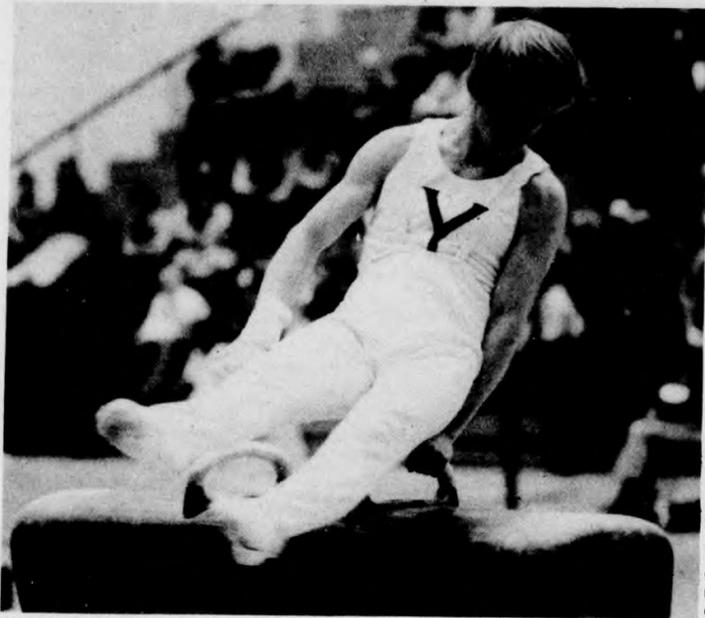


Sports



York's Scott Tanner displays winning form on the pommel horse at the York invitational gymnastics meet Saturday at the Tait gym.

Gymnasts display top form in capturing tournament title

By C.T. SQUASSERO

York's national champion men's gymnastic team re-established its superiority by vaulting its way into the top spot at the eight-team York Invitational Tournament Saturday in the Tait McKenzie gym.

York's coach Tom Zivic, obviously pleased with his team's performance said, "They were excellent for the beginning of the season," but he added that he expects them to improve. "This was only a warm-up."

He also said the team was rather young, with only two members remaining from last year's team.

Hockey is major college sport

By RICK SPENCE

Hockey continues to be in the major intercollegiate sport, featuring a lot of good games and few defaults.

In men's hockey, Stong pummeled Grads 15-2, McLaughlin shut out Winters 4-0, Vanier edged MBA 4-3, Osgoode dumped Glendon 4-2, and Calumet bested Bethune 4-1.

Women's hockey action saw Bethune default to Founders, and Grads to Vanier. Glendon stunned Stong 3-0, and McLaughlin overwhelmed Winters by the same score.

In men's basketball Bethune conquered Calumet 68-42. In women's basketball Vanier won by default over Founder.

Glendon won the coed basketball championship by prevailing over Stong in the final.

He said he's looking forward to the next competitions in the new year, especially the CIAU championship here in early March. Zivic cited Toronto and Queen's as the only two strong competitors but he does not expect either to pose much of a threat to York's title.

The Yeomen placed far ahead of all other competitors with a score of 265.4 followed by the University of Toronto with 197.4 and Royal Military College with 139.8.

The York individual team made its mark in the tournament by placing fourth.

The top three outstanding in-

dividuals in the meet were Steve Mitzuk (50.9), U of T; Randy Mills (49.1), Eastern Michigan; and Bill Petrochenko (48.0), York. Other members of the York team include, Bob Carisse (46.4), Paul Maddock (40.3), Ross Hunt (41.4), Duve Hunter (47.5), and Scott Tanner (41.8).

Five of the six members of the team were presented with awards for individual efforts.

A plaque was also awarded to one of York's individual representatives. The members include Neil Gerlman, Bob Robichaud, Jim Weldon and Steve Mclean, who was injured on the parallel bars early in the tournament.

Women's hockey

Women win ice battle

By DEBBIE CATE

HAMILTON—Last Wednesday night, the hockey Yeowomen visited the McMaster Marauders and defeated them 7-5 in a pushy see-saw battle.

York came up strong in the first period as Barb Ollerenshaw and Cathy Brown each plugged one in to put the Yeowomen ahead 2-0.

McMaster came back in the second period to slip one past the York goalie. Liz Bowes replied for York but the 3-1 lead was short-lived. McMaster constantly beat the York defence on breakaways to score three in a row in taking a 4-3 lead going into the third period.

