

Bears best of the rest at CIAU's

by Mark Spector

A fifth place finish can be conceived as one of two things: either you're two spots away from the medals, or, as in CIAU gymnastics, you're the best of the merely mortal teams.

Coach Francis Tally was more than pleased with his Golden Bears after they topped the "second division" at the CIAU National Meet at McMaster University last week, placing fifth in a ten team field behind a logjam which took place amongst the top four finishers. Winning the team title for an amazing twelfth consecutive season was York University with a team total of 156.85. Next was Calgary (154.90), followed by Saskatchewan (153.60), and Toronto (153.30).

After that foursome came Alberta with 144.80 points, who were trailed by Manitoba, more than seven points back. But being the best of the rest didn't disturb Tally, who hadn't really expected anything better at the meet's outset.

"Three of the teams ahead of us all had national team members competing," said Tally. Those teams are York, Saskatchewan, and Toronto. The silver medalists from Calgary are currently bidding for a national training center on their campus, and thus have been drawing some national quality gymnasts from out of the city.

"When you're looking at six or seven national team members in each event, tenth place sounds pretty good," he said. And it felt pretty good for Alberta's Malcolm Dunsford, who placed tenth overall while taking home the bronze medal in the Vault and finishing sixth in the Horizontal Bar final.

Dunsford's two appearances were the only two finals reached by Alberta gymnasts. Ron McLeod led the rest of the Golden Bears finishing 15th overall, followed by fresh-

man Joe Freedman (24th), sophomore Brad Law (28th), and fourth year senior Gary Kapitza (32nd).

"I'm confident that Gary would have finished in the top 15 or 16," speculated Tally, "but when we realized that he couldn't compete in the All Around we decided to use him only in events where we really needed him." Kapitza came up with a knee injury at the Canada West final meet and didn't heal enough to compete All Around in Hamilton.

"One good thing though," commented Tally, "was that it convinced him to come back next year. He said 'There's no way I'm going to miss my last year now'."

For McLeod it is a different story however. This meet was his last in a Golden Bear uniform, and the five year veteran went out on the upswing. McLeod entered the meet ranked 22nd in the country, and retires at number 15 after this performance.

On the other end of the scale, Tally was extremely impressed with his two youngsters. "Joe and Brad performed more than respectably for their first exposure at that level. Our goal at the start of the year was

to get Brad to nationals. He's potentially our best Pommel Horse man, and he's got the build to be one of the best (in Canada)."

As a first year university gymnast, Freedman has not seen his last CIAU championships either. But as they have been for the best part of this year, the Alberta Golden Bears were led by Dunsford, the fourth year man who was born to a miner and his wife in Barnsley, England. And he could have done even better.

"Malcolm had the highest score going into the (vault) finals Saturday," said Tally. "But only consistency will win you events like Vault, or Beam." Dunsford went in ranked 25th.

The fifth place finish was the highest by an Alberta men's team in five years, and Tally remained realistic after the success. "Obviously I'd like to do better, I don't have enough red banners hanging in my gym. But these are all home-grown athletes on our team. Other schools survive on their recruiting programs."

And will Alberta be competing with the big four in the near future? "It'll be very tough. Very tough."

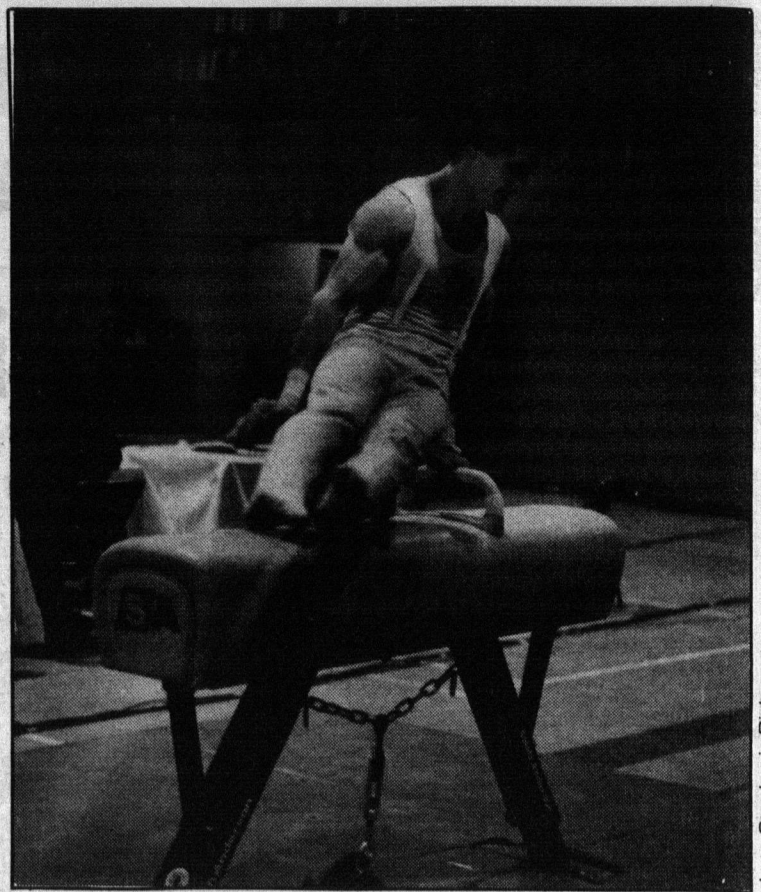



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Ron McLeod on Pommel Horse. His final meet for the U of A.

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