

# SPORTS

## York Athletics Dept. gains international experience

Top athletes and coaches participate in world tournaments and seminars

By EDO VAN BELKOM

The end of the academic and athletic year means school's out for most of the students and faculty of the university, but for a few of the people in the Department of Physical Education and Athletics, summer is a time to gain more experience that will benefit York's athletic programmes and teams in the upcoming year.

A number of York's top athletes and coaches will spend some of their summer vacation travelling the globe, participating in tournaments, seminars, or in the case of Yeomen head coach Frank Cosentino, teaching a special course outside the country.

Cosentino will be spending the month of June in Greece conducting

a course entitled "Sport in the Ancient World: The Greek Experience" that will take him and his students to just under 10 places of interest in Greece and the surrounding islands.

Yeoman football assistant coach Mike Eben will be attending seminars in Egypt and Israel as York's representative in the Association of

Canadian Professors of Peace in the Middle East. The trip began May 13 and will run for three weeks.

Two of York's world class coaches, Marina van der Merwe and Kathy Broderick, will be taking the Canadian Junior National field hockey team to Holland to compete in an International Hockey Federation Tournament where they will play some of the best field hockey teams in the world. Three Yeowomen will be participating in the tournament. Sandra Levy and 1984 Olympic team members Sharon Creelman and Sharon Bayes are members of the junior squad.

A little closer to home, on this side of the Atlantic at least, York coaches will be working with the national

teams in their respective sports.

Yeowomen volleyball CIAU coach of the year Merv Mosher attended the Canadian Senior team tryout in Regina as a guest coach, while Yeowomen basketball coach Frances Flint will travel to Taiwan for a tournament as manager for the national women's team.

Other globetrotting York teams are the Yeomen soccer team and the Yeowomen squash team, both of which will be participating in playing tours of Great Britain.

Summer experience like this can only enhance the already high level of coaching received by York's varsity teams and can only help to continue the trend of athletic excellence established over the '84-'85 athletic season.



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**STAY-AT-HOME KINDA GUY:** While many of York's coaches and athletes are spanning the globe, Hockey Yeomen right-winger Rick Morrocco is living on campus and working for the University maintenance department. Vroom! Vroom!

## SPORTS BRIEFS

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### BASKETBALL

Yeomen star John Christensen has finished his five-year university career and is now being sought by several European teams for the upcoming season. Christensen recently played in a tournament in France with the Estonia Sr. A team and placed seventh in the competition.

### HOCKEY

Yeomen head coach Dave Chambers will be co-ordinating a hockey symposium here at York on June 14-16. It will be the University's third elite Hockey Symposium and boasts an impressive array of speakers including Calgary Flame coach Bob Johnson, Chicago Blak Hawk assistant Roger Neilson, Terry Crisp, coach of the OHA champion Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds and Toronto Sun sports editor George Gross.

### FOOTBALL

Mike Chesson, Yeomen right offensive tackle from 1981 to 1984, has signed a contract with the Toronto Argonauts. Chesson was Yeoman team captain in 1983 and 1984 and was also an OUA all-star in 1983.



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New Argonaut Mike Chesson

Mike Boyd, the Yeomen's all-star kicker, received York University's Natural Science and Engineering Research Council Summer Research Grant and will be studying biomechanics with Professor Tom Duck.

Norbie Wirkowski was awarded the Tom Pate Award by the CFL Player's Association for all-round excellence in football, academic and community service. Wirkowski is the Yeomen safety and son of former CFL great and Yeomen assistant coach Nobby Wirkowski.

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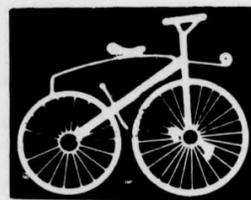
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