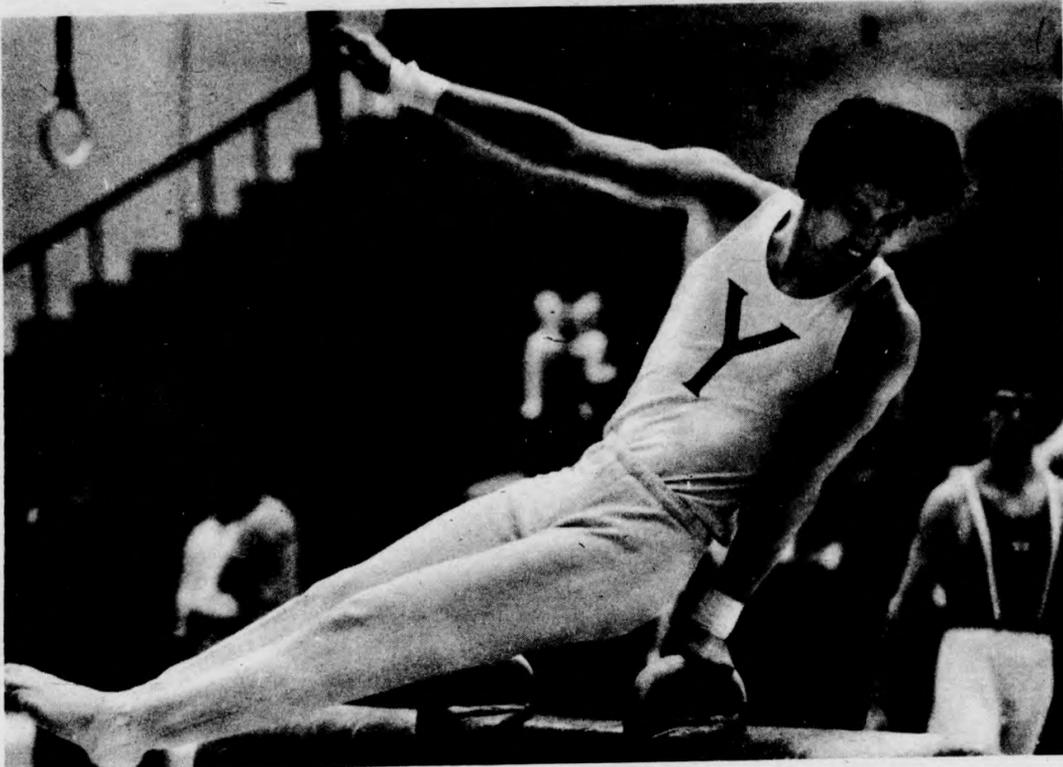


Third straight title

York gymnasts "never better", sweep finals



Dave Hunter, captain of the York gymnastics team, performs on the pommel horse to lead York to victory in the OUAA championships held at York on the

weekend. Hunter took second place in individual honours behind Varsity's Steve Mitruk.

Peter Hsu photo

York puckmen whip Laurentian

By ED PIWOWARCZYK

York's hockey Yeomen passed the first hurdle in their quest for the OUAA championship when they overpowered the Laurentian Voyageurs 8-2 in quarter-final playoff action Tuesday night at the Ice Palace.

The Yeomen must now face Waterloo Warriors in a semi-final match Friday at Varsity arena. The Warriors qualified by virtue of an 8-6 win over the Wilrid Laurier Golden Hawks.

York displayed solid two-way play, taking advantage of Laurentian defensive blunders and in their own end either hustling to cover up or getting the mythical puck bounce, which can be crucial in important games.

The York attack was led by Barry Jenkins, with a hat trick. Doug Dunsmuir added two, with singles going to Tim Ampleford, Rick Martin, and Dave Wright.

The York attack has been given some added spark with recent line changes and the results were evident in the game. No one line dominated the scoring, and all three troikas pressed in the Laurentian end to produce good scoring opportunities.

The Laurentian club had a big psychological boost heading into the game because of their 3-3 tie with the University of Toronto Blues at Varsity in their final game of the regular season.

The Yeomen took away any of that psychological edge with their pressing attack in the opening minutes. York opened scoring at 5:24 on a power play goal by Jenkins, and went up 2-0 a minute later on Martin's marker.

Mike Fox put the Voyageurs on the scoreboard at 9:21 when his waist-high slapshot eluded the glove hand of goaltender Art Willer.

The goal gave new life to the Laurentian squad and the Voyageurs almost found the target minutes later in a wild scramble in front of the York net. Only Jenkins' knocking the puck out of the crease with Willer down and out on the play preserved the York lead.

