

# Sports and Recreation



York gymnast in full flight at the York invitational last weekend. York completely dominated the event as expected and looks even stronger than in the past six years, each of them a national championship year under coach Tom Zivic.

## Gymnasts give dazzling routines, York sweeps invitational meet

York's gymnasts all gave eye catching performances which dominated the York Invitational gymnastics meet at Tait last Saturday.

York's Red team, made up of gymnasts at the national level, gave solid consistent routines that took first placings in all six events, the all round title and the team competition.

Mark Epprecht of the York Reds, took the all round title with a score of 50.10. Following Mark was teammate David Steeper, taking second with a 49.90 score.

Surprisingly, Steve MacLean, unable to go all round due to a shoulder injury, won 2 out of the 3 events he entered.

1st year man Mike Burnside was also impressive and promises to add even more depth to the York squad.

Credit must go to assistant York coach, Maosaaki Noasaki, who organized one of the best meets in York's history. The competition with about 50 gymnasts took less than ½ hr. to go through all six events: more than twice as fast as any other competition.

Tom Zivic just returned from a training camp in Cuba said, "I was really impressed with the way Noasaki handled the organization of the meet."

Teams from Queen's, Ottawa, and one from Eastern Michigan took part in the competition. York, itself, entered three teams; the York Reds, the Whites and the entertaining York Alumni.

The York White's consisted of some upcoming gymnasts, who had

been training hard during the last couple of weeks, under the coaching of Ole Pederson, in preparation for last Saturday's meet. The Alumni team, brushing off the dust for this meet gave a very entertaining performance.

Three of the Red team's gymnasts had just returned in time for the meet from a training camp in Cuba. Steve Maclean, David Steeper, Marc Epprecht and six other top Canadian gymnasts were involved in the trip. Zivic accompanied the team as head coach.

Zivic said, "The trip was good on the whole, and our young national gymnasts profited by watching the Cubans perform". He also said, "If we are to reach a high international calibre in gymnastics, then some investment in facilities must be made."

Parallel bars — 1. Bob Carise, York, 8.9; 2. Mike Burnside, York, Marc Epprecht, York, and Simon Smith, Toronto, 8.36 (tie).

High bar — 1. Epprecht, York, 8.6; 2. Dave Steeper, York, 8.3; 3. Burnside, York, 8.25.

Rings — 1. Steeper, York, 8.75; 2. Carise, York, 8.6; 3. Burnside, York, 8.55.

Floor exercises — 1. Steve Maclean, York, 8.4; 2. Epprecht, York, 8.35; 3. Steeper, York, and Dave Willoughby, Eastern Michigan, (tie). Pommel horse — 1. Maclean, York, 8.8; 2. Smith, Toronto, 8.5; 3. Epprecht, York, 8.2.

Vault — 1. Epprecht, York, and Scott McLeod, York, 8.45 (tie); 2. Maclean, York, 8.35; 3. Steeper, York, and Smith, Toronto, 8.25 (tie).

## Yeomen ranked first

By IAN WASSERMAN

The York Hockey Yeomen returned to regular league play last weekend on a winning note as they twice defeated the Laurentian Voyageurs by scores of 9-1 and 5-1.

The two victories in Sudbury moved the Yeomen into first place in the OUAA (East) standings. They are presently the only undefeated team in Canada, with an impressive 7-0-1 record.

The two matches at Laurentian pitted the Yeomen against an erratic Voyageur team which had often given York their share of trouble in previous seasons. This weekend however the Yeomen encountered little difficulty, with the defence turning in an extremely solid performance.

The HAB line of Hawkshaw, Ascherl, and Birch, counted nine goals during the weekend games. Brian Birch tallied a hat trick during the 9-1 rout, and Hawkshaw counted two in each game.

Netting other goals in Sudbury were Gary Gill with a pair, and Bob Wasson, Jim Mason, and Romano Carlucci, each scoring once.

The two wins move the Yeomen four points ahead of second place U of T. The team opens a month long homestand against the Queen's Golden Gaels Saturday at the Ice Palace, and plays the U of T Blues

Tuesday night.

Also assisting with the victories last weekend was the netminding of Yeomen Steve Bosco who currently leads the country with a 1.7 goals against average, and Peter Kostek is not far behind with an average of 3.2.

A welcome addition to the lineup will be the return of defenceman Chris Meloff.

At the Yeomen's next game Meloff will finally see action, after sitting out a whole year, forcing Coach Chambers to make one of his biggest decisions of the year: which one of the current starters will be benched.

This past weekend has served as a proving grounds to help Coach Chambers decide who it will be. Hopefully, he may choose to rotate the blueliners, not letting any single player get out of condition.

The offence of the Yeomen, one of the most potent in OUAA history, has also had its problems. Coach Chambers may only dress a certain number of forwards and he also must decide who gets in for the lineup. Such players as Bob Fukomoto and Bob Grisdale have been battling to get into the player rotation. Any of these players who have to sit on the sidelines could probably be regulars with any other OUAA club.

## Basketballers edge by Carleton

By ROBERT EASTO

Chris McNeilly and Romeo Callegaro combined for 50 points to propel the basketball Yeomen past 8th-ranked Carleton University 83-75, last Saturday at Tait Mackenzie.

