

Squeeze out Western for win

Women's gymnasts win WITCA crown

By PATTI HOLMAN
York University's women's gymnastics team swept by Western to win the WITCA Gymnastics Championships held Saturday, February 13, 1971 at York University. York was number one with a total of 247.40 points, followed closely by Western with 222.67 points, Ottawa - 146.93, Toronto - 124.55, McMaster - 106.65, Queen's - 85.85, Guelph - 82.60, McGill - 67.95 and Montreal - 63.00 points.

The all round winners for the Senior Division were Sue Buchanan who stood first with 35.10 points, and Liz Swinton who placed second with 32.15. Both are members of the York gymnastics team. Louise Brissette of Montreal placed third with a total score of 31.60 points.

In the intermediate division Sue Christilau, University of Toronto, placed first as the all round winner with the highest score of 32.75 points. Second place went to Laurie Smith who scored 31.55 points and third place was occupied by Janice Askin who accumulated 29.30 points. Both are from York.

York's junior division did not have any of its members as all round winners. First place went to Cathy Swift of the University of Toronto with 31.95 points; Patti Thompson, McMaster placed second with 31.60 points and Nancy MacLellan, McGill placed third with 30.85.

York stood third with 89.95 in the Junior Divisional Team Standings, University of Toronto placing first with 91.80 points and Western second with 90.30 points. However, York dominated first place in both the Intermediate and Senior Divisions. In the Intermediate

Division York was first with 89.85, Western second with 77.50 and Ottawa third with 61.05 points. In the Senior Division York stood first with 67.60 points, Montreal was second with 63.00 points and Western placed third with 54.87 points.

Terry Haines was the only individual winner for York in the Junior Division. She placed first on the balance beam with a score of 8.7.

Laurie Smith, York Intermediate Division, placed first on the uneven bars with 7.65, 3rd in vaulting with 8.05, 2nd in balance beam with 7.6, and 3rd in floor with 8.25.

Janice Askin, York Intermediate Division, placed first in the floor with 8.45 and 3rd on the uneven bars with 7.45.

Debbie Thompson, York Intermediate Division, placed third on the balance beam with 7.3 points.

Sue Buchanan, York Senior Division, placed first on the uneven bars with 8.25, balance beams with 8.8, and floor with 9.40. She placed second in vaulting, scoring 8.65 points.

Liz Swinton, York, placed second in both the balance beam with 8.35 points and floor with 8.95 points.

Ruth Hope, York, scored 7.5 points and tied for third place with Marie-Irene Germaine from Montreal.

This gymnastics meet was the main competition for the '70-71 school year.

WITCA gymnastics champions which of course went to York who placed first.

To all the York gymnastics members, congratulations to a job well done.



photo by Tim Clark

Carol Ferguson shows the great form that helped the women's gymnastic team to win the WITCA championships at York Feb. 13.

Girl's hockey stage dramatic comeback

The York University Women's hockey team emerged from their tournament at McGill last weekend victorious, as they took the consolation tournament over the University of Toronto in a surprise upset. The girls defeated Loyola 10-1 and U. of T. 4-3 to become the number two women's hockey team, next only to McMaster who won first place.

It was a tremendously exciting and satisfying end to a season that had been somewhat disappointing for the girls. The team's fine spirit which was obvious throughout the season, was responsible for not such a small part of their success at McGill, especially in the final, crucial game with U. of T.

The girls went into the tournament in sixth place, behind Queens and ahead of U. of T. and Loyola. In the first game they played eighth place Loyola, while U. of T. and Queens fought it out for the right to play the winner of the York-Loyola contest.

In this first game against Loyola, Marg Poste scored four goals and added three assists, Sandy Leskiw three goals and one assist, and Liz Bowes two goals, to lead the team to a 10-1 win. Loyola scored their only goal of the game in the mid first period, and York collected five goals in this period to lead 5-1. Marg Poste scored the only goal of

the second period to boost the score to 6-1 for York, and four more goals for York in the third period completed the scoring. It was clearly a one sided game with shots on goal for York 36, and for Loyola only seven.

After winning the semi-final, York had to await the result of the Queens-U. of T. game. York was successful in her regular season in defeating the Toronto team but lost to Queens. Since Queens seemed the favourite to win her semi-final, the prospect of the Queens-York match was less than inviting to the York girls. However, Toronto staged an unexpected upset over a poorly organized Queens team who was just not up to par for this game. U. of T. won it closely, 3-2.

The York girls therefore met with the team from U. of T. whom they had not at all expected to play. As can be seen by the 4-3 final score, this was a tense, close contest all the way. Sandy Leskiw led the scoring with two goals for York, the team's first of the game and the winning goal as well, and was the dominant player of the game. Marg Poste who always plays a strong game put in one of the York goals and Liz Bowes the other.

Scoring began at 27 seconds of the first period when U. of T. took an early 1-0 lead. Soon after, at 4:38

Sandy Leskiw scored York's first goal and tied the game up. Then at 11:09 Poste put York ahead for the first time with an unassisted goal. York led 2-1 after the first period.

