

sports and recreation

Runners battle 'unreal' conditions

By Bruce Gates

Cold temperatures and a steady downpour of rain greeted the 1400 students from 80 high schools who took part in the 11th annual York University High School cross country meet last Saturday.

Georgetown won the meet with a combined team score of 568, 427 better than runner-up Michael Power of Toronto. Scoring is based on individual finishes with first place receiving one point, second place two points and so on. The lower the aggregate score the higher the team standing.

In addition to the high school meet 12 Ontario universities participated in a meet of their own at York with 120 men and 40 women joining the high school students in their battle against weather conditions described by York track and field coach Dave Smith as "unreal". Queen's took the university honours, outrunning its nearest rivals, the Western Ontario "A" team, by 40 points. University of Toronto finished in third spot.

The York team placed 11th overall.

Despite the heavy rain most events went ahead as scheduled. But the rainfall forced York to reroute its course for the university events, turning it into a three-mile course

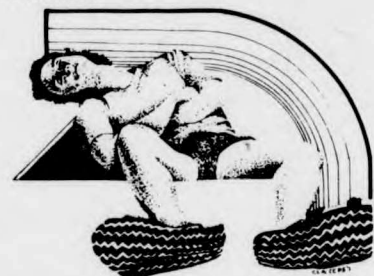
around the campus, which was run twice by men and once by women.

Originally it was scheduled for runners to cross over Black Creek during their circuit, but the creek had swollen into a miniature river, making it a major obstacle.

"When we started out in the morning, the creek was only three feet wide," cross-country coach Bryce Taylor said. "But by the afternoon, it was over 20 feet across and in some places over four feet deep which made it dangerous for runners."

Taylor added that on several occasions runners found themselves in waist-deep water and were forced either to wade across or take the plunge and swim to the other side.

Inclement weather forced the cancellation of the awards presentation. Instead, athletes were handed their prizes after each event finished.



Sports Briefs

Tennis goes indoors

Despite the rain, and thanks to three indoor courts at the Turtle Creek, Mayfair, and Wingfield racquet clubs, the Ontario Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Association (OWIAA) tennis ranking tournament hosted by York went ahead last Saturday.

And according to Vivienne Strong, co-coach with Nancy Doherty, "York did extremely well."

The team won two of six flights and was very close in a third. Dianna Dimmer of York defeated Neville Avery of Waterloo 6-2, 6-0, and Pat Sinclair outplayed Western's Becky Rodgers 6-1, 6-1.

The tournament was held to determine ranking order for the finals at Western on October 29.

The University of Toronto took first place and York second in the Eastern Conference Championships in men's tennis last Friday and Saturday. The conference was held at Cobblestone Court in Mississauga.

Last year York won the Eastern Conference but according to coach Bren Machen "U. of T. is a little stronger this year."

York is now eliminated from the Ontario Championships. "It is a very short season," says Machen. "Next year we are considering extending the season by playing matches indoors."

The Yeomen golf team was ousted in the OUAA semi-finals held at the Konestoga club in Waterloo last Thursday and Friday.

Team scores were: Stephen Haylse 70-71; Larry Hurri 73-77; Don Burton 76-75; Ian Ogalsby 74-79; Bob Farel 84-84.

"We had better players in my estimation," says Hurri of the meet. "We just had a bad tournament. But we'll be threatening next year."

Instruction by some Ontario professionals is a possibility for slated indoor practice at Tait McKenzie during the winter. The Yeomen golfers are also looking forward to a Florida training camp which is in the offing during reading week.

The Yeoman rugby team was defeated 3-0 by the Guelph Gryphons in a game dominated more by the weather than the quality of rugby.

Although demonstrating a considerable improvement over last week's performance against Western, coach Mike Dinning cites the team's inexperience as its undoing.

The York Sailing Club came sixth and last in the University of Toronto intercollegiate invitational after five races last Sunday at Sail Ontario.



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The women's university three-mile event was taken in 19:54 by Chris Lavalle of Laurentian, whose husband won for the men's team. Sharon Clayton of York finished fourth with a time of 21:37.

In men's competition, Nil Lavalle

of the Laurentian "A" team finished first in the 6-mile event with a time of 24:08. York didn't place in the top 10.

Taylor had nothing but praise for those who worked on the course in the cold and the rain. "They did a

super job," he said. "They stayed out in that weather all day."

Smith added this is the first time he can remember it raining in the 11 years the York meet took place. Said he: "I guess luck wasn't on our side this time round."

Waterpolo: 2 won, 2 lost

The Yeomen Water Polo team can be added to the growing list of York teams which have shown themselves to be surprisingly strong in the early stages of this season's play.

In the Early Bird Tournament hosted by York last Saturday the Yeomen won two of their four games and tied for top place in the Eastern OUAA (Ontario University Athletic Association) division with Queen's.