The Yeowomen displayed their usual third period zip. Bowes deked the McMaster netminder to tie the score. Defencewoman Dawn Gardham then popped one into the corner of the net after an end-to-end rush.

McMaster came back to tie the score at 5-5 at the nine-minute mark. Three minutes later, though, Ollerenshaw broke through the McMaster defence to make it 6-5. Repeated York rushes gave the Brown the final goal.

York was hard-pressed for the remaining three minutes but managed to ward off the Marauder muscle lines.

PUCKNOTES: The McMaster goalie turned away 16 shots, while York's Jean Panagopka stopped 27 ... York remains undefeated after three rough matches.

Fencing action

York shares first

By CYRANO SCARAMOUCHE

KINGSTON — In weekend fencing action at the Queen's invitational, York established itself as a contending force by tying the University of Toronto for first place in a field of 13.

The action began with the sabre event, where York came within inches of first place. The team was manned by Mike Stein, Brian Budgell and Gary Sterling. Sterling finished with a remarkable 23-1 record, proving to be the best fencer at the event.

The epee team was eliminated by strong competition halfway through their event.

The defending-champion foil team provided a third place finish in their event. The unit fenced six rounds in falling to Royal Military College in a period where most participants were exhausted. Captain Gunnar Ozlos and George Lavatoro turned in good performances, as did rookie Jim Lampard, replacing last year's Vic Swaboda.

Jekyll and Hyde cagers gain split in weekend action

By ALAN RISEN

KINGSTON — York's schizophrenic basketball Yeomen continued their unpredictable ways over the weekend and picked up a split in two regular season contests, losing at home 82-64 Friday night to the Ottawa Gee Gees and gaining an important 67-52 road victory here Saturday night over the Queen's Golden Gaels.

Except for the colour of their jerseys the Yeomen appeared to be an entirely different squad Saturday than the one that stumbled through Friday night's contest at Tait McKenzie.

York's attack lacked any semblance of a system against Ottawa. The bulk of the scoring was provided by two players, Vince Santoro with 18 points and Michael Betcherman with 15, indicating a precarious offensive imbalance.

To complicate their situation, the Yeomen decided to slow the pace down to establish a deliberate attack.

This proved unsuccessful because it gave the Gee Gees a chance to set up on defence. York then had to shoot from well out, resulting in a lowly 35% field goal average.

York's fast fleeting hopes for a last minute comeback were dashed when both Santoro and Betcherman left the game in the last five minutes.

Santoro fouled out with 5:23 with to play and Betcherman was carried off the court at the 12 minute mark when he sprained a lateral ligament in his knee.

Betcherman sat on Saturday's game with Queen's, but the York bench rose to the occasion, and a fine team effort made up for the absence of the Yeoman's top scorer.

Jeff Simbrow led the York attack on Kingston as he popped in 11 field goals for 22 points in his finest showing of the 1973 campaign.

Santoro played another solid game in the York backcourt and scored 14

points. Brian Silverstein came off the bench and added three field goals and two free throws to the York attack.