A large, boisterous crowd was treated to some of the most exciting basketball of the season. The lead changed hands several times and the outcome was in doubt until Harry Hunter and Callegaro each hit two foul shots in the final minute to put the game out of reach.

In the wake of two tournament championships in the past month and the victory over Carleton, coach Bob Bain said, "I think you'll see us ranked next week. I hope so. It would be good for our morale to see our efforts recognized."

The Ravens brought an unblemished league record, including a triumph over 2nd-ranked Laurentian, into the game. For the first half, the Ravens lived up to their advance billing, using a late spurt to take a 47-40 lead into the dressing room.

Carleton's Jon Love added two technical foul shots to put the Ravens 9 up to start the second half. To add to York's woes, forward Ed Siebert fouled out with just over 15 minutes to play.

But the Yeomen turned it around. Said Bain, "Our threequarter 2-2-1 press gave them trouble for awhile and then they panicked." The Yeomen forced the Ravens to repeatedly turn the ball over or to take bad shots. At the other end, McNeilly's short jumpers had almost singlehandedly kept York within striking distance. Then Callegaro got hot, scoring 16 of his 24 points in the second half as York battled back.

Two Callegaro foul shots brought the Yeomen even at 57-57. Rob

Pietrobon drove for the go-ahead lay up and Callegaro quickly hit two more foul shots to put York four up.

The Yeomen never looked back and increased their lead to seven late in the game. A splendid three-point play by Carleton's Paul Armstrong narrowed the margin to 79-75 but the Yeomen held off the Raven assault until the last minute charity points clinched the victory.

Despite fouling out, Siebert complemented McNeilly and Callegaro with 9 points. Pietrobon

added 8. Hunter and Chris Dorland contributed crucial baskets late in the game and finished with 5 and 4 points respectively.

The Yeomen victory created a logjam at the top of the OUAA Eastern division. Laurentian, Carleton and York each have one defeat although the Yeomen have played fewer games.

York's next game is this Saturday against RMC at Tait Mackenzie.

## York foil team shines at weekend tourney

Coach Richard Polatynski found it difficult to contain himself after last weekend's York Open fencing tournament. His team surprised everyone at the meet by coming third in the foil competition behind U of T and Waterloo.

"I was so happy, I don't think anybody could have held me back, I didn't expect them to even get tenth place," he said.

Polatynski expected that Waterloo would be very tough in the thirteen team meet after they dominated the sectionals last term. U of T also came up with a strong effort edging out Waterloo for the top honours surprising everyone almost as much as York had with their effort.

Although complete results were not available at press time Monday, Polatynski said the top fencer for the men's foil team was Joseph Chan. Steve Choy followed Chan in second spot and according to Polatynski, "performed up to my expectations."

The men's sabre team had to content themselves with a more

modest fourth place finish out of seven teams after a weaker showing from rookies Doug Broadfoot and Wilson Lim. "They fenced well enough" said Polatynski, "they're just inexperienced".

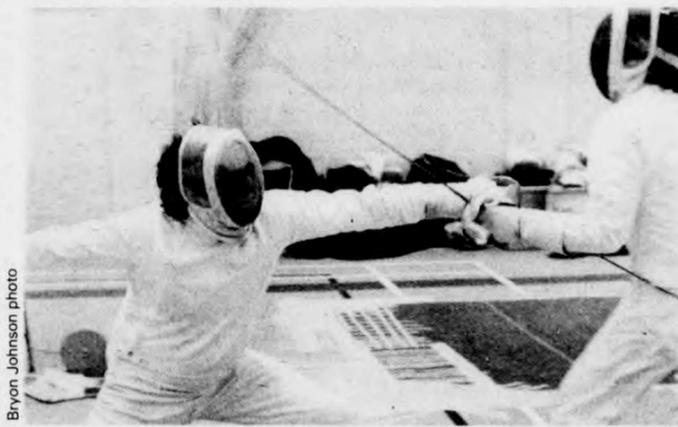
Veteran sabre man Mike Stein had an off day after losing a few bouts to bad calls from the referee.

"We're up against the same old thing said Polatynski, "the calibre of the fencing makes it difficult to catch every thing and Mike lost a few hits because the official couldn't see them".

In the men's épée event York had a very dismal showing due to the loss of Jeff Honey who quit the team in November. Apparently Honey gave no explanation for his departure, a situation Polatynski finds baffling.

"He was leading towards a placing in the top three places in the OUAA, then he just left and hasn't shown up since the end of November".

Polatynski also blamed an unnamed member of the team for



Mike Stein scores against opponent at York Open Fencing tournament.

"lacking self-discipline".

One bright spot for the Yeomen is Mike Legris who is fencing for the first time this year. Polatynski feels he has what it takes to be good and works very hard in practice.

In the women's foil competition Sharon Boothby put in another strong performance although the squad finished fourth behind U of T,

Western, and Ryerson.

Newcomers Pat Thomson and Jayanne English were surprise performers for the Yeowomen coming up with some good bouts against their more experienced opponents.

The team's next meet is against Carleton on January 22nd and 23rd.