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Six Yeomen selected in annual CFL draft

By DAVID BUNDAS

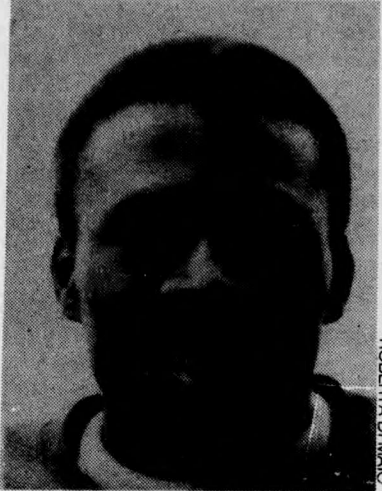
Being selected by a CFL team in the college draft is perhaps a dream come true for an aspiring athlete. A record six Yeomen were chosen in this year's event, led by second round selection TE Bob Harding, and FS Darryl Sampson, and including C Rick Lococco (4th round), DB Devon Hanson (6th round), OL Eric Jensen (7th round), and WR Steve DelZotto (8th round).

Sampson, 6'11", 180 lbs., has excelled in the Yeomen defensive secondary for two years and spent two others as a running back. He was selected by Winnipeg after being one of only 14 athletes across Canada chosen to display his skills at a CFL evaluation camp at Toronto's Atlantic Complex. After this camp, the CFL's scouting department ranks the top 20 athletes available for the draft. Also invited was York's hulking centre Rick Lococco who was selected by the Hamilton Tiger Cats.

Sampson said he was given a major indication of personal interest after having been invited to attend

the CFL draft at the Westin hotel. It was there that he spoke with Winnipeg GM Paul Robson, director of player personnel Joe Mack, and head coach Cal Murphy, and donning the Winnipeg jersey in the ritual stage ceremony.

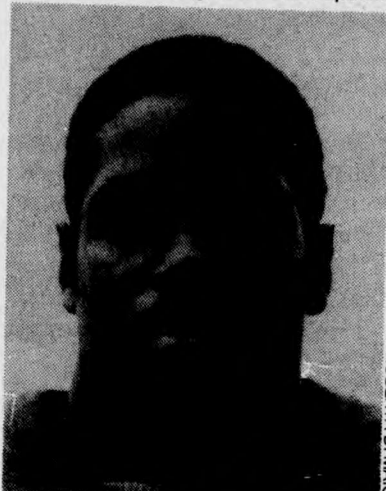
When questioned about his chance of sticking with the team as a free



Darryl Sampson

safety, Sampson appeared confident, "free safety is designated Canadian position in the CFL." The CFL allows only so many imports and certain positions are customarily left for Canadian athletes.

Looking ahead to training camp, Sampson plans to spend the off-season building his strength, and working on his coverage and foot speed.



Devon Hanson

U of T runs away with track & field meet

By JAMES HOGGETT

The Toronto Varsity Blues ran away with the men's and women's Ontario Track and Field Championships last weekend. The championships were held at York's Track and Field Centre on February 28 and March 1.

Toronto dominated the entire meet. The women won top honors in the team results by scoring 148 points. In second place was Windsor with 73 points and Queen's in third spot with 56.

On the men's side Toronto demolished all opposition by racking up an impressive 232 points. The team to come closest to Toronto was second place Western who wound up with 98 points. Waterloo finished third with 70.5. This victory for Toronto marks the 14th consecutive time that they have won the league championships.

York, who once enjoyed "glory days" in track and field were not favored to do well, and do well they did not. The Yeowomen finished a

dismal 10th (in a field of 12) with only nine points. The men fared a little better, managing to place 7th with 26 points.

Arthur Tailer, coach of the men's and women's track team at York was not surprised at the Toronto victory. "I'm not surprised one bit that Toronto won," said Tailer. "They came into the championships as the favorite because they have a good strong team and they proved it."

Tailer defended York's dismal performance by saying, "I felt we put together a good solid performance. We didn't compete in as many events as Toronto did, but the events we did compete in we competed well."

All was not bleak for York though as five athletes qualified for the CIAU Championships which are to be held March 13 through the 15, at the University of Alberta. The qualifiers are Anthony Miglietta, who won the men's long jump with a jump of 7.16 metres, an indoor personal best. Also qualifying for York was Walter ished 6th in the men's pole vault, and

Peter Xanthakos. Xanthakos did not compete in the meet but had previously qualified for the CIAU.

The final qualifier for York was Louis Bennett who finished 4th in the men's triple jump. Bennett a second year Mass Communications/Economics major, also plays for the York Yeomen football team as a defensive back.

"Miglietta and Xanthakos have the best chance of doing well at the CIAU," said Tailer. As for next year Tailer said, "It's difficult to say. Every year there's a different crop of athletes and competition is very fierce."

The main problem lies in the fact that the Universities in the Western provinces can offer sports scholarships and Ontario Universities can not. This poses a difficulty for Ontario Universities, and as a result cannot attract top athletes.

"The only way to combat this," said Tailer, "is to pep-up our student recruitment."

Two York wrestlers Ontario Champions

By EDO VAN BELKOM

The York wrestling team, after being ranked as high as third in the nation during the year, finished a surprising fourth in the OUAA championships held at the University of Western Ontario.

