

SPORTS



GETTING A LEG UP: The Yeowomen and Yeomen track and field teams finished second and fourth in their respective divisions at the nationals in Sherbrooke last weekend.

Track stars shine at national championship

By RICCARDO SALA

York wasn't expecting to win the Canadian Track and Field championships, but fought hard just the same.

The Yeomen finished fourth and the Yeowomen captured second at the CIAU championships held in Sherbrooke, Quebec over the weekend.

"I think that everyone worked to their potential," said York coach Sue Summers. "A lot of personal

bests were achieved, which is what it's all about."

The Yeomen and Yeowomen both finished a strong second in the Ontario finals, which U of T won. In the more competitive national field, which featured the University of Manitoba who won the men's title, York was still able to come up with some respectable showings. Toronto was victorious in women's competition.

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V-ball men set sights on nationals

By TOM BARLOW

You can keep a lid on a boiling cauldron for only so long.

The Waterloo Warriors managed to bottle up the York Yeomen for the first two games of their best-of-five Ontario volleyball championship match last Saturday. However, the Yeomen exploded in game three and out-powered Waterloo in games four and five to capture the provincial title.

Urged on by a large and raucous crowd of Warrior fans, Waterloo jumped out to an 8-2 lead in the opening game. York on the other hand, seemed uninspired throughout the game, making unforced errors and missing key serves.

Waterloo's impressive blocking and "hustle" defense allowed them to take the first game 15-10.

In game two, York's service errors continued as Waterloo's strong defence doused any hint of a spark in the lacklustre Yeomen squad. Waterloo's all-star power hitter Steve Smith was devastating against York who could not seem to contain Smith's powerful attacks.

Game three saw a different Yeomen squad take to the Tait McKenzie floor. York captain Bill Knight began to spike over what had appeared to be impenetrable blocks. Jacob Wiktorek, York's stellar middle blocker, also picked up his game and began to slam the Warriors' power hitters.

In the back court, York's defence was motivated and often astounding as they dug up everything the Warriors could muster. What were sure points for the Warriors in games one and two became great saves for the Yeomen in game three.

In game four the pattern of domination by the Yeomen continued. Yeomen power hitter Dexter Abrams baffled the Waterloo blockers with his unorthodox spiking style.

Veterans Bruce Dunning and Jim Mohrhardt—as well as freshman setter Greg Chin—began playing flawless volleyball which further fueled the rejuvenated Yeomen squad.

York won the game 15-10. By the fifth game the Yeomen were playing up to their national-calibre potential. Chin's setting put York's sophisticated offence into

motion, with Knight and Wiktorek pounding winners off of X, short and outside attacks.

The demoralized Waterloo fans were silent and the Warriors themselves were in disarray as the Yeomen handily won the game 15-7 to capture the OUA championship.

After the match a jubilant Knight commented that once the Yeomen "started putting the serves in the court and blocking better," their entire game picked up.

Waterloo coach Rob Atkinson identified the turning point in the match.

"Knight and Jacob (Wiktorek) really turned it around... we really couldn't stop them. We knew that if we let them get their offence going we'd be in trouble," said Atkinson.

Chin reflected on coach Dyba's attempt to motivate his team between the second and third games.

"The first championship we won this decade we beat Waterloo after being down two games—we can repeat history."

The Yeomen, third-ranked in the nation at press time, travel to Calgary this weekend for the CIAU championship.

Hockey men drop Ontario final

By "HOWIE" MARR

THOROLD—The drive for five consecutive OUA hockey championships finally ran out of gas.

The York Yeomen were beaten 3-0 Saturday night by the Laurier Golden Hawks, snapping their four-year stranglehold on the Queen's Cup.

But the season is far from over for the Yeomen, who earned the right to compete in the CIAU Nationals—which start tonight (6 p.m.) at Varsity Arena—with a hard-fought 5-4 victory over the nation's number-one-ranked team, Trois Rivières.

"We tried to emphasize that this [the Laurier match] was a big game,"

said York captain Bill Maguire, who has played on the club's last three Ontario championship teams. "We wanted to hang another banner in the Ice Palace."

The unranked Yeomen were riding an emotional heading into the game, much like their Laurier counterparts who defeated Brock 4-3 in the semi-finals.

The letdown was obvious no both sides throughout a rather tentative first period. York came closest to grabbing a lead in the first when Greg Rolston rang a shot off the post.

Early in the second, the Yeomen had another great opportunity with

a two-man advantage, but their power play failed to produce any great opportunities.

That was all the prompting the Hawks needed as they jumped on the scoreboard at 7:06 of the second on a Peter Hellstrom goal. Exactly five minutes later, Howard Michowski made it 2-0 Laurier, taking advantage of a two-on-one breakthrough.

York's offence simply never got into gear and Mark Applewhite could only hold off the Laurier charges for so long. In the third, Laurier put the game away on a Brad Sparkes shot from the top of the

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ATTENTION FOREIGN STUDENTS

Canada Immigration has accepted a proposal made by the Foreign Student Counsellor at York University to alleviate the long waits which foreign students and their families often face when they require service from Canada Immigration.

You will now be able to book an appointment, beginning April 5, 1989, alternate Wednesday and Thursday afternoons at the Toronto West Immigration Office, 1243 Islington Avenue. Appointments must be made in person in the Office of Student Affairs, 124 Central Square.

Further information on the dates and times at which this service will be offered will be available from the Office of Student Affairs after March 20, 1989. Students whose documents require attention prior to April 5, 1989 must make their own arrangements.

This service will also be available to visiting scholars and their families.

Watch for further details on the March 23 'Directions' page, in this newspaper.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Employment and Immigration have also agreed to ease some of the employment restrictions for foreign students for the summer of 1989. Although details are limited at this time, we can tell you that beginning mid-May foreign students will be permitted to seek employment in the hotel and restaurant industry in the Toronto area. Employment authorizations will still be required. Further details will be released by the Office of Student Affairs as they become available.

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