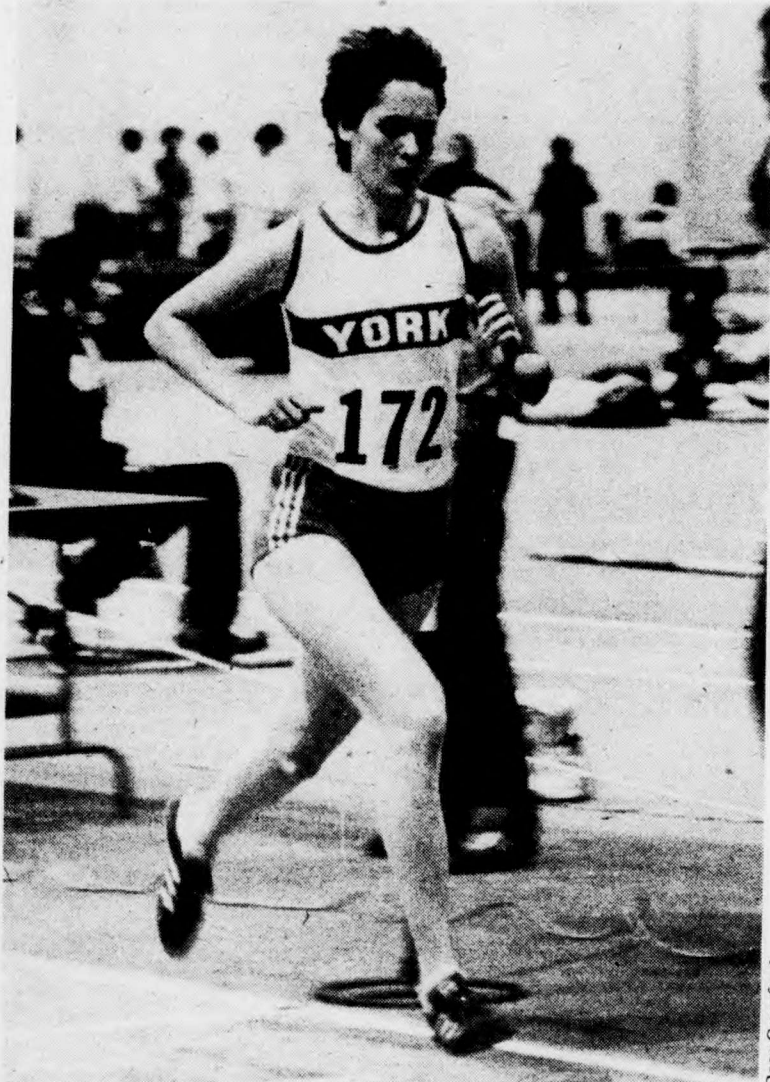




Runners have a field day



Sharon Clayton runs to victory in the 1500 metres event.

Rose Crawford

The long, hard hours of training put in by the York runners have paid off.

They completely dominated the long distance events at the tenth Annual York University Invitational Track and Field Meet held last Saturday.

In the women's events, Laura Blefgen covered the 3000 metres distance in a personal best time of 10:15.4. She made the CIAU qualifying time with eleven seconds to spare.

Sharon Clayton completed the 1500 metres race in 4:40.2 and barely missed the CIAU qualifying time by two tenths of a second. Michelle Mawhinney won the 1000 metres race for York with a time of 3:07.1.

As expected, world-class sprinter Angella Taylor easily won both of her events, the 50 and 300 metres with times of 6.28 and 37.03 seconds.

In the men's events Victor Jones and Farooq Shabbar were both

gold medalists for York. Jones won the 3000 metres in 8:51.8 and in the 1000 metres, Shabbar crossed the finish line with a time of 2:31.7.

Other highlights of the meet included a second place finish by the women's sprint medley relay team and a third place finish by the men's distance medley relay team.

In the men's high jump, Yeoman Kirk Cochran made the CIAU qualifying standard and tied the York varsity record with a leap of two metres.

McGibbon top gymnast

Rose Crawford

Laurie McGibbon, a three year veteran of the York Yeowomen gymnastics team, captured first place at the University of Western Ontario Senior Gymnastics Meet this past weekend.

Competing against gymnasts from six other Ontario universities, McGibbon placed first on the beam and vault events, third on bars and sixth on floor to win the individual all-around championship with a point total of 33.30. She was followed by Leeann Lusty of Western with 32.40 and Queen's Jayne McNeil with 31.30.

In the team standings, York placed third with 115.75, behind Queen's and meet winner McMaster.



Laurie McGibbon shows the skill which earned her first place in the Western Invitational gymnastics meet.

"I was hoping for second place, but the girls are all trying difficult new tricks and they are really not ready yet."

The other York competitors were; Linda Stella, Marylea Boles, Susan Langen, Gloria D'Andrea and Cindy Jensen.