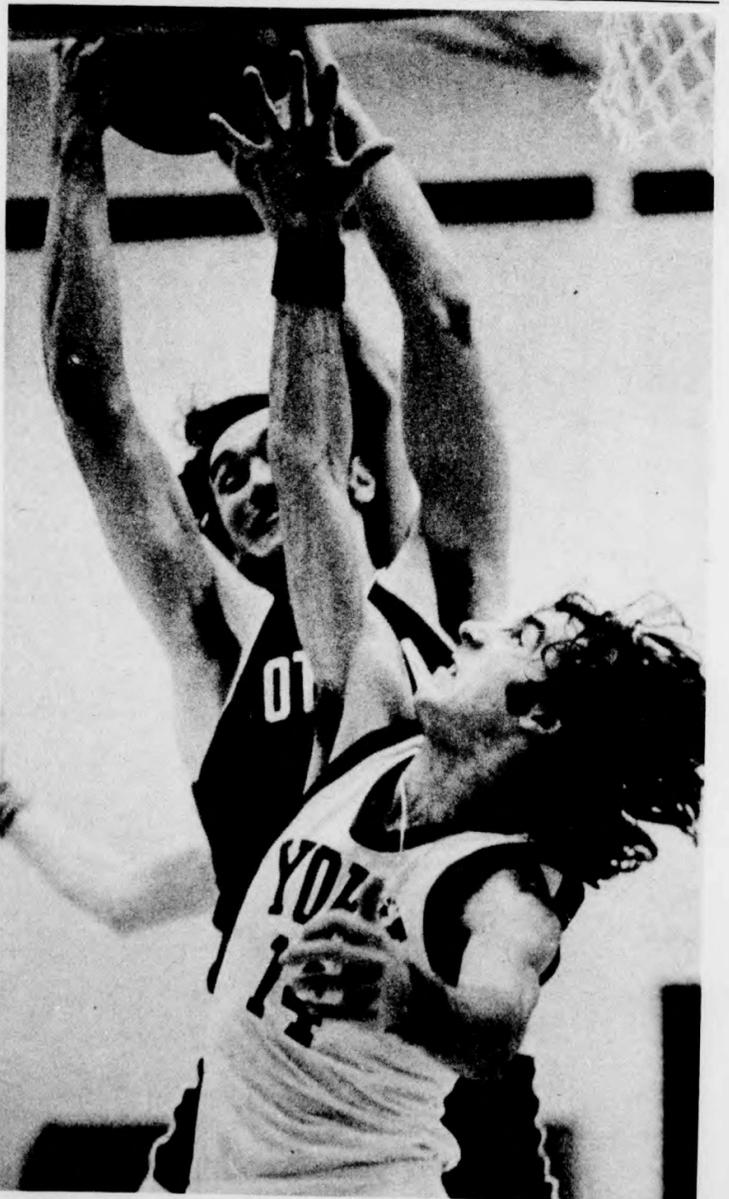
The big reason for the turnabout in York's play was their decision to scrap the deliberate style of play of the previous night and move to a running attack.

They broke fast against the Gaels and didn't afford their opponents a chance to set up a defence. When Queen's had the ball they found the York man-to-man pressure defence hard to crack.

The Yeomen's press seemed to disrupt the Golden Gaels in their own end and allowed York to set the pace throughout the game. The results indicated that York has to run to win. Their personnel is suited for a fast moving game and when they get going early on the contest they can cause many teams in this league a lot of trouble.

BASELINE BANTER: Dec. 9 York plays the preliminary game in Maple Leaf Gardens before the Buffalo Braves-Boston Celtics NBA encounter. George Brown College will provide the opposition...Last Wednesday York was trounced 86-50 in an exhibition game with the Guelph Gryphons. Betcherman, with 10 points, was the only Yeoman to break double figures. York couldn't seem to get their heads out of the clouds from their big win over Loyola the previous weekend in suffering their worst beating of the year.

The Ottawa game showed another mismatch at centre with the Gee Gee's all-star Merv Sabey (6'7") having things his own way over York's game but shorter Romeo Calegaro. Lack of height has killed the Yeomen in contests with the big teams... The next home game for York isn't until Jan. 8 when the University of Toronto Blues venture into Tait's suburban surroundings. Tip-off is at 8:15 p.m.



Bob Foley photo

Head-to-head competition was captured here, by Excalibur photographer Bob Foley, of the rival top scorers in Friday night's game between York and Ottawa. Merv Sabey, the 6'7" centre for the Gee Gees seems to have the upper hand over York's 6'1" guard, Vince Santoro in this match-up. Both players scored 18 points but Ottawa took the game 82-64.

Sports Briefs

Hendry takes third in cross-country

KINGSTON — At the Canadian university crosscountry championship held at Royal Military College Nov. 24, York's Neil Hendry placed third in a field of 35 runners. Ken Hamilton, running on a twisted ankle, finished twenty-fourth. Both York runners represented Ontario which finished first. At the Canadian Track and Field Association meet at Victoria, B.C., Hendry won the junior Canadian championship with a time of 27:52 over an 8300 metre course.

Yeowomen drop basketball decision

The Yeowomen basketball team journeyed to Queen's last Saturday and proved hospitable guests as they bowed to their hosts 79-26. Patti Colmer and Wendy Michalowicz were the big guns for York squad.

York hosts women's swim meet

York will be hosting a women's speed swimming meet Friday at 7 p.m. in the pool of the Tait McKenzie building. The Yeowomen will be meeting competitors from the University of Windsor in the dual meet.