

Gymnasts bow to Mac

Rose Crawford

In a championship that was anything but climactic, McMaster women easily defeated six Ontario

teams to take home their second consecutive OWIAA gymnastics championship. Even before the February 14



York's Linda Stella performs on floor at OWIAA gym championships.

meet began, the consensus among coaches and gymnasts was that McMaster had the title all wrapped up, but according to McMaster assistant coach Diane Slobodian, "The girls don't have that attitude at all. We work very hard and we're always out to do our best. If we win, that's okay and if we lose, that's okay too."

And lose is exactly what they didn't do. The McMaster women, led by the strong performances of Sherry Heise and Debbie Kirby, swept both the junior and senior categories to finish first with a combined point total of 391.95.

Western and Toronto took second and third place with 361.80 and 354.90 points respectively.

The York Yeowomen, who in the past have always been the front runners in these championships, finished a disappointing fourth with a combined total of 351.15.

The only bright spot for the Yeowomen was the performance of Laurie McGibbon who finished third all-around, with two silver medals on vault and beam and a fifth place on the uneven bars.

McMaster's Sherry Heise, a National 3 level gymnast, easily took first place overall winning three of the four events.

Athletes of the Week

This week *Excalibur's* choices for Female Athlete of the Week goes to OWIAA basketball All-stars centre Barb Whibbs and guard Kim Holden. Barb was a unanimous choice of OWIAA coaches as she led in the balloting. As the top player in Ontario, Barb stands a good chance of being selected as an All-Canadian which is a credit to her performance this season. Both Kim and Barb are coming off of one of their best seasons ever for the York Yeowomen.

Honourable mention goes to volleyball Yeowoman Donna Kastelic who played excellently during the OWIAA finals this past weekend.

Excalibur's choice for male athlete of the week is Dave Chambers a member of the Ontario champion volleyball Yeomen. Throughout the OUAA tournament, "quarterback" Chambers anchored the York offense and his tactical skills helped thwart the surge of the Queen's Golden Gaels to give the Yeomen their second Ontario title.

Swimmers end season

Carol Gluppe

The Yeowomen swimmers and divers ended their season at the Ontario championships in Guelph last weekend. While the 1980-81 team did not match their previous point totals, there were several performances of note from veterans and newcomers alike.

The University of Toronto Lady Blues dominated the meet accumulating twice as many points as the second place team, the University of Waterloo. York finished in the middle of fourteen universities competing, scoring 88 points.

Jane Thacker won York's only medal, a bronze in the 200 metre breaststroke.

"Thacks" also looked impressive in her 5th place finish in the 100 metre breaststroke. She will represent York at the CIAU's next week.

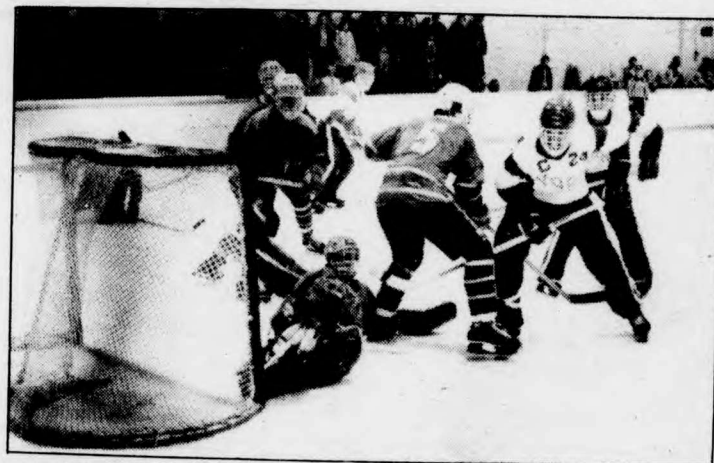
Graduating sprinter Jane

Goldie, clocked personal best times and notched two 12th place finishes in the 50 and 100 metre free style events. She was joined in the 50 metre free style consols by rookie speedster Megan Teskey. A fifth York swimmer to reach the consols was Doreen Magrath who swam an impressive 100 metre backstroke.

Bernie McGregor, a breaststroker who suffered a leg injury two weeks prior to the meet, still managed an excellent 200 metre free style swim for the team.

The diving team, under the guidance of rookie coach Holly Higgins, showed significant improvements this year. From the 1 metre springboard York's Carolyn Hachey (14th) just missed the final round. Laure Parsons, Cathie MacCreadie and Sandy Stitt also put in consistent performances for York.

Hockey Yeomen off to the golf course



Scott Demsen (24) moves in on goalie Andy Chisolm.

Al Clarkson

Last Sunday, the Yeomen hockey team concluded their '80-81 season by dropping a 6-2 decision to Queen's Golden Gaels here at York. The first-place Gaels now await the winner of the U of T Western series, to contest for the OUAA title.

York's regular season ended February 14, with a 4-2 loss to the defending league champs, Guelph Gryphons.

The fifth place Yeomen travelled to Guelph to play a sudden-death quarter final game. Trailing 4-1 late in the game, the Yeomen rallied and won 5-4. Scott Magder, Bill Ellison, Sinclair, Scott Desen, and Dave Jutzi (with the winner) scored for York.

The Semi-Finals against Queen's exposed the Yeomen to the most improved team since Christmas. Goaltender Andy Chisolm stopped 32 shots in the series opener for an 8-0 triumph, while the All-Star line of Paul Stothart, John McIntyre, and Olympic team alumnus Ron Davidson exploded for 13 points. York had many scoring chances, but Chisolm made the stops, while the Gaels scored on every major opportunity.

On Sunday, the Yeomen managed to beat Chisolm, but still missed on many chances. Dave Jutzi and John Krasnokutsky scored for York.

The 1980-81 season was not a failure for the Yeomen. Under rookie coach Chris Kostka, they attained their initial goal of making the playoffs, while injuries (Blair Lewis, Cam Smail) and the suspensions (Lessio and Quattrin) were key factors in the late season and playoff losses. Kostka, named OUAA coach of the year, felt that the 80-81 rookies still had not reached their potential. I see defenceman Bill Ellison as our player of the future, while Scott Magder has improved considerably. We may lose four players—Demen, Sinclair, Alf Beasley, and Frank McCarthy (due to graduate)—but the young players like Krasnokutsky and Campbell are ready to fill in."

While one season has just concluded, the 80-81 rookies have already expressed interest in training for next year. Beasley jokes, "Don't be surprised if I'm back!" although he and Sinclair have been offered positions in Europe next year.

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