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What you see is what you get

York summer athletics: a lot of balls

by Riccardo Sala

Do your own thing. That's the unofficial motto of York's varsity athletes when summer rolls around. Time to practice on your own or find a summer job. So it's also a time when intrepid sportswriters have to dig deeper for stories and keep tabs on what York's athletes are doing for the summer.

TRACK & FIELD. Under coach Sue Summers, the Yeomen and Yeowomen were in San Diego for a two week training camp, returning May 22nd.

"The York facility is booked during May for meets," Summers explained, adding, "San Diego gives the athletes a change of scenery."

"Sixteen team members made the trip down. The athletes paid their own airfare and the balance was fund-raised," she added.

Other team members are in-

involved in qualifying for the National team. One who has already done so is Frances Gareau. As Summers puts it, this is an off year for international competition, a goal to which many York track and field athletes aspire.

"This year there are no big competitions such as the Pan-Am, Commonwealth or Olympic Games taking place, so it's going to be a pretty quiet summer," she said.

"The Canadian Senior Championships which are held the first weekend of August. That's what we're really going for," Summers added.

The team still trains, five o'clock, Monday to Friday. "However, either because athletes have gone home (for the summer) or are working, there are only about ten to fifteen who come out consistently," Summers said.

YEOMEN BASKETBALL. Last

year's squad was as green as they come. With only one veteran, Mark Bellai, this rookie laden team finished fourth in the OUAA standings.

This year, most players will be returning with one year of experience under their belt. "We'll have five recruits hopefully," coach Bob Bain said. These include Bob Hitchon of Belleville's Moira High School, Chris Pollmann of Eastern Commerce and Clive Anderson, who played for three years at Acadia and is studying law at Osgoode.

Sir Sanford Fleming's Roberto Feig is currently upgrading to be allowed into York.

For the fifth recruit "we're looking at a ball-handling guard and a big player," Bain said.

OUAA rules keep Bain from working out with the team until the third week of September. "Theoretically I can't organize anything with the team," he said, "though I

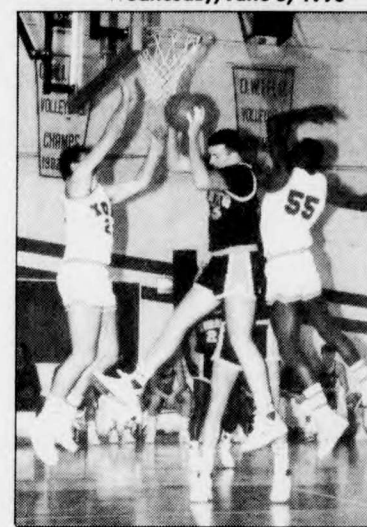
can work with individual players," he added.

"Right now several Yeomen and high-school recruits are playing down at U of T's summer league. It's informal, but they have referees," Bain said.

YEOMEN VOLLEYBALL. The 1988-89 Yeomen Volleyballers were coach Wally Dyba's "Dream Team," a squad that ranked among the best in North America. Last year the team took a slight dip in fortunes, going six and four in league play and losing the battle to Queen's for the Ontario East Division title.

This squad is split up for the summer, with two players, Dexter Abrams and Adrian Adore trying out for the National team in Calgary. They will be joining former Yeoman and National team member Bill Knight.

"York is running a players camp June 24th to 29th and we are expecting about 70 athletes, lar-



gely from high school," Dyba said. "The National team will be at York June 18th for a game against the Czechs," Dyba said. "From July 9th to 13th we're holding a coaching certification clinic."

Next year "we are going to have a more experienced team definitely," Dyba feels, "though I won't know until June which recruits are joining the team for sure."

AS WELL. Watch out for more news regarding the Yeomen wrestlers. Chances are there won't be a team next year, though that depends on who you talk to. And, if there is, what type of team will it be? Likely not of the same calibre as the 88-89 squad which took the CIAU title.

Chambers stars

by Josh Rubin

The man who coached the Yeomen to their first CIAU hockey title is going to the Quebec Nordiques.

After three years as an assistant with the Minnesota North Stars, Dave Chambers has been cast into the NHL's version of a bottomless pit, replacing firebrand Michel Bergeron as the Nordiques head coach.

In taking over Quebec, Chambers has his work cut out for him: last season, the Nords finished dead last in the league. That, coupled with the team's porous defence are certain to make a rough ride. Chambers, though, feels that patience is necessary. "It's going to take time. They're the worst team in hockey right now by

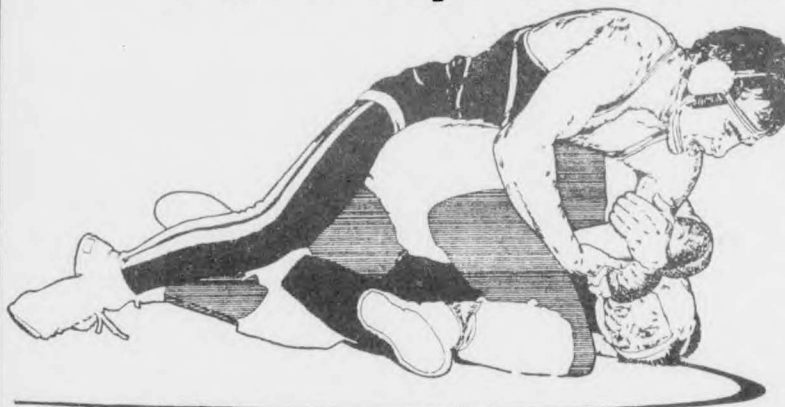
a long shot. Defence is definitely a priority."

A couple of bright spots on Chamber's roster, however, will be young forward Joe Sakic and defenceman Curtis Letyschyn. It is no secret that CIAU coaches are highly touted as being teachers of the game, and that is exactly what this young Quebec squad needs.

In an exclusive interview with *Excalibur*, Chambers also confirmed that uncertainty over the splitting of the North Stars franchise for the 1991-92 season played a large part in his decision to join the Nords.

Chambers is also sensitive to the nationalist feelings currently running high in Quebec. "I think it's important for me to have a francophone assistant. I'm also going to be brushing up on my own French."

Don't expect another Hulk



by Riccardo Sala

Resembling less a York varsity team than a collection of ambitious wrestlers, four members of the Twist & Shout club made the trek to Edmonton for the Canadian Open.

Held the weekend of May 12 the four, Ari Taub, Courtney Lewis, Roy Su Wah Sing and Roger Levesque along with coach Kimin Kim took the opportunity to test their mettle against the best Canadian grapplers. Placing well at this

event qualifies wrestlers for a spot at the Canada Cup, at the end of June.

In the 57kg weight class, Roy Suh Wah Sing placed 7th.

Levesque, who had come on strong in the Ontario finals to advance to the CIAU championships, fell short here and did not place.

Lewis in the 74kg class finished 8th while Taub in the 100kg wrestled to a 5th place finish.

Former York wrestler Paul Hughes took bronze in the

62kg class.

Ontario took the provincial title while British Columbia's Burnaby Mountain Club won the club title.

The top six from each weight at the Open advance to the Canada Cup. However, wrestlers who finish lower than sixth can petition to be included. Permission is based upon past results. Both Sing and Lewis will petition to be allowed into the Canada Cup.

There is a good chance that there will be no Yeoman wrestling squad next year. Coach Kimin Kim will not be returning. Lewis, a team stalwart will be gone also as will be others. Taub and Levesque are likely transferring to another school.

"I'm not sure they can save the programme now," Sing says. He will likely finish his degree at York he says, but if there is no wrestling, then he will commute to Hamilton to train with McMaster in preparation for the Barcelona Olympics.

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