

## Sports and Recreation

# York's athletes of the year

**Gary Cohen**

In a strong year for women's athletics at York, Sheila Forshaw, captain of this season's field hockey team, exhibited the excellence needed to make her the 1979-80 Yeowoman of the Year.

Three women's teams competed in national championships this year, including Forshaw's field hockey team and the gymnastics team, which brought York its first Canadian women's title. Individuals and teams performed at a high calibre and a number of athletes merited consideration for top honours.

Possibly the strongest challenge to Forshaw came from Barb Whibbs, who led the basketball team into Tier I for the first time in its history and helped her squad to a fourth-place finish at the provincials.

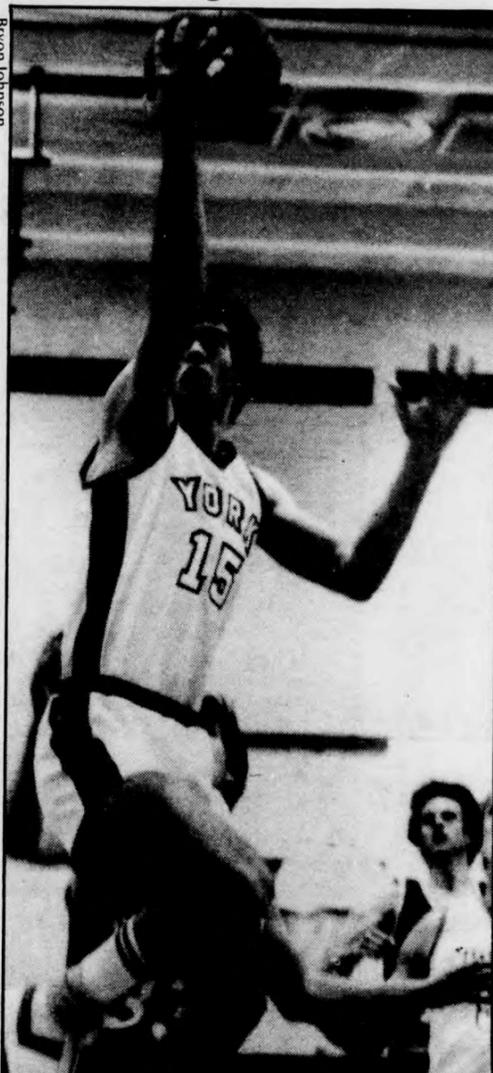
Field hockey coach Marina van der Merwe conceded that Whibbs is a fine athlete, but noted that "she competes in a Tier II division, while Sheila competes in Tier I."

She is also quick to point out that Forshaw is a great athlete and team leader in her own right. "She not only led our team to a silver medal at the CIAU's," said van der Merwe, "she's a national team member and CIAU All-Star."

Forshaw was Yeowomen's leading scorer this year. Her athletic abilities merged with her intangible qualities of leadership and enthusiasm, as well as a team attitude, to propel Yeowomen to second place finishes at the CIAU's and OUAA's.



**Yeowoman of the year Sheila Forshaw accepting her award at athletic banquet.**



**Yeoman of the year David Coulthard just showing off against Ottawa.**

Every compliment that can be paid to a university basketball player has been heaped on this year's Yeoman of the Year, David Coulthard.

Coulthard has been called "the best pure shooter in Canada" by some opposing coaches. Others have labelled him "pro material". And at this year's CIAU's in Calgary, Brandon coach Jerry Hemmings called him "the best university player in Canada."

More tangible kudos have been presented Coulthard in the form of awards and all-star honours. Last year, he was awarded the Mike Moser Trophy as Canada's outstanding university basketball player. He has been an OUAA and CIAU first-team all-star for the past two seasons and was the MVP in this year's OUAA Championship game.

For all of this, Coulthard had yet to have been named York's athlete of the year until this season. And it's about time!

Despite what appeared to be disastrous personnel losses, Coulthard led Yeomen throughout the season and in the playoffs. He was the OUAA East's leading scorer, averaging 21.7 points a game. In the OUAA playoffs, he scored over 100 points in three matches to take York to its third consecutive provincial title. And at the CIAU's he again responded under pressure by scoring 33 points in a losing cause against Brandon, the highest point total for the tourney. He was the second highest scorer over the entire championships.

## Cream of York crop honoured at awards banquet

**G. Ubiquitous**

York University honoured its athletes this past Thursday at the Twelfth Annual Athletic Banquet and Awards night, where Sheila Forshaw and David Coulthard walked away with the top honours as York's female and male athletes-of-the-year.

But Forshaw, who captained the women's field hockey team to a second-place finish at the CIAU's, and Coulthard, spark-plug of the nation's third-ranked basketball Yeomen, were not the only award winners. In all, seven major awards were presented, along with a number of MVP awards for outstanding members of the various athletic teams.

