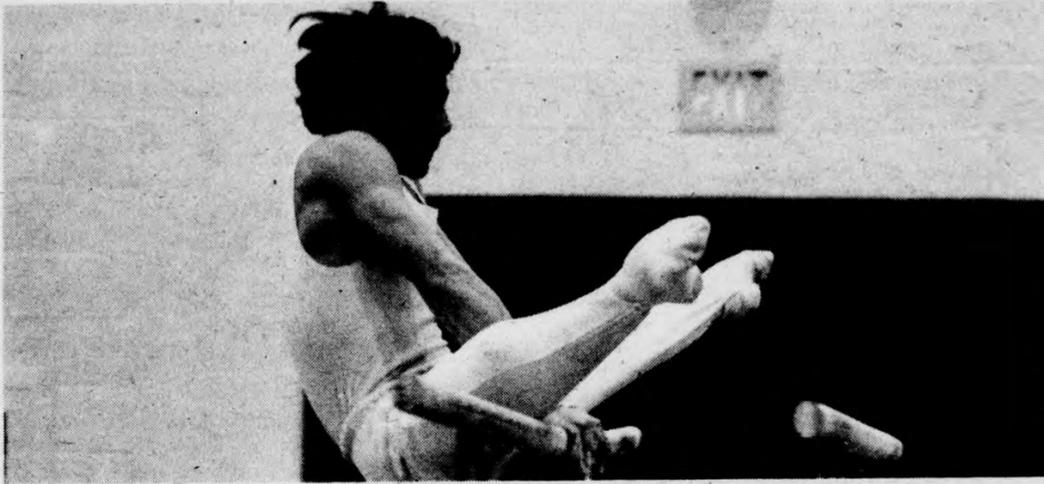


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Penn State U tops York at meet



Marc Eprecht came to second overall, (54.0) at Penn U gymnastics meet at York.

By Greg Saville
Pennsylvania State University, one of the top-rated American men's university gymnastic teams, turned in its highest recorded six man score to defeat York University in the Penn State Invitational at York last weekend. They tallied 216.1 edging out York's 212.05.

Penn States' Bob Desiderio was outstanding all afternoon capturing first place on floor routines and high bar. He tied York's David Steeper for top spot on vault with 9.30 and had an over all score of 55.0, one point ahead of second place Marc Eprecht of York.

Eprecht dominated on pommel with 9.55 the meets highest individual score.

With a two-tenth lead after the second apparatus York was en route to their first ever win over Penn State but by the second half of the meet they were narrowly trailing.

Penn State coach Karl Schwenzfeier was amazed at York's progress from past years.

"When I got here to watch York warm up I started to sweat and did so through most of the match," he said. "York was so much better than we expected it wasn't until the second half that we realized we would have to start hitting our routines really well to stay out of trouble."

According to York coach Tom Zivic, his team's main weakness this year has been technical consistency.

In the vault competition York began to fall behind in total overall points due to sloppy landings. Most of Penn State's individual vault scores broke 9.0 while only Steeper did so from York.

In other events, Steeper tied Penn State's Pat Besong at 9.00 on rings.

The visiting team placed first and second on parallel bars with Paul Simon scoring 9.50 and Bob Desiderio 9.25

York takes tourney in Nickel City

Two weeks ago the York Volleyball Yeomen lost in the final of the Voyageur Invitational Tournament to ninth nationally ranked Laurentian Voyaguers. This past weekend, however, was a different story as York defeated Laurentian in Sudbury.

Friday, Yeomen started slowly in the first game falling behind, 6-0. They slowly regrouped in the second game but eventually bowed out to the Voyageurs, 13-15. The second game saw a much more solid effort as Yeomen triumphed, 15-11. The third and fourth games were the most exciting of the year as York squeezed out two narrow wins, 15-13 and 16-14.

Yeomen coach, Wally Dyba, said there were a number of reasons contributing to York's win. "First, because of a back injury to our usual starting setter, Al Riddell, Jeff Russell was forced into the line up. Although Jeff's setting ability may not, at this time, be as good as Al's, Jeff put in a solid effort in blocking and defence. He also

did an admirable job quarterbacking the team."

"In the third game we were behind so I started to substitute to rest some of the starters," added Dyba, "and the guys who came off the bench sparked the rest of the team to a comeback."

The Saturday match was as close as Friday's with York winning three games to two, 15-7, 13-15, 15-13, 10-15 and 15-7.

Mark Ainsworth and Paul Pavan

were the most effective hitters on the team. Ainsworth scored 29 kills on Friday night and 18 on Saturday while Pavan had 17 and 26 respectively.

This coming weekend York will play two matches against Queens. A double victory for York would place the Yeomen in first place in the east division with the right to host the O.U.A.A. championship tournament. Final home game for the Yeomen is next Thursday

against the U. of T. The O.U.A.A. East standings are as follows:

	W	L
Queens	8	0
York	6	2
U. of T.	5	4
Laurent.	3	7
Ryerson	0	9

Swimmers vie for top six

By May Lau

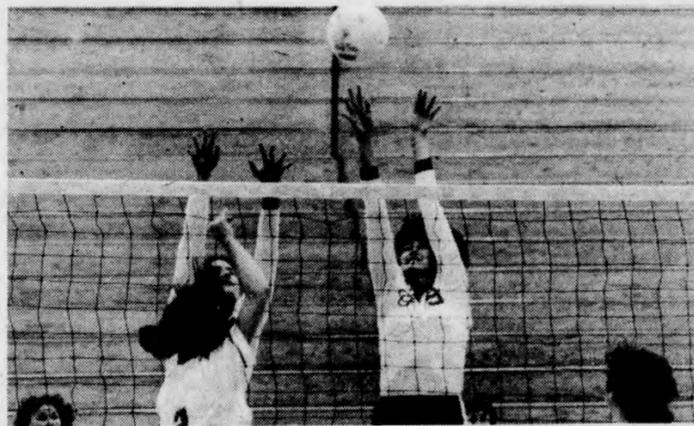
WATERLOO-Over the weekend, York Yeowomen swim team with 14 other university teams from across Ontario, Quebec and northeast United States, competed at the annual university of Waterloo Invitational. Yeowomen, one of the smallest teams there, placed 8th in the overall standings.

