

SPORTS

Ah...sport '88: Highlights and peculiarities

By PAMMY JARVIS

December, in a sporting world, means change.

'Tis the season . . . to do laundry. Farewell to four months of dirty sweat sox — it's time to exchange that mouldy locker towel. Doesn't that impending snowfall make you want to wax up that "rad" toboggan, get out the snowtreaded cleats and shake the dust off the old broomball stick?

Of course winter also means indoor bleacher bum'n'back, hot days in the Track Centre, and nippy nights at the Ice Palace. Not to mention the breathless anticipation of winter term pep courses.

The end of the year is also a time

for reflection. Here's to the highlights and peculiarities of the sporting person's 1988: we laughed, we cried, we learned.

High Marks: Calgary, Seoul, Yeowomen field hockey (third at Canadians), Yeowomen soccer (OWIAA finalists — best ever)

Low Blows: B.J. et al, Yeomen football, the Tysons

Exotic Fruit Or? Flo-Jo was, in fact, the "body that ran like a man."

Sport-UAL Revolution: A women's "straight quad" is a four-seat rowing boat without coxwain. "FC Gay" is a newly-formed men's soccer team in Amsterdam.

Cleans 3, Jerks 4: Canada banned several members of the weightlifting team in a pre-Olympic crackdown.

Question of the Year: Which came first — the athlete or the drug tester? **Media Madness:** The journalists at Seoul outnumbered the athletes by a 15,446-9,627 count.

Proving Their Medal: Not only did the Nigerian government offer cash incentives to their Olympic athletes, an athlete placing in the top three would have a street in Nigeria named after them. If Canada followed suit . . . Waldoburg? Maybe. Ugolini Avenue? Nah.

Easy Come, Easy Go: Ben (say no more) Johnson.

Sunk Like A Stone: The underwater dolphinkick/submerged start in backstroke was banned by FINA, the international swimming federation.

Ya Snooze, Ya Lose: US boxer Anthony Hembrick was disqualified from his first fight at the Seoul Olympics. Hembrick was a no-show for his bout after he and his coaches allegedly missed the bus — in a big way.

Comeback Kid: New York Rangers acquire Guy Lafleur.

Bison Beef: Apparently the women's sports teams at the University of Manitoba wish to be known as the "Bisons," as the men's teams are. They feel that a

feminization, such as the popular Bisonettes, Bisonwomen, or Lady Bisons, is not necessary. The *Excal* sports dept. has decided to give the Bisons the option of a hipper handle. The Top 5 suggestions for the new Manitoba team were:

5)Marlins (we feel it's just as obscure for McMaster hockey and swimming)

4)Prairie Oysters

3)ReClines (heck, it works for k.d. Lang)

2)Milking Maids

1)Meadow Muffins

Fetch my Slippers: It's official! Negotiations are underway between the University of Calgary and Bedrock Community College. Calgary's sporting teams, the Dinosaurs and the Dinettes, wish to amalgamate. Calgary wishes to adopt the common team name of "Dino," in memory of the late, great Dino Flintstone. The new team uniforms would feature a logo of the late, great pet of Bedrock College's founding father Frederick Flintstone. The team would also the cheer "Rr-brr-br-brrrr!" and lick each others' faces in greeting. Calgary has offered open use of its Olympic facilities to Bedrock College members. However, it is rumoured that Bedrock provost Barn E. Rubble will settle for "an Ice Palace as great at York's."

ATHLETIC CALENDAR

SPORT YORK RESULTS

November 28-December 4
by Paul 'Stats' Conroy

Yeowomen

November 30

Hockey: York 6 McMaster 2
Kim Downard and Chris Clayton scored twice. Singles were added by Chris Aiken and Marni Barrow.

December 2

Hockey: Queen's 2 York 1

December 3

Hockey: York 4 Queen's 4
Chris Clayton scored 3 goals for the Yeowomen.

Yeomen

November 30

Basketball: Western 107 York 80
Jeff McDermid scored 22 points, Jeff Root counted 19 and Mark Bellai scored 17 for the Yeomen.