Randy Gregory evened the count for the Voyageurs at 4:42 of the second period when he rifled a low shot along the ice to the corner on Willer's stick side.

Jenkins came back to score the winner at 9:06 when he slipped around the Laurentian defence to take a pass from centre Al Avery and walk in to beat netminder Dave Tataryn.

Laurentian's blunder on the play typified the mistakes they were making throughout the evening. Rather than picking up their checks, three Laurentian players moved in to cut off Avery, who simply fed the puck up to Jenkins breaking in on the right side.

Half a minute later, Dunsmuir gave York their insurance goal from a scramble around the Laurentian net. The Voyageurs disputed the goal, claiming the net had been knocked off its moorings in the melee.

Laurentian faded after that goal, with the Yeomen adding to their total on a power play goal by Ampleford to make the score 5-2 by the end of the second period.

In the final frame, Wright,

Dunsmuir on a shorthanded breakaway and Jenkins rounded out the York scoring to make the final tally 8-2.

PUCKNOTES: York outshot Laurentian 39-34. The three stars were Dunsmuir, Jenkins and Wright... In other playoff action, Toronto blanked Queen's 3-0... Ampleford and Avery were both named to the eastern division all-star units.

In their two exhibition tilts, the Yeomen have failed to defeat Waterloo, losing 4-3 and 8-6... Admission to Friday's semi-finals at Varsity arena is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students with identification. Radio York will be carrying Friday's game starting at 8:50 p.m. The Red and White Society is also arranging for a bus to the game. For further information contact them in Room 116 Winters.

Rams, Gaels trounced

By ED PIWOWARCZYK

York's hockey Yeomen capped off their regular season with a display of the firepower that left them the highest scoring team in the league.

The Yeomen dropped the Queen's Golden Gaels 7-3 in Kingston and then visited the Forest Hill arena to outgun the Ryerson Rams 15-4. The two wins left them with a season's record of 16-2-1 and 144 goals.

In the Queen's contest, both teams indulged in the sloppy, giveaway type of play that left one wondering whether either squad was interested in winning the game.

"We didn't play well in the first two periods," said York coach Dave Chambers. "But we came out forechecking in the third period and took the game away from them."

The Yeomen built up a 3-2 lead in the first two periods on goals by Tim Ampleford, Barry Jenkins, and Al Avery.

Paul Cerre and Peter Titanic upped the lead to 5-2 in the final frame before the Gaels counted on a power play.

At 18:23 Queen's lifted their netminder in favour of an extra attacker only to have Ampleford score into the empty net. With their goalie back in, Titanic made it 7-3 from a scramble around the net at 19:30.

In the Ryerson game, it took the Yeomen only 39 seconds to get on the scoresheet and coast to an easy win. York was ahead 4-0 after the first period, 10-1 after the second and finally 15-4.

The Yeomen's defensive sloppiness after building up the large lead led to the mistakes which allowed the Rams to put something on the scoreboard.

PUCKNOTES: Queen's outshot York 57-40 while the Yeomen outshot the Rams 62-35... Ampleford's four goals in those last two games gave him 32 for the season, tops in OUAA. The record for most goals in a single season is 34... Ampleford finished the season with 52 points to edge teammate Al Avery and Toronto's Don Pagnutti, each with 51 points, to win the eastern division scoring title... As of Feb 11, York stood fourth in the national rankings, behind St. Mary's, the University of Toronto and the University of Calgary.

By ED PIWOWARCZYK

York again demonstrated its dominance of intercollegiate gymnastics when the men's team walked off with their third straight OUAA title Saturday night at the Tait McKenzie building.

The York squad amassed 232.10 points in six events at the four-team meet. The University of Toronto placed second with 211.45 points; the University of Ottawa and McMaster trailed with 157.10 points and 118.16 points respectively.

In the team's five-year history, York gymnasts have captured three national titles to go along with their provincial crowns, and that reign does not appear to be ending.

According to coach Tom Zivic, the team "was never younger and never better than this year."

The six-man York unit was made up of three first-year students, two second year students and only one fourth year student, captain Dave Hunter, a member of the national junior team three years ago. Their average age is 20.

The key to York's success is its depth and balance. As a team, York accumulated the top point totals in each event. Individually, York had one first place, five second places, and two third places.

In the all-around individual competition, the dominant figure was Varsity's Steve Mitruk, a Canadian representative at the Olympic games in Mexico City and Munich.

