

SPORT YORK RESULTS
(October 29 - November 5)

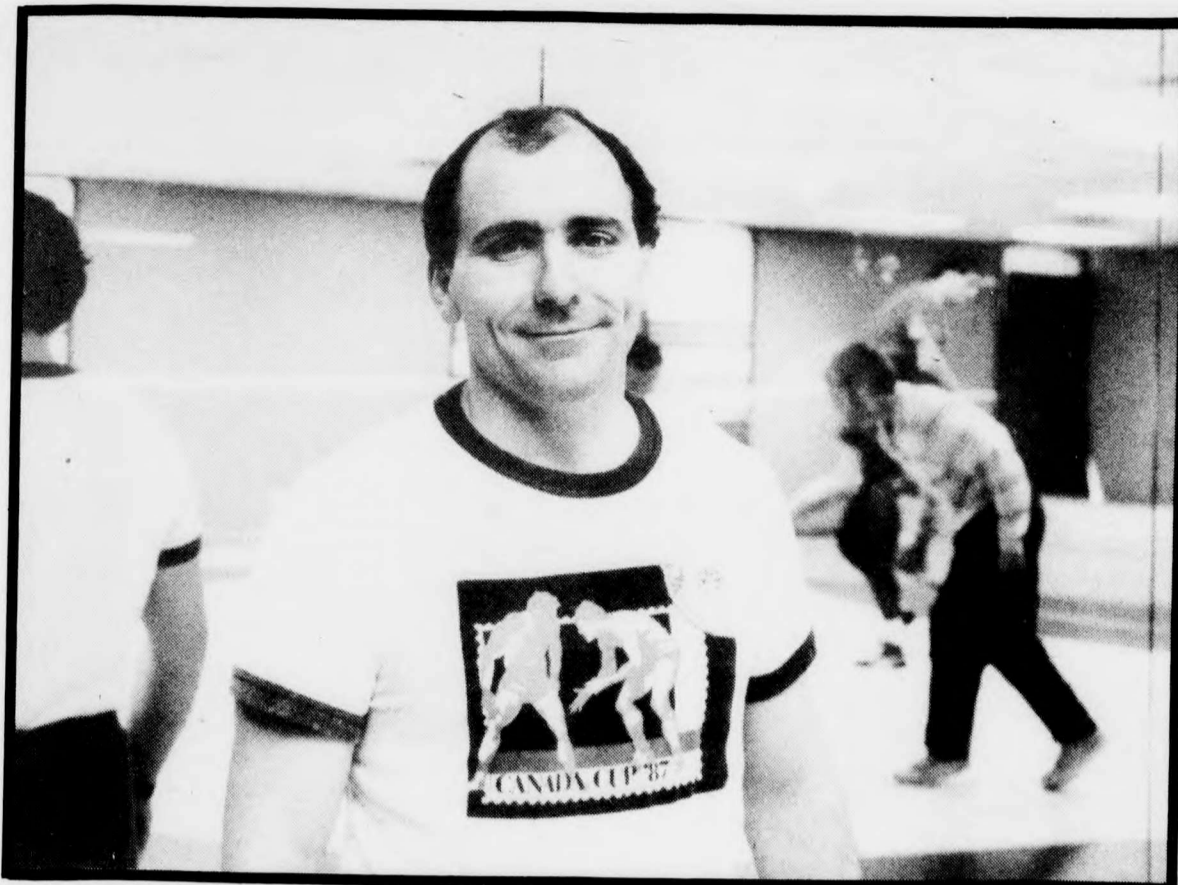
October 31
BASKETBALL: Laurier 101 — Yeomen 91

November 4
WRESTLING: Yeomen finished 5th with 22 points at McMaster tournament

HOCKEY: Yeomen 5 — UQTR 3

November 5
HOCKEY: Yeomen 5 — Ottawa 3

Excalibur regrets the brevity of both the sports section and Sport York results in this week's paper. We had intended to cover the women's ice hockey tournament at the Ice Palace, but were unable to because of inaccurate scheduling information. An illness in the athletics department also prevented us from obtaining the rest of this week's results. Home teams are in italics.



