



### Deep breathing at the CIAUs

The York Yeomen swimming team put in a respectable effort at the CIAUs, considering only two members qualified. Bruce Kaufman led York's sixteenth place finish (out of 20 teams) with a ninth place in the 50m free and a tenth in the 100m breast. Victor Verblac added a fourteenth in the 50m freestyle.

## Track team bags unc customary first

By MARK ZWOLINSKI

York's track and field team—a star-studded cast that includes the likes of Desai Williams and Molly Killingbeck—is no stranger to the winner's circle.

Not only do they sweep through every competition they enter, but their results usually break or match Canadian and world class records.

However, at the CIAU track and field championships in Sherbrooke, Quebec this past weekend, York managed to outdo itself.

Both the men's and women's squads won their respective team titles to become the first club in CIAU history to capture both ends of a national championship.

The men's side repeated their effort from 1983, outdistancing the U of T Blues to take their second consecutive crown. The women's side, after placing 11th a year ago, edged the Western Mustangs to gather their first ever all-Canadian crown.

Mark McKoy and Molly Killingbeck were selected as the outstanding performers over the two-day event.

McKoy, 24, a world class hurdler, was named top male performer on the strength of a first place finish in

the 50 metre hurdles (6.69 seconds) and a second in the 50 metre dash with a 5.84.

Teammate Desai Williams was the only other multiple winner in the men's field, posting a pair of firsts in the 50m (5.81) and 300m (33.78) dashes.

The eight member men's squad followed up their world class teammates' performances with a host of victories in both the track and field events.

Dave Reid broke the CIAU record in the 1000m run, covering the distance in 2:23.95.

Richard Hislop followed Williams' first place finish in the 300m with a second place clocking of 34.14. Hislop's time was the third fastest time posted in CIAU history.

In the field events Noel McIntyre cashed in on his first Canadian championship appearance by winning the pole vault with a jump of 4.80m. Todd Wattling took sixth place with a jump of 4.30 metres.

At the long jump, Dave Brown surprised a strong field by taking the event with a 6.87 metre effort.

The men's team closed out their stellar performance with a new CIAU record in the 4x200 metre relay. The team of Williams, McKoy, Xan-

thokos, and Hislop covered the distance in 1:26.35 for the record.

The six member women's team, which by the way, upset three time defending champion Western, and kept Brian Maraj's coaching slate clean (he guided Western to those three titles) was led by Molly Killingbeck, Camille Cato, and Karen Nelson.

Killingbeck, running in the 50m and 300m races respectively, clocked a 6.46 and a 38.41 to take first place in both events.

Cato, who is looking to make a bid for a position on the national team, clocked the sixth fastest time in the world when she turned in a squelching 1:27.63 time in the 600 metres.

Nelson chased Killingbeck into second place in the 50m with a 6.51 time. She went to take a first in the 50m hurdles with a 7.20 before clinching the long jump with a new CIAU record 5.95 metre effort.

Julie Rocheleau followed Nelson in second place in the women's 50 metre hurdles, posting a time of 7.31 seconds.

And finally, the 4x400 metre relay team closed out the meet with a first place finish to solidify York's overall team title.

## Cagers road to nowhere haunted by karma of "it"

By MARK ZWOLINSKI

The road to the Canadian University championships in St. Johns Halifax stopped about 1,200 miles short in Ottawa for the York Yeomen basketball team.

Bedecked with a string of limousines and the kind of "purposeful confidence" of a true champion, the York Cagers took flight to Ottawa Thursday afternoon only to have their mission shot down 24 hours later when the St. Francis Xavier X-men grabbed a one point 78-77 decision in the first game of the CIAU regional playdowns.

Hence, what was to be, never got a chance—the Yeomen went on to take a 91-81 win over the host Ottawa Gee Gees in the consolation game—but the auspicious dreams of an all-Canadian crown precipitating from an OUAAs championship two weeks ago are all but gone now.

It's getting to be a painful and disconsoling trend, these one point losses.

The bitterness of being on the receiving end of a one point decision at Waterloo a year ago in the OUAAs final left a strain in the red and white that will probably never be erased.

Although they were well on their way to making that affair a one of a kind thing, to be looked at when conversation sparked around the 1982-83 season, it has become a nexus that has coach Bob Bain and his patented starting five perplexed.

No doubt about it, the Yeomen had greatness written all over their name. Probably too much so.

A perfect 14-0 record in regular season play. The extension of a staggering string of victories over East Division opponents to 99-3 dating back to 1977-78.

A perfectly balanced starting five with two capable guards in Enzo Spagnuolo and Mark Jones, a strong, dual purpose big man in centre John Christensen, and a pair of high scoring, hustling forwards in Grant Parobec and Tim Rider.

