

# Track and field teams contend and pretend

By MARIO PIETRANGELO

The York Invitational Track and Field Tournament proved that the Yeowomen are a contending squad. Unfortunately the same can't be said yet for the Yeomen team.

One of the Yeowomen's top performers over the weekend was shot putter, Hyacinth Brown. Brown, returning after pregnancy, is hoping to prove that she still has what it takes to be a champion. After her win in the shotput Brown, the defending OWIAA Champion, said she felt "stronger than ever before, and I think my victory today demonstrated that I am better than ever."

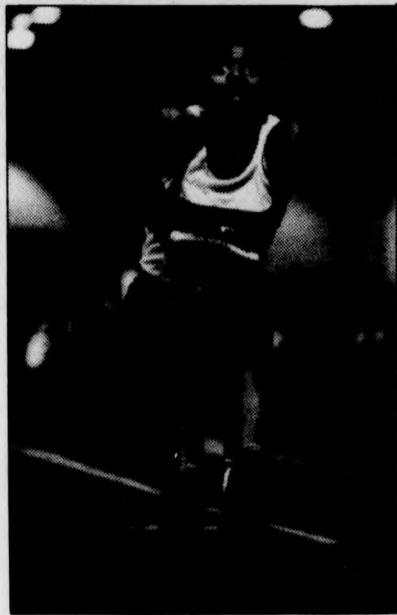
The Yeowomen also fared well in the 60 metres hurdles as Hester Westenberg, Karyn Humber and Lesa Mayes finished 2nd, 3rd, and 4th respectively. Yeowoman Karyn Humber feels the additional competition from team mates pushes all of them to run faster.

York was strongly represented in the jumping events by Carol Husbands and Andrea Hastick. Both were a disappointment in the long jump, but came back strong in the triple jump, finishing 1st and 2nd respectively.

Middle distance runners Lara Leitch and Susi Long also turned in splendid performances. Leitch, showing a great deal of improvement since the fall semester, won a silver medal in the 600 metre event, an indication that she will be one Yeowoman to keep an eye on. Long showed a great deal of determination in capturing a bronze medal in the 3,000 metres.

In contrast, the Yeomen track and field team is in dire straits. With the exception of a strong group of sprinters, they lack in several key areas. The failure of the Yeomen to place in the top three in any of the distance events shows real problems. The Yeomen are also in need of a high jumper and a long jumper.

Compounding the team's problems is the loss of key performers Sean Foudy and Walter Hauer. Both Foudy and Hauer are ineligible to represent York at the OUAA this year, because of academic course



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**YEOWOMAN CAROL HUSBANDS** placed 4th in the long jump event and 1st in the triple jump at the York Track and Field Invitational.

requirements. The Yeomen will also be without the services of two-time CIAU long jump champion, Anthony Miglietti, because of his decision to concentrate on studies this year.

One area the Yeomen can relax in is in the sprinting events, with 1st and 3rd place finishes, in the 4 by 200 metres sprint relay. Warren Salmon, a last minute replacement, anchored the York "A" team to an easy victory. Joe Kelly ran a magnificent final lap, diving across the finish line to secure the York "B" team's bronze medal. In the 60 metres dash Yeomen Desmond Griffiths also won a bronze medal, but was disappointed with the slow start he felt cost him a chance to win.

Pole vaulter Yeomen Graham Booth put in a remarkable performance, winning a silver medal and setting a personal best. Booth feels that he can still go higher, and will try using a heavier pole to provide for more of a lift.

The Men's 300 metre sprint provided plenty of excitement as Yeomen Richard Hislop and Darren Gardner won the gold and silver medals respectively.

# U of T wins tourney

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The York Indoor Field Hockey Tournament last weekend brought together a mixture of club and university teams. The noticeable absence of York's top performers Sandra Levi, Sharon Creelman, and Sharon Bayes, meant that York was a heavy underdog heading into the tournament. The three York olympians are preparing for a tough training schedule which includes five weeks in Australia and then two weeks in South Korea, and therefore were given a rest.

The absence of three key players put additional pressure on the young Yeowomen team, and to the surprise of many observers, they played remarkably well. York coach Marina van der Merwe was delighted with the progress of the Yeowomen rookies, and feels the additional playing time will give them valuable experience.

The Yeowomen opened up the tournament with impressive victories over Western 3-0, Waterloo 7-1, and club team Oopkiks 5-1. But then York had a tough match against a more experienced Gopher team and lost 8-4. Despite the loss, York qualified for the semi-finals and was scheduled to take on an extremely strong Nomad team.

The Nomads appeared surprised by the relentless effort of York. The Yeowomen were trailing 5-2 with only five minutes to play, but York managed to score two quick goals to close the gap. The Yeowomen con-

tinued to pressure the Nomads, but at the final buzzer York was eliminated from the tournament.

Yeowomen Dale Peltola and Lisa Underhill had great tournaments. Also a standout for the Yeowomen was Cathy Timmins. Timmins played well defensively, and scored 17 out of York's 23 goals. If an MVP award were to be given then she would have been a strong candidate. Other candidates, however, would have included Lady Blues' Bernadette Casey, the Gophers' Darlene Stoyka, and Nomad players Sheila Forshaw and Ainslee "Red Shoes" Press.

Because the games were played indoors, the style of play was different than in a conventional, outdoor game. "I play better indoors," said Yeowoman Cathy Timmins. "The boards add an extra dimension to the game, and if used properly they can be like having another player on your team."

The championship game was a thriller as U of T met the Nomads. In the preliminary round these same two teams played to a 6-6 tie, and therefore both teams knew what to expect. The Lady Blues' superior bench strength made the difference. After the tournament, U of T coach Liz Hoffman said that she had "a lot of confidence in all of my players, therefore I make frequent changes." Hoffman confirmed that the tournament provided a lot of good competition, and the Nomads, Gophers, and York were all good teams.

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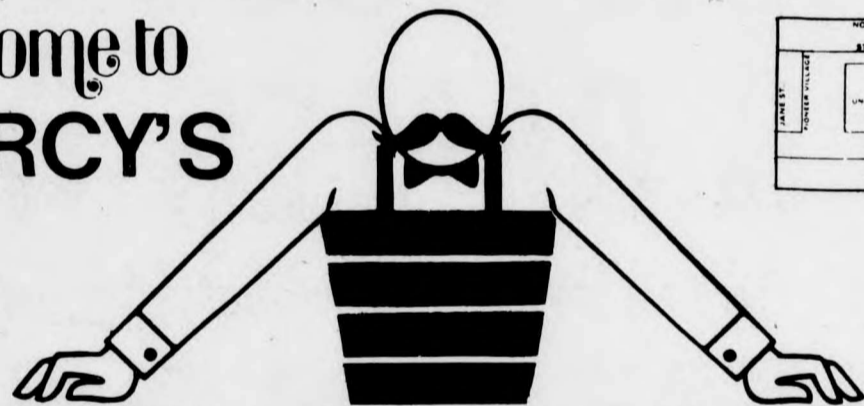


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