

# sports and recreation

## There is something for everyone in Jockland

By Kim Llewellyn

Sports and recreational York takes on a different flavour at every level of competition and York's athletic program offers every level a jock could want.

The most elite jock would try his hand at the varsity sports but this level is more 'work' than 'recreation.'

The recreational aspects of varsity sports only exist for the spectators, as participation on a varsity team usually entails daily or tri-weekly, one and a half or two hour practices.

But, if you think you can hack it, contact Nobby Wirkowski for information on the men's varsity teams at 667-3734 and Mary Lyons for the women's teams at 667-2286.

Promising a good showing in their respective sports are the women's volleyball team, women's gymnastics team (perennial Ontario champions) and, rising to the foreground this year, the women's cross country team.

Cross country coach Dave Smith

managed to pick up Commonwealth games contender Nancy Rooks who is expected to shine for York in the 3,000 and 1500 metre running events.

In addition last year's stars Sharon Clayton and Brenda Reid will return to add seasoned ability to the team.

Although York is famous for its lack of sparkle on the football field, many feel the Yeomen will be inspired under the coaching of Frank Cosentino, head of the York physical education department, former professional quarterback for the CFL and former coach of the '71 and '74 Canadian champion Western Mustangs.

The Yeomen are also expected to shine in soccer, basketball and, although it is taken for granted after eight straight national championships gymnastics.

Twenty varieties of sports are available in inter-college sports for those who are more keen on the participation rather than the competitive aspects of athletics,

although with college rivalry involved competition can at times get pretty fierce.

In each sport the various colleges field teams. The object this year, as it is every year, is to take the "York Torch", the coveted inter-college cham-

pionship award, away from Stong College. Last year McLaughlin and Osgoode were threatening Stong pointwise, but Stong still managed to extend its six year sweep to seven.

Contact person is Arvo Tiidus at 667-2351 for more info.

Another level of York recreation are sports clubs, sponsored by the university and open to the entire campus population.

Each of this year's fifteen clubs sets up its own program to enable its members to indulge in their sport to their hearts content. Coordinator of sports clubs, Carol Gluppe, at 667-2322 is the contact person for this level.

Membership for the clubs often comes out of the instructional program, which is yet another level of recreation offered by the university. A total of 13 different sports are taught after hours at York and each sport is available at the beginner level as well as more advanced level.

The number to call to inquire further is 667-2351.

Every year the department of physical education puts out its 'Recreation York' pamphlet. Almost all the information anyone could want to know about York sports, with the exception of varsity sports, can be found in this pamphlet.

This year's pamphlet looks almost identical to last year's with no new activities added and no old ones subtracted. Nevertheless, the variety of sports for the recreational jock is quite substantial. To obtain the pamphlet ask at the physical education office in the Tait McKenzie building, or at Information York in the Ross Building.



Bryon Johnson photo

In late August, York's tennis centre became the site of the Rothman's Canadian Open Tennis Championships. The event, which took place over a 10 days, featured some of the top tennis players in the world. The competition is part of the Colgate Grand Prix and International Series. Nicole Marois of Quebec City is shown here returning the ball to her opponent, Renada Blount of St. Louis, in the first qualifying round. However, Marois lost to Blount, 7-5, 6-4.

## Synch or sunk?

By Simon Beckwith

Four members of the York synchronized swimming team face imminent exclusion from joining the team this fall because of the nature of their summer jobs.

All four women, Anita Klibingaitis, Joyce English, Jenny Lloyd and Lolly Rasmussen took part in a water show at Niagara Falls, Ontario during the summer months.

They were labelled professional by the Federation Internationale Natation Amateur and therefore unable to compete on an amateur level ever again. The federation designates professional swimmers as those "competing, teaching, training, coaching or giving exhibition for payment received directly or indirectly in money or in kind or for material advantages or benefit."

## York gymnast misses national team

Marc Epprecht York's top varsity gymnast, failed to qualify this weekend for the team which will represent Canada next month at the World Gymnastics Championships in France.

