

Smith first in Canada

Harriers do York proud

Looking out towards the Phys. Ed. Building at around 5:00 p.m. on most weekday afternoons this fall, you may have been slightly amused to see a small group of athletes clad in faded red sweat-suits running off into the cool of the evening for their daily training session.

If you did, you were lucky, because you had just caught a glimpse of what was probably the most talked about and feared team that York has ever fielded in its short history.

That little group running madly down Steeles Ave., York's cross-country team, was the most elite group of athletes ever assembled under the modest banner of the York Yeomen, and were probably the greatest sports story ever to hit this campus.

Coached by Dr. Bryce Taylor, the team was born soon after registration, with Dave Smith, Roger Landell, and Bob Hood, all former team members as the nucleus.

Around these clustered a bunch of new-comers of whom Ian Deslauriers and Lorne White were eventually chosen to run on the squad.

Later the team was filled out by the signing on of Doug Glover and John Blackstone, both of whom were coaxed out of retirement to run for York.

The team started slowly, almost painfully, losing its first two meets to other universities. At first it could not work as a team. The abilities and personalities were too disparate.

Training brought the team closer together; a spirit arose, and they began to win.

Finally in October at Brock University, they did what few people outside the team itself would have suspected possible. Here they easily won in their zone, and qualified to run in the National Championships.

In the following weeks the other zone championships were decided U. of T. won in the west; U.N.B. won in the Maritimes; R.M.C. in Ottawa. And finally York's arch-rivals upset Toronto and Waterloo was in the Nationals, to take place in Halifax on November 9th.

One of the team members, Doug Glover was very ill with flu the night before, and this didn't help the team's effort at all.

At no point in the day did the rain let up, but this didn't stop Dave Smith from taking the lead, closely followed by Roger Landell, both of whom were scampering as if the very Devil were chasing them.

They fought off a determined effort by Waterloo's Paul Pearson to place first and second for the Yeomen. Ian Deslauriers finished 23rd, and John Blackstone finished 26th. Doug Glover managed to salvage 24th place despite his severe illness.

York came out third overall behind the University of Sask and Waterloo.

B-ball team will improve, we hope

by David Crocker

York Yeomen kicked off the new basketball season last week with a win and a loss. St. Michael's College were victims of a 69-54 score before York was

trounced 80-35 by Carleton University. This reporter hopes that these two games don't set the standard of York's play for the rest of the season.

It must be remembered, of

course, that these two contests were the first of the year for the Yeomen and they were exhibition games at that. It may take the team a few games to find the range. Hopefully, their play will improve as the season progresses.

In the first game the outside shooting of Gord Burns gave the Yeomen a slim 29-21 half-time lead. If Burns had not displayed this hot hand, who knows how far behind the Yeomen might have been? Burns potted 11 points in the first half of the St. Mikes game.

The team showed sparks of improvement in the second half of this game. They controlled the ball with much greater authority. They didn't panic under St. Michael's full court press. They scored 40 points. At the final buzzer Burns led York's scoring with 19 points. Chuck Gordon sank 18.

One of York's glaring weaknesses showed up in this game. The leading scorer was St. Michael's Tony Laggia. He potted 23 points. Laggia is a tall centre; York has no one to stop a big man under the boards. Laggia and his team-mates also picked off the lions share of the rebounds.

It was seen on Saturday afternoon what a good team can do to the Yeomen. The score more than indicated the tempo of the game. York just wasn't there.

In short, these first two games formed a less than spectacular debut for York's new Yeomen. York showed little hustle and less inventiveness. It's only the beginning, however; there is a lot of improving to do but there is also lots of time to effect change.



Caught it!

by Scott McMaster

Great start in swimming

by Sue Fretts

Ten universities competed at McMaster university for top honours in speed swimming and diving last Saturday.

Out of all the women at York, there was only one representative on the speed swimming team. Janet Nash was not only alone on the team but alone on the scoreboard in her three events.

She placed 1st in the 100 metre free style, 1st in the 100 metre butterfly, and 1st in the 200 metre free style. Yet York did not place in the final standings in the speed swimming because only one girl competed.

