

# SPORTS

## York outclasses competition

# Gaudet leads team to York Invitational Title

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The York University Yeomen Gymnastics team opened their season with all the poise and perfection you'd expect from a team in the prime of their year. And they captured the overall team title at the York Invitational with a total score of 164.30 points.

Leading the way for York was national team member Dan Gaudet,

who took the all-around individual honours by compiling 56.05 points in the six events in which he competed.

York was also represented by its "old timers" club, and an impressive rookie team that placed second and fifth respectively in the team competitions with scores of 158.6 points and 143.35 points. U of T took third-place honours with

147.85 points, while the University of Eastern Michigan finished fourth with 145.85 points. Western and McMaster rounded out the eight-team field with seventh and eighth place showings.

Fifth-year man Dan Gaudet was by far the best performer at the meet. He combined not only strong tumbling exercises, but strength and skill in the apparatus events to take top honours in the floor exercise and rings.

### Gaudet on top

"I was pleased with my efforts," Gaudet said. "I've been working on some of the finer points of my routines, adding moves and taking others out. This meet was good for

working on those things, but I'm really shooting for the American meets where I hope to have my routines down pat."

Alan Redon wasn't far behind Gaudet in the individual all-around competition, as he totalled 54.10 points through six events. Brad Peters was equally impressive with a first-place score of 9.75 on the pommel horse and a 9.50 second-place finish on the vault. Nigel Rothwell counted one for the "York old-timers" with an 8.80 score in the parallel bars--good for third place.

"The York team is stronger than ever this year," Gaudet commented. "Most of the team members aren't even in top form yet. They used this meet as an ironing-out process--to

get into a competition atmosphere."

### Yeowomen at Mac

Women's gymnastics Coach Natasa Bajin led her team into the McMaster Invitational this past weekend, a meet which proved to be a measuring stick for the upcoming season. York was unable to send a full team though, and were thus denied a placing in the overall team competition.

Linda Kunasko turned in a strong effort and managed to qualify for the National Championships to be held at York later this year. Kim Douglas, Mireille Gour, Kim Meyers, and Gretchen Kerr, who placed fifth on the vault, were the other team members that competed for York.

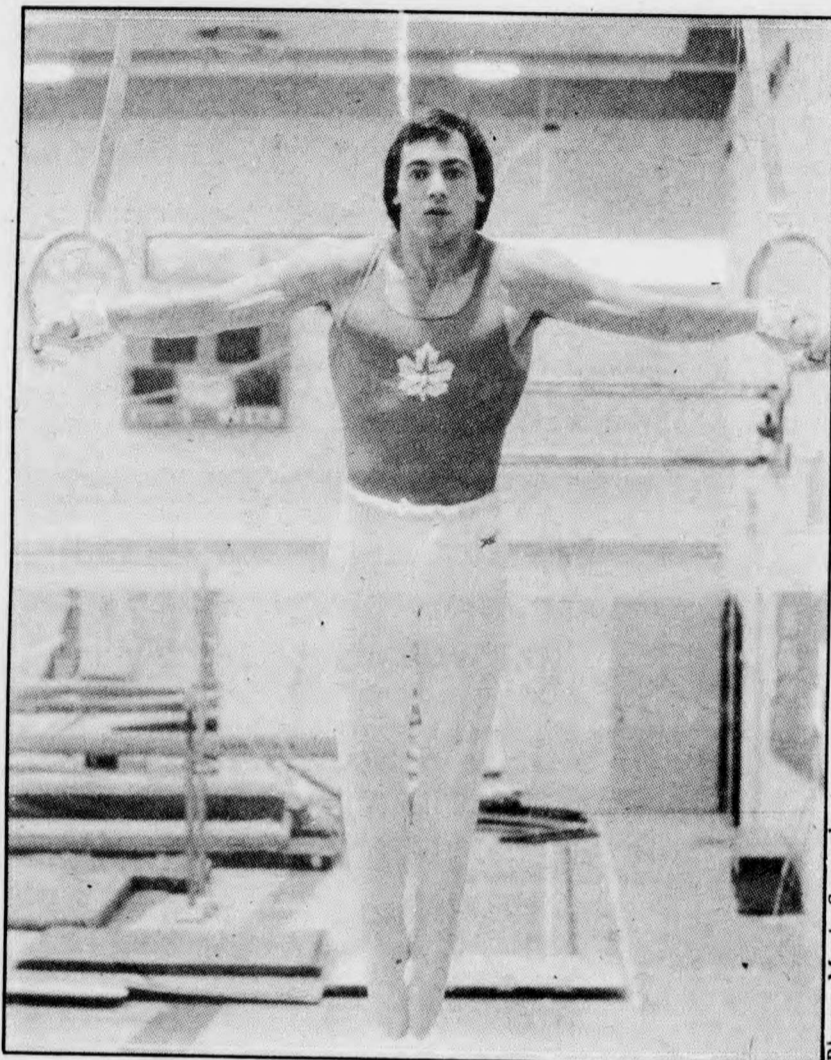


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Gymnastics star Dan Gaudet gets the nod as Excal's male athlete of the week as he accumulated 56.05 points to capture all-around individual honours

## Flashes not good enough

# "Quiet" loss to Queens causes concern for York

Elissa S. Freeman

York's volleyball encounter with Queens wasn't so much a test of physical superiority as it was a battle of will. While the Yeowomen equalled Queens in skill, they were surpassed by the on-court team spirit that seemed to pull the Golden Gaels through for the victory.

