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# A slim win for swimmers

By MEIYIN YAP

Sore bodies and hoarse voices weren't the only things York swimmers took home on Friday as they swam and cheered their way to their first win of the season at Tait McKenzie.

In an extremely close race, York beat the Guelph Gryphons by a slim margin of three points. The final score was 90 to 87 in what was dubbed a "great victory" by coach, Carol Wilson. "It's the first time we've beat them in three years," Wilson said. "Guelph has always had a very strong women's team."

The highlights of the meet included exceptional performances by Anne Bruner, who won the 50 metre freestyle, 200 metre medley relay and the 100 metre backstroke. Her winning time of 1:11.5 seconds in the backstroke qualified her for the Canadian Inter-University Athletic Union championships.

Rookie Cheryl Stickley chalked up a new record for York University as she clocked in at 2:38.2 in the individual medley. She also placed first in the 100 metre butterfly and the 200 metre medley relay.

Wilson was not expecting such results at this point of the season. "It's very unusual for swimmers to qualify for the CIAU championships and break records so early in the season," Wilson said.

For the varsity men, team captain Adam Robinson, won the 50 metre freestyle in 0:25.5 seconds and the 100 metre butterfly in 1:03.8 and the 200 metre individual medley in 2:19.7 seconds. William Gourley added to the men's string victories as he placed first with a time of 1:15.4 in the 100 metre breaststroke. The varsity men also won the 200 metre medley relay and the 400 metre freestyle relay.

Throughout the meet, swimmers screamed at their fellow teammates to "go for gold!" Drawn out yells of "go-go-go" were timed to the swimmers' breaststroke as they resurfaced from the water. The final outcome of the tension-filled meet was decided by the last event, the 400 metre men's freestyle relay that Guelph initially won. But the Gryphons were disqualified when they used swimmer Kyham Abdullah in his fourth event of the day (swimmers can only participate in three events in a dual meet) with these points going to York instead, the swim team captured the victory. Now with their first meet and win under their swimming caps, York's swim team will be out to catch the goblins on Halloween night as they head to Brock University tomorrow (Friday).

# Some stiff competition keeps volleyball Yeomen in check

By CHRISTINE GOMES

The Yeowomen volleyball squad is one of Ontario's best this season, but their status changes drastically when facing teams from outside the province.

At the Brock Invitational two weekends ago, the Yeowomen succeeded in eliminating all their opponents, including last year's Ontario Women's Inter-University Athletic Association (OWIAA) champs, the Ottawa Gee-Gees. On top of that, they didn't lose a game in all their matches of the entire tournament.

The bubble burst, however, when the Yeomen wound up sixth at the Tait McKenzie Classic Volleyball Classic this past weekend. The eight team competition involved some of the top teams from British Colum-

bia, Manitoba, Quebec and Ontario.

In comparing the back-to-back weekend tournaments, Coach Merv Mosher remarked that the Yeomen were "big fish in a small pond (at Brock) and are now swimming in the big pond."

The Yeowomen did start off on a good note, toppling the University of British Columbia for their first win in the round robin held on Friday. But their winning form was short lived when they met the Winnipeg Wesmen and the Laval Rouge et Or. These two teams eventually vied for the gold medal in which Laval beat last year's champs.

Finishing third were the Sherbrooke Vert et Or beating the Manitoba Bisons in the bronze medal match. The Yeowomen lost

the fifth place consolation match against the Victoria Vikettes.

Despite the sixth place finish, Mosher was "relatively pleased" with the Yeowomen's performance. The 1985 national Coach of the Year added that the tournament was "good for the team because they get the chance to play against some better teams."

The Yeowomen will get a chance to play these competitive teams across the country at various tournaments throughout the season. York will have to remain content in establishing themselves against the less challenging teams in the OWIAA. Their first league game of the season is on Tuesday, November 4 at Ryerson.



By KARIM HAJEE

"Sampson returns the ball to the 35 yard line, Winnipeg will take over first and 10," the announcer blares over the PA at Toronto's Exhibition Stadium.

Darryl Sampson, the former Yeomen now playing for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, has made it to the big time, far from the confines of North York Civic Stadium. There, a sparse crowd would gather to watch the defensive star. Now with thousands in the stands the former collegiate star is playing in the Canadian Football League (CFL) on the Blue Bombers' specialty teams. Regardless of his present back-up status Sampson maintains a positive attitude. "Right now I'm just building up my confidence," Sampson said. "I feel more confident as each game goes by. We have a good secondary and my turn will come."

His current head coach is also positive about his play: "Darryl is a very good ball player," said Cal Murphy. "He's a rookie and we've got him playing on specialty teams right now. He goes in occasionally as a defensive halfback. I just think he's going to be a very good football player."

In May of 1986, Sampson, the former Yeomen defensive back who played running back at Lester B.

# York graduate makes life in the big leagues a personal challenge

Pearson high school, was gearing up for the Bomber training camp, working out constantly. After a successful pre-season, Sampson now makes Winnipeg his new home, a home which might take some time to get used to. "It's a nice city, conservative, much slower than Toronto," Sampson said. "It's friendly but I still miss Toronto."

It's understandable that Sampson should miss Toronto. He grew up in Scarborough where he, his five sisters, one brother and parents shared a home after migrating from Trinidad in 1969. Sampson's fiancée, Angela, also lives in Toronto where she is working with a handicap development program after graduating from York.

Speaking to Sampson after Winnipeg played Toronto recently it was nice to see the pros hadn't changed him. He was still the somewhat shy, content, thankful man he was when he attended York pursuing his economics degree, and was glad to see his folks who were proud to see their boy playing in the CFL. "My parents were very happy to see me make it," said Sampson. "You know they never expected much, they thought it was just a hobby, but they're proud of me now and have been very supportive." They may be very supportive yet they still miss their boy. "We feel good about Darryl," said Mr. Sampson. "We'd like to see him playing more games at home though."

Although it came as no surprise to him when he was drafted in the

second round of the 1986 draft, Sampson knew it wasn't going to be easy. More importantly though, he knew what it was going to take. "The CFL is a great league to play in," Sampson said. "You have to be prepared, well developed in your skills, and you have to be able to move quickly."

At the end of the season Sampson plans on returning home before getting married in late April. For Sampson, a strong Christian belief has made his dream of the CFL come true. "I give credit to the Lord in helping me understand what my ability was," Sampson said. "What the Lord wants me to do I'll do, he gave me the opportunity to play football. I feel confident knowing he's with me."

Sampson is also a strong believer in dealing with the present and getting the most out of life, a belief he feels most should follow. "You've got to go out and achieve what you want to achieve now," Sampson said. "You only come around once so you've got to make the most of everything now. Leave the future alone, perform now."

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers are currently in second place in the CFL West division and have clinched a playoff spot. The next time you see Sampson, who feels "great" playing in the CFL, will be on television in a playoff game, or it just might be in a park playing touch with some old friends. Whatever the case you know he'll be giving it his best. Seldom does he give anything else.