

Bajin's gymnasts are still the best

Judge for yourself

Jules Xavier
HAMILTON — Three years ago the Yeowomen gymnastics team finished second behind the McMaster Mauraders but went on to eventually win the Canadian (CIAU) championships. For York, this past weekend's disappointment could be a blessing in disguise following the Maurader's slim 1.5 point margin of victory over York.

McMaster, defending Canadian champions, captured their third consecutive Ontario team title, collecting 122.35 points while York managed 120.85. The University of Toronto rounded out the top three schools with 117.45 points.

Gymnastics, unlike most team sports, is based on subjective judging. In gymnastics, you live and die by the judges' decisions. Mistakes are costly.

"With these judges you shouldn't make mistakes," said a frustrated York coach, Natasa Bajin. "These judges were impossible."

Bajin has put up with inconsistent judging most of the season, but she feels the judging at McMaster cost York the team title somehow.

Bajin pointed to the fact that one gymnast fell four times, but her score was as high as a York gymnast who fell once. But protesting scores was to no avail.

McMaster head coach, Mike Cain had a relieved look on his face moments after the awards ceremony.

"I'm surprised of course," he said when asked about the victory. With a slight grin he added, "It's such a good feeling. I knew it would be close. Just look at the trophy. Its been

passing back and forth between our schools for some time."

Cain acknowledged his team showed their potential, putting it all together when it counted.

"They're polished. York defeated us previously by 6 and 8 points," he said, "but I knew we could still beat them."

McMaster's Debbie Kirby won the overall individual honours, finishing first on floor and second on bars and vault for a combined 32.95 total.

Waterloo's Ann Eby (32.30), Toronto's Sandra Henderson (31.75) and York's Laurie McGibbon (31.65) followed.

Kirby, a cherubic 18-year-old, felt good in only her second university meet due to her preparation in the Ontario Gymnastics Federation competitions.

Coach Cain and his prized gymnast both were disappointed at the absence of York's Diana Carnegie (out with a knee injury), who, perhaps could have been the difference in the meet.

"She's a super athlete," Cain said. "It would have been more interesting for sure if she competed. It would have been great for the spectators to see her perform."

York's McGibbon, though disappointed with her own placing, felt more for her team. "This year was our chance to finish first," she said.

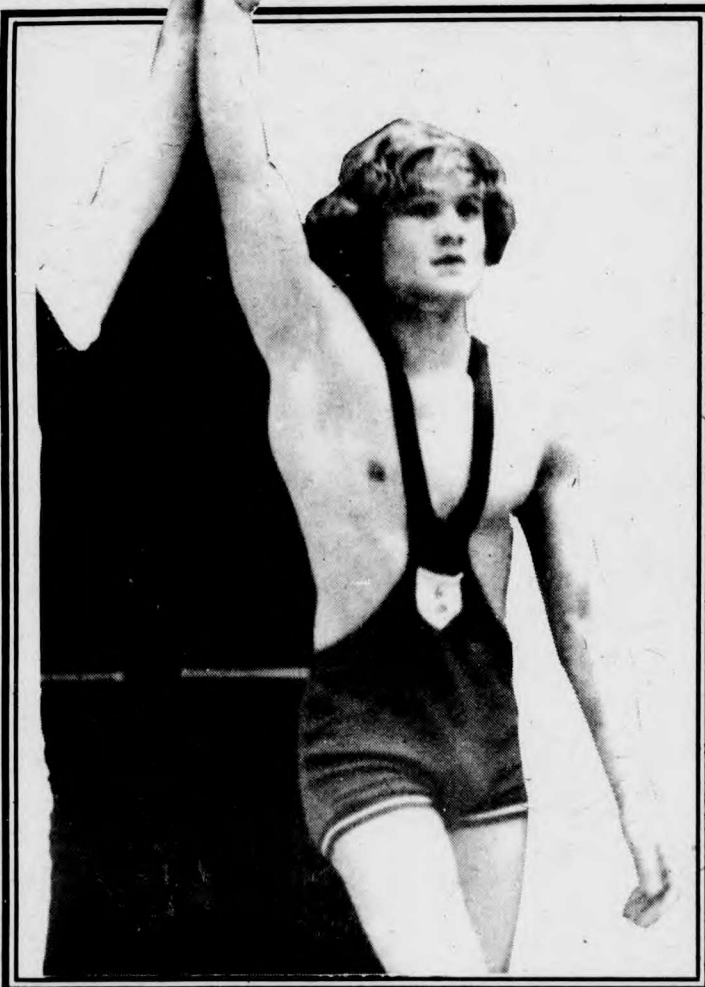
McGibbon, first on the vault, recorded the highest mark of the meet with a difficult Tsukahara vault (8.70). Teammate Marilee Boles finished second with an 8.30 score.



