



Sports



It's a familiar tune in CIAU track

Track stories by
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It was a CIAU finals meet in which the established dynasties in Canadian University track and field kept right on establishing themselves, as the men from Toronto and the women from Saskatchewan once again claimed their respective team titles.

Toronto easily took the men's team title with 89 points, more than doubling second place UBC (43), third place Calgary (42), and fourth best Alberta (39). Meanwhile Saskatchewan had a much tougher time on the women's side, outlasting Toronto by five points (50-45), and conference rivals Alberta (31) who did well to claim third place.

Toronto had previously one the men's team title in '81, '82, and '83, while the Huskies won the women's in '81 and shared it with Alberta last year.

But aside from the deja-vu in the team awards, this past weekend's meet in the Butterdome was an exciting one.

When it was over five CIAU records had fallen, two of them to Paul McCloy from Memorial University of Newfoundland. On Friday night McCloy set a new standard in the 1500m, nipping 0.27 seconds off the old mark with his time of 3:48:23.

Then on Saturday afternoon McCloy blew the field away in the 5000m.

His time of 13:57:28 not only upended his own CIAU mark (set in September '85) by almost seven seconds, he finished over 29 seconds ahead of the rest of the field. This from an athlete who doesn't even have an indoor track to run on at home.

But if anyone had a chance to upstage the Maritimer it was middle-distance runner John Graham from the University of Calgary.

The 20-year-old ran in four events in the two days and, with a cache of four gold medals, was named Outstanding Male Athlete.

Graham started his CIAU hardware collection on Friday, with a victory in the 600m with a time of 1:18:41, a personal best. Alberta's Brian Monaghan was originally awarded third in that race, but a protest ensued and Monaghan ended up fourth.

Then on Saturday Graham cleaned up in the 300m, and with the help of his teammates, the 4x200m and the 4x400m relay.

"I changed gear a lot in a short period of time," understated the third-year economics student. "I could have tried for the national record in the 300m but I wanted to save my energy for the 4x400m (which ran a scant hour and 15 minutes after the 300m)."

Was he surprised with his success however? "I'd have been disappointed with anything less than four wins here," deadpanned Graham.

The women's Outstanding Athlete award went to UBC high jumper Jamie Lutz, who bettered the old CIAU mark by one centimetre with a jump of 1.87 metres.

Other CIAU records were set by Paul Just in the pole vault, who's vault of 5.15 metres beat the old mark of 5.00 set by UBC's Dave Parker in 1981; and Calgary's 4x400m relay team, who crossed the finish line in 3:17:26, just 0:11 under the record.

Somewhat lost amidst the various outstanding individual performances by all the visiting athletes were some excellent showings by the Golden Bears and Pandas.

Gold medals went to Danny Lanovaz in the triple jump (15.06m), Nancy Gillis in the long jump (5.87m), and the husband and wife team of Noella (7.61) and David Lee Pong (6.88), who ran away with their respective 60 metre sprint events.

The women's 4x200 relay and the men's 4x200 team earned the bronze.

Joanne Otto's bronze in the 600m event rounded out the medals for Alberta.