It's not too late to give her some help. Out of 2500 girls someone must swim.

In the diving competition Elisabeth Austin placed 2nd and Lynn Payton placed 13th. York captured 4th place in the over-all diving standings.

York women did not have a speed swimming or a diving team last year. They have started this year off in a great way. Our congrats — and keep it up.



by Scott McMaster

Memories, Memories . . .

Womens Sports Briefs

BASKETBALL

On Mon. Nov. 18th, the York women's B-ball team heads to Ryerson to play the refugees.

ICE HOCKEY

Another 8:00 a.m. practice. On Wed. Nov. 20th the York team is expected to be on the ice at 8 in the morning. Be on time or . . .

VOLLEYBALL

Along with the basketball team, the York women's volleyball team leaves the great land of York and travels down to Ryerson. The game is on Mon. Nov. 18th.

LATE REPORT

The basketball and volleyball teams did not fare well in Hamilton last night. They both went down in defeat to McMaster in their first games of the season.

Ruggering yea, singing nay

Sorry folks, but your Rugged Team came out second best in their league. Severely handicapped by fatigue acquired the night before, York travelled to Kingston on Saturday only to default a match to Queen's.

This most unfortunate incident occurred as a result of a whole piss-pot of confusion, but it did

result in York coming ahead of McGill and R.M.C. in the final standings.

This year's team was, in everybody's estimation, the best York has ever turned out, and did extremely well in the face of rough opposition.

The team was well-balanced and very highly spirited, but it

suffered somewhat from lack of depth and injuries.

A great debt is owed to Dick Gaeter, former coach of Toronto, and to Les Keith, beer-drinker and crap-disturber extraordinaire, for their patience and work on the team. Also, of course, thanks go out to Larry Nancekivell, who has been the Rugged runner at York for a long time.

The Rugged team's glee club entertained a packed house in the Cock and Bull as a part of Festival, and their voice training and lubrication showed up superbly in their vast repertoire of popular hits.

Rugged returns in the spring, and there will be a lot of open space on the team, due to a flock of graduations. If you are interested, please contact Larry Nancekivell in Phys. Ed., Simon Elmsley in Founders (F406), or Terry Hunter in Winters.

Yeomen choke out again

Sunday afternoon, the York Yeomen (soccer, you idiot) were upset by Scarboro College by a 3-2 margin.

Scarboro jumped into a 2-0 lead in the first half, as the Yeomen tried to work off their Festival hangovers.

But in the second half, York displayed a fine passing attack, and received goals from Wayne Purdon and Gus Falcioni. But the gay guys retaliated real quick, squeaked one past goalie Cosentino, and they won; we lost.

Several key players were missing from the York lineup, but Lord was credited with setting up both York goals.

Captain Joe Simeone and Byron Stevens were defensive stand-outs for our side.

The final game of the season today against Erindale College here at 3:00 p.m. Be there.

York in College Bowl?

by Don Irwin.

Your favourite Men's Intercollegiate Athletic Council is making arrangements to enter York into the College Bowl festivities on November 22.

Mind you, York isn't playing this year, but it soon will be if Nobby's ideas ever come about.

Plans are being made to enter a float in the parade, and a York Queen in the battle of the beauties.

The council has purchased a block of 125 tickets for the game, and it should be the best in Canadian college history.

This Saturday, Queen's play Manitoba and Waterloo meets St. Mary's in a playdown. The winners of each will meet in the finals.

The game is in Varsity Stadium on the 22nd, and is followed by a street dance. All proceeds go to the Canadian Save the Children Fund.

Tickets are on sale from any M.I.A.C. rep, or around the colleges, and they cost \$1.50.

CONTEST YEOMEN

The name for all future teams on the Varsity level has been selected. They are now "Yeomen". And besides your active support, all they need is a design for identification.

Something simple, and easily copied, and there is an ample reward; two tickets for the College Bowl game on Nov. 22.

All they need is a little something, so think it up and get it in to the Sports Desk in Excalibur. And we need it soon.