

# sports and recreation

## Men swimmers now number two in Canada

The Yeomen swimmers "arrived" last Friday, to quote coach Byron MacDonald, when they beat number-two-ranked U of T and number-four-ranked Alberta in a double duo meet at Tait McKenzie.

"We are now the number two team in the country and we feel we have definitely arrived at the top of the heap and are ready to challenge for the national title," he said. The number-one-ranked team in Canada is the University of Waterloo.

The spectators who braved the crippling snow storm to attend the meet would attest to MacDonald's statement as the Yeomen swimmers seemed unstoppable.

After conceding the first relay the Yeomen proceeded to garner 30 of the next 36 points, virtually clinching the competition.

Before the evening was finished the Yeomen had captured nine of the 11 swim events and established six new varsity and pool records.

The final tally had the Yeomen

defeating the U of T Blues 70-43 and the Alberta Golden Bears by a whopping 80-25 score.

Leading the onslaught was Neil Harvey with three individual victories, two in varsity and pool record time, while Olympian Gary MacDonald stroked to two individual victories and combined with Harvey for a crucial one-two finish in the 200 individual medley over U of T's defending CIAU champion Rick Madge.

"Both Neil and Gary showed why

they are super university athletes as they were able to swim two of their events virtually back to back and still establish records in both," said MacDonald.

Other individual victories were turned in by sprinter Mark Erwin who coach MacDonald cites as "one of the most promising swimmers in the CIAU"; Graham Sutch, winner of the 400 metre freestyle and one of the premier middle distance freestylers in the CIAU; and Martin Tiidus, who stroked to victory in the

200 metre breast-stroke.

"Martin was an unknown until this year but we're looking for him to surprise many people at the national championships".

The icing on the cake was provided by the final 4 x 100 metre freestyle relay team of John Bevan, Sutch, Erwin and Gabor Mezo, who set a new varsity and pool record as well as establishing the fastest time in the country to date.

## Trackers run away with five golds in York invitational at CNE

The varsity track team captured nine medals, five of them gold and four silver, in the York University invitational indoor track and field meet last Saturday at the CNE, the seventh annual meet sponsored by York. Meet director Dave Smith was very pleased with the results.

"The meet was a success in many ways; the officials did a very competent job, the York team did very well, better than they have ever done before, and many meet records were broken," he said.

Gold medallists for York were Sharon Clayton, Derrick Jones, Margot Wallace, Elaine Weeks, and Evelyn Brenhouse. Those taking silver medals were Brenda Reid, Connie Halbert, the Womens 4 x 200 metre relay team, and the Mens 4 x 600 metre relay team.

In the womens 1500 metres both Clayton and Reid won their respective medals, Clayton prevailing 4:34.1 to 4:40.1.

The womens 400 metres also saw York take two medals as Wallace downed Halbert 60.8 seconds to 62.0 seconds.

Jones cracked the four minute barrier in winning the men's 1500

metres in 3:59.3 from Dale Friesen of Queen's University who was clocked in 4:01.3 and David Zapparioli of the University of Windsor who took the bronze in 4:03.3. Also competing for York was Ron Havimaki who placed fifteenth overall in 5:12.0.

In the womens long jump the gold went to Weeks with a leap of 5.15 metres.

The final York gold medal went to Brenhouse in the high jump, who despite being the only competitor in the event still produced a fine clearance of 1.70 metres.

The silver medal winning relay team consisted of Andy Buckstein, Jones, Farooq Shabbar, and Mike Houseley, as they were timed in 5:40.1 behind the Queen's 'A' teams 5:38.8 time. This was "the most exciting race on the afternoon program" according to Smith, as the lead changed hands a number of times before Queens 'A' finally prevailed. The bronze medal went to Queen's 'B' in 5:49.7.

The womens relay team of Brenhouse, Weeks, Halbert and Wallace placed second to the powerful University of Waterloo

team, 1:49.6 to 1:51.8. Taking third was Brock in 1:54.2.

The other university races provided no medals for York.

In the morning portion of the track meet, eight high school events were held and four meet records fell.