The team, without their captain Donna Duffy (who could not make it because of family matters) performed better than what coach Carol Gluppe had expected. "I did not taper the girls at all for this meet. I was saving them for the OWIAA's, so, I was really surprised by them this weekend. Practically all of them returned best times for the year in at least one individual event," she said.

Heading the list of excellent swims was Donna Miller. Miller, in her pet events (100 yds and 200 yds backstroke - the pool at Waterloo was a yard pool) missed being placed in the top three places by mere fractions of the second. She had to be content with fourth place in both of them. Competition was stiff at the meet. In every event there were at least 30 girls fighting for the 12 top positions (six in the finals and six in the consolation finals).

Tension was felt by many and one who felt it more than many other Yeowomen was Jane Thacker. Thacker, pressured by a personal desire to win the 200 yds breaststroke, and anxious to get a head start on the rest of her opponents in that event, false started all three times. She was then disqualified from the event. For the rest of the meet, Thacker kept her chin up and made the consolation finals in her other events - the 100 yds breaststroke and the 200 yds individual medley.

The others who did not make it to either of the finals, but who swam exceptionally well, were Liz MacGregor, Bernie MacGregor, May Lau and Anne Querengesser. The meet proved MacGregor to be a very versatile swimmer in the freestyle events. She swam in all the freestyle events at the meet and she returned them in excellent times. MacGregor, who is a distance swimmer, won her heats in the sprint events. Her ability to cover distance and sprints as well, makes her the most well-rounded freestyle swimmer York has at present. Bernie MacGregor, Lau and Querengesser won their respective heats with personal best times.



Randy Bregman

Yeomen taste real competition



By Bruce Gates

For this year at least, it appears the York Yeomen will always have to look beyond the OUAA East to get basketball competition, which they did last Saturday in Cleveland, Ohio against Cleveland State of the NCAA.

The result was a 69-64 loss to the American side despite the fact the Yeomen were leading, 32-25, at halftime.

"We got a little lesson in good basketball in the second half," coach Bob Bain said afterward. "I'm not convinced they used all of their starters at the beginning of the game. All I know is that some of their players came off the bench and played pretty well when they got in trouble."

"They really came at us in the second half and we gave the ball away too often. But I think we gave them a little scare although we didn't play all that well."

Part of York's problem, aside from the level of competition, was probably due to having to adapt to American rules, such as the elimination of the 30-second shot

clock, which means redesigning offensive and defensive strategy. Conversely, Bain said Cleveland would have similar problems adapting to using the shot clock up here.

Cleveland State, which is in the first division of NCAA basketball in the United States, is playing only .500 ball, but one gets some sort of idea of the disparity between top U.S. and top Canadian teams.

Said Bain: "I think we could compete with some of their schools down there. We have a way to go in terms of all-round calibre, but I think we could give some of them a pretty good run."

Free throws: Last Tuesday, Dave Coulthard's 25 points paced York to a 82-56 win over the U of T.... Tomorrow night York hosts Ottawa; Saturday they host the Etobicoke Estonians.

Fencers score in Ottawa: OUAA here they come!

OTTAWA - York's fencing team has been making a point all season and if their recent performance is any indication it looks like a winning weekend for York at the OUAA finals on Feb. 10.

The sabre section edged out Carleton at the Carleton Invitational, Jan. 21, thereby taking their third straight tournament.

A lightning bout with York's Francois Febvay dueling Carleton's Peter Ott cinched the tournament for York.

"I knew it was going to be close in the final bout," said the French born fencing veteran after defeating Ott. Teammates Wilson Lim and captain Chris Thorpe helped York dominate sabre action all afternoon.

York fencing coach, Rich

Polatynski, said he had noted some questionable corner judging while fencing Carleton earlier in the day, but there was no stopping Yeomen momentum later as they left their mark winning three straight bouts against the Ravens.

Meanwhile, the inexperienced but vastly improved foil team surprised Polatynski by finishing fourth out of eleven.

"They started very strong but suffered a very disappointing loss to a revitalized Queens," said Polatynski. He felt first year fencer Gerry Pace "had an excellent day and was easily the outstanding foil fencer for York all day."

Considering their inexperience, the foil team's marked improvement over the past three

months has been as admirable as their counterparts victories in sabre. They were sixth of 10 at the RMC tournament, Nov. 18, and then fifth of 10 at the York tournament, Jan. 13.

Another notable emerging from their weekend in Ottawa was foil fencer Scott Mitchel who was competing in his first tournament. Mitchel won eight of 14 bouts which gave him an outstanding 60% success rate.

Polatynski feels both York fencing teams are a shoe-in for the OUAA semi-finals at the U. of T. Feb. 3. From there it's on to the OUAA finals back at Carleton.

Even against such teams as the internationally competitive and top ranked University of Ottawa foil fencers, Polatynski still thinks

York will end up in the top six at the finals. But he's expecting much



more from the sabre team. After all, they've already made their point.