Although fourth place doesn't sound impressive, coach John Park qualifies the placing by noting that two teams were tied for second spot and the York squad was only a single point out of third.

Park is also quick to point out that the high national ranking was a bit deceiving. "The third place ranking wasn't very realistic because 10 out of 12 wrestlers were first year students," Park said. In the OUAA finals each school may enter one wrestler in each of the 12 weight categories.

Despite the disadvantage, York had two Ontario champions in Paul Hughes and Steve Sammons. Both wrestlers advanced to the CIAU championships last weekend in Mt. Allison. Hughes won the gold medal in the 61K class, defeating a national team member in the process. Hughes also placed third in the World Junior championships (19 and 20 year olds) earlier this year.

Sammons however, did not fare as well, suffering a shoulder injury in his first match and had to settle for a sixth place finish.

Next year York will be hosting the OUAA championships and Park wants to make sure his team puts in a strong showing. "I've been doing a

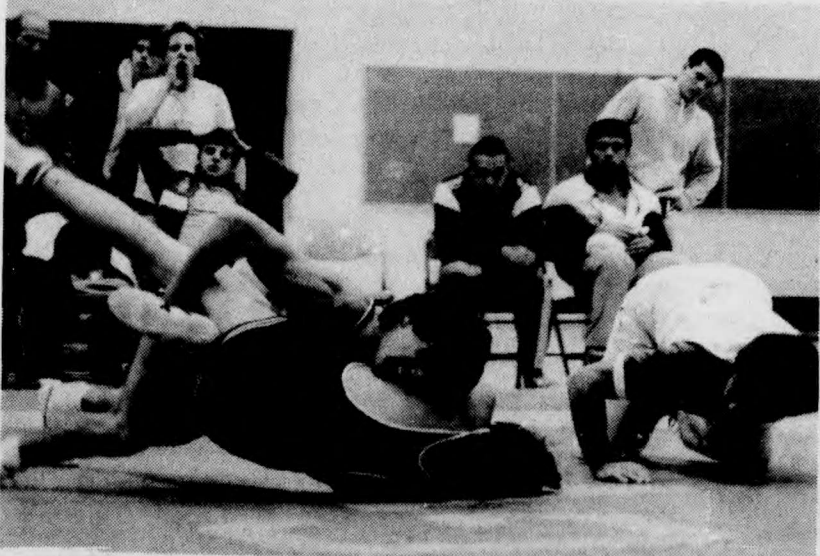
problem than finding a high quality facility to train in. At present the wrestling team shares an upstairs room in the Tait with several other clubs and teams. Next year Park lot of recruiting, not only in the Toronto area but as far away as Windsor and Ottawa," Park said. An idea team according to Park would consist of about 40 wrestlers, four in each category. York's present team is about half that number.

With York designated as one of several national training centres, high calibre wrestlers will be less of a plans to move his team off campus to the Pine Valley drive-Highway 7

area, but the move will cost an estimated \$15,000 in rent alone.

Park has already been searching for corporate donations and sponsorship but ideally would prefer to remain on campus. "We could stay on campus if there were some slight modifications to the room," said Park of the changes that would cost between two and three thousand dollars. "And the room could still be multi-purpose if the scheduling is right," he added.

But at present the wrestling team will be moving off campus along with the perennial champion gymnastic team until a proper facility can be provided for them to train in.



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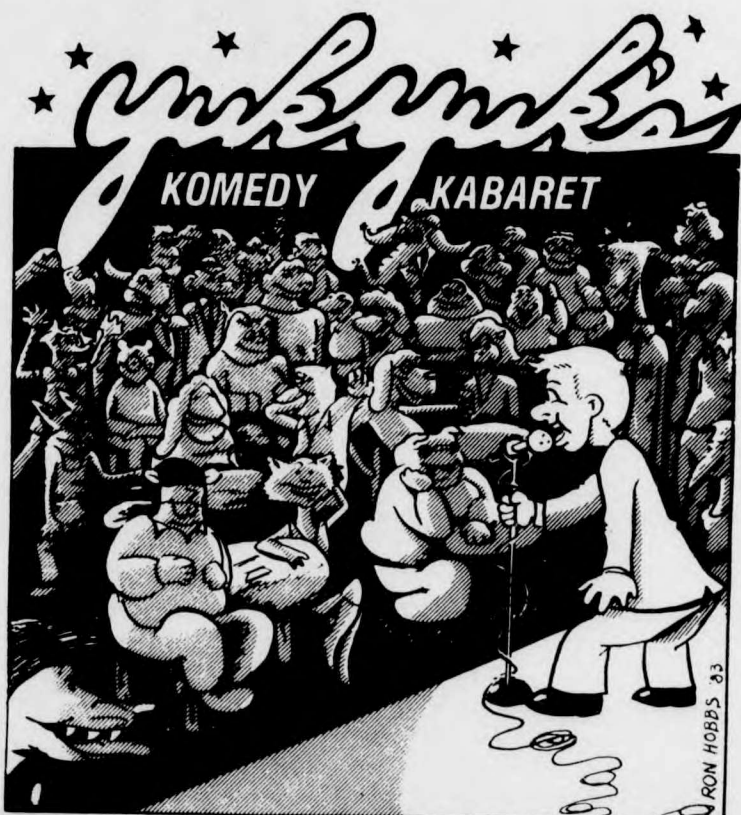
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