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Yeomen gymnasts chalk up number nine at CIAU championships

The York Yeomen won their ninth consecutive national team title at the CIAU gymnastics championship held last weekend at the Tait Gym.

Coupled with a solid fifth place finish by the Yeowomen, the York gymnasts gathered six gold medals, five silvers, and four bronze for the two day meet.

A six-man York men's team held an impressive lead throughout their bid for "number 9", turning in a total of 165.95 points to silver medalist U of T's 157.05.

The university of Calgary wrapped up the team bronze with 151.25 points, followed by University of Manitoba at 143.35.

Three Yeomen battled for top honours in the highly competitive individual all-round championship. Frank Nutzenberger replaced teammate Dan Gaudet atop the field of Canada's best, winning his first national title with 55.85 points before a Tait crowd of 300.

Nutzenberger, a member of Canada's national team left little margin for error, turning in consistent 9.2's or better in each of the six compulsory events.

Teammate Allan Reddon, was second with 55.3 points while three time defending CIAU champion Dan Gaudet settled for third with 54.55 points. U of T's Sean McManus was fourth overall with 53.1 points.

The top four gymnasts, along with the University of Alberta's Reeve Martin and the University of Calgary's John Romaniuk, took all-Canadian honours as the nation's top six.



Flip out...Dan Gaudet goes for gold in vault

The York Yeowomen came across some strong competition on their way to securing a fifth place team finish with 90.75 points.

Western Canadian schools dominated the meet with University of British Columbia capturing the gold with 99.42 points, and Alberta logging 98.11 points for the silver.

The OWIAA champion McMaster raised eyebrows with an impressive 95.5 to take the bronze. And the University of Manitoba finished out the meet in fourth place with 91.92 points.

All-round individual champion Patti Sakaki walked away with her fourth straight CIAU title in leading UBC to its first ever Canadian championship.

Sakaki led the individual combined standings after the six compulsory events with 33.86 points, despite stress fractures in both legs. After a disappointing seventh in the floor exercises, Sakaki came back to notch firsts in the beam and uneven bars with scores of 9.03 and 8.60 respectively.

Western invasion

Alberta's Heidi Ross took the silver medal with 33.77 points, while Debbie Kirby of McMaster was third with 33.37. York's number one gymnast Linda Kunashko finished the meet in fifth place with 31.43 points.

CIAU Roundup: After opening the meet by chalking up their ninth CIAU championship, the Yeomen went on to vie for the medals in the individual events competition...CIAU champion Frank Nutzenberger took first place on the rings, pommel horse, and parallel bars. . . Dan Gaudet took top honours in the floor exercise and vault, while Allan Reddon nailed down a victory on the horizontal bar...In the women's round, CIAU all-round individual champion Patti Sakaki of UBC held down victories in three of four events-vault, uneven bars, and beam-before McMaster's Debbie Kirby detracked her in the floor exercises.



Patti Sakaki, bend over backwards for individual crown



All smiles...Yeowomen wrapped up a fifth place finish



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