Against the Yeowomen, the

Golden Gaels did not look like the OWIAA Central Division's number one ranked team, as it took them five games to capture the match (15-7, 14-16, 15-7, 10-15, 15-11).

### Flashes of brilliance

In the opening games, York displayed a few flashes of brilliance, and the Yeowomen game improved as

the match progressed. On numerous occasions, veteran Trish Barnes proved why she is considered one of the game's best power-hitters, coming up with many "in your face" spikes. Jill Graham was able to fool the opposition with her tipping tricks. Blocking expertise was provided by the duo of Nancy Watson and Lisa Eyles. Eyles also put in an excellent all-around effort, displaying many serving, spiking and bumping capabilities.

However, individual bright spots weren't enough to put York in the winner's circle. "Sometimes the girls are not focussing on what they have to do as a team because they are too busy worrying about their own individual part of the game," explained Coach Merv Mosher.

### Lacked team spirit

In comparison to the Queens players, the Yeowomen seemed to lack team spirit. While the Golden Gaels maintained a constant on-court chatter, the York side was virtually silent. "We have nine introverts," offered Mosher. "We must learn to communicate."

By the fourth game the Yeowomen came alive, celebrating victorious points with their rousing "1-2-3 YORK!" cheer. The demonstration of spirit must have helped; York

went on to win that game 15-10.

**SPIKER'S SPACE:** This was the last league game for the Yeowomen until

the New Year. Perhaps they will be able to put together a few of the loose ends and emerge as the true contender they are capable of being.

## York's last minute goal ices it

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The York Yeomen hockey team managed to survive what was dubbed as the "wildest game of the season" when they turned a 7-5 deficit into an 8-7 victory over the Guelph Gryphons last Wednesday.

In recent weeks the Yeomen have been on the receiving end of some one-goal defeats--a 2-1 loss to Windsor and an 8-7 defeat at the hands of the Blues--but were awarded the two points when Martin Perry broke a 7-7 deadlock with less than two minutes remaining.

"It was a see-saw game," defence-man John Campbell said. "We were up by a goal, then down by two, and then we tied it up. I'm just glad to see us come out with a win."

The victory raises the Yeomen won-loss record to 4-3, and with only two games remaining in the schedule for the conclusion of the 1982 season, York has gained the retrospective "respectability" that was their goal in the preseason. If you remember, coach Bob Hedley took over his newly-acquired posi-

tion a week before the 1982 season began with no less than 11 rookies cracking the starting line-up. In fact, there were only six players reporting to camp with three or more years of playing experience in the OUAA circuit. Graduation claimed three of York's top goal-scorers from a year ago.

"At the beginning it was like the first day on the job--everyone was just getting to know everyone else's names. But now I think we've put together a team that wants to work hard and wants to win," Campbell commented.

**GOAL POSTS:** Leading scorers after six league games are rookie centre Ken Norris with 7 goals and 6 assists; fourth-year captain and defenceman John Campbell with three goals and eight assists; and assistant captain-left-winger Bill Ellison--with three goals and eight assists. . . the Yeomen match-up with the powerhouse Western Mustangs this Friday night at the York ice arena. . . game time is 7:30 p.m.

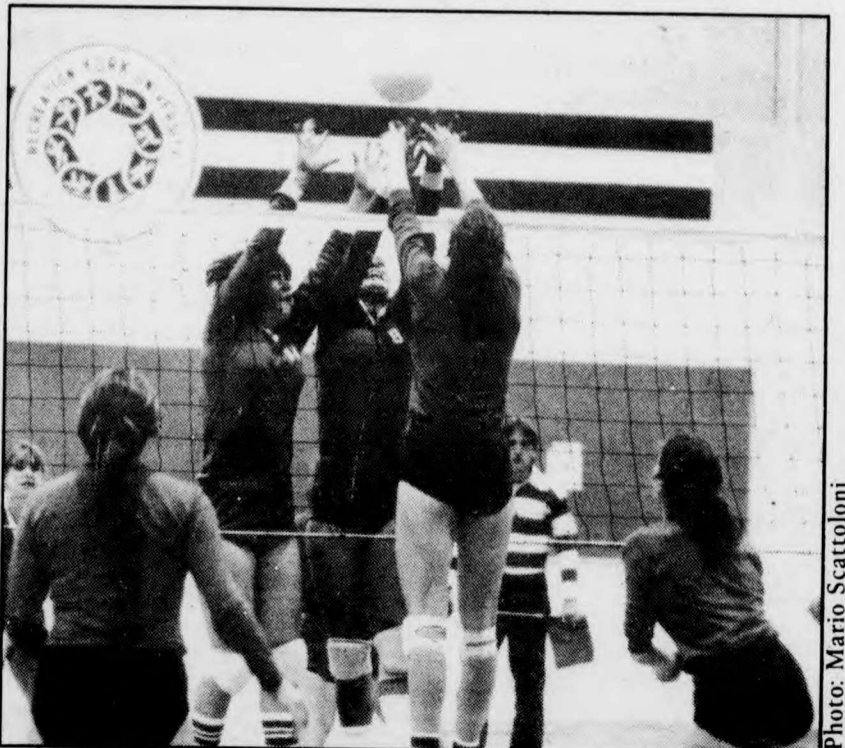


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