All five placed either on the first or second OUAAs all-star teams and Parobec, the only graduate in the quintet, looks at an almost sure bet to go all-Canadian.

They inherited a winning tradition from the likes of Dave Coulthard and Bo Pelech and took it a few steps further.

Back in the days when number 16 was filled by Coulthard (circa 1980-81), York was a dominant force, whipping through four consecutive Ontario titles. But they were, in essence, a one man team.

Coulthard received his due from both the fans and the MVP selecting committees. He deserved it. Fifty points in a championship match left no second guessing—when in doubt, give it to number 16.

Number 16 graduated though. Enter the present quintet.

Bain had coached them all before. They'd seen spot duty in their rookie years, playing in the shadows of the bigger names. They got the chance to shine together when the old Nikes were hung up for the last time. And shine they did.

Fingers from all over the league started pointing to the sky during first glimpses of this new red and white blood. Some even referred to the spelling of Y-O-R-K as a four letter word.

They definitely had the earmarks of dream come true on the 90-foot basketball court.

Then "it" happened.

"It" was a 66-65 loss to Waterloo in last year's OUAAs final—a result beaten bloodied, but not to death.

"It" lurked above that same starting five, somewhere out of their reach as players on the court and as individual representatives of the university.

Even though in their minds, and in every one else's, "it" didn't matter anymore, not after the way York steam rolled through their schedule this season, the one-point defeat became a figurative oxymoron as a magic number, the one number they'd stare at on the scoreboard when their name was in the losing column of a game that had the potential to decide their future.

The one-point nightmare returned to haunt them in another way. Critically speaking, the York veneer transposed itself onto an old Minnesota Viking maxim—they couldn't win the big game.

Then you take a look at a team like the Waterloo Warriors.

Ranked number one in the OUAAs West, the Warriors fell to the Western Mustangs in their conference title match, 93-88, in what proved to be the biggest upset in the league this year.

By right of their defeat, Waterloo should have taken their first shower three weeks ago, but by virtue of another successful bid to host a CIAU regional, they got another shot at the final four.

The CIAU ranking committee then saw it fit to cut the pie containing the country's top 16 teams into four pieces which it dished out to Calgary, Ottawa, Waterloo, and Dalhousie.

Trouble was, some pieces had more filling than others.

It so happened that the number two ranked Yeomen ended up in Ottawa with Brandon, the nation's number seven ranked outfit, and St. Francis Xavier, pulling in at number ten.

Couple that to Ottawa's number 12 position and you have a combined total of 31 between the four teams, the lowest of any of the four destinations. And remember here, the lower the number, the tougher the bracket becomes.

Waterloo on the other hand, was dealt a comfortable 36, entertaining only one team in the top 10, UPEL, and the advantage of home floorboards.

Bob Bain, normally a reserved individual, was infuriated with the placings and vowed to extrapolate his support from the entire regional decision making process in the future.

All Waterloo did was breeze through their quarter, paying the Mustangs back for a three week old favor in the final, something they should never have had the chance to do in the first place.

Grant "it" another victory, this time in the St. Francis match-up, a game that will undoubtedly need no video-tape replay in the minds of the starting five.

But you have to wonder about the haunting karma of those one point games, the auspicious promise of this school's most popular and winningest sports program, and about, as they say, how some things are just meant to be.

## Reddon untouchable at CIAU meet

By AARON RODGERS

Yeomen gymnasts recently captured their tenth consecutive CIAU championship. Allan Reddon (56.4 points), Brad Peters (56.3), Frank Nutzenberger (55.35), and Walter Quigley (54.45), finished first through fourth respectively giving the Yeomen a point total of 168.55, defeating University of Calgary and third place U of T.

The Yeomen set a new CIAU record by taking 22 of a potential 27 medals, defeating York's old record of 21 set in 1975.

Reddon, who will represent Canada at the coming America Cup

invitational meet in New York, placed first in the floor exercises pommel horse bar. Allan's high bar total was 19.75, including a perfect 10, the first in CIAU competition.

Brad Peters, who finished second despite having broken his foot in the preliminaries, has been temporarily sidelined.

Frank Nutzenberger combined a first on the rings, second on parallel bars and pommel horse and a third on the high bar to finish in third place overall. Frank is leaving the York team this year after obtaining a degree in Math but will remain with

the Canadian National team.

Fourth-place finisher Walter Quigley said that a good team spirit, a well-structured system and lots of competitions were responsible for the team's success.

Scott Hill, who finished tenth at the CIAUs with a third on the rings, is retiring from gymnastics.

Pat Rogers, who, like Quigley, is a Nationals hopeful, came to York "because of the gymnastics program." He and Quigley both indicated that assistant coach Nigel Rothwell contributed a great deal to their success and develop this year.