The two day competition at the University of Waterloo was the last of three trials. After the first two, Epprecht was in 11th place and thus under a lot of pressure to perform well. Unfortunately the pressure was apparently too great, as he turned in two disastrous performances of pommel horse to sink any hopes he had of climbing to seventh.

Despite these, he still accumulated a personal high of 103.00 points to come eighth and earn the rank of second alternate.

Epprecht expressed his disappointment afterwards but was still optimistic. "Of course I choked," he said, "but even so I'm pleased with how I did. Except for some kind of psych-out on pommels, I actually did far better than any previous competition. It makes me confident that I can make it next time."

Unless one of the team members gets ill or injured, then Epprecht's next meet will be with the varsity team when the Yeomen host the University of Michigan on November 11.

The girls knew their places on the York team would be in jeopardy because they were swimming for money but they went ahead anyway because the pay was good (\$150 a week plus board) and it was a terrific opportunity.

Coach Pat Murray, who is also head of synchro Canada said that "the banning of the girls will certainly be a blow to the team."

The team ranks third in Ontario and would have a good chance of improving their standing this year, but because the four girls must be left off the team it could eliminate the possibility of York challenging the powerful Queens team who have been champions ten years running.

The girls were disappointed at being dropped from the squad especially since they really were not in competition during the summer, but only performing routines set to music.

The board's decision is irreversible so the team will have to find replacements for the girls from somewhere.

In the meantime the girls will work out with the team and watch competitions' from the sideline.

By Lawrence Knox

Though the York University Yeomen suffered their 15th consecutive defeat Saturday a 20-0 loss to the University of Toronto Blues they gave the 2,500 fans in attendance at the Ontario-Quebec Intercollegiate football game a lot more than they bargained for.

"I think the only difference between them and us today was game experience," explained York head coach Frank Cosentino. "We're very young. It was our first game and reactions were slower. It seemed that we were just a step behind them throughout the game. But, we've got every right to hold our heads up."

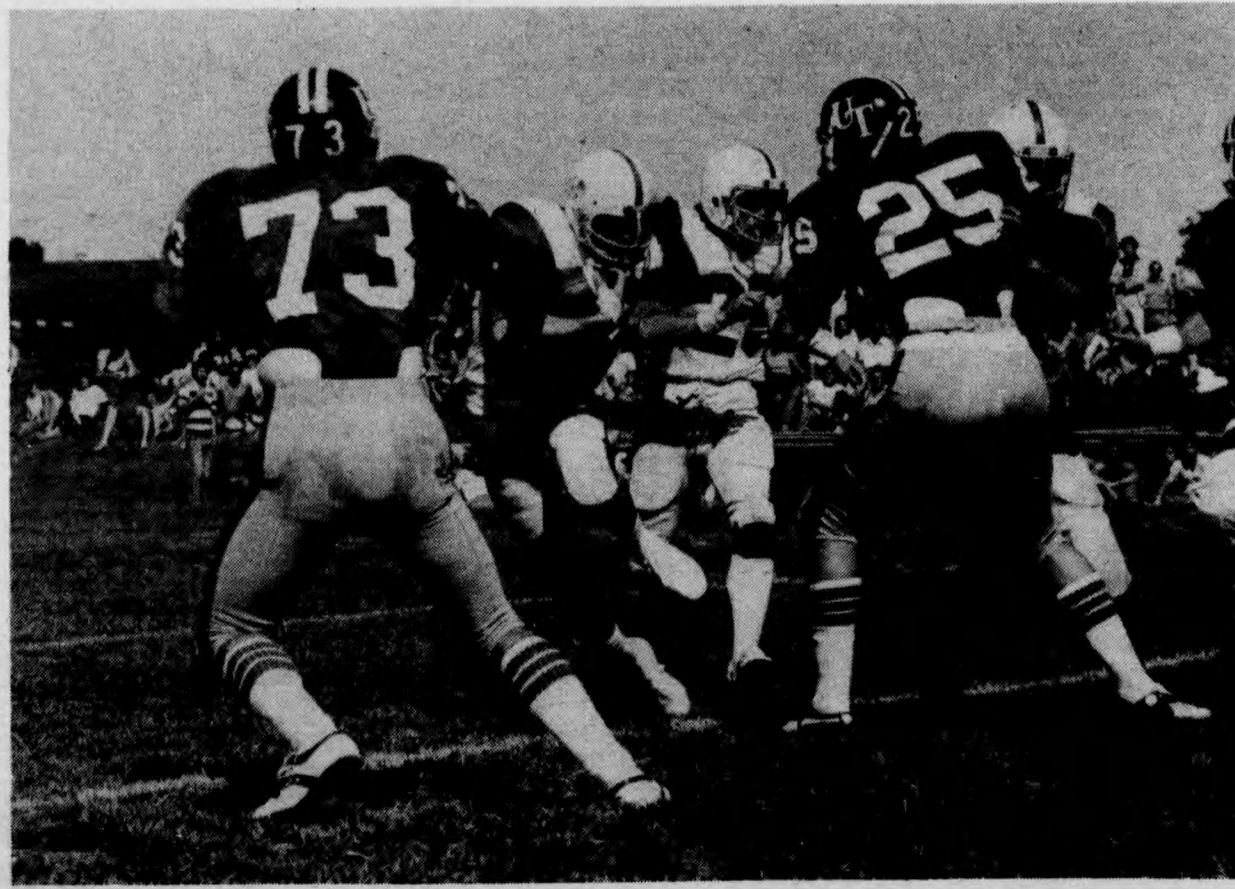
Blues scored 17 points in the first half, but Yeomen were able to hold

