

## Speaking on sport

by David Henry

Black athletes Tommy Smith and John Carlos put on a display never before seen in an international competition like the Olympics.

Smith, who won the 200 metre run and Carlos, who placed third, accepted their medals, then stood, heads bowed, black-gloved fists clenched and raised in utter defiance of the country who sponsored them while the US national anthem was played.

Smith and Carlos were soon packed off and sent home but not before they sent the press and public into further confusion by their openly racist remarks at a press conference.

The two sprinters received mixed reactions from their own team but were almost universally denounced by the black African nations.

What does all this mean and what was the effect of the athletes' demonstration?

In terms of American inequality, Smith and Carlos could not have picked a better time and place to voice their feelings.

From the point of view of the militant black and the human rights advocate the timing was right and the cause served emphatically.

But let us not forget where the demonstration was made. The Olympic games are supposed to be non-political — an ideal which, if not yet achieved, is still a major games theme.

Brotherhood of man, the key theme of the Olympics was flagrantly violated. In terms of the entire human race, Smith and Carlos outrightly and without regard for the intended spirit of the meeting, destroyed what unity had been created up to that point.

Internal politics of a nation are not a matter for an international sporting competition.

Could the black athletes have been more effective? The proposed boycott of the games by US blacks would have undoubtedly focused more positive attention on the US than the two athletes' witless performance.

The US team dominated the track events with black athletes playing a major role in the American sweep of medals.

The absence of Smith, Carlos Jim Hines, Bob Beamon and others would have had a much greater effect on the opinions of the world than the independent actions of a few athletes.

Rather than being a matter of right and wrong, this event was a matter of irrational thinking, of biting the hand that sends the athletes to the games — a gross lack of discretion.

## Speedy Spurs sidetracked

A combination of poor refereeing and outstanding goaltending helped eliminate the York Soccer team, "The York Spurs" from the OIAA championships held at Trent University last weekend.

In their first game, the overconfident Spurs were defeated 3-1 by the tough playing Trent team. Trent opened the scoring midway through the first half on a defensive error by the York players. The Spurs couldn't seem to get untracked until speedy Rick Stag scored on pass from hardworking Fred Block. York's forwards pressed to the attack, but Trent's goalkeeper held his team in the

game making spectacular saves off Vince Catalfo (the Spur's top scorer) and Dick Lochan on a bullet drive from point blank range.

The York forwards were continuously fouled, but the referee refused to call the play. Trent scored two goals late in the second half to win the game. E. Gardonio (bashful superstar) and big Steve Bacsalmasi were defensive standouts for the Spurs.

With only an hour and a half between games, the limping Spurs played Brock.

The fresh Brock team scored early in the game after the referee missed an offside call. York

fought back and tied the score in the second half on a goal by Vince Catalfo.

The goal was well deserved, and was followed up by a quickie by Wayne Purdon.

However, late in the game, Brock scored a disputed goal to put an end to the affair at 2-2. This crushed York's hope of winning the championship.

The players would like to thank coach Zivic for his perseverance and patience in making the Spurs into a tight competitive team. The team's season is officially over, but watch for an exhibition sometime during the Festival.

## Hockey team better than ever

by John Madden

Last weekend the Varsity team split a pair of games in Kingston; losing to Queen's 3-1 on Friday and defeating the Kingston Frontenac Junior B's 4-3 on Saturday. They were scheduled to meet RMC Saturday but that game was cancelled.

Rick Bowering scored for York from 25 feet out on passes from Don Fraser and Andy Schweda early in the Queen's game. However, the Golden Gaels tallied twice later in the first period and once in the third to win. Satur-

day, goals by Paul Erickson and Don Fraser (his second of the game) in the third period broke a 2-2 tie as York went on to win 4-3. Jim Posick also scored for York.

Fraser, with three points (two goals and one assist) was the top point man on the weekend. One reason this team won't be intimidated is defenceman Ed Zuccato. The former St. Mike's Jr. B all-star kept opposing forwards alert with solid body checks. Two Queens players hobbled to the bench after Zuccato jolted them. One spirited Kingston player, sitting in the penalty box said, "I

like this team; they play rough".

Another feature was the quick passes that helped them move the puck effectively out of their own zone many times. They had worked on this last week in practice.

Coach Bill Purcell was pleased with the general effort of his men who out-shot Queens 27-24 and Kingston 38-20. If the red team continues its improved play, York fans will be assured of the same fine hockey that they have seen in the past few years. The return match against Queens is this Friday at 7 p.m. in our arena.

## York rowers rammed at regatta

by Dave Crocker

York's two rowing teams competed this weekend in the Eastern Canadian Intercollegiate Rowing Association's regatta at St. Catherines, and almost flopped.

The Varsity eights finished fourth and the frosh team ended up sixth in a field of six.

The weather wasn't the nicest, and the team should be given credit for just showing.

In contrast to the older teams, things didn't look too good, but they faired well for an inexperienced team. Members of the Varsity team should be given credit for their efforts. They were Don Given, Bob Modray, Ross Ringler, Derwyn Smith, Bruce Hill, Ken Craigie, Tom Hamilton, and Jim "Sammy Sperm" Kelso. Most exuberant cox was Jimmy Daw.

But the frosh team were a big disappointment. High hopes were

held for the crew and they finished poorly.

That isn't to say that they didn't try. To see them every night out practicing on the cold lake until dark indicated their great spirit, and they are to be commended for trying.

Team members were Dave Scrutton, Brian Twohig, Shayne Tracey, Doug Rody, Pete Johanas, Bruce Bussin, Al Cohen, and Paul Crawford. Cox for the crew was Pete Curry.



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