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With a fairly new team the Yeowomen will be hard pressed to do as well as their male counterparts on the tough track circuit

New season for York's track athletes

by Riccardo Sala

This is a transitional season for the Yeowoman track and field squad.

While their Yeoman counterparts are looking forward to the bulk of last year's team returning, the Yeowomen are a fresh bunch.

"The woman's team is completely new. We lost everyone that scored at the CI's (National championships)" head coach Sue Wise said.

The Yeowomen last year came in third at the CIAU championships.

Gold medalists Nicole Masil, Andrea Hastick and Leslie Tashlin, are among those not returning.

France Gareau, one of the greatest runners in York history, is another

athlete who will not be on this year's club.

Wise feels the new group will be able to fill these shoes.

"We've got a good group of young girls that have a lot of potential, for example Rhonda Wood and Carey Lindquist," Wise said, noting "this is the rebuilding year for the women."

On the men's side of the fence the situation is more stable.

"Our men's team should be strong this year. We haven't really lost anyone and we've added to our roster in the jumping events," she said.

The only substantial loss was Sean Foudy, who took the bronze in the 60m hurdles event at last year's

CIAU's. Foudy, who moonlights as a player on the Ottawa Roughriders, won't be back this year.

With their veteran roster, the Yeomen should be medal contenders once again this year. The youthful Yeowomen present more of a question mark.

"The woman's team can only do their best, which could be anything from second to fourth (in the OWIAA)," Wise predicted.

On the Ontario scene most of the competition for both the men's and women's teams will likely come from UofT and Windsor, schools which beat out York at the provincial and Canadian championships.

Stronger woman's team part of positive outlook for York swimmers this season

by Riccardo Sala

After several difficult seasons, York's varsity swimmers are looking to make this year the one where they move up the ladder.

Both the Yeomen and Yeowomen are coached by Cheryl Stickley, a former York swimmer, and for two years an assistant coach under Richard Buwaj.

"The team looks much better this year, especially the girls [sic]. There are good rookies on both sides, but especially on the women's team. We were a little short there last year," Stickley said.

On the provincial scene, the Yeomen finished seventh, while their Yeowomen counterparts ended the season in sixth spot.

Stickley hopes to have both teams move up a position or two in the provincial championships.

"Last year Brock beat the Yeowomen and I think this year that we'll beat the Badgers. Possibly Waterloo," she said.

On the men's side, Laurentian is one team which finished ahead of York that Stickley feels the Yeomen could overtake this year.

At the top is the untouchable triumvirate of UofT, Western and McMaster.

"They're the best in both their men's and women's team. After those three, there's quite a drop in points," to the rest of the pack, Stickley pointed out.

Up to last weekend York's swimmers had competed in five meets. One of these was a home meet against Laurentian on November 15th.

The Tait competition saw York swim to an overall win in the dual meet. The victory came largely on the shoulders of the women's side,



York's yeowomen are looking to make a big splash in the pool this year at the Nationals

whose win in their section compensated for the Yeomen's loss in their's.

"York veteran Debbie Jansen swam to first place in both the 100 Butterfly and 50 Freestyle. Fellow teammate Lori Boreau followed by winning the women's 100 and 200 Backstroke, while Jason Thomas won the same two events for the men."

"The York rookie swimmers

showed their talent with Wendy Johnston winning both the 200 Indi-

Carleton b-ballers at York

by Riccardo Sala

With weekend wins over McGill and Bishop's, the basketball Yeomen are hoping to make it three straight with a homecourt win over Carleton this Saturday.

The road trip to Quebec brought them first to McGill, where York came away with an 89-82 victory, then to Bishop's, where York won 73-50.

These were the first regular season games for the Yeomen, and mark the only meeting of York with these Quebec schools.

"We left the day of the game, got there late, and we beat them in their places. McGill is struggling, but to beat Bishop's is quite a feather in our cap," York coach Bob Bain said Monday.

The McGill game saw the return of Alex Piperski to the York lineup after a ten-day layoff. The Yeoman forward contributed 16 points to the game, second to Clive Anderson's 26 points for York.

At Bishop's, Mark Bellai led York on the board with 28 points. Anderson was next with 17 points.

The Saturday game against the Carleton Ravens marks the first of two occasions the teams will see each other over the season.

"This is the last league game until we come back in January so we'd love to get this game and go 3-0 for the holidays," Bain noted.

Carleton coach Paul Armstrong agrees.

"The loser of this game has to take the loss home with them for Christmas. You have to sit there for a whole month and look back at the mistakes you made and so forth," he noted.

Carleton's strength comes from two players in particular, Mike Trought and Wayne Ferguson, both of them forwards.

"Ferguson is strong on the rebounds. He scores too, but he's good on the rebound. Trought is the one they (Carleton) count on to score. They have some other players who are pretty good but I'd have to say that Trought is by far the best," Bain said.

On the York side, Bain is looking to the presence of Piperski to remove some of the scoring pressure from the shoulders of Bellai and Anderson.

"We'll use Piperski more in a forward spot. He will help us because he's one of our taller players (6'6") and Lord knows we don't have too many of those," he explained.

Even though Bishops has already defeated the Ravens in exhibition play, Bain is approaching the Saturday game with caution.

"Every game that we play this year, we'll have to play well to win," Bain explained.

The York game is the second regular-season matchup for Armstrong's team. On Friday, the Ravens play at Ryerson.

The Raven coach, like Bain, is not going to call this game in the bag.

"The Saturday game is going to be very tough to call. The last five or six meetings over the past three years have been close, with the game decided in the last five minutes. Our biggest concern is Bellai and Anderson. Even if you control one, you still have to worry about the other," Armstrong noted.

Game time is 8:00 pm Saturday at the Tait gym. Admission is free for York students.

York Varsity Athletics Schedule Nov. 27-Dec. 3	
Wednesday November 27	
HOCKEY	
Yeomen at Ryerson at St. Mike's Arena - 7:45 pm	
Saturday November 30	
BASKETBALL	
Carleton at Yeowomen at Tait main gym - 6:00 pm	
Carleton at Yeomen at Tait main gym - 8:00 pm	
SWIMMING	
York at McMaster Invitational TRACK & FIELD	
York at Western Season Opener - 1:30 pm	
Sunday December 1	
GYMNASTICS	
Yeomen at York Invitational	
Tuesday December 3	
HOCKEY	
Yeowomen at Toronto at Varsity Arena - 7:15 pm	

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vidual Medley and the 200 Breaststroke, and male rookie Donn Besani placing first in his specialty event, the 100 Butterfly," York swimmer Sara Singer noted.

Other York wins came from Kristina Thomson, Debbie Lukasik, Stephanie Schulz and Trevor Erwin.

Last Friday the Yeomen took their show to the Toronto pool. The event was unimportant, and largely used as a chance for individual Yeomen to bring their times down.

The most notable performances came from Bryan Gaudet and rookie Ross Spencer, Stickley said Sunday.

Gaudet staged a personal best of 1:08.5 in the 100 Fly.

In the same event, Spencer managed to shave four seconds off the time he posted the week before against Laurentian.

"Across the board, it was a good meet. I think that everybody was pleased with their times in at least one race, Gaudet and Spencer being the ones that stand out in my mind," Stickley said.

Both York teams travel to McMaster this Saturday.

"This is going to be the big meet for this half of the year. I'm going to give them a bit of a rest in practice this week, and hopefully we can get best times from everybody this Saturday," Stickley said.

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