The most devastating performance was by a tiny eighteen year old named Nancy Rooks who is a member of the York University Track Club. Rooks shattered the meet record by over fifteen seconds with a 4:24.4 clocking for the 1500 metres. Rooks was running for George S. Henry S.S., as she soundly defeated Maureen Meek of York Mills C.I. (4:31.5) and Jackie Masil of Thornlea S.S. (4:34.5) as the first four runners all went under the old meet record that was held by a woman who now attends York, Sharon Clayton.

The other records to fall were in the boys high jump as Milton Ottey of T. Eaton S.S. won with a leap of 2.00 metres; the boys 1500 metres as Steve Snell of North Toronto C.I. led the field in 3:58.1; and the girls 4 x 400 metre relay as North Toronto C.I. won in 4:09.5.

Over 600 athletes competed in the seven hour meet.

## Volleyballers down Laurier

By George Trenton

The volleyball Yeowomen, one of the bright spots on the York sports scene this year, swept a best three-of-five series against the third place Laurier University last week. The scores in the games were 15-6, 15-1, 15-4.

According to Sandy Silver, coach of the Yeowomen, who are leading the Ontario Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Association tier II division, the girls played well considering the long Christmas layoff, and are looking forward to the OWIAA championships.

"The teams in our tier are not as good as us so we use the games against them to perfect our play as we gear down for the championships," said Silver. "Playing the weaker teams in our division could hinder our play in the OWIAA championships when we will meet the stronger teams from tier I."

Fiona MacGregor, who has been playing steady volleyball of late, was the most outstanding player in the games for the York netters.



Joe Parolini, fifth in long jump.

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## Aldridge: from York to Argos

By John Brunning

The Toronto Argonaut brass, who have a penchant for hiring and firing head coaches with less than modest rapidity, have lured into their fold one half of York's football coaching staff.

Dick Aldridge, the Yeomen coach for the past two winless seasons, resigned from his post last week after being appointed head coach of Argo's new farm team in the Northern Football Conference. With Aldridge will go Jim

The Yeomen's chances for a successful future lie in the acquisition of a capable quarterback. "He is like a pitcher in baseball. If the quarterback is weak, the team is weak," said Aldridge. He also said the defensive line and linebackers need bolstering.

There are some bright spots on the team however. "The offensive line did their job well and York has one of the best defensive secondaries in the league".

Aldridge was disappointed with the lack of support given the Yeomen by the York community over his two year stint with the team. "So much of the game is emotional," said Aldridge, "that without support the team was handicapped. I hope the students bear with the team as they develop." He envisages the day when the Yeomen and U of T become cross-town rivals battling on the gridiron of a York stadium.

The new \$35,000 Argo program is an effort by the club to develop young Canadian talent in the Metro Toronto area, for those players under the age of 24 who do not have the opportunity to play ball at a university level. "There is so much talent that is lost when kids drop out of school. This league will give them a crack at pro ball like the college players have," Aldridge said.

The new job has Aldridge looking forward to the upcoming season, but there remains a place in his heart for York. What will he miss? "The kids. I'll miss the kids."

Good luck Dick.



