

S P O R T S

Dan Gaudet gives grand good-bye to fellow Yeomen

By ROBERTA DI MAIO

In September of 1976, Dan Gaudet joined the York University Gymnastics Club, beginning a long and tremendously successful association with the gymnastics team.

Gaudet, while at York, won four Ontario University Athletic Association (OUAA) championships from 1979 until 1982, and three Canadian Inter-University Athletic Union (CIAU) titles in 1980, 1981, and 1982. But last year Gaudet took a couple of months off prior to the World Championships in Montreal to "weigh the pros and cons of continuing in the sport and to try and find the best decision to make," Gaudet remarked in a recent interview.

After serious deliberation, Gaudet decided to call it quits following his final competition earlier this month at the Provincial Championships held at York. Gaudet performed his routine on the rings for the last time,

and during the closing speech of the meet, Gaudet bid his fans farewell.

Gaudet, in his career, competed in numerous world events all over the globe (Australia, China and Bulgaria are just a few of the countries Gaudet has visited), but two moments in particular stand out for Gaudet as the most memorable.

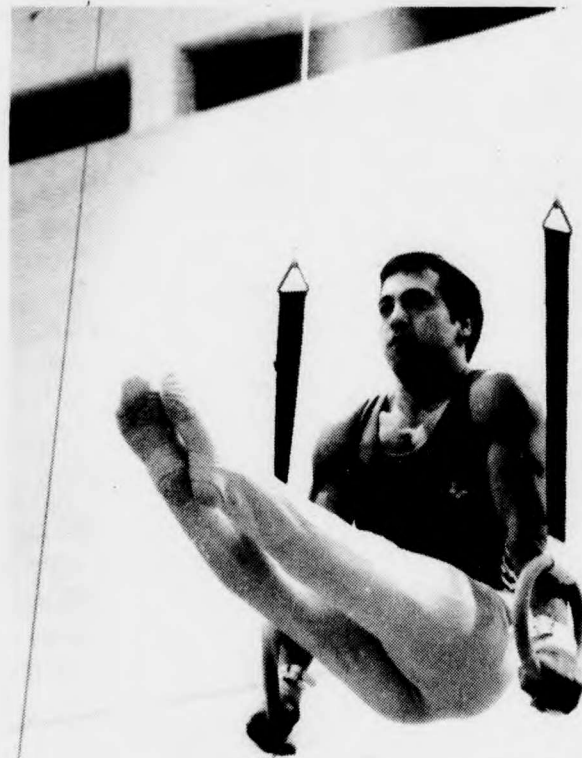
His first recollection is of the 1982 CIAU Championships that took place in Winnipeg. Gaudet's eligibility in qualifying for the meet was in jeopardy due to a short absence he took to recover from ankle surgery. Tom Zivic, the York gymnastics coach, "took great risks, putting his own reputations on the line as he fought for my eligibility," Gaudet said. "I won the meet for Tom; it was the only way I could have paid Tom back for his troubles."

The 1981 Cunchi Cup Invitational Meet, held in Japan, was the site for Gaudet's other most memor-

able moment as a Yeoman. Gaudet attended this meet with Maasaki Naosaki, York's men's coach, whose family and many of his friends, colleagues, and previous students were present at the Invitational in his native country.

Gaudet tied for first place on the rings with the 1984 Olympic champion, Koji Gushiken. "It was the first time I had ever seen Naosaki break down from pride," Gaudet related. "It was a good debut for me because Naosaki came to Canada, trained me, and took me back home, and showed everyone at the meet what he had taught me. No other Canadian had won an award at the Cunchi Cup, especially on rings alone," Gaudet added.

Gaudet is presently a senior level Physics teacher at Francis Liberman Secondary School in Scarborough and has already begun to coach gymnastics to the students there.



SUSPENDED ANIMATION: Dan Gaudet performs his routine on the rings for the last time in his farewell appearance earlier this month at York.

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Rugby seminar 'overwhelming success'

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The 1986 series of York University Sports Seminars is in high gear now following the clinics on soccer and rugby held in the last two months.

The soccer seminar took place on March 7, 8, and 9, and had a turnout of 83 coaches. According to Graham Wise, the administrator of the sports seminars, "the turnout for the soccer seminar was successful, but the rugby turnout of 133 coaches (from all over North America) was overwhelming."

At this clinic, which was held April 26 and 27, the guest speaker was Dave Clark, the Director of the Coaching Program for the Queensland Rugby Union and coach of the Australian National Team. Clark focused most of his talk on ball handling, and was assisted in the demonstrations by a number of York players.

Michael Dinning, the coach of the York rugby team, was confident that his players could learn a great deal from Clark. "Dave Clark is the principal architect of Australian rugby," Dinning said. "The players could use his experience, the new techniques, and the aggressive, different approach to rugby." Dinning also added that the ideas of "taking chances on the field," "playing with flair," and being "individualistic," could better the York team.

The rugby seminar also featured exclusive equipment, such as the Scrum Machine, an 1,800-pound mechanism invented by Briton

National title is the one I really want this year," Peters added.

The Provincial Championships, held at York May 2, 3 and 4, saw a number of York alumni return to their alma mater to perform. Ex-Yeoman gymnast David Steeper competed in the old timer category at the championships. Steeper, a two-year Senior National competitor and the 1979 Yeoman of the Year, was unable to finish his performance as he dislocated his shoulder soon after beginning his routine on the rings.

Bill Chong, a York alumnus who is presently in charge of the Acro Roping Club, provided, along with his students, intermission entertainment at the weekend meet. Chong, a 1982 French Studies graduate, trained for six years as a York gymnast, and in 1980, won the Tom Zivic Award.



DOING THE AUSTRALIAN TANGO: Coach of Australian National Team Dave Clark, is pictured here with Spencer Robbins demonstrating the latest Australian dance craze.

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Sports Briefs

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GYMNASTICS

Tom Zivic's Langstaff Gymnastics club and Yeomen past, present and future vaulted over the competition at the recent Ontario championships, garnering the top spots in the Senior and Novice men's competition.

The provincial championships, hosted by the York University Gym Club, were held at the Tait Gymnasium May 2-4.

Zivic is the coach of the Yeomen, the Canadian National team, and the founder of the Langstaff club.

First place overall in the senior men's event went to Curtis Hibbert, a 19 year old native of Mississauga who previously had intentions of attending York in September but has since decided to attend Toronto's Devry Institute of Technology.

Following Hibbert in the all-around competition standings was a who's who of York University gymnastics. Former Yeoman Frank

Nutzenberger took second place ahead of Brad Peters, who will be returning to York after a one year absence. The Langstaff/York string was broken by Mike Inglis of the University of Toronto Gym Club, who finished ahead of Yeoman Lorne Bobkin and 1986 Canadian Inter-University Athletic Union (CIAU) all-around champion Allan Reddon.

Finishing first all-around in the Novice men's competition (Under 17) was George Zivic, Tom's son.

For the elite gymnast, the Ontario Championships are considered a warm-up for the National championships, being held this year in Chicoutimi, Quebec May 22-28.

"This was a good preparation meet for the nationals," Peters said. "I hadn't competed since the World Championships in November (where he finished 14th overall). The Ontario Crown is nice to win but the



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