

sports and recreation



George Trenton was a double winner for York in last week's meet vs. McMaster.

Friday in the pool... it's showdown time

"Tomorrow night is the night," is all coach Byron MacDonald is saying about the confrontation between three of the top four swim teams in the country Friday at 6:30 p.m. in the Tait McKenzie pool. Number three York will host number two U of T and number four University of Alberta in what MacDonald calls "the largest dual meet ever in Canadian university swimming!"

The meet is a veritable who's who of Canadian university swimming featuring such standouts as: York's Olympic silver medalist Gary MacDonald, Canadian Intercollegiate Athletic Union champions Neil Harvey and Graham Sutch; University of Toronto's double silver medalist at last year's World Student Games, Dan Thompson, and double event CIAU champion Rick Madge; and the University of Alberta's strong contingent, of which 1975 Canadian Pan-American team member and CIAU champion Derek Cathro will be the key.

"I expect the meet to be very close, and very exciting," said coach MacDonald. "This is an innovative idea having three top teams competing simultaneously, and I think it will help to psyche the athletes and result in many great races. If Jimmy the Greek were here I would imagine he'd pick it a toss up, as we have the home pool advantage, U of T has the depth and the University of Alberta is surely coming ready to perform if they're willing to travel this far to meet us."

In last week's meet, the Yeomen soundly thrashed the McMaster swimmers where some of York's lesser known swimmers forged to the forefront. Double winners included George Trenton, Mark Erwin, and Leon Plona. Single event champions were Andy Manahan and Pat Sui. Also winning was the relay team of Phil Witton, Peter Tiidus, Bob Allen, and Plona. The men are first and second year men on York's team and will be providing the nucleus for the teams of the future, says MacDonald. "I

am very pleased with their progression this year and look forward to even better things for them in the future".

The Yeowomen tankers registered some top performances in their meet against McMaster last Tuesday, but the lack of depth enabled Mac to easily outdistance the York squad.

Leading the Yeowomen was Chris Lovett-Doust's 1:09.9 clocking in her specialty event, the 100 meter butterfly, currently the second

fastest time in the country. Other top performers included life time bests by sprinter Anne Querengesser (1:07.7 - 100m freestyle - second place) and distance specialist Liz MacGregor in the 400m freestyle (5:20).

The Yeowomen are busy preparing for the Waterloo Women's Invitational this weekend which will feature some of the top schools from the United States and Canada.



Photo by Bryon Johnson.

Nancy McDonald of York was the highest scorer in floor routines in Saturday's invitational. Story page 15.

Waterloo holds Yeomen to draw

By Ian Wasserman

After taking a 3 goal lead in the game, the Yeomen were held to a 3-3 draw against the stubborn Warriors last Friday in Waterloo.

As the Yeomen came out for the start of the game it was obvious that they hadn't found their legs. It took about ten minutes till they did. For their first goal John Winder passed the puck to Gord Borland who let a long drive go that deflected in front of the net. John Goodish picked up the loose puck and tucked it in.

Two minutes later on a power play the Yeomen upped the score. Chris Kostka took the puck into the corner past out in front of Gary Gill. Gill took a shot that was stopped but a scramble in front went to Jim Duignan who parked the puck.

The first period was dominated by scramble play by both sides.

The steady goaltending of Steve Bosco prevented Waterloo from getting back into the game.

York looked like they were going to take total control of the game when they came out in the second period looking for more goals. In about five minutes, York's Dave Chalk and Bob Schnurr set up Romano Carlucci. Carlucci found himself all alone by the Waterloo net. He pushed a little trickler past the netminder to open a three goal lead.

Less than a minute later, however Waterloo got on the board with a goal by Ken Greene.

From this point on both teams played wide open hockey, using the body for good stiff clean checks. Good scoring chances continually cropped up.

The game continued like this until at the 19:23 mark, York was caught shorthanded and Warrior Bill Daub put the puck in the York net.

The entire third period was also wide open. Lucky breaks and good playmaking by both teams made for an exciting game.

With less than one minute left a scramble from a face off in front of the York net resulted in Waterloo's Dave Jutzi scoring.