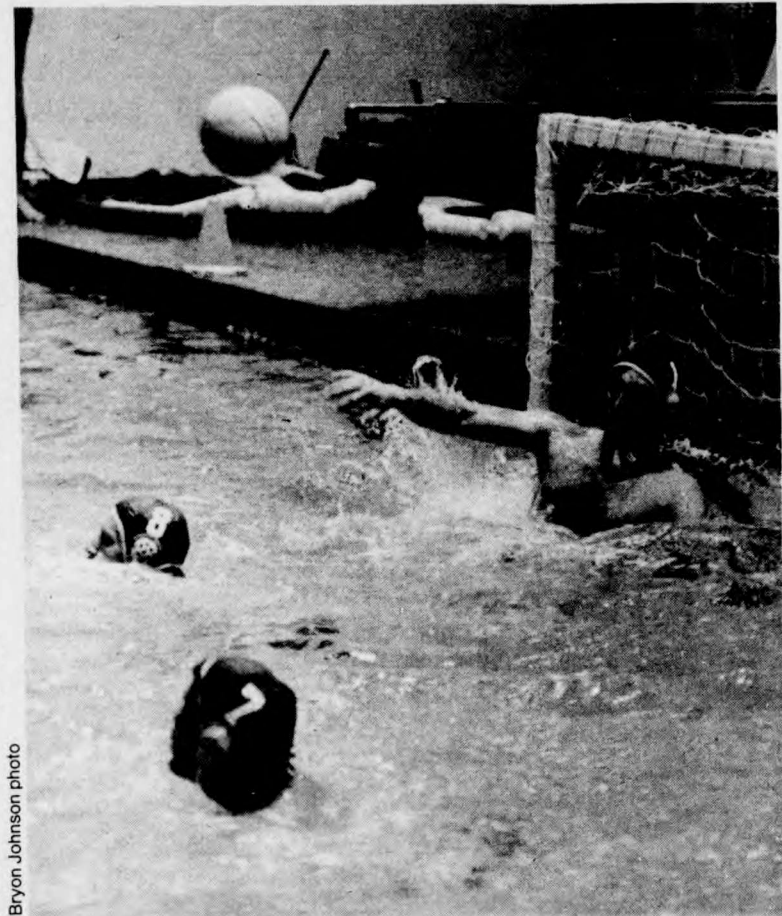
The tournament was played between eight teams, York, Queen's, U. of T. and Royal Military College in the East Division and Carleton, McMaster, Western, and Waterloo in the Western Division.

York started with a loss as it was defeated 12-3 by McMaster, the defending OUAA champions but came from behind in its second game to win 5-4 over Western.

The Yeomen established a commanding lead early in game three which gave York's rookies an opportunity to finish off Waterloo 8-3.

An unexpectedly strong Carleton took the fourth game away from York with an 8-3 victory.

Olympian swimmer Gary MacDonald was top goal scorer for the Yeomen. Although MacDonald does not have a great deal of experience in the sport Coach Kevin Jones indicated he may be the outstanding university water polo player in eastern Ontario.



Goal-keeper Herman Schindler is shown throwing a pass to teammate. Other outstanding performers on the team include George Skene (1972 and 1976 Pentathlon Olympic athlete) Chuck Gaviller, Mark Erwin, Gabor Mezo and Bruce McDougall.

Field hockey rookies shine

Mud, rain and cold were the order of the weekend as the York 'A' field hockey team won five out of seven games to take second place to U. of T. at the Laurentian Early Bird Tournament in Sudbury.

The Yeoman suffered their defeats from Western, 1-0 and U. of T. 2-0.

Coach Marina van der Merve cites the talent as the reason for York's strong performance. "Lynda Lippett, Cathie Major and Sheila Forshaw have lent considerable strength to the senior team."

According to van der Merve, their field positions, fullback, halfback

and forward respectively are the crucial factors which have given the York team depth.

Lippett, Major and Forshaw, all first year students, are members of the Ontario Representative Squad. In September Forshaw was also selected as a member of the Canadian National Team.

Van der Merve includes goalie Brenda Stewart to her list of strengths for York and adds that the expected growth from the other team members should give the team a good chance to improve last year's fourth place standing in the Ontario Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Association champion-

Forshaw predicts "York will come second to U. of T.". According to Forshaw U. of T. is looking strong.

Van der Merve agrees. "The presence of seven provincial players on the blues' team will make them a formidable opposition," she says. "It will enhance their chances to recapture the CWIAU (Canadian Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Union) championship from Dalhousie in November."

York's 'B' team, made up of members outside of York as well as within, won against Trent but lost to U. of T., Laurentian and Queen's at the same tournament.



According to Coach Marina van der Merve, Lynda Lippett, Cathie Major and Sheila Forshaw (shown above) considerably strengthen the senior team in field hockey.