Say goodbye: York wrestling coach John Park is stepping down.

Shortchanged: Yeomen lose wrestling coach

by Jacob Katsman

The man who coached the York wrestling team for five years and led the Yeomen to finally capture the Canadian wrestling crown last year, resigned his coaching position this year.

John Park told *Excalibur* that he had no choice but to resign, since the university was not paying him enough money to support himself and his family.

Throughout his five years at York, Park coached the Canadian national and the Ontario provincial team and was paid by these teams in addition with his York salary. Park explained that he was able to stay at York only because of the support from the national and provincial teams. "York paid about 15 per cent of my salary," said Park. "They were getting a good deal off me."

Park said he would continue to coach if he had financial support. "I like the guys. They are a great

group and I feel sorry that I had to leave them," said Park. "We raised 90 per cent of our funding and had to train off campus because of lack of facilities at York."

"I think York still has that old school mentality that football, hockey and basketball are the only sports that really matter," said Park.

Stu Robbins, the newly appointed chair of York's physical education department said, "York only had a part-time position for a wrestling coach and despite the amount of time Park put in, the department could only pay him a part-time salary."

Robbins explained that Park was a key person who organized the funding support programme with the provincial and national teams. "We are sorry that John had to leave, but we could not compete with his new job offer," he said.

Park is now working as a sales and marketing manager for a medical company called Med-Emerge.

Currently, the wrestling team is being coached by last year's assistant coach Kimin Kim. Kim said he is being paid roughly \$5,500 a year from York for coaching the team. In addition to coaching, Kim teaches a course in York's physical education department and also sells real estate.

Kim said Park had to make a personal decision. "Wrestling often took Park away from his family on weekends, and this was one of the reasons behind his decision to step down," said Kim.

Athletics events manager, Rob Martellacci, said, "Park was a fine guy, he had to make a career decision. John was very dedicated and often went beyond the call of duty to help his athletes."

Park's departure is only a part of the deteriorating mosaic of York's athletic department. *Excalibur's* accompanying feature on underfunding of York athletics takes a deeper look at this ongoing problem.

Wrestling champs face hard road

by Riccardo Sala

If the results of this weekend's McMaster Invitational tournament are any indication, then the wrestling Yeomen face a hard struggle in their quest to repeat as CIAU champions.

The tournament attracted 22 competitors including five squads from the United States. The size of the turnout surprised York coach Kimin Kim, "I thought that it was going to be small, but it turned out to be quite big."

Concordia won the competition. Like the Yeomen and their Twist and Shout programme, Concordia, with its Montreal Wrestling Club, offers an outlet for talented wrestlers not covered by the university circuit.

York wound up in fifth spot behind McMaster and Brock. For Kim, this tournament was a "breaking-in period" for the Yeomen. Wrestlers such as Roy Suh Wah Sing used the tournament to hone their skills.

Over 200 wrestlers were present and this made for plenty of action.

"There were more competitors so some of the (York) wrestlers had up to seven matches, which is a lot of matches," Kim said.

A gold medal was out of the reach for York wrestlers, who had to contend with Johnny Cho's silver in the 60 kg as their top placing. Scott Prokosh landed a bronze in the 80 kg category. Kim was pleased about Prokosh's placing, especially because he was pooled with strong opposition, including a member of the national team.

Roger Levesque took fourth in the 76 kg class while Suh Wah Sing came fifth in the 56 kg category.

Missing from the action were Ari Taub, Mike Campitelli and, with a recent knee injury, Jim Lee.

The Yeomen compete again this weekend in a tournament in Ithaca, New York. Competition in this event is NCAA-style rather than the Olympic freestyle used by York and other Canadian universities. The event does not count for the OUAA rankings, rather it is to give the wrestlers more experience.

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