It was so close yet so far—York gymnast Marilee Boles and her teammates came close in capturing the Ontario title but the trophy eluded them for the second year in a row as McMaster edged York 122.35 to 120.85 (1.5 difference).

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Coach Venditti is westward bound with three wrestlers who qualified



The winner—Rookie wrestler Aaron Hume finished third with a 4-2 record thus qualifying for the Nationals.

Yeomen wrestling coach Albert Venditti has every right to be smiling these days following his team's successful venture at the Ontario wrestling championships this past weekend in Kingston.

Three wrestlers qualified

Though his team finished a disappointing fifth (they had their sights on obtaining a team medal) out of fourteen teams, Venditti had three of his wrestlers qualify for the Canadian championships set for the University of Regina this coming weekend.

Rookies Randy Smith (126 lbs.) and Aaron Hume (150 lbs.) plus veteran Jonathan Graham (158 lbs.) finished third in their respective weight divisions which enables them to take part in the CIAU's.

Regain his touch

Smith, hurting with a shoulder injury suffered in his first match, managed to regain his touch and finished with a 2-2 win-loss record.

Hume disposed of his first three opponents before losing two tough matches, rebounding to win his final match to secure the CIAU berth.

Cautioned out

After being cautioned out in his first match, Graham fought back to win three of his next four matches.

Powerhouse Guelph University (205) were the overall champions followed by Western (161), Concordia (68), McMaster (67) and York with 59 points.

—Xavier

Nutzenberger does it all for York

Marc Epprecht

The York men's gymnastics team won its 12th consecutive Ontario championship, although by one of the smallest margins ever. The injury depleted Yeomen outpaced the University of Toronto by only four points (163.65 to 159.30). Queen's was a distant third with 133.30 points.

York's Frank Nutzenberger, with 55.35 points, won the overall individual title followed by Dan Fedder, Doron Kernerman and Simon Smith of Toronto. Bill Chong and Pat Rogers of York were 5th and 6th respectively.

Nutzenberger won on the high bar, floor exercise and rings, while placing second on the vault and pommel horse. York's Rob Wild won pommel horse and teammate Dan Gaudet parallel bars. The only event not won by York was vault, won by Toronto's Kernerman.



(l.-r.) Frank Nutzenberger on high bar and raising the team trophy

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Swimmers relay the message

Drew Clarke

The Yeowomen swim team wrapped up their 81-82 season on a positive note with a 95 point, 7th place finish in the Ontario championships held at Brock University.

It was the CIAU bound foursome of Jane Thacker, Megan Teskey, Sandy Greaves and Jeannette Wielhouwer leading the way for York. The foursome collected a bronze medal in the 4x100m Freestyle Relay.

Individually, best performances came from Greaves (5th and 8th in the 100m and 200m Fly events); Thacker (won consolation in both Breast-

stroke events); and Teskey, who was 7th in the competitive 50m Freestyle sprint.

Dismissing the premise that placing well is the only measure of success Coach Wilson stresses, "They've all trained well and come through with strong swims at the right time."

Wilson points to swimmers Shelley Cadotte, Sue Bartha and

K. C. Whalen

The 81-82 hockey season came to a close for the York Yeomen Tuesday night as they dropped a heart-breaking 6-5 overtime decision to McMaster in the Ontario quarter-finals.

Marlin Ari Sillberg scored with

only 23 seconds left in the first overtime period to seal the win.

Brigitte Matte, a trio who have been in the background much of the year but due to their hard work have improved their times.

Says Wilson, "This may be a young, inexperienced team but I'm excited about next year already. We're losing just one swimmer to graduation and the others can only improve."

York's 5-4 third period lead ended with just over 2 minutes left to play when McMaster scored on a power play to send the game into overtime.