



SPORTS



Mas o menos for York runner in Seville

by Josh Rubin

France Gareau is disappointed, but not crushed.

While her teammates were busy at the CIAU championships, the 23-year-old York runner finished fourth in her 200 metre heat at the world indoor championships in Spain last week.

Gareau ran the race in a time of 24.16 seconds, just shy of her personal best, a 24.12 gold medal performance at this year's Canadian championships in Saskatoon.

At the OWIAA championships three weeks ago, Gareau had predicted she would qualify for the semifinals, a feat that she still maintains was realistic.

At the world meet, the top two runners from each heat along with the next two fastest overall made it into the semifinals.

Gareau says she wasn't a

race-fit for the world meet as she would have liked to be.

"This was only my third 200 metre race this year," a situation which she hopes to rectify in the outdoor season.

This summer, Gareau hopes to qualify for the world outdoor championships, hopefully in the 400 metres.

To do so, however, she might have to beat out 800 metre standout Charmaine Crooks.

The meet kicks off in Tokyo August 24, but Gareau hopes to get into form well before then, including, hopefully a stint at the Pan-Am games the first week in August.

Gareau was also disappointed she wasn't able to join her teammates for the CIAU meet.

"I don't blame anybody, but it would have been nice to have a chance at another championship," said Gareau, who will be graduating this year.



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Gareau's sentiments were echoed by coach Sue Wise, who added that the next world meet will likely be in conflict with the

CIAU indoors, but in a nicer way.

"The worlds in '93 are going to be at the Skydome. The CIAUs might be there as well," Wise said.

Next year, Gareau will be

competing with the York University Track Club, which is distinguished from the varsity squad by the presence of runners who aren't necessarily students, but train in the Metro Track Centre on campus.

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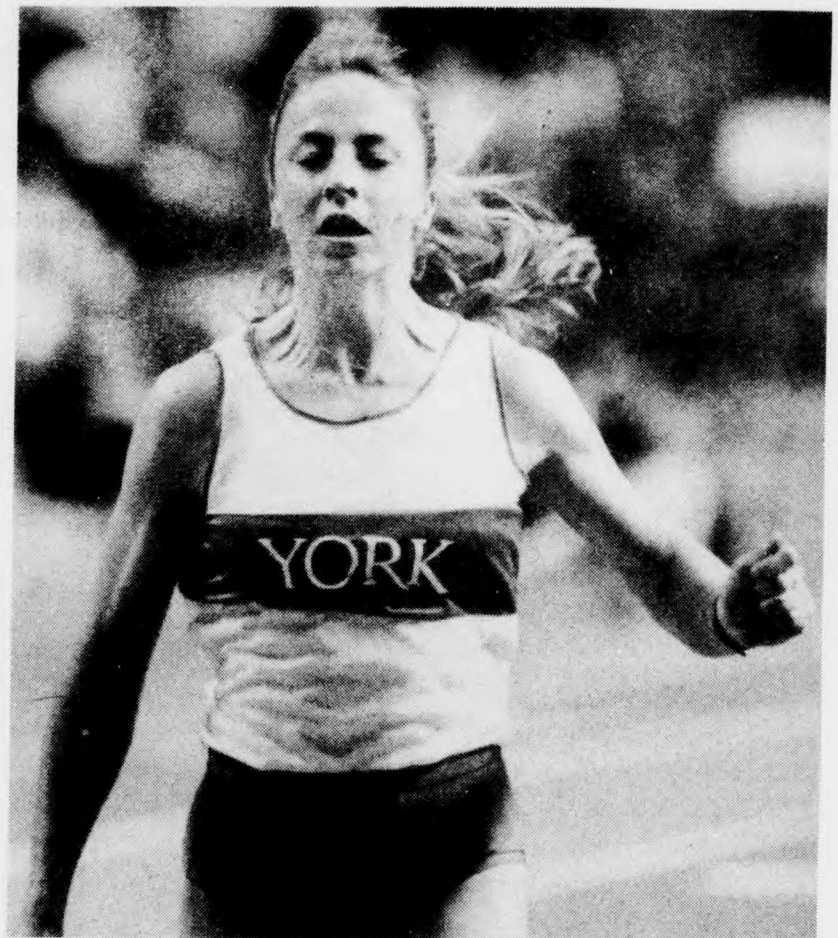
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OH WELL — Yeowoman France Gareau (above and top) is home after seeing action at the World Championships in Seville, Spain. The top-ranked York athlete failed to qualify for the 200m finals. The Games also kept Gareau from participating with her York teammates at the CIAU championships.

WIN WIN WIN



Name the team and head coach which won last year's CIAU hockey championship, then come into **Excal** for a pair of tickets and some Pizza Hut pizza. Ask for Josh or Jim.