

Debbie Brill Canada's next Olympic hopeful?

By NICK MARTIN

Two world records were set at the Telegram Indoor Games last Thursday at Maple Leaf Gardens, by Cheryl Toussaint of New York in the women's 600 yards and by Chi Cheng of the Republic of China in the women's 50 yard hurdles, but they went almost unnoticed by the crowd of nearly 12,000.

It was a 16-year-old girl from Haney, British Columbia, named Debbie Brill, who captured the huge throng's attention and gave promise for the 1972 Olympics of Canada's first track and field superstar since sprinter Percy Williams in the twenties.

Facing Canada's outstanding women high jumpers and two of America's best from Tennessee State University, Debbie Brill broke four records, while becoming only the fifth woman in history to high jump six feet. She won the event with an effortless leap of five feet, eight inches, then broke her own Canadian record and the previous high for 16-year-olds with a similarly effortless jump of five feet, ten.

Every fan in the arena was on his feet as she approached the bar for a try at six feet. When she sailed over it flawlessly, to set a new meet and Canadian open record, the Gardens thundered to applause the likes of which had never greeted even a Stanley Cup victory.

Although she failed in three tries to break the world record of 6' 1-3/4", there is no doubt that it is only a matter of time until that mark too will fall.

It has been 42 years since Percy Williams came out of nowhere to take the gold medal in the 100 and 200 metres. Since then Canada has had no track star among the world's best. Bruce Kidd, Bill Crothers and Harry Jerome came close, but they couldn't put it all together. None came so far, so fast, so young, as Debbie Brill. At 16, she already stands with the world's best.

Two years from now she should be the world's best. She is the national hero that Canada has been searching for

since Nancy Greene retired, and like Nancy Greene, Debbie Brill should capture this nation's hearts as she becomes a superstar in a sport in which this country has been too long without one.

Nor was Debbie Brill the only outstanding Canadian performer in the meet. Distance runner Bob Finlay won the three mile run for the second straight year, again setting a new Canadian record with a time of 13:19.0, less than 10 seconds off the world record. Jerome Drayton of Toronto and Grant McLaren of the University of Guelph added to Canadian prestige, finishing second and third respectively ahead of such renowned runners as Australian Olympian Kerry Pearce.

Bob Raftis set a new Canadian pole vault record as he cleared the bar at 16' 5-1/2", three and one-half inches better than any Canadian had ever before vaulted.

Raftis came third to Sam Caruthers and Bob Seagren. Seagren, the Olympic gold medalist making his final appearance in Toronto before retiring, was upset by Caruthers. The first Negro to achieve prominence in the pole vault, Caruthers vaulted 17 feet for a new meet record.

The Telegram-Maple Leaf Meet, now in its eighth year, consolidated its reputation as one of North America's best. The evening was replete with top names and stand-out events.

Miss Cheng, recently voted 1969's top woman athlete, raced to a record time of 6.5 seconds in the hurdles, edging Mamie Rallins of Chicago, who tied the old record of 6.6 which they had held jointly. With only a few minutes rest, Miss Cheng came back to beat out Barbara Ferrell of the United States in the 50 yard dash in 5.7 seconds.

Willie Davenport renewed his war with Leon Coleman in the men's 50-yard hurdles, winning by a whisker, but George Neeland of Waterloo and Brian Donnelly of Queen's were only 0.1 second off the pace.

John Carlos, who gained fame with his black power protest in the 1968 Olympics, nipped speedburners Herb Washington, Charlie Greene and Kirk Clayton in the 50 yard dash, equalling the meet record of 5.2 seconds. Carlos was another double winner, coming back to take Edwin Roberts of Trinidad in the 300 yard dash.

World record holder Martin McGrady of Washington outdueled Olympian Lee Evans and ex-marine Frank Tomeo in the 600 yards and Australian Ralph Doubell, famed for his champagne diet, outran Tom von Ruden of the U.S. in the 1,000 yards.

York's Dave Smith set a good early pace in the Canadian one mile run, but tired near the end as Ken Howe won the laurels in 4:14.5.

The men's high jump provided an exciting climax to the meet. Delayed well past its starting time because of Debbie Brill's magnificent night, the event found itself the sole attraction as midnight neared. With Canadian Wilf Wedmann and crowd favorite John Rambo eliminated, only American Reynaldo Brown and Swede Ken Lundmark remained at 7' 1". Lundmark failed in all three tries at 7' 2", but Brown sailed over on his final try to take the event.

It was left to Reynaldo Brown to symbolize what track is all about. With only a handful of spectators left, and the workmen already beginning to disassemble the wooden track, Brown stood alone on the floor, the only competitor of hundreds still in action, trying for a world record. Three times he tried and failed, but for a brief moment Reynaldo Brown was the ancient Greek who started it all and all the millions over the centuries who followed, one man of billions trying to go farther or higher or faster than anyone had gone before.

That is what it is all about, the quest for Olympus. Only a few ever make it, but after Thursday night, there can be no doubt that Debbie Brill will make it.

Hockey Yeomen shutout Lutheran by 7-0

By JOHN MADDEN

The hockey Yeomen blanked the Waterloo-Lutheran Golden Hawks 7-0 Saturday afternoon at York's arena.

Highlight of the game was Steve Latinovitch's four goals and three assists. The left winger was in on every Yeomen score and turned in an outstanding two-way performance.