The second period was a bad one for the York team as U. of T. scored twice and prevented any York goals from entering their net. Toronto tied the score 2-2 at only 29 seconds of the second period and took a 3-2 lead at the 10:11 mark of the period.

Going into the third period one goal behind, York had to fight hard to move ahead of U. of T. This was the roughest, fastest moving period of the entire tournament and it paid off for York. At 6:38 Liz Bowes tied the score at 3-3 with an unexpected goal which, to the surprise of both teams just dribbled across the goal line. The York team was unaware that the puck had gone in the net and U. of T. tried to scoop it out, but the referee saw this in time and counted one for York.

Then at 8:51, Leskiw scored the winning goal for York on a fine play from Jackie Hutchison and Liz Bowes. From then on it was a battle for York to keep her lead while Toronto desperately tried to tie the score.

In the last few minutes of the game U. of T. pulled their goalie and tried to score with six attackers but they were unsuccessful. With only a few seconds remaining a fight erupted on the ice, resulting in a game misconduct for a York player and two major fighting penalties to York and U. of T.

Yeomen lose 7-2 drop to second

By PHIL CRANLEY

Last Saturday, in what was supposed to have been a revenge party, the York Yeomen suffered a sadly convincing 7-2 defeat at the hands of the Laurentian Voyageurs.

After two weeks of successful hockey, in which the Yeomen seemed to recover from an earlier 4-0 loss to these same Voyageurs, York built up an impressive goal scoring record, they beat Ryerson 13-1, Brock 12-1, and Trent 13-4. This set the stage for the battle for first place last Saturday night. York had to win by at least four goals to take OIAA league honours this year. But instead, Laurentian built up a 7-0 lead with one goal in the first and three goals in each of the last two periods, before the Yeomen counted twice. The visitors emphasized their superiority by outshooting the home side 48-24.

This drops York into undisputed possession of second place. But for the highly favoured Yeomen this must be a shocking blow to their egos. Now, in order to salvage a berth in the Canadian Championships, they must take the difficult and formidable route. They will have to defeat Laurentian in the sudden death final in Sudbury on March 7th.

The game itself was very hard hitting with Roger Galipeau and Steve Latinovich playing their most aggressive sixty minutes of the year. The first period especially, saw end-to-end action, with both teams suffering physically. However, the Yeomen's offense seemed to sputter all night until it was too late. Latinovich and Ron Mark counted the last two goals of the game when all the Laurentian scoring was over.

So far this year the Voyageurs have demonstrated an uncanny

knack for tying up York's highest scoring line of Stroud Latinovich and Modray. In the past four games Latinovich has had nine goals and six assists. Stroud had six goals and Modray five in the same stretch. But against Laurentian, in two league games, they have only one goal and one assist among them. Coach Purcell must solve this riddle before the finals.

Stroud said after the game that there had been too much cheap talk this year in the Yeomen dressing room. He said that a championship team is not built with words and he expected a lot of soul searching among his team-mates during the next week. If however, the Voyageurs are really a better team, then it seems silly to flog a dead horse. But this reporter feels that the Yeomen have more guts than they have displayed so far. Look for the Yeomen to upset Laurentian in the finals. York has too good a team to lose three times in a row.

PUCK PATTERN...Yesterday the Yeomen finished the regular schedule against Waterloo-Lutheran. Results were not available at press time...The sudden-death semi-final playoff will be tomorrow night (Friday) at 8:00 pm. against the same Waterloo-Lutheran team. This will be York's last home game of the season so don't miss it...Two weeks ago the Yeomen defeated the Shelbourne Muskies in an exhibition encounter 15-4. The team was feted royally at the home of Shelbourne's largest antique dealer, Ron Halliday, before the game, and then had a small reception afterwards. This reporter took a page from George Plimpton's book Paper Lion, and played Paper Yeomen for the shorthanded squad. Would you believe that an EXCALIBUR reporter scored the twelfth goal?

Women's swim team places 4th

The WITCA championship meet for speed swimming and diving was held on Feb. 12 and 13 at the University of Waterloo. York's team placed fourth with 162 points behind the first place Waterloo team (318 points), the second place University of Toronto team (304 points), and the third place McMaster team (176 points). The top twenty-four competitors from this meet qualify to swim in the

Canadian swim competition to be held at Waterloo. York's swim team will supply seven of the competitors for the national competition.

Gail Kernius took a first place in the 50 yd. backstroke with a time of 0:32:3 and a second place in the 100 yd. backstroke with a time of 1:10:1. Sue Purchase placed third in the 50 yd. breast stroke, with a

time of 0:36:8. Lyn Logan placed fifth in the 100 yd. butterfly.

Both York's relay teams did very well. In the 200 yd. freestyle relay, the team of G. Kernius, L. Logan, P. Thomson, and D. Stevenson placed second and in the 200 yd. medley relay the team of G. Kernius, L. Logan, S. Purchase, and D. Stevenson came up with a second as well.