Mitruk finished first in all but the parallel bar competition to collect 50.75 points by the end of the meet giving him the top individual laurels for the fourth successive year.

Behind Mitruk were Hunter with 47.85 points, and Varsity's Hans Frick with 47.55 points. Close behind were York representatives Bob Carisse, Steve McClean and Dave Goertz. The top six advanced to this weekend's

CIAU finals here at Tait.

Hunter, who according to Zivic "was never in better shape," was the top York performer, placing second on the horizontal bar, pommel horse, parallel bars and rings.

Carisse and Goertz turned in York's other outstanding routines. Carisse was first on the parallel bars, second in the floor exercise and third in vaulting. Goertz had a third place finish in the floor exercise.

A pleasant surprise for coach Zivic was McClean's fifth place individual finish.

"He was bothered by knee and wrist injuries during the year," said Zivic. "He was injured a long time and I didn't expect that fast a recovery."

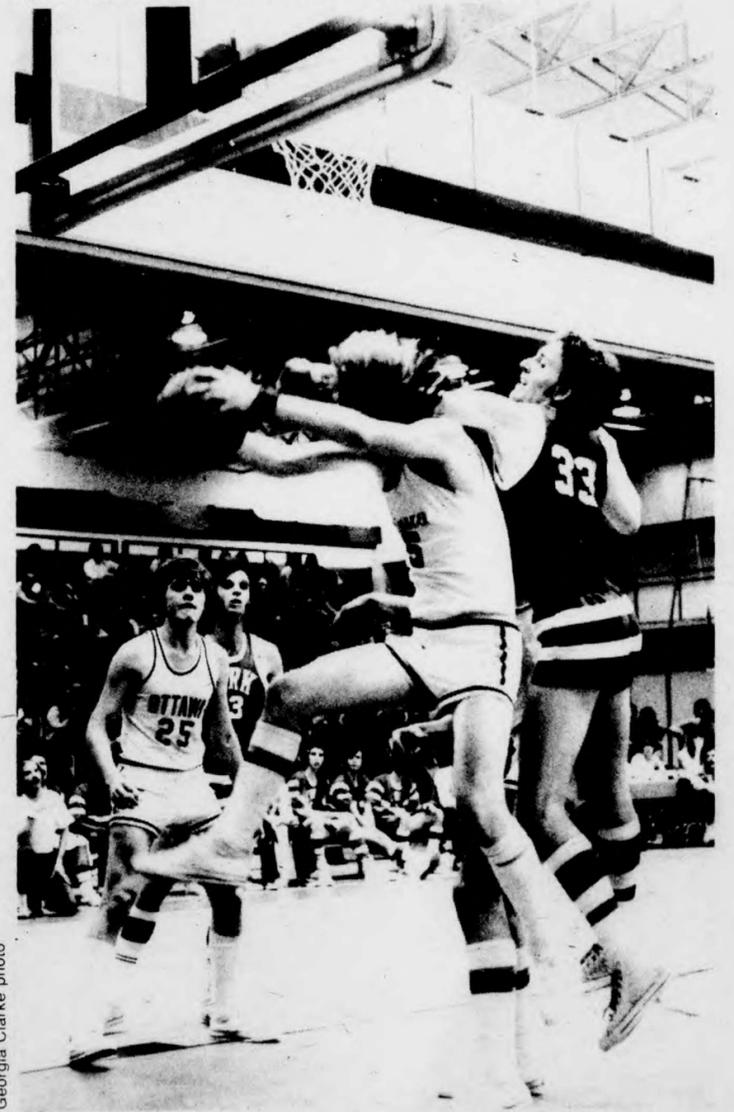
"However, I feel sorry for Scott Tanner," he said. Zivic rated Tanner as one of his best and most consistent performers during the year, but Tanner missed qualifying for the national finals. His seventh place individual finish leaves him as first alternate.

"He should have been fourth for sure," said Zivic. "He had some very unexpected bad luck. Little things went wrong in most of the events. He had a bit of an injured back, but he still could have made it if he just hadn't had a bad day."

York's competitors all qualify for the tryouts for the "A" and "B" national teams March 16, one more step toward qualifying for the Olympics.

Zivic is optimistic about their chances of earning a berth on that team. "They have talent, motivation and are working hard toward it. They all have a chance to make it."

The CIAU-CWIAA national championships will be held Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Tait gym. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students with identification. The team competition is Friday and the finals Saturday afternoon.



York's Romeo Callegaro (number 33) battles for the ball with Ottawa's Pat Woodburn in a quarter-final playoff game against Ottawa last week. Ottawa edged York 65-57. See story on page 15.

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