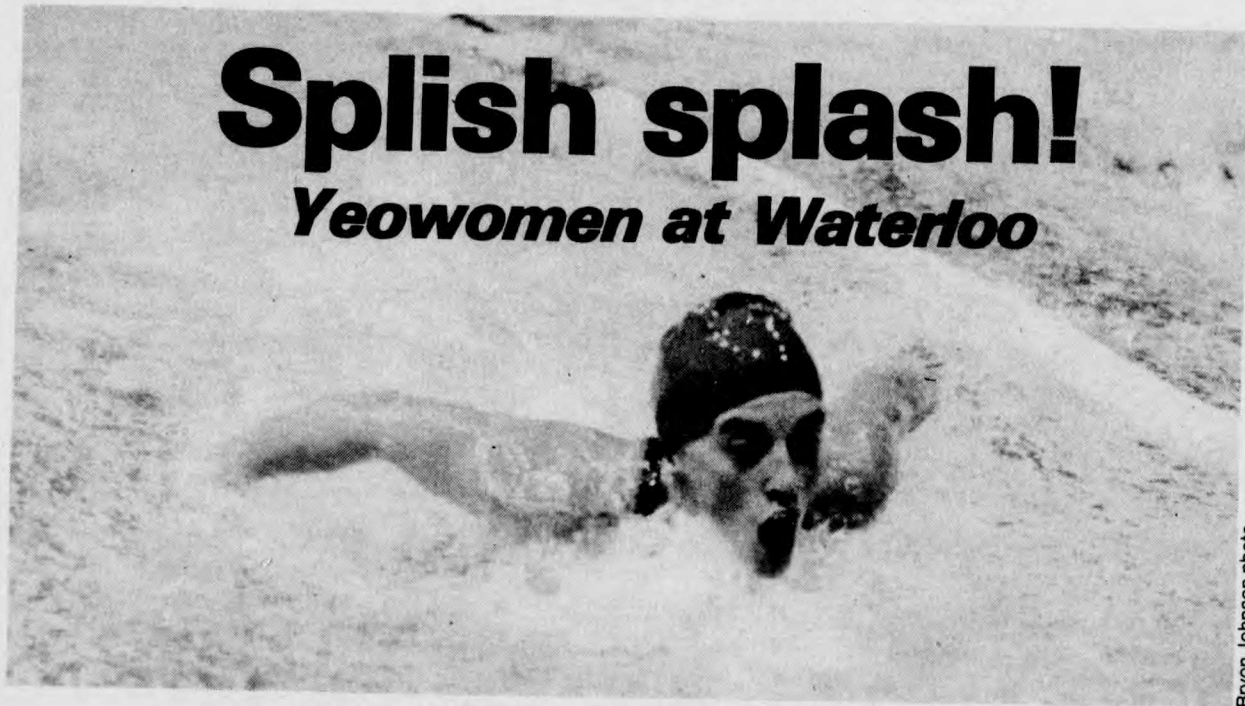
Dick Aldridge

Orfanakos, the Yeomen line coach.

A replacement has of yet not been found to fill Aldridge's cleats, but the former coach feels the selection is crucial. "The kids are loyal and full of spirit, however only with good coaching will they mature into a competitive team", Aldridge said.

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## Splish splash! Yeowomen at Waterloo



Chris Lovett-Doust was a finalist in all three of her events.

By Lisa Woo

The Yeowomen swim team excelled in individual performances and finished tenth in overall team standings at the Waterloo Invitational swim meet last week.

Chris Lovett-Doust and Liz MacGregor both had good days, and five other team members set personal best records.

Lovett-Doust, last year's Yeowomen athlete of the year, was the only Yeowoman to be a finalist in all three individual events in which she competed. She finished first in the 200m butterfly, fourth in the 100m butterfly and eighth in the 50m butterfly. An outstanding swimmer, Lovett-Doust completed the 200 butterfly in 2:15.7 last year and holds the pool record at Waterloo for the best time. In the 200m fly last weekend, she held even at the 1:50 mark and remained steady to win the race.

Liz MacGregor, a second year student who last year qualified for the CWIAU breaststroke national

championships, set a personal best record of 4:77.2 in the 400m freestyle, 22 seconds faster than her time last year. MacGregor celebrated her 21st birthday the day of the meet, and in her enthusiasm, accidentally disqualified the York team in the freestyle relay by flying a body length ahead too early.

Coach Carol Gluppe was also delighted with the individual performances of Bernita Hickey, Lynn Tomlinson, Bernie MacGregor, Diane St. Onge (a rookie) and Anne Querengissor, each of whom set personal records at the meet.

Querengissor completed the 100m freestyle in 101 seconds flat, 2.5 seconds off the national qualifying time. Hopefully she will qualify in the Ontario championships to be held at U of T this year, on Feb. 10th and 11th. Fifteen universities participated in the meet at Waterloo, seven of them from the U.S. Clarion State University from Pennsylvania clinched first place, Oakland U. finished second, and U of Alberta, third.

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