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## 2009 SEASON REVIEW

After sending just three athletes to the CIS Track and Field Championships in the past two seasons, the McMaster Marauders will have 14 athletes compete in 2009 after a record-breaking year.

The season started in London in November and the sprint and jump groups demonstrated the value of a productive fall season by qualifying eight athletes for the 2009 OUA Championship. Sophomore Jimmy Tat (Oakville, ON) captured first place in the men's 300m event, running a time of 36.60 seconds. Erika Scott (Southampton, ON), attempting the event for the first time, placed first in the women's 1000m. Dan Minnesma (London, ON) placed second in the high jump with a leap of 1.90m, while Nick Holbik-Siu (Toronto, ON) was second in the long jump with a leap of 6.66m. Tolu Fadiya (Barrie, ON) and Gloria Spirou (Markham, ON) tied for second in the women's high jump with a height of 1.50m. In the women's 300m, rookie Dana Hislop (Sarnia, ON) placed fourth in an OUA qualifying time of 43.43 seconds.

To kick off the New Year, over 400 athletes competed in Toronto at the Sharon Anderson Invitational meet and McMaster captured first place finishes in the women's 1000m and 1500m, and the men's 3000m. Jillian Wyman (Dundas, ON) took the lead in the 1000m and never looked back finishing in a time of 2:55.16. In the 1500m, Wyman led from the gun and ran to a personal record time of 4:35.46 to finish almost 20 seconds in front of the rest of the pack. Andrew Yorke (Caledon, ON) was the fastest to the finish line in the men's 3000m in a time of 8:55.32. Yorke's OUA qualifying time came after a serious injury in the fall that required him to miss all of the cross-country season. Sean Baker (Toronto, ON) finished third out of the 13 men in the 1000m after he was also forced to miss the cross country season also due to injury. Holbik-Siu improved to 6.77m for his first long jump of 2009; the jump finished him fourth in the event and was only four centimeters off the mark of the 6.81m jump which qualified him for last year's CIS Championships. Jumping for the women Victoria Tschirhart (Guelph, ON) took bronze in both the women's long jump and triple jump events with her leaps of 4.82m and 10.26m respectively.

A number of impressive team and individual performances highlighted an outstanding weekend for the Marauders at the University of Windsor's Can/Am Invitational in mid January. Wyman captured first in the women's 1500m event, running a personal best time of 4:32.86. Wyman's weekend started with a strong lead-off leg in Friday's 4x800m relay where the Marauder women placed second. The team of Wyman, Scott, Sarah Haliburton (Richmond Hill, ON), and Katie Anderson (Exter, ON) ran a time of 9:25.63 which ranked them second in the country at the time. In Saturday's women's 1000m event, Anderson placed third in a personal best of 3:00.77. The men's 4x400m relay team of Tat, Denis Noronha (Mississauga, ON), George DiCenzo (Brampton, ON), and Noah Fleming (Dundas, ON) placed second in 3:29.83. Fleming teamed up with Sean Baker (Toronto, ON), Rob Gibb (Hudson, QC), and Andrew Douglas (Bright's Grove, ON) to place third in the men's 4x800m. The team's time of 8:01.03 ranked them third in the CIS at the time. Both Minnesma and Holbik-Siu placed third in their respective field events.

At the end of January the team traveled to Montreal for the McGill Challenge intent on testing their talent with some of the best in the CIS. The women's 4x800m relay team raced to 9:13.21 to capture first place, a meet record, and an automatic qualification for the CIS Championships. Wyman moved the team from third to first with an incredible anchor leg to help lead Scott, Haliburton and Anderson to the third ranked position in the CIS. Individually, Wyman was also the second fastest woman in the 1000m event.

On the men's side, the 4x800m relay team of Douglas, Baker, Gibb and Fleming placed second in a time of 7:52.46 to claim the sixth fastest time in the CIS. On the field, Holbik-Siu placed third in the men's long jump with his leap of 6.63m

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and Minnesma also took the bronze spot with his season's best height of 1.95m in the men's high jump.

At the Meyo Invitational at the University of Notre Dame, eight of the eleven athletes that competed achieved lifetime bests. Anderson highlighted the meet with her fourth place finish in the women's 1000m event in 2:58.28. In the same weekend a little closer to home, Scott highlighted the York Open with a third place finish in the women's 600m event. Scott's bronze came in a personal best time of 1:37.53.

For their final tune up before the OUA Championship the Marauders competed in the Windsor Team Challenge where the women faced nine other teams and finished fourth overall and the men also finished fourth out of ten teams. Wyman ran sensationally in the women's 1000m setting a four second personal best and establishing a meet record with her time of 2:49.66. Haliburton finished second behind Wyman in 3:01.19. In the women's 1500m event, Jessica Pearo (Richmond Hill, ON) and Sara Giovannetti (Mississauga, ON) claimed the second and third spots with both athletes establishing personal bests of 4:48.02 and 4:48.89 respectively. For the Marauder men, Geoff Hutten (York, ON) placed second in his first-ever pentathlon. Rising above the rest of his stellar performances was his 12.09m throw in the open shot put event. His total of 3104 points ranked him fifth in the OUA the twelfth in the CIS. Minnesma placed second in the high jump with a leap of 1.95m while on the track Tat placed third in the men's 300m (35.80).