In the women's category, the Merit Award, presented to graduating athletes who have made an all-round contribution to the promotion of intercollegiate athletics at York, was shared by Kathy Brown and Maria Lima.

Brown, among her many other functions, is the acting president of the Women's Athletic Council. Lima is vice-president of the council and was the trainer of the Yeomen basketball team.

The Lily D'Urzo Bursary, presented in memory of the former York athlete who died tragically last year, went to Bernadette MacGregor. As co-captain of the swim team, MacGregor exemplified the qualities of leadership, involvement and enthusiasm for which the bursary is awarded.

Loyalty, effort, dedication and determination in the pursuit of basketball excellence, made Ron Kaknevicus the winner of the Tony Moscato Award. Kaknevicus rose to the occasion when called upon to fill the big shoes of last year's centre Lonnie Ramati. Kaknevicus was third in scoring among Yeomen and his play was instrumental in the team's success this season.

The final major individual award was the Charles Saunderson Memorial Trophy. The

trophy embodies the attributes of perseverance, sportsmanship, enthusiasm and consideration. David Strauss, tight-end of the York football team, was this year's recipient.

The only team award of the evening went to the Yeomen volleyballers. They and coach Wally Dyba carried the Molson's Award as the most improved team of the year. Yeomen won the OUAA's this year and went to the nationals to earn a fifth-place national ranking.

## Skiers seek consistency

**Michael Monastyrskij**

Overlapping as they do with Blue Jay home openers, hockey seasons are dangerously out of control, but skiing still ends gracefully with winter. At least this is the case for York's team which has just ended its year, placing fifth in the twelve-team Molson Ontario University Ski Circuit.

Ahead of York were squads from Western, Queen's, Guelph and McMaster, but Coach Martin Kratochvil feels that the team could have done better if it had been more consistent. Pointing to third and fourth place finishes, he stated that his team was capable of beating Guelph and McMaster.

Kratochvil added that the circuit is the most competitive in Ontario and that the level of competition "has improved greatly in the last two years."

What success York did have

was attributed to "consistently solid individual efforts by Rudy Tomiczek and Perry Spitznagel." Spitznagel, an ex-Europe cup member, "put in the fastest races," while Tomiczek was named MVP because of his consistency.

The other members of the team were John Narowski (also praised for his consistent backing), Rob Hawton, Peter Horn and Paul Hague. All seven competitors were picked from a group of seventeen that participated in dry land training in the fall. Hawton and Hague have since joined Canada's national ski-bob team.

Seven women also attended the autumn practices, but the athletic department would not support them because of past problems with women's squads. Kratochvil argued that moral support from a women's team would have helped his group.

### CARRYING THE TORCH

For the ninth consecutive year, Stong College has captured the darling of marathon sporting events, by breaking the tape in the race for the York Torch.

Each season the Torch is presented to the inter-college athletics champions who, along with twelve other colleges and York affiliates, put forward a total of 38 teams in men's, women's and co-ed divisions to compete in 16 different "sports" (some are a little borderline—inner-tube volleyball, for instance).

The Torch Division totals showed Stong in first with a slim lead over second-place McLaughlin and third-place Osgoode. The women's division went to Osgoode, while the Stong men finished on top of their heap. McLaughlin took the co-ed division.

In fourteen years of inter-college competition at York, only Stong and Glendon have won the Torch.

## Shortstops

### 700 TO COMPETE AT TRACK MEET

York University's Ninth Annual High School Indoor Track and Field Meet will be the biggest and hopefully the best ever, boasting an expected 700 athletes who will come to represent 85 Ontario high schools.

The meet, to be held March 28-29, has been moved from its old site at the CNE Building to York's spanking new track and field complex and has been extended from one to two days. The efforts to accommodate larger participation in the meet still did not meet the demand, though. Over 20 schools still had to be turned away.

The meet, featuring strong teams from Toronto's George S. Henry and Central Tech, Georgetown Secondary and Ottawa's South Carleton, will kick off at 6 pm on Friday and continue at 10 am on Saturday. The meet is open to the public at no charge.

### CIAU MEN'S HOCKEY WRAP-UP

The CIAU hockey championships, held in Regina two weekends ago, ended with the University of Alberta claiming victory and the national title.

Alberta, who defeated Calgary and Concordia in the preliminary rounds, faced second-place finisher Regina (earlier winners over Guelph and Moncton) in the final and prevailed by a solid 7-3 score.

Ontario representative U of Guelph lost to Moncton (6-5) and Regina (5-2) en route to a fifth-place finish at the six-team tourney.

Representing Ontario as All-Canadians are Rick Mastroluisi (McMaster), Paul Stothart (Queen's) and Don Langlois (Waterloo).