

Tred stars on track at York Invitational

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The usually low-key York University Invitational track and field meet proved surprisingly eventful both on and of the field this year.

Among the highlights of this meet which attracted some of the top schools in Ontario was a fight between Angella Taylor and Angela Bailey.

Bailey edged Taylor in the final of the women's 60m race, and afterwards, when the runners were returning to the warm-up area, the two had a heated argument which resulted in Taylor being held in restraint by her teammates.

Bailey enraged Taylor with, "You're over the hill", and with accusations of Taylor using steroids to "keep up". Bailey also directed similar comments to Molly Killingbeck, another national team sprinter who has lowered her times in the 60m and 300m events over the past several months.

"She was saying things about me and about Molly that I didn't particularly care to hear," Taylor said later. "We're going to have to sit down and talk this thing out because all three of us are running as a team in the Pan-Am games this August." Bailey refused to comment.

Taylor, the recent recipient of the Canadian Amateur Athlete of the Year award, did not compete with the York track team because she didn't meet eligibility standards because her activity courses do not count as credits. She will, however, join the team in February while attending the Winter/Summer program.

More rivalry

The meet rekindled another rivalry, this time in the men's 60m. York's Desai Williams set a personal best in the race when

his time of 6.68 seconds handed Ben Johnson of the Scarborough Optimists track club, the runner-up spot after Johnson had scorched through the finishing line tape in both preliminary heats.

Johnson surprised many track experts when he took the silver medal in the 60m at the Maple Leaf Indoor Games one year ago. An unknown Toronto high school student in 1980, Johnson has again qualified for the Maple Leaf Games with his two wins in the heats, but was turned away by arch-rival Williams in the final.

Abundant firsts

Williams' time of 6.68 would have stood as a Canadian record but Johnson had run a 6.66 a week earlier at the Scarborough club, thus denying Williams' bid for the record.

Mark McCoy, an eye-opening gold medalist at the Commonwealth games with a 13:70 in the 110m hurdles this past summer, swept through the 60m hurdles with a time of 7:88 to capture top honors in the event.

Dave Reid, an outstanding cross-country runner in the fall, turned in the fastest time in the men's 1500m race with a 3:53.3. Reid, who finished third in the mile at the Ottawa Indoor Games, qualifies for the Maple Leaf Indoor Games this February 4-8.

Camille Cato jumped out to a quick lead in the women's 800m race, and then paced herself to a 2:14.7 clocking. Cato will join Reid and teammates Mark McCoy, Tony Sharpe, and Desai Williams at the Maple Leaf Indoor Games.

Back trouble forced number three ranked Tony Sharpe (in the world in the 200m) out of the competition. Sharpe had been running in London,



They're off!...Desai Williams bolts to a first in the men's 60m dash.



Mark McCoy leads the pack in the men's 60m. Action took place at York Invitational Track Meet last Saturday.

Ontario the night before when muscles in his back tightened, causing him to cancel competition at the York meet.

According to York coach, John Millar, many of the teams' athletes are running at or under their

personal best times, which is an important stat to consider when preparing for the OUAA and CIAU championships this March.

"I'm looking at what certain people are doing, looking for improvements over last year's stats.

Second overall

Gymnasts ready for nationals

KIM MYERS

This last weekend proved to be a good one for the host Yeowomen Gymnastics Team at the second meet of the season for Southern Ontario Universities. The meet was very successful as York placed second only to the McMaster Marauders. Mac, with a strong team this year, had a total team score of 126.96. York had a total of 118.33 and the Western Ontario Mustangs were third with a score of 117.83.

Team coach Natasa Bajin was very pleased with her team's standing, especially since two of her better gymnasts, Beth Johns and Gretchen Kerr could not perform due to

illness. Bajin is hoping that her gymnasts will be able to keep giving McMaster tough competition all season and will be able to keep placing in the top three.

CIAU's up next

The overall individual title winner was McMasters, Debbie Kirby with a total of 33.79. York's Linda Kunashko led the Yeowomen with a

strong performance and placed fourth all round with a score of 31.12. Kim Douglas, also of York, had an excellent meet placing sixth all round with a score of 30.69.

The meet, which is also the first major meet for OUAA schools is used as a qualifier for the CIAU's, Millar said.

On schedule

"We are doing quite well at this point. A lot of our athletes have been in school for a while, and have had the chance to do some training. The meet put up some good competition for them. Last year we were strong in the sprints, but with additions like Dave Reid, this team is much more rounded."

Setting the treads: Millar is not a one-man show as has been the case in previous years. A new coaching staff has been set up to handle each of the individual events. Millar was also pleased with the transfer of Neil MacIntyre, a University of Arkansas decathlete, who possesses a seven-foot high jump range, to the York track team...

