

Sports



Pictured here: last year's exciting action. The Track and Field Centre is bringing a number of prominent athletes to York as expected.

new track overcomes hurdles

Rose Crawford

Track and Field at York has come a long way since its humble beginnings nearly ten years ago.

The person almost solely responsible for its growth and development is Head Coach Dave Smith.

It was Smith, who as a York student organized the first indoor inter-university meet at the CNE in 1970 with the help of Nobby Wirkowski. The meet was to be the beginning of the annual O.U.A.A. track and field championships. Since that time, both the York Men's and Women's teams have had limited success with the highest showing being a second place finish by the Yeowomen five years ago.

Extensive coaching staff

This coming season, however, Coach Smith is very enthusiastic about the prospects of his team. He expects that York teams, especially the Yeowomen, will have their most successful season ever. The reasons for his enthusiasm are two-fold. First, for the coming season Smith will have plenty of help in his coaching duties, being aided by an extensive coaching staff which includes: Tudor Bompia coaching the long, triple and high jumps; national sprint coach Charlie Francis working with graduate student Debbie Boots on sprinting and hurdles; York graduates Henry Czarinski and Bill Milley coaching the javelin, shot put and discus; and finally George Gluppe working with Coach Smith on middle and long distance running.

World class athletes

The second season for Smith's optimism is the addition of three top calibre athletes to the York squad. Top provincial javelin thrower Barb Dabrowski, who will be starting a masters program

in physiology, is expected to finish in the top three at the Ontario Championships later on in the year. Sprinters Molly Killingbeck and Angella Taylor will both be starting their first years at York. Taylor presently holds the world indoor record for the 200 metre run, and she is rated among the top three in the world in the event.

Much sought runner

Coach Smith is especially enthusiastic about Taylor's decision to come to York. He feels her presence here will help to attract better track and field athletes in the future.

Originally from Jamaica, the 22 year old Taylor has refused many offers from U.S. colleges in the last few months. When asked about her reasons for deciding on York, she commented, "I want to stay in Canada because my coach (Charlie Francis) is staying here, and besides, York has the facility right here."

According to Smith, the Metro Toronto Track and Field Centre is an extremely important recruitment instrument for York. Rated as the top track and field facility in Canada and one of the top in North America, the centre will greatly improve the future of track and field at the university. When asked about the importance of the centre, Coach Smith said, "Already there have been many high school and university meets held here, so people are starting to realize that York is not as inaccessible as they have been lead to believe...because of the centre many people will have the opportunity to see what York is all about." He added that York is slowly becoming the national training centre and there is hope that in the next few months York will be officially named as such by the Canadian Track and Field Association.

Soccer yeomen take tourney

Everton Cummings

York's soccer Yeomen are the proud winners of what is probably the University's first championship of the year.

They played two excellent games over the weekend, to take the Guelph Invitational Soccer Tourney 2-0.

Saturday saw the squad play well enough to beat McMaster 2 to 1 in a game that was all York's. For a full 90 minutes they had complete control, able to effectively move the ball at will. York's goals were scored by Enzo Casuzio and Tony Crawford.

Saturday's win brought York into the championship bout Sunday, a classic match pitting cross-town rivals York and U of T against each other. The game, although exciting, ended with the score it had started with—0 to

0. York was able to beat the blue and white on penalty kicks however, finally taking the match 4-2.

Coach Eric Willis told *Excalibur* that he was proud of his team's effective defensive game against last year's league champions. He was especially pleased with the goal keeping of Glen McNamara.

The weekend victories are certainly a positive start to a promising season. They're also an indication that the Yeomen will be fielding a very exciting team this year.

York's next game will be against the University of Bristol from merry old England, in what could be a big test for the York squad.

The kick will be at 4:30 on Tuesday, September 16. Spectators are welcome.

Run for Terry Fox

Terry Fox has done a lot for all of us. Now it's our turn to do something for him, and for the cause which he represents.

York is now inviting the public to *Run a lap for Terry Fox* at York's Metro Toronto Track and Field Centre. The general admission fee of \$1.00 per person will be donated to the Terry Fox Marathon of Hope fund to aid cancer research.

The track centre will be open weekdays 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call the centre at 667-6415, or the phys ed department at 667-2346.

Get Fit

If anyone happens to be suffering from the flabby-thigh syndrome, there is a place located right on campus to help it dispel into thin air. The Metropolitan Track and Field Centre, situated between parking lots 'C' and 'D', invites all York students to use the facilities. Hours are from 9:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. Monday to Friday and a Student Validation Card must be shown or an

Athletic Membership Card. The Outdoor Season runs until October 31, 1980 and the Weight Room will be open from 4:00 p.m. till

Shortstops

Wrestling

Under the guidance of Coach Albert Vendetti, former Canadian Champion, the Yeomen Wrestling Team had a very successful 1979-80 season. Once again, its wrestling time at York. Any student interested in becoming a member of the York University Wrestling Team, there will be a meeting on Monday, September 15 at 6:00 p.m. upstairs in the judo room at Tait McKenzie

9:00 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday until the Indoor Season commences. The Centre is also open to the public during the week after 3:00 p.m. and during the day on Saturdays. There is an admission fee for use during the public's hours. September is a great month to get into shape, so job over to the Centre as soon as possible!