Wyman secured McMaster's lone gold at the OUA Championship. She finished in front of 16 runners in the 1000m final with her time of 2:50.88. In addition to her gold, Wyman also raced to 4:29.50 in the 1500m to capture an OUA silver. Hutten was the top performer for the men after finishing second with 3154 points in the pentathlon. Out of his five events, Hutten's best finishes came in the form of seconds in the high jump and shot put. Hutten leaped 1.86m in the high jump and mustered a 12.51m throw in the shot put. Minnesma also picked up a medal for the Marauder men; this one in the form of a bronze for his 2.00m leap in the men's high jump. The jump was 0.5m higher than the one he completed for silver at the Windsor Team Challenge just a few short weeks ago. The team of Harrington, Fleming, Douglas and Tat (3:25.49) teamed up to finish fourth in the 4x400m relay while Douglas, Baker, Gibb and Fleming came fifth in the 4x800m (7:53.97).

# CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPANTS

## MEN'S

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	ELIG	FACULTY/PROGRAM	YR.	HOMETOWN	HIGHSCHOOL
Laurence	Abbott	3	Kinesiology	3	Sarnia ON	Northern Collegiate
Andrew	Douglas	2	Kinesiology	2	Bright's Grove ON	Northern Collegiate
Noah	Fleming	3	Kinesiology	3	Dundas ON	Westdale S.S.
Robertson	Gibb	4	Civil Engin	4	Hudson QC	Hudson H.S.
James	Harrington	1	Eng. Phys	3	Kemptville ON	North Grenville
Geoff	Hutten	1	Engineering	4	York, ON	Guido de Bres
Daniel	Minnesma	3	Commerce	4	London, ON	London Christian
Jimmy	Tat	2	Kinesiology	2	Oakville ON	Abbey Park

## WOMEN'S

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	ELIG	FACULTY/PROGRAM	YR.	HOMETOWN	HIGHSCHOOL
Katie	Anderson	1	Medical Radiation	1	Exter ON	South Huron District
Sara	Giovannetti	1	Kinesiology	1	Mississauga ON	Lorne Park SS
Sarah	Haliburton	1	Nursing	1	Richmond Hill ON	A. Mackenzie
Dana	Hislop	1	Kinesiology	1	Sarnia ON	Northern
Erika	Scott	3	Kinesiology	4	Southampton ON	Ancaster
Gloria	Spirou	4	Med Physic	3	Markham ON	Milliken Mills
Morgan	Van Mierlo	1	Kinesiology	1	Komoka ON	St. Thomas Aquinas
Jillian	Wyman	2	Science	2	Dundas, ON	Westdale S.S.

# PARTICIPANTS TO WATCH

## **JILLIAN WYMAN**

**Science 2**

**Elig: 2**

**Dundas, ON**

In just second year as a Marauder, Jillian Wyman put together a season that made her one of the top competitors in the country. As a rookie, Wyman raced to seventh in both the women's 1500m and 1000m final at the 2008 OUA Track & Field Championship. Improvements have been a plenty for Wyman this season who finished first in the 1000m and 1500m in her first race of 2009 at the Sharon Anderson Invitational in Toronto. She followed up the feat with another 1500m gold at the Windsor Can/Am Invitational, and a 1000m silver at the McGill Team Challenge. At the Windsor Team Challenge Wyman ran sensationally in the women's 1000m setting a four second personal best and establishing a meet record with her time of 2:49.66. Wyman secured McMaster's lone gold at the 2009 OUA Championships. She finished in front of 16 runners in the 1000m final with her time of 2:50.88. In addition to her gold in the 100m event, Wyman also raced to 4:29.50 in the 1500m to pick up a silver. Wyman is also a member of the women's 4x800m relay team who won the McGill Team Challenge in a meet record of 9:13.21 in late January.

## **GEOFF HUTTEN**

**Engineering 4**

**Elig: 1**

**York, ON**

Fourth year engineering student Geoff Hutten took on a new challenge in 2008-09 and the rewards came immediately. At the York Invitational in early February Hutten placed second in his first-ever pentathlon. Rising above the rest of his stellar performances was his 12.09m throw in the open shot put event. His total of 3104 points ranked him fifth in the OUA the twelfth in the CIS at the time. More recently Hutten was the top performer for the men at the OUA Championships after finishing second with 3154 points in the pentathlon. Out of his five events, Hutten's best finishes came in the form of seconds in the high jump and shot put. Hutten leaped 1.86m in the high jump to tie Anthony Dandie of Windsor and mustered a 12.51m throw in the shot put.

## **DAN MINNESMA**

**Commerce 4**

**Elig: 3**

**London, ON**

In his very first meet of the 2008-09 season, third year jumper Dan Minnesma qualified for the OUA Championships with a second place jump of 1.90m in the men's high jump at the Season Opener in London. Minnesma followed the feat with a bronze medals at the Windsor Can/Am Invitational and McGill Team Challenge. To round down the OUA season he jumped to 1.95m for a silver at the Windsor Team Challenge and a bronze at the OUA Championships. Minnesma was one of two men to pick up a medal at the conference Championship, but he raised the bar for a 2.00m leap to finish with a personal best.