December 1

Hockey: Guelph 3 York 2
Guy Girouard and Greg Rolston scored the Yeomen goals. Girouard was named Yeomen player of the game. York outshot the Gryphons 46-15.

December 2

Basketball: York 69 Waterloo 58 (exh.)
Jeff McDermid led the Yeomen with 25 points.

December 3

Volleyball: York defeated Laurentian 15-8, 15-1, 15-3.
Bill Knight and Jim Mohardt each had 9 kills and 3 blocks for York.

December 4

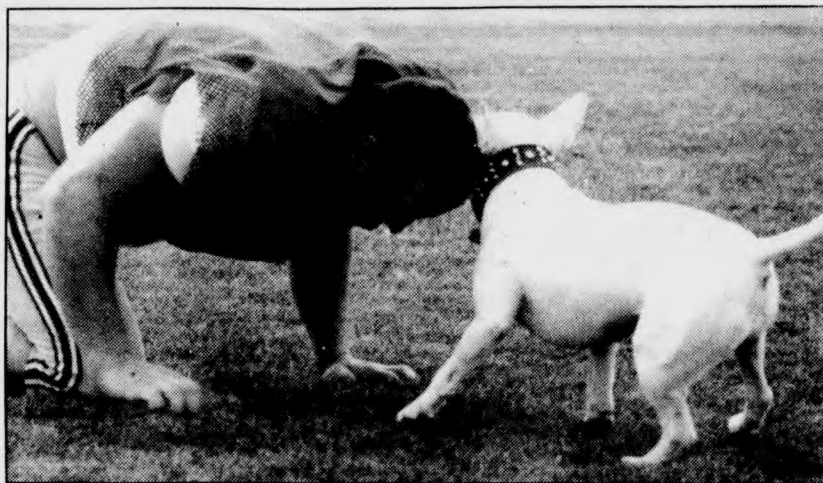
Volleyball: York downed Laurentian 15-8, 15-6, 7-15, 15-4.
Dexter Abrams had 16 kills and 9 digs. Bill Knight had 9 kills and 4 service aces.

SPORTS CALENDAR (now till the New Year)

Yeomen

Basketball: Excalibur Classic.
December 28-30 at Tait gym.
Hockey: The North York Classic
January 6-8 at the York Ice Palace and at the Seneca College Arena.
Volleyball: The Mizuno Excalibur Men's Classic
January 6-8 at Tait. This year the Classic will feature the Long Beach State 49ers which is the 7th ranked team in the NCAA.

Secret Weapon



JAMES HOGGETT

By NIGEL TUFFIN

Last week the York Yeomen unveiled their secret weapon for next year's football season. Last year's CIAU (Canine Intercollegiate Athletic Union) Rookie of the Year Spunky LaMutt (pictured above right during blocking practice) was acquired on waivers from the Puppychow Prairie Dogs. According to York linebacker Biff Chetrock, "Duh, we're lookin' foward tah havin' da Spunk on da team . . . Sho' he's a dog, but with our record we'll try anythin' once." The Yeomen coaching staff is impressed with LaMutt's speed and agility. According to one coach, "We're starting him at defensive tackle, but if he had better hands he'd be our number one quarterback." It is widely rumoured that LaMutt was placed on waivers by the 'Chows after testing positive for abnormally high levels of Milkbonozol, a performance enhancer.

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Where are they now?



By FRANK 'BABY-FACE' FINISTER

Gus "Spider" Martelgucci (pictured above), star Yeoman gymnast in the mid-sixties, was three time CIAU gold medalist and four time Ontario all-round champion. After graduating from York, Spider left for New York to pursue a lucrative modelling career. In the mid-seventies however, Martelgucci hit hard times after sinking his modelling funds into a chain of disco emporiums. Following his failed business venture, Martelgucci reportedly climbed into a bottle of Wild Turkey and never came out. Today the man they once called "Spider" competes on the amateur belly-flop circuit.

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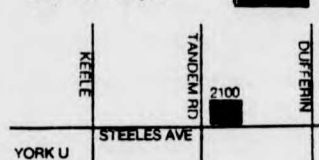
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