# sports and recreation

## Yeomen yield to Yankees

By Jose Gestinkawortz

In their first competition of the season Saturday, the men's gymnastics team was defeated by the visiting U. of Michigan. The two-time NCAA and twelve-time Big Ten champions racked up 204.4 points to York's 200.1. However, top individual allaround honours went to Marc Epprecht and York also managed firsts on five of the six events.

Epprecht's total of 53.2 was a personal high. The win was particularly satisfying for him in that second place Nigel Rothwell was one of those who had placed ahead of him in last September's trials for the World Championships, edging him out of a trip to the games in France. Rothwell, a Canadian who trains at Michigan on a scholarship, scored 52.2. Third place went to York's Dave Steeper with 49.9.

Lack of consistency negated the many excellent performances and sunk York's hopes of winning. The Americans had a distinct advantage there in that their main competition season has already begun while York's is still months away. Also, the meet was run entirely in accordance to American rules, which

include, among other things, the use of gymnasts who specialize in only one or two events. In the light of these conditions, the very fact that the outcome hung in the balance until the final event speaks highly of the potential of this year's team.

Probably the most disappointing aspect of the whole meet was the pathetically small turnout of spectators. Although competitions at York are onesided affairs, Saturday's meet was an exciting dual between two evenly matched teams. The level of performance was spectacular, including several world class routines.

The next such competition will be on January 27 against an even more powerful Penn State U. By that time however, the Yeomen will be in top shape themselves and so are looking for their first victory against them after two successive defeats. Prior to that though, on December 2, is the Tenth Anniversary York Invitational which includes teams from U. of T., Queen's, Laurentian, Eastern Michigan and, of course, York's venerable alumni. Be sure to note these dates if you're interested in watching the cheapest, most impressive entertainment around.



York's Dave Arnold on rings. York was defeated 204.4 - 200.1 by visiting U. of Michigan

## Pucksters bring home 3-1 victory

Lead - Ice Hockey

The York Yeowomen ice hockey team travelled to McMaster University for their first regular season game and came home with a 3-1 victory.

York needed strong second and third periods to edge the inspired McMaster squad.

York goaltender, Debbie Phoenix made a number of good saves throughout the game. Phoenix was particularly busy in

the first period when her teammates had trouble moving the puck out of their own end. McMaster scored their only goal early in the first period.

The Yeowomen tightened up defensively in the second period and a goal by speedy rookie Elaine Colford put York back in the game.

In the third period, goals by Linda Berry and Betty Ann Armstrong closed out the scoring for

York coach, Norm Dodgson was pleased with the victory, but remains concerned over another slow start by his team. York has allowed the first goal in all but one of their pre-season contests. They fought back to win five of those matches.

"The team has generally played well but if we give strong teams like Queen's or U of T a quick one or two goals lead, then it may be too difficult to come back," Dodgson remarked. "If your team is down a goal or two and you open up in an attempt to get back in the

game, then you can get burned."

Dodgson feels it is vital for his team to get a fast start in their game this Saturday when they host the mighty Gaels from Queen's at the Ice Palace.

Queen's won the York University Invitational women's hockey tournament earlier this month, and appeared to be the team to beat this season.

York is confident that if they stick to their game plan of tightdefensive play, they can upset the

Game time is 2 pm.

### Coach concerned despite York dribblers' victory

Yeomen basketball coach Bob Bain is concerned. While his team outgunned the Laurentian Voyageurs, 77-61, last Saturday night in Sudbury, Bain feels they did not play well.

"I just don't think we ran our offence to the best of our ability," he says. "We forced too many of our shots inside by taking the shot instead of passing it back to the

that match-up until Thursday, November 23 at 8:15 p.m. when these two teams will battle it out at Tait McKenzie.

Although the Bisons are missing star guard Martin Riley and 7' centre Cliff Bell, "from what I've seen they still have a very good team," Bain says.

Manitoba likely has adequate replacements for these two and still has one of the biggest teams in Canada. It should be a tough test for York.

This year York has a new twist to its coaching staff. For the first time the team has an assistant coach, Gerry Barker, who will help Bain prepare the team for games. Barker teaches physical education at George S. Henry high school in North York and is sitting out this year as coach of the senior basketball team while he works with the Yeomen.

Sometimes two heads are better than one when running a team and for sure a second pair of watchful eyes never hurts. Explains Barker: It's hard for one coach to watch all 11 players at practice."

Barker makes sure the work is being done by the players in practices. "The players are more mature in university and can do most of the work on their own," Barker explains, "but there are times when you have to give them a little push too."

Free throws: Bain was pleased with the defensive work of Bo Pelech in the Laurential game. "That's one part of the game that doesn't really show up in statistics," he says... Dave Coulthard led York scorers with 20 points, Lonnie Ramati netted 11, Ted Galka scored 10, Bo Pelech and Ron Kaknevicius sank 8 apiece. For Laurentian, Mark Bennett sank 28 points... York is now 1-0 in regular-season play and 4-0 in exhibition games, outscoring their opponents, 436-295.



Mike Burke (above right), the leading scorer of York's soccer team for the past three years, has been chosen a first team player for the Canadian Inter-collegiate Athletic Association's all-Canadian soccer team.

This is the first year that an all-Canadian team has been selected from among the more than 30 university soccer teams in

Mike and will probably qualify him for a shot at making Canada's World Student Games team nextsummer," said an obviously pleased Yeomen soccer coach, Eric Willis.

#### Stong Alumni powerful Queen's team.

### **Burke chosen** all-Canadian



Canada.

"This is a tremendous honour for

#### Intercollege scoreboard By Greg Saville Swimming Men's **Tennis** Stong The following list includes individual McLaughlin winners in the men's division, (1st, 2nd and 3rd singles, doubles) women's division, (1st Calumet singles, doubles) and mixed doubles Founders Winters Bethune McLaughlin Vanier 210 Osgoode Calumet |&| |84 Alumni Women's Bethune 25 18 Bethune 538 475 400 375 375 325 **Founders** Calumet Winters McLaughlin Vanier Stong **Founders** Alumni **Cross Country Championships** Coed championships were held October 4 and the individual winners were D. Demonte from 550 475 Calumet, (mens) and K. Maessen from Alumni McLaughlin, (womens). Team results were 425 Osgoode as follows. 400 Calumet 375 Men's 350 325 McLaughlir **Founders** 300 Stong Bethune 475 425 Osgoode **York Torch Division** 410 Founders McLaughlin 375 Alumni Stong 350 275 McLaghlin Calumet 421 400 330 334 280 243 Calumet Osgoode Winters 200 Bethune 125 **Founders** Vanier Women's Alumni Winters 580 Stong Softball (coed) 495 Osgoode 435 400 375 380 Founders The York intercollege softball champion Calumet was once again McLaughlin. McLaughlin Winters Alumni Alumni 475 **Founders** 425 **York Torch Division** Osgoode M.B.A. 387.5 387.5 620 495 425 Stong 350 Grads 312.5 Osgoode Calumet 312.5 Vanier 420 Vanier 262.5 Founders Winters 262.5 McLaughlin Bethune Calumet 316 Alumni 291 Osgoode 2, McLaughlin 2 and Alumni 2 Winters competed but were outside of competition. Grads



players collapsed on us, and we forced our outside shots by passing instead of shooting.

"We'll have to play a little better if we're going to beat the better

York plays one of those "better teams" later this month: After a round-robin tournament at Mc-Master this weekend, York hosts the powerful Manitoba Bisons, the country's number-one-ranked team last year, and the team many York fans expected the Yeomen would meet for the championship at the CIAU finals last winter in

Well, Murphy's Law postponed