Squash streak halted

Rose Crawford

The York Yeowomen Squash team's winning streak of 26 matches and seven tournaments was snapped this past weekend.

The University of Toronto pushed York into second place by winning the second OWIAA sectional tournament at Queen's University.

In the cumulative OWIAA standings however, the Yeowomen are still the leaders with 38 matches to their credit. Queen's and U of T follow in second and third place with 35 and 32 matches respectively.

Eventhough the team's streak has been halted, Yeowoman Karen Wilson's personal streak is still going. To date she has won 36 consecutive matches.

For coach Bob Cluett, one particularly gratifying aspect of the team's winning streak is that, "We are the only team to figure prominently in our streak that did not have anyone from the junior or international circuit....every single girl among our top five has played all of her squash tournaments in the colours of York University; in short, all of our talent is home-bred."

Trouble in paradise

Michael 'Goof' Allen

The York Yeomen Cagers, Canada's No. 1 ranked Basketball team, currently plagued by the loss of all-Canadian Bo Pelech (out for the remainder of the season with a broken wrist) and David Coulthard (sidelined temporarily by the flu) were dealt another blow Monday when head coach Bob Bain announced that centre Peter Greenway had been "released" from the team.

The effect of these losses was felt immediately with the Yeomen struggling to a 94-85 double-overtime victory over the unranked Laurentian Voyageurs in Sudbury on Friday. It took an outstanding performance by guard Paul Jones to pull out the victory. Jones scored a career high 27 points and was responsible for sending the game into overtime with a 15 foot jumper at the buzzer during regulation time.

On Tuesday evening, the Yeomen headed down to Ryerson, fully intending to systematically destroy the hapless Rams, a team that has never tasted victory in OUAA competition. The Yeomen did come away with a win, but they

needed a 25 point performance from rookie centre John Christensen to do so. Christensen is York's starting centre now that Greenway is out of the lineup.

When you compare the 90-72 victory with the fact that, last season, Ryerson scored only 68 points in two games against the Yeomen, and in one of those contests, scored only 3 points in the first half, you quickly come to the conclusion that there is, indeed, "trouble in paradise."

"I'd certainly admit that we're in a state of turmoil right now", commented coach Bain, "but I think, by the end of the week, we'll have a lot of things settled. We're having a team meeting today and the guys will be making some decisions then."

One decision that will apparently be made at the meeting whether or not Peter Greenway will return to the team. When asked who will actually make the final decision as to Greenway's status, Bain commented, "Believe it or not, I really think the decision's up to Peter now. We've laid out the conditions for him. He's the one who's got to decide if he can live with them."

For head coach Natasa Bajin, the third place finish was satisfactory considering the fact that of the six gymnasts who competed for York only McGibbon was a senior level gymnast. However, she had hoped for better results.

Hockey team falters



Those daring young men in their flying Cooperalls

Al Clarkson

With only three weeks remaining in OUAA hockey action, the Yeomen remain contenders for first place, despite losing two players to suspensions and two of their last three games.

Last Wednesday, York dropped a 7-4 decision to the University of Toronto in a very physical game played at the Ice Palace. The Yeomen ended the game both physically and emotionally exhausted.

John Campbell, Al Sinclair, John Lovell and Bill Ellison were the York scorers.

York coach Chris Kostka received shocking news on Thursday, as centre Claudio Lessio and defenceman Greg Quattrin

were suspended by the OUAA for playing in another league. The decision is being appealed, but the other York players were obviously frustrated when they left for London on Friday.

Against Western, York came up short losing 5-4; a laterally started a little too late. A line including Dave Gaston, Sinclair and teammate Alf Beasley contributed three goals to the York defeat while Ellison rounded out the scoring with a power play goal.

On Sunday, the Yeomen travelled to the Moss Park Arena to take on the Ryerson Rams, a game they won 5-1. Frank McCarthy opened the scoring at 3:00 beating Ryerson netminder Mike Pine.

Pine was kept busy by the York shooters, but managed to contain York until the third period. Scott Densen, Dave Jutzi, Beasley and Tim Haunn scored the other York goals. Brett Blowham lost his shutout with 1:17 left in the game as Brent Doncaster scored on a breakaway.

Athletes of the week

Yeowoman gymnast Laurie McGibbon is this week's female athlete of the week. She captured first place all-around with two gold medals and one bronze, at the Western Invitational gym meet last weekend. She was also successful in qualifying for the CIAU championships to be held later this year.

Basketball Yeoman Paul Jones has been chosen as this week's male athlete of the week.

In the game against Laurentian last Friday evening, Jones scored a career-high 27 points, including the tying basket which sent the game into overtime enabling the Yeomen to eventually win the game.

"A prizefight is like marriage... preliminaries are generally better than the main event."
P. Donahue