Toronto to a second half flied goal by place-kicker Spelios Papaconstantinou.

"We had a bit of a let down in the second half," said Toronto head coach Ron Murphy. "I'd would have liked to have scored another touchdown in that half."

Toronto didn't get on the scoreboard until the last play of the first quarter. Running back Ray Nicholson scored a three-yard touchdown. Papaconstantinou converted to make the score 7-0.

On Toronto's next offensive series, quarterback Dan Feraday capped off a 65-yard drive with a four-yard pass to split and Mark Magee for the major. Papaconstantinou converted to make the score 14-0 at teh half.



Yeomen barge through U of T's defence line at last Saturday's season open at home. In front of an enthusiastic crowd the Yeomen dropped the 20-0 decision to the big Blue machine.

Gary Hershorn photo

## Blues dump Yeomen on York turf

York's only offensive threat didn't come until late in the game when running back Larry Sturino took a screen pass from quarterback Mike Foster and ran for 52 yards, to the Blue's 11-yard line. But the gain was wiped out two plays later when Foster's pass to wide receiver Walter Weigel was intercepted by Blue's defensive back Tony D'Agostino in the end zone.

Foster, a third year physical education student, expressed enthusiasm at his team's performance.

"We had a lot more players in training camp this year (90) - better quality players. The players from last year and the years before are getting more experience. I thought we played well."

Another optimistic on looker at the game was former Canadian Football League receiver Mike Eben, a professor in Founders College and an assistant to Cosentino.

"I feel very encouraged by today's performance," said Eben. "We have a good chore of receivers. I was pleased with the way our players performed today."

Statistically, Toronto had 176 yards rushing and 117 passing. Foster threw for 108 yards while his team managed 106 on the ground.

NOTES—Coach Murphy was upset about the field conditions at York. And it's no wonder. The field looked as though it was the last game of the season rather than the first. Toronto Argonaut Canadian scout Jim Copeland was impressed with York's play as well as some players from the Blues. In other games, University of Western Mustangs trounced Guelph Gryphons 43-8, Carleton Ravens edged Bishop's-Gaiters 11-4 and Ottawa Gee Gee defeated Concordia Stingers 19-1.