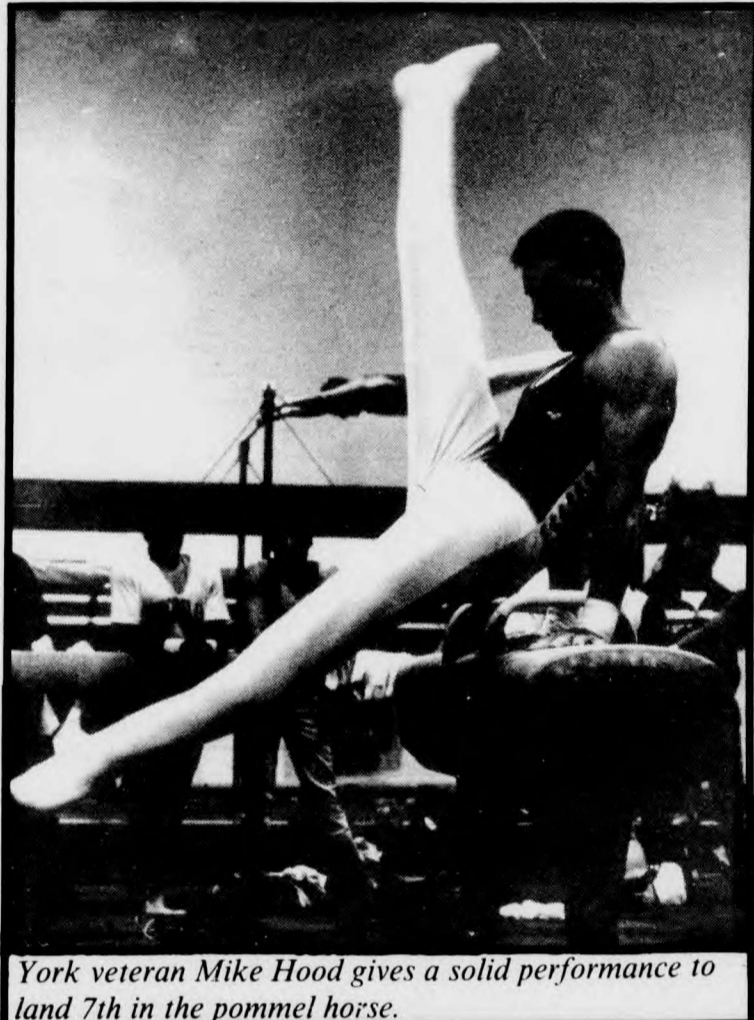


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Yeomen gymnasts show championship form



York veteran Mike Hood gives a solid performance to land 7th in the pommel horse.

Katarina Gulej

by Katarina Gulej

The Yeomen gymnasts demonstrated their superiority with an easy victory in the first gymnastics ranking meet of the year.

York assistant coach Masaaki Naosaki was in good spirits after the competition last Saturday at the Gymnastics Academy in Newmarket. "The gymnasts did well, and better than I expected, except on pommel horse," said Naosaki.

The five gymnasts competing for York won the team competition with a total score of 153.75, with UofT placing a distant second at 124.05. The Yeomen achieved this success despite the absence of J.P. Kramer, Richard Smith and Scott McDonald. Kramer and Smith were not competing because of back injuries.

Head coach Tom Zivic said, "The team held up to my expectations and I am looking forward to even better performances in February." Zivic was impressed with the exceptional performances demonstrated by his son George and Mike Hood.

The younger Zivic was competing in his first university meet and gave an international calibre performance. Zivic placed second all-

around, first on the rings, vault, parallel bars and high bar, fourth on the floor, and fifth on the pommel horse. "I was happy with my performance except for pommel horse" he said afterwards. The competition proved to be a good meet to try new moves and Zivic did so with some difficult tricks on the floor exercises and parallel bars.

Also valuable for York was Mike Hood, who placed third all-around, second on the vault and parallel bars, third on the high bar and floor, fourth on the rings and seventh on the pommel horse. In previous years, Hood has made some big mistakes in meets, however this year, he proved to be more clean and consistent.

Team captain Jeff Sweeney, provided the team with some good leadership. Sweeney placed eighth in the all-round competition with a third place finish on the pommel horse and fourth on the floor. "The competition went really well and everybody competed to how they were training," he said. "Some problems existed but we scored well."

Other members of the York team include: Collin Hood, freshman Trevor Jones, who placed tenth all-around and Olave Cordeiro who did not compete.