When congratulated after the game, Latinovitch credited his linemates, Bob Modray and Murray Stroud. Modray collected four assists and Stroud had two goals.

Actually Latinovitch's scoring output is not a York scoring record. Linemate Stroud scored five goals against Brock earlier in the season and former York captain Kent Pollard once had eight scoring points in a game.

The game itself was an entertaining contest which moved at a quick pace and featured plenty of skating, and relatively few penalties.

The Yeomen, who carried the play after the first period, outshot the Hawks 42-27 and took 11 of 16 penalties.

The Hawks started the game aggressively, throwing their weight around in the first period but they let down after the opening 20 minutes. Lutheran's coach, Larry Pfaff, agreed his club did not play as well as they did in Kitchener when the Yeomen beat them 6-4.

He felt the second period, when the Yeomen notched four unanswered goals, was the turning point. He pointed out that his players were not covering the man in the slot when the Yeomen scored.

Roger Galipeau and Dave Kosoy revealed that the club adjusted after the first period. The forwards spread out more and forechecked more effectively after the first intermission. They said the reason Lutheran outshot them in the first period was that the forwards were not back checking. Lutheran did not have as many shots on goal after that.

Coach Bill Purcell praised the work of goalie Bill Holden who earned his second consecutive shutout on home ice. The Yeomen blanked Oswego State 7-0 on Jan. 30. Holden made his best saves in the first period when he turned aside 12 Lutheran shots. Holden's Ontario Intercollegiate Athletic Association goals-against record for seven games is a very respectable 2.43.

Galipeau, turning in another solid effort on defence, slowed Lutheran forwards down with bone-crushing checks and Kosoy caught anyone who managed to escape Galipeau.

Rodger Bowness' forechecking and skating disrupted Lutheran's offense. He was continually going into the corners to prevent Lutheran's attack from getting organized or to set up his wingers.



Yeoman goalie Bill Holden sprawls to knock away a loose puck, preserving his shutout.

Excalibur -- Tim Clark

Brian Dunn's goal was a typical example of his hustle. With only one Lutheran defenseman back, he carried the puck down right wing before passing to Dunn who was alone in front of the net.

The line of George Corn, Bruce Penny, and John Robb turned in another consistent performance and was especially effective in killing penalties. The same can be said of defensemen Ed Zuccato and Don West.

The Yeomen led 1-0 after the first period. Modray stole the puck at the Lutheran blue line and passed to Latinovitch who connected with a slap shot. The puck was in the net before the goalie could blink.

Stroud's two goals and singles by Latinovitch and Dunn staked the Yeomen to a five goal lead at the end of the second period. Latinovitch's two third period goals finished the scoring.

OIAA STANDINGS

	G	W	L	T	F	A	Pts.
YORK	7	7	0	0	57	17	14
Ryerson	7	5	2	0	46	31	10
Laurentian	7	3	3	1	53	23	7
Wat.-Luth.	8	2	4	2	31	43	6
Trent	8	2	5	1	28	62	5
Brock	7	1	6	0	23	62	2

Sidelines...

By ROBIN ROWLAND

"Water-LOO, Waterloo," and "Go, Hawks, go," they yelled on Friday as our Yeomen were defeated. In almost every basketball game this year our fans have hardly raised a whisper. They have sat and watched every game, including the cliffhangers with the silence of a lecture hall full of sleeping Soc Sci students.

Yeomen basketball fans have been outyelled by everyone from an opposing team who have ventured into the enclaves of Tait McKenzie.

Short weeks ago, four pretty cheerleaders and two male counterparts led some 25 Brock fans in a spree of yelling, stomping and chanting which drowned out the feeble groans from the York side of the bleachers whose patrons vastly outnumbered the privates cheering the Generals to victory.

On other occasions with hundreds of kids over in the residences, we have still been outnumbered by fans from other schools. We've got a good basketball team but what they need is spirit. The last few games our team, which started out as a top contender, has been flagging and the fans have been getting quieter.

The opposition meanwhile are egged on by the cheers of their supporters, who also deem it necessary to make remarks concerning this university which in any game at any other self-respecting institution of higher learning would be enough to start at least a minor war.

Have you cage fans no pride, none of the infamous Canadian rowdiness? Where are you when we need you, those uncouth boys from Timmins and Toronto? Let's see more of you out in the next game, shouting down the opposition. Who knows maybe you'll take the decibel record away from Lady Godiva and friends...

Lots of sports here for fans next week

Several sports are reaching their climax about now. Much of this activity is in the Toronto area.

On Friday, there are a number of games. Starting at 11 in the morning, the OIAA volleyball championships will be at Tait McKenzie.

In the evening, Laurentian Voyageurs visit the York Yeomen in basketball and hockey. The basketball game at 8:15 in Tait is vital to the Yeomen to make the playoffs. Although the hockey game is not as important to York's position in the standings, an undefeated season would be nice. The hockey game is at 8 p.m. in the arena.

On Saturday, the hockey Yeomen take on the Windsor Lancers, who are a mediocre team with a great goalie, at 2 pm in the arena.

There has been a great amount of criticism of York's playing in an unheated arena without seats. All potential fans have no excuse not to go next Tuesday as York takes on second place Ryerson at 6 pm in big, heated, comfortable Maple Leaf Gardens. Sit in the reds for next to nothing.