The Yeomen started to set up plays and the team began to gell as a unit. The two goals in the last minutes of the periods were not a result of the team anticipating the end of the period, but rather lucky breaks.

Coach Marshall feels that the team's problem is "game experience. It is tough to practise

without a game on the schedule for four or five days," said Marshall.

The upcoming schedule should favor the Yeomen as they play three games in a week. Tuesday they played Western, tonight they travel to Guelph and return home for a match on Tuesday against McMaster. Don't forget that the team is selling t-shirts and 50-50 draw tickets.



Figure skaters figure they've arrived

At the Queen's University Invitational last weekend the York figure skating team put in a respectable showing, placing 4th overall. Even though they're small in numbers, they should be in a position to edge out Queens for 3rd in the finals next month.

University figure skating is at last established as a reputable sport. Though there have been competitions for about 10 years, university figure skating has had a low profile. When cutbacks forced McGill to pull out five years ago, it looked as if lack of interest might kill it altogether.

It was saved when York and Western managed to field teams. (If there are less than four teams, the competition doesn't qualify as an inter-university meet.)

The only 1st place for York was the women's intermediate solo dance, where Roxanne Steeves skated a fiery tango and a seductive blues. Roxanne also managed a 2nd in the intermediate solo class. Though one judge placed her 8th, she had the majority of 2nd place ordinals, this being the most important criterion in determining the final standings. As you may know, judging in figure skating is notoriously subjective.

Lindsay Histrop fought off strong competition for a 3rd in the Senior Dance, and a 3rd in the senior interpretive, improvising to themes from *Star Wars*. Betty Matzko and Eric Walberg received a 3rd in the mixed dance.

Unfortunately, there are many problems which university skaters face. Firstly, many skaters are forced to 'turn pro' to support their studies. This unfairly disqualifies them from competing. York has many skaters in this category.

Secondly, continued cutbacks have put pressure on the skating team, which now has to pay expenses at the meets.

However, the spirit is strong and the sport definitely worthy of support. If you are an avid skating fan and would like to cheer the team on at Western February 17-18, get in touch with the team coach, Eva Simeuk, through Tait McKenzie. You can be sure to see some fine skating.

Ski-clinic postponed by enthusiasm

By John Browning

Seldom is an event postponed because too many people are interested in participating, however such a fate befell the Outdoor Club's proposed cross-country ski clinic last Friday.

"We only had enough equipment for twenty people and at least forty people applied", said the Club's director Roger Seaman, who was pleased with the response.

It seems people have for too long simply endured the long winters and are now more inclined to enjoy the colder months of the year. Cross-country skiing popularity reflects this changing attitude as more and more people each year become involved.

Why is cross-country skiing such a fast growing sport? One of the most important reasons is the price

of equipment. One can be totally outfitted for cross-country skiing for the price of a good pair of downhill bindings. Also, one need not travel far to find an acceptable area to ski and is exempt from the expensive tow rates unavoidable in downhill skiing.

Cross-country skiing does not require much initial skill but

provides the challenge to those wanting to perfect and excel in the sport.

For those intrigued by the prospects of wandering through the winter wilderness or gliding through a local park, the Outdoor Club has rescheduled the clinic to be held on Friday January 20th, from 3-5 p.m. on campus. Skis on Wheels will

supply the equipment and instruction to those interested in attending. Applications are available from Roger Seaman in 349 Bethune and will cost \$4 for members and \$6 for non-members but the additional cost enrolls one in the Club which throughout the year offers many interesting and exciting outings.

Queen's meet is dismal for wrestlers

By Jeff Rayman

Queens open invitational wrestling tourney held last Saturday in Kingston proved to be a dismal affair for the York Yeomen.

The major problem was team turnout. York was represented by only five wrestlers, most of them rookies. "It was disappointing because we did not have a full team out," said coach John Pickard.

One highlight for the team came when Dave Car-

michael placed fourth in the 158 lb. division. This was Carmichael's first meet of the season, and he was competing against 17 other wrestlers in his class. Carmichael won three out of five matches. "he wrestled extremely well," said Pickard.

The other four wrestlers each lost their first two matches, and were therefore knocked out of competition. Randy Roberts, wrestling in the 167 lb. division did, however, put up a good fight.