# ABOUT McMASTER UNIVERSITY

## OUR MISSION

At McMaster, our purpose is the discovery, communication, and preservation of knowledge. In our teaching, research, and scholarship, we are committed to creativity, innovation, and excellence. We value integrity, quality, inclusiveness, and teamwork in everything we do. We inspire critical thinking, personal growth, and a passion for lifelong learning. We serve the social, cultural, and economic needs of our community and our society.

## OUR HISTORY

- Founded in 1887 with a \$900,000 bequest from Senator William McMaster, the first president of the Bank of Commerce, and his wife, Susan Moulton McMaster
- Moved to Hamilton in 1930
- University colours: maroon and grey (since 1912)

## OUR CAMPUS

- 300 acres of property at the western end of Lake Ontario
- 30-acre self-contained, pedestrian core
- Located within a quiet, residential neighbourhood
- Surrounded by natural attractions; access to 1,500 kms of hiking and biking trails
- 55 buildings, and growing including:
  - the “original six” ivy-covered stone buildings that formed the Hamilton campus’ core in 1930
  - vibrant, modern McMaster University Student Centre
  - David Braley Athletic Centre – one of the newest and largest sports/recreation complexes at a Canadian university
  - state-of-the-art Michael G. DeGroot Centre for Learning and Discovery
  - McMaster Museum of Art with holdings by artists such as Monet and van Gogh
  - Innovative educational trading centre located within the DeGroot School of Business
  - 13 on-campus residences including the newly opened Les Prince Hall

## OUR LOCATION

- Hamilton, Ontario; population of almost 500,000
- Fourth largest city in Ontario, eighth largest in Canada
- McMaster is the fifth largest employer in the Greater Hamilton area
- 68 kms from Toronto; 71 kms from U.S. border

## OUR STUDENTS

- Approximately 23,000 students including:
  - 19,503 full-time undergraduate students
  - 2,489 full-time graduate students
- Average entering grade of 82.9 per cent
- 100 per cent of entering students with averages of 75 per cent or higher
- 95 per cent of our students are employed within two years of graduating
- 125,000 alumni in 125 countries

## OUR FACULTY

- 1,173 full-time faculty
- 96.9 per cent of faculty with PhDs
- the late Dr. Bertram Brockhouse, co-winner of the 1994 Nobel Prize for physics – only the 16th Canadian ever to win the prestigious award
- 63 Canada Research Chairs
- 55 Fellows elected to the Royal Society of Canada
- Stephen Lewis appointed McMaster University’s first Social Sciences Scholar-in-Residence in 2006

- Faculty members consistently top newsmakers for research and academic renown
- Collectively hold numerous teaching honours including eight winners of the prestigious 3M Teaching Fellowships.

## OUR REPUTATION

- The “McMaster Model” – a student-centred, problem-based, interdisciplinary approach to learning – adopted by universities around the world
- Named one of the top 100 universities in the world (one of just four Canadian universities to make the list) by China’s Shanghai Jiao Tong University in 2006
- Ranked first in Canada in research intensity (research income per full-time faculty member) by Research InfoSource Inc. in 2006
- Named Canada’s Research University of the Year by Research InfoSource Inc. in 2004, and consistently placed among top three in the past two years
- Evidence-based medicine, a McMaster innovation, named one of the 15 greatest medical breakthroughs of the last 166 years by the *British Medical Journal*
- The *Globe and Mail* 2006 University Report Card gave McMaster an “A” for its reputation for academics and research, as well as for overall university atmosphere
- Ranked among the top five places to work in Canadian academia by *The Scientist* magazine

## OUR STRENGTHS

- Total sponsored research income of almost \$350 million
- Areas of research excellence: molecular medicine, biotechnology, photonics, information technology, intelligent machining, manufacturing and materials science, mechanical and software engineering, telecommunications, cardiovascular research, cancer research, strategic business studies, e-business, humanities computing, integrated health studies
- Total endowment valued at more than \$449 million
- Annual operating budget of \$345 million for 2005/2006
- McMaster Innovation Park established to support research and development in advanced manufacturing and materials, nanotechnology and biotechnology
- McMaster is the only North American host site of a United Nations University
- McMaster participates in more than 40 international exchange agreements
- Recipient of the largest cash donation ever made to a Canadian university (\$105 million from philanthropist Michael G. DeGroot)
- Recipient of the two largest gifts ever made to a Canadian university athletics facility (\$10 million from business leader Ronald V. Joyce for a new stadium; \$5 million from Hamilton entrepreneur David Braley for the new David Braley Athletic Centre)
- McMaster Nuclear Reactor (completed in 1959) was the first university-based reactor in the British Commonwealth
- Commitment to innovative and stimulating learning environments, as evidenced by the creation of several unique, interdisciplinary programs
- Culture of enthusiastic, cooperative and unpretentious interaction among and between faculty, staff, students and the surrounding community