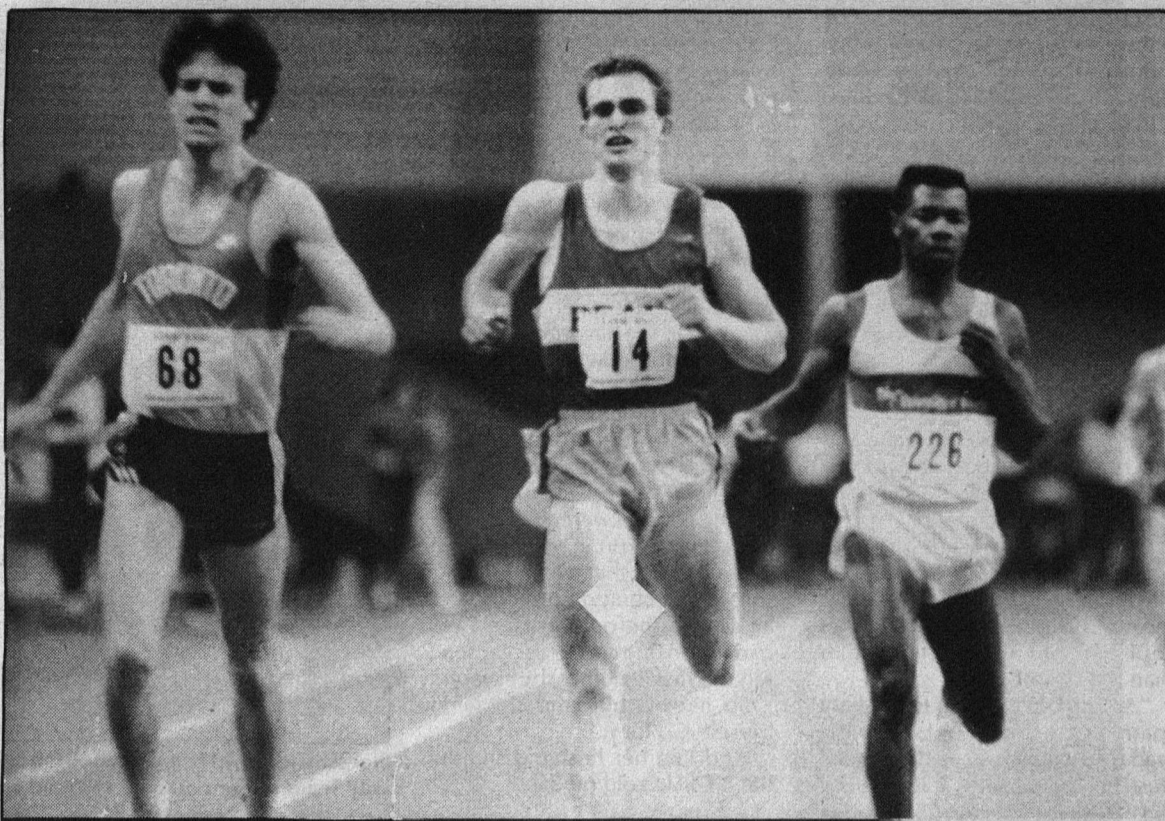


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(Above) Alberta's Brian Monaghan (middle) relaxes after the finish of the men's 300m. (Below, left) Calgary's John Graham stole the show, though, with gold medals in the men's 600m, 300m, 4x400, and 4x200 relays.

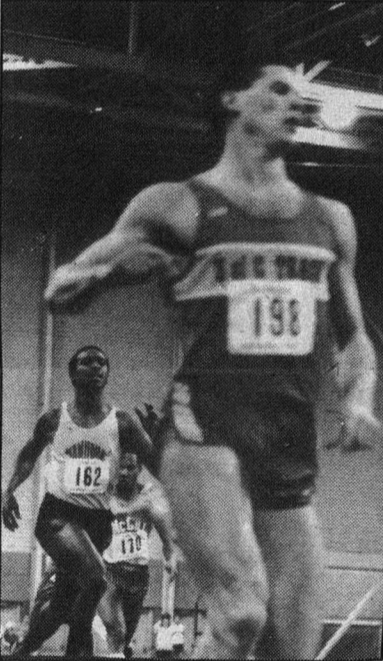


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Football on ice

by Tim Enger
Bears 4 Wildcats 3

In the inaugural game of the UofA football Bears-Edmonton Wildcats hockey clash for Uncles at Large, the Bears have come away as the champions.

In a game where emotion made up for lack of skill, quarterback Mark Denesiuk scored on a great individual effort with 16 seconds left to secure the victory for the Bears.

The Wildcats had tied it up moments earlier on a controversial goal. With 1:12 left, Bears' coach Jim Donlevy was fingered for holding, which had prevented a breakaway. But before the first stoppage of play, Donlevy slid into the net knocking it off its moorings. Then,

with the sixth man on the ice because of the delayed penalty, the Wildcats put the puck in the net. After a lot of discussion, the referees ruled that Donlevy had intentionally knocked the net off, so they counted the goal.

This then set up Denesiuk's second goal of the game, and earned him game MVP honours.

Also scoring for the Bears, were linebacker Andy Shinke and tight-end Brian Cable.

Both the Bears and the Wildcats would like to thank all those who showed up for supporting their clubs and Uncles at Large.

Next year's game is as yet unscheduled.

Otto is through paying dues

Mark Habscheid, Manny Lee, and Joanne Otto. What do these three athletes have in common?

Well, here's a hint: Habscheid couldn't crack the Edmonton Oilers' lineup on a permanent basis because of the presence of two other scoring centers, Mark Messier and Wayne Gretzky.

Need another hint? How about middle infielder Lee riding pine on the Toronto Bluejays' bench in favour of second baseman Damaso Garcia and shortstop extraordinaire Tony Fernandez.

Okay, so I gave it away.

But can you name the two 600-metre runners that stand between Otto and a CIAU gold medal?

They are Saskatchewan's Gwen Wall and Sherbrooke's Susan Durell. They placed first and second respectively ahead of Otto in the 600-metre on Friday.

But Joanne Otto, who also took the bronze in that event last year, isn't complaining at this stage of her career. "I'm happy with the bronze because the two girls that beat me were the best in Canada," said the 19-year-old.

"After being injured all of last year I think I've really improved this season," explained Otto as she applied ice to a right foot that suf-

fered a stress fracture early last year.

Older brother Dave plays on the Golden Bears hockey team while studying medicine. Joanne is in her second year of pre-med.

Making the best of a tough situation, Otto learns from rival Gwen Wall rather than being discouraged by her.

"She's something for me to strive for, which is really good for me. I've been catching up to her slowly, though," admits Otto of last year's provincial Female Athlete of the

Year in the wheat province.

But the good news for Otto is that Wall ran the last CIAU race of her life on Saturday. She has now finished her fifth year of competition.

Joanne Otto was Alberta's top female athlete in this writer's opinion. She ran in the 4x800 and turned in a remarkable leg in the 4x400 as the Pandas finished fourth.

And with two bronze medals in her first two years at the university level, this third-stringer is going to be a first-stringer mighty quick.

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