

Last lap of season for track team

The University track season came to a close last Saturday with the OUAA/OWIAA championships at the CNE and despite the fact that the York team failed to garner any gold medals they still managed to perform well enough to place fifth in the men's division and sixth in the women's division.



Low in depth with only ten men and seven women, the York teams slipped just slightly from last year's showing where the men were fourth and the women were third. Next year with the completion of the new Indoor/Outdoor complex on campus, this situation will hopefully be changed and York will be able to challenge the perennial track powerhouses — Toronto, Queen's and Western. This time around Toronto won the men's title and Western the women's.

York did manage to claim five medals, led with two each by Sharon Clayton and Andy Buckstein.

For Clayton it was a return to her 1977-78 freshman form which saw her go undefeated in university championship meets, claiming five gold medals. This time around Clayton turned in a superb 3000 metre race as she joined Laurentian's Chris Lavellee and Western's Joanne Heale in an early break away from the rest of the twelve woman field. It was

obvious to all that only these three would be in contention for the medals. The only problem was who would take which medal. In the end all three runners broke the existing OWIAA record of former York Yeowoman Brenda Reid, with Lavallee first in 9:52.4, Heale second in 9:53.2, and Clayton the bronze in 9:55.6.

Less than three hours later Clayton came back to take the silver medal in the 1500 metres behind Queen's Anne Webster in times of 4:39.0 to 4:41.3. Although receiving a higher placing in this race, Clayton was much more pleased with her time in the longer race as it was the first time for her under ten minutes in three years.

The only other woman to chalk up points for York (on a 10-8-6-4-2-1 basis) was Sandy Rozier for her sixth place finish in the high jump behind former Yeowoman (and now a member of the University of Toronto) Evelyn Brenhouse. Rozier cleared 1.60 metres, ten centimetres behind the gold medal effort of Brenhouse.

Other female competitors for York included Martha Halenda and Elaine Filla (ninth and eleventh respectively in the shot put), Brenda McLaughlin (fifth in the semifinals of the 50 metres), Lynda Campbell (fifth in her heat of the 50 metres and 14th in the 300 metres) and Fern Brotherton (14th in the long jump).

For the Yeomen there were some frustrating moments due to some mixups in the seeding of sections, but there were a number of bright spots as well.

Buckstein took a silver medal in the 300 metres and yet won what was seeded to be the fastest section in the event. Toronto's Marc Evelyn ran four-tenths of a second faster in another section and therefore claimed the gold medal.

In addition to his silver medal, Buckstein ran 400 metres on the York distance medley relay team with Wayne Morris (800 metres), Derrick Jones (1200 metres) and Farooq Shabbar (1600 metres) in a race that saw the team finish third overall — despite winning their section.

The only other medal won by York was the silver medal, taken by Bill Milley in the shot put. He came up with his best toss ever: 14.57 metres. Just 26 centimetres ahead, and taking the gold, was Waterloo's Rob Town who won this event for the third year in succession.

The Yeoman also picked up points from a fourth place finish in the 50 metres by Noel Grant in 5.8 seconds (after just nipping Buckstein at the line in the semifinals for the right to advance

to the finals), a fifth place finish by the 4 X 200 metre relay team of Maurice Leslie, Mark Cummings, Grant and Buckstein in 1:34.4, a new varsity record (after winning their section on a come-from-behind anchor leg by Buckstein), a sixth place leap of 1.80 metres in the high jump by Steve Caws, and a sixth place finish by Cummings over the 50 hurdles in 7.9 seconds.

For Shabbar in the 1000 metres, Buckstein in the 300 metres, and to a lesser extent they two relay teams, they were left on Saturday

wondering if they would have placed higher if they had faced the fastest competitors on the track instead of on just paper.

All in all though, the track team had a very successful indoor season which saw the men make a total of twelve changes to the varsity record book and the women four. The members of the team were very grateful to the coaches for their efforts over the entire year. To Dave Smith, Scott White, Tudor Bompia, and George Gluppe, the athletes thank you.

Erwin creates splash in Montreal

York's swim team travelled to Montreal last weekend to compete in the CIAU National Swimming and Diving Championships. The six qualifiers for York were: Mark Erwin (freestyle), John Bevan (freestyle), Martin Tiidus (breast-stroke), Trevor Man (relays), Donna Miller (backstroke) and Jane Thacker (breast-stroke).

The top performer for the Yeomen this weekend was undoubtedly Mark Erwin. Erwin overcame very stiff competition to win both the 50m and 100m freestyle events.

"He swam very well and I was really pleased with his victory in the 100m freestyle," coach MacDonald said enthusiastically. "He upset two of the favorites from Toronto."

Other top male performers were Martin Tiidus, who placed fourth and sixth in the 100m and 200m breast-stroke, John Bevan who moved from tenth to fifth place this year in the 50m freestyle and Trevor Man who helped the Yeomen to strong finishes in the relay events.

The Yeowomen had excellent performances from Donna Miller and Jane Thacker. Miller showed her versatility by placing seventh in the 200m backstroke eighth in the 100m backstroke and tenth in the 100m freestyle. Miller's best swim was her 200m backstroke, where she swam away from the field with a time that would have placed her fourth in the finals.

Jane Thacker swam to an eighth place in the 100m breast-stroke but unfortunately suffered a hamstring pull which affected her other two swims.

"Donna's 200m backstroke," said women's coach Carol Gluppe, "was a fantastic swim, her lifetime best, and also a performance which qualifies her for the Canadian Winter Nationals in Winnipeg."

The end result of the competition was a respectable eleventh place

finish for the men and a fourteenth place finish for the women.

"I felt we placed very well in the team ranking considering we only had four men and two women scoring points," said coach MacDonald. "Most other teams had 10 to 20 competitors."

Carol Gluppe stated: "Both of the women are only in their first year and I could not be happier with their performances this year and with their prospects for the coming year."

York runners unite



The fourth Glendon Invitational Team Marathon will be held on Saturday, April 7th, starting at 12:30 p.m.

Those unfamiliar with past marathons will find that they are heavy on fun and low on competition. The emphasis is on participation.

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