Other Results From the Meet: Val Grosse, fourth in the men's 60m at 7:14; Jackie Payne, 8:37 in the women's 60m; Jamie Black, second, and Rick Singh, seventh, in the 3000 m with times of 8:36.0 and 9:18.2 respectively; Paula Danylyshen, fifth in the women's 1000m, clocking a 3:18.5. In the field events, shotputter Frank Mloniz placed third with a throw of 12.80 m - good for a birth in the CIAU's; Cathy Morrison, fourth in the women's high jump at 1.60m. In the long jump, Sharon Mason leapt to a first place finish with a 5.41m jump, while Dave Brown placed second with a jump of 6.71m. And finally, in the pole vault, Todd Watling finished seventh with a 4m vault.

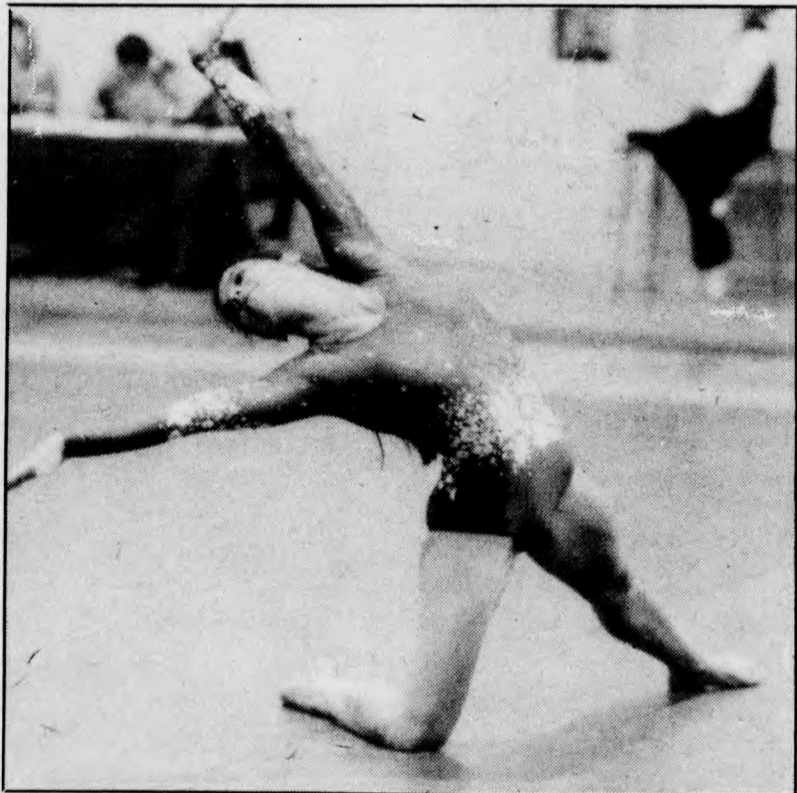


Photo: Debbie Kirkwood

The Yeowomen took second place in the overall team championships last week with a total of 118.33 points.

Bird bashers in final

CHRIS B. DODD

The Yeomen badminton team has gained a birth into the OUAA championships after emerging victorious at the East Section tournament held last weekend at RMC. It was the third consecutive tournament victory for York.

Ian Garland, Dave DeBelle, and Chris Yung led the Yeomen with first, second and third place victories respectively, in singles competition.

The team confidently enters the championship tournament having dominated the Eastern Section throughout the season. With a record of 42 wins and only six losses, the Yeomen were far ahead of second place U of T.

The OUAA championship tourney will be held at RMC on the weekend of February 12 and 13.

York Ice dancers steal show

ELISSA S. FREEMAN

For a team that hasn't quite gotten its share of the spotlight, the Yeowomen Figure Skating Team certainly stole the show at last Friday's York University Invitational.

Led by coach Bernice "Bernie" McLaughlin, the Yeowomen overcame stiff competition from Western, U of T, Queens and McGill to win the overall competition with a total of 76 points. Several members of the team also displayed award winning performances.

Dazzling Performances

Gia Guddat, a first year film major and ten year veteran of the sport, ended up with two first place finishes in both the Senior

Interpretative and Open Singles events. In the latter event, Guddat, dazzled the audience with such manoeuvres as illusions, double flips, and double lutz's in her 3:12 minute program.

York swept honours

In the same two events, Wendy Carriere compiled second and third place honours. Teamed with partner Wendy Rodgers, the duo captured first place in the Senior Similar Pairs. Separately, Carriere and Rodgers also added respective first and third awards to their collection.

Other stars that shone on the ice for the Yeowomen, were Andrea Ingledew and Cathee Maron. Despite a fall in the Intermediate singles event, Maron took first place,

while Ingledew settled for third.

The Senior Singles event saw York make a grand sweep of all three honours. To the theme from 'Ice Castles', Ingledew glided to the number one position with Maron and Cathy Geraci not far behind in second and third place.

Charlene Parrinder and Melanie Daigle represented York in the Novice Similar Dance with a third place finish, while Robyn Landon and Bill Dunbar took second place in the Novice Mixed Pairs.

The Junior Interpretive event saw Parrinder and Becky Simkin skate to second and third place finishes and Michelle Beehler captured third in the Intermediate Interpretive.

The girls will now continue to train for the upcoming OWIAA championships to be held at Queen's, February 25-26.