meet is to provide a setting in which local and out-of-town high school teams can come together for top quality competition which would not otherwise be available to them. Junior team events get underway at 9 am followed by the senior competition at 1 pm. Awards will be presented at the close of the day's competition.

### YORK AND CARLETON DOMINATE ALL-STARS

York Yeomen and Carleton Ravens dominated the selections for this season's OUAA East Division All-Star team, with York's David Coulthard emerging as the leading vote getter in the balloting.

Rounding out the rest of the first team all-stars were Bo Pelech and Ravens' Tom Cholock, Pat Stoqua and Rick Powers. Also gaining all-star honors for York was Paul Jones who copped a berth on the second team squad. Carleton's Pat O'Brien earned Coach of the Year Kudos in the East.

The final stats show that Cholock repeats as the East Division's leading percentage shooter (62.9%) and rebounder (157). But this year our own David Coulthard edged Cholock out for the scoring title. Coulthard amassed 261 points for Yeomen, a brilliant 21.7 points per game average, while Cholock sunk 241 points for a 20.1 average. Paul Jones finished seventh in scoring with 163 points (13.6 average).

awarded to winner and loser alike, were furnished by Robert McKee, sales representative of Molson's Brewery Ontario Ltd.

Bob, if you're reading this, just send the case care of Excalibur. I'm usually not home during the day.