

# S P O R T S

## York to reap benefits if Olympic bid is successful

By JAMES HOGGETT

An Olympic Village will be built on the York University campus if the City of Toronto is successful in its bid for the 1996 summer Olympic games.

Over 10,000 athletes would be housed on campus, which would result in the expansion and improvement of facilities at York.

An estimated \$130 million will be spent on an Olympic Village at York. According to Dr. Bryce Taylor, the secretary-general of the Toronto Ontario Olympic Council (TOOC), the existing rooms on campus will be renovated and new rooms built to accommodate the 10,000 athletes.

In addition, said Taylor, who is also the program director of Sports Administration Certificate Programme at York, the Olympic Village would bring about the improvement of kitchen facilities, the addition of more bleachers at the National Tennis Centre, and the construction of new training venues.

The rest of the province will share in this bonanza if the 1996 summer games are held in Toronto, a long awaited consultants' report says. Two billion dollars in economic benefits will be reaped if the city can persuade the International Olympic Committee (IOC) of Toronto's qualifications, according to the report written for the TOOC by the firms Cresap, McCormick and Paget/Barnard Management Consultants.

The report, released August 19, says the games would provide the equivalent of 33,000 construction

jobs and another 33,000 jobs in spin-off industries for a full year and pour \$160 million in taxes into government coffers.

The report also claims that Toronto has an "excellent" chance of landing the Olympic Games, the world's premier sporting event. The TOOC paid for the report with the help of \$15,000 in donations from 32 corporate sponsors. The study examines the finances, Games' venues, social impact, and attractions of Toronto as a host city—including its multiculturalism.



Toronto and the surrounding area have the hotels, transit system and other facilities to stage the games, the report says. On a more emotional level, it says Toronto also "lives up to the Olympic ideal. It is home for people from many nations who live in harmony and mutual respect."

The 270-page report suggests events could be held across southern Ontario, including London, Kingston, Hamilton, Collingwood and Toronto, using existing facilities as

much as possible.

As expected, the report proposes that the opening and closing ceremonies be held in the new domed stadium in Toronto, despite the fact that it hasn't yet been built.

TOOC president Paul Henderson admitted his group has "assumed the domed stadium will be built," but said that if it's not, events scheduled for there can be transferred to Exhibition Stadium.

The report also calls for the spending of \$70 million to turn the outdated Exhibition Stadium into a temporary 100,000 seat stadium for track and field and soccer. The stadium would later be converted into an amateur sports centre.

Other new facilities to be built would be a \$65 million swimming/diving centre to be constructed somewhere in metro and later converted to a hockey arena; a \$25 million, 4,000 seat velodrome for cycling; and a condominium complex downtown to handle the estimated 10,000 media members, which would later be sold.

The aim of the organizers (the TOOC) is to emulate the Los Angeles Games by financing the Games through the private sector.

On August 25, Toronto City Council voted unanimously to hold the 1996 Olympics in Toronto. However, it won't be until 1990 that the IOC selects the host city. Running against Toronto in its bid for the 100th anniversary of the Games is Athens, Greece, which is heavily favoured to win due to the fact that the modern Olympics began in 1896 in Athens. Also competing are cities

which have previously bid unsuccessfully for the 1992 Olympics. These contenders include Paris, Brisbane, Barcelona and Birmingham.

Although the organizers believe

Toronto will win out, it definitely has its work cut out for itself because of the Athens bid. "All one can do now is wait," Henderson said. "It is now up to the International Olympic Committee to decide the winner."

## Graduation wrecks havoc on Yeomen football team

By KARIM HAJEE

Graduation: the one word that sends chills down the spines of collegiate coaches everywhere. One only has to ask York football coach Frank Cosentino and he'll tell you exactly what damage graduation can do to a team.

Last year the York Yeomen finished with a five and two record and made the playoffs for the second consecutive year after years of frustration. However, by the end of May many of the players that played a key role in guiding the Yeomen to victory had graduated. Among those that left were defensive backs Devon Hansen, Norbie Wirkowski, Domenic Cugliari, and Daryl Sampson; all-star guard Dirk Leers, tight end Rob Harding, centre Rick Lococco, and quarterback Tino Iacono.

The loss of such a solid core of players is a coach's nightmare, one Frank Cosentino and co-head coach Nobby Wirkowski have to deal with.

The Yeomen are definitely in the rebuilding stage and many times

when a team has to overhaul the lineup a change in coaching philosophy is inevitable. Coach Cosentino feels a stronger offence is what's needed to compensate for the loss of his defensive stars. But this won't be an easy task when the team's starting quarterback for the past 2 seasons (Iacono) is no longer present. The likely candidate to take over his position is Glen Humenik. Humenik possesses a strong arm, and with running back Terry Douglass and wide receiver Steve Delzotto returning, York's offence may not lose too much.

If York is going to make the playoffs this season it will have to score more points in the last 30 minutes of their games. Last year the offence was criticized for going to sleep in the second half and relying on the defence to carry them through the game. Fortunately, the defence prevailed and York managed to win five out of seven.

This year that defence is full of question marks. Defensive coaches

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