

SPORTS and RECREATION

York Invitational attracts 900 athletes to C.N.E., but very few medals for York



Some scenes from the York Invitational Track Meet. Below left, two high-school athletes relax in the stands and look interestedly at the panorama of events around them.

BY REX BUCALI

York University played host to a high-school and university Invitational Indoor Track Meet, Saturday, and in the final analysis proved to be very gracious hosts indeed.

The meet, which took place in the Industry Building of the Canadian National Exhibition grounds, attracted some 600 high-school and 300 university track athletes, to compete in 13 different events, including some team relays.

Although York's showing was underwhelming, some members of the host team placed well. Best showing by a York competitor was Rita McMinn's victory in the women's 1500 metre run, winning with a time of 4 minutes, 29.6 seconds. Geri Ashdown and Sally Beach, both from U. of T. placed second and third respectively.

In the high jump, Sandy Cooper and Joanne Vermey of Western placed first and third, while McMaster's E. Oljans came in second. Margot Wallace of York

came in third in the 400 metre race, behind Janet Dick of Western, and Kitty Jane Walter of Guelph.

The 50 metre final was won by Brock's Marg Stride, followed by Sue Sommers of McMaster, Colleen Hunter of Waterloo, and York's Alison Olds.

In the relay, York's team of Olds, Wallace, McMinn, and Karen Merrick came in second behind Western's team, and narrowly edged out Brock's team by a tenth of a second.

In the men's events, the 50 metre final was won by Duncan Card of Queen's, followed by Doug De Nike of Waterloo and Phil Williamson of McMaster. The 400 metre event was taken by Gerry Feeney of U. of T., followed by Fared Cachalia and Joe Fluke, both of Western.

In the 800 metre race, Rick Wolsey of Western, Kingsford

McKenzie, of McMaster, and Paul Spence from Queen's emerged as the top three. Receiving equal honours in the 1500 metre run were Bryan Stride of Brock, Craig

Stevenson of U. of T., and Walt Sepic of McMaster. (York's Steve May came in sixth.)

The 5000 metre race ended with Mike Dyon of U. of T. emerging as the winner, with schoolmate Brad Morley and Dean Foster of Conestoga College following. York's Dave Welch managed 14th place in the field of 26.

In the men's relay, Queen's "A" team finished first, U. of T. second and Brock third. The long was won by Glen Milligan of Western, whose Roy Turkington came in third. U. of T.'s Steve Chung finished second in the event, completely dominated by the two universities in the top eight spots.

Despite the less than terrific standings achieved by York in the meet it hosted last weekend, the event attracted a good sized crowd, and the proverbial good time was had by all.

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Yeowomen's squash team impresses in first tourney

By SHERRY MACCRAE

The York women's varsity squash team, in their first year of competition, swept to a first place finish in the consolation final of the Waterloo Invitational Squash tournament this weekend, at Waterloo.

First and second positions overall were won by Waterloo and Queen's respectively, while York placed fourth.

The team, comprised of Jane Mitchell, Lily Durzo, Dianna Brooks, Lydia Olah and Ann Filbert, played three matches in the tournament.

York won all five sets in a match against U. of T., allowing them to capture only one game out of 16.

Their only defeat came against Queen's, while they defeated Waterloo (B team), and McMaster.

The most dramatic victory for the team was Jane Michell's comeback 10-9 win over a Mc-

Master girl to give York their first-place finish by virtue of the number of games won in the matches played.

Coach Paul Frost said he was very pleased with his team's performance and looked forward to a higher finish in the OWIAA finals to be held at McMaster on February 14.

This Monday night, York will host Toronto's team in an exhibition rematch in Tait-McKenzie's squash courts at 6:00 p.m.

By TONY MAGISTRALE

Just a few short weeks ago, York hockey fans were sighing the blues.

The Yeomen had been sporting a measly 5-5 record, first place was virtually ceded to arch-rival Toronto, and the outlook was that York would be lucky to hang on to second place with both Queen's and Laurentian breathing down their necks. Much of the blame was laid at the feet of the defence, which, at times, appeared more porous than a strainer.

The tides of fate have turned considerably in the last 10 days however, as the Yeomen are now tied with the Blues for first with a 9-5 record.

More pleasing than their recent turnaround is the fact that two of their last four victories have come against Varsity, who are now sighing some exasperated blues of their own.

One of the two victories came last Wednesday night, at Varsity Arena, where the Yeomen edged the Blues 5-3.

Both teams hit the ice with the realization that first place was on the line, and for 60 minutes they treated the fans to a superb hockey performance.

When it was all over the Yeomen came out on top, grabbing a share of first place.

Peter Ascherl scored the fourth and winning goal for York, with Al Avery, Bob Wasson, Gary Gill, and Peter Titanic adding the others.

The most rewarding spoil to come out of the two games was the Yeomen's improved defensive play.

They allowed the high scoring Blues only five scores in both the matches. They had given up an average of 5.5 goals per game in their previous 10 starts.

DEFENSIVE FORWARDS

Key factors in the team's improvement are the increased backchecking efforts displayed by the forwards and the return to last year's form by goalie Peter Kostek.

His consistent use of the poke-check (à la Johnny Bower) in front of the net has given opposing players fits in recent games.

Friday night at the Ice Palace,

York blitzed the Ottawa Gee-Gees 9-3.

At times it looked as though there were only six players on the ice, all wearing dark red shirts, as Ottawa was hardly in the game at all.

The Yeomen banged in three power-play goals late in the first period and from there it was a foregone conclusion. Avery, Gill, and Titanic scored two goals each with singles going to Wasson, Dave Clements, and Roger Dorey.

PUCKNOTES: In an exhibition game Saturday night, the Yeomen were defeated 11-5 by Clarkson College (New York).

Most of the ice surface was left unscathed throughout the game, as the teams collected a total of 84 minutes in penalties, 62 of them being charged to the normally timid Yeomen.

Coach Dave Chambers described the officiating as "biased and incompetent" and promised that his team would never return. Centre Bob Wasson called the game a complete farce as the Yeomen played two-men short no less than seven times.

Who says European hockey officials are the worst on the globe?

SPORTS ON TAP

Friday, January 30

Men's Basketball: York vs. R.M.C., 8:15 p.m., Tait McKenzie.

Saturday, January 31

Men's Basketball: York vs. Carleton, 8:15 p.m., Tait McKenzie.

Men's Wrestling: York Quad, 5:00 p.m., at York.

Wednesday, February 4

Women's Hockey: York vs. McMaster, 7:00 p.m., at York.