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Newmarket goldmine for women gymnasts

by Katarina Gulej

The Yeowomen captured the gold last Saturday with a total team score of 136.15, a full 4.57 points ahead of second place Western, at the first provincial ranking meet of the year in Newmarket.

York head coach Natasa Bajin was pleased with the women's results but was not sure of their victory until the last few minutes of the competition. "I think we won," she said late in the day. "The competition is like a practice meet and shows us what we have to work on."

The Yeowomen still managed to succeed despite the absence of their second strongest team

member: first year student Beky Chambers was injured on the floor exercises during warm-ups and was forced to withdraw from the competition.

York's 10-member team consists of three other freshmen: Susan Huff, Giovanna Lett and Tracy Moreland. Bajin admits, "Huff and Lett have good potential but didn't compete to their ability." Lett was uncertain she would be competing in the competition and Huff is returning back to gymnastics after a five year absence.

Exceptional performances were turned in by York veterans Risa Litwin and Leane Grant who placed first and second all-around. Litwin gracefully captured not only the all-round title

but placed first on all four events. For this outgoing gymnast, gold medals are nothing new, however, she is looking forward to the rest of the season to provide more competition since other national calibre gymnasts will be competing. "I hope I can do it again next meet," she said after the competition. Litwin also wished for Beky Chambers quick recovery "so we'll have a real strong team." Competing in her training gym at the Newmarket Gymnastics Academy proved to be both exciting and challenging with young aspiring gymnasts, who Litwin coaches, cheering her on.

Dedicated gymnast Leane Grant demonstrated her expertise by placing second in the all-round

competition, and second on bars and beam. Grant was disappointed with her performance on floor when she fell on her full twisting lay-out, but showed her determination and experience when she performed well on the next three events. "I persevered and didn't fall on any other events," Grant said.

Special mention goes to Cari Borenstein, Carolyn Graham, Allyson Gropp who placed sixth all-around, and Linda Stewart, seventh all-around, for their consistent strong performance. The team continues to train hard for their second qualifying meet February 3 and for the provincial championships February 17.

Veterans lead the way for wrestling Yeomen

by Riccardo Sala

It's become a familiar story by now, the wrestling Yeomen landing in the top 10 at meets, but failing by small margins to produce results reminiscent of last year's CIAU championship team.

This weekend's Guelph Open was no exception, with the York squad coming in third out of the university teams.

"This was a very hard meet, almost like the Simon Fraser meet we had late last year," coach Kimin Kim said later. "There were a lot of national champions, but I'm very pleased with the team's performance," Kim added.

Present were perennial powerhouses Simon Fraser and Concordia along with their associated clubs, as well as the up and coming University of Manitoba team (which ended up with the university title at the meet) and several American squads.

The top Yeomen were Courtney Lewis and Roy Suh Wah Sing, who took third and fourth

respectively. Roy fought in the 56 kg class. Lewis has hopped from weight-class to weight-class this season, but for his bronze at Guelph, fought in the 68kg class.

Scott Prokosh, a Yeoman who consistently places highly, landed sixth in his 74kg class. Meanwhile, the 65kg class saw the return of Yeoman Mike Campatelli after a lengthy layoff due to back problems. "Just the fact that he wrestled was good," Kim said, "since we didn't think he would be able to wrestle again."

In the 52kg class, Johnny Cho wrestled well but didn't place. In the 82kg class Roger Levesque won half his bouts but was kept from placing. Similarly, tough draws for Ari Taub in the heavy-weight class and Jimmy Lee in 57kg left them out of the medal placings.

The Yeomen are wrestling well, Kim says, but to expect for a repeat of last year's provincial and national championships is unrealistic.

Kim received CIAU rankings

Friday. The University of Manitoba is placed first, followed by

McMaster then Concordia, with York in fifth spot.

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(January 25-30)

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BASKETBALL

Fri. January 26 8:00 p.m.
Sat. January 27 8:00 p.m.
Tues. January 30 8:00 p.m.

Queen's at Yeomen
McGill at Yeomen
UofT at Yeomen

HOCKEY

Fri. January 26 7:30 p.m.
Sat. January 27 7:00 p.m.

Yeomen at Concordia
Yeomen at McGill

ICE HOCKEY

Thurs. January 25 7:00 p.m.
Wed. January 31 7:30 p.m.

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SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING

Sat./Sun. January 27, 28

OWIAA Routine Ranking Meet
at Queen's

TRACK AND FIELD

Sat. January 27

Can-Am Classic at Windsor

VOLLEYBALL

Tues. January 30 8:00 p.m.

UofT at Yeomen