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Gymnasts just miss

By Jeff Rayman

With a mere .66 point difference McMaster gymnasts narrowly escaped defeat at the hands of the Yeowomen at the first junior competition of the year.

York, host of the meet, finished with an overall score of 94.21. McMaster placed first with 94.87. Western and U of T came third and fourth respectively.

Ann Fardy, who is in her second year of competition with the York gymnastic team, took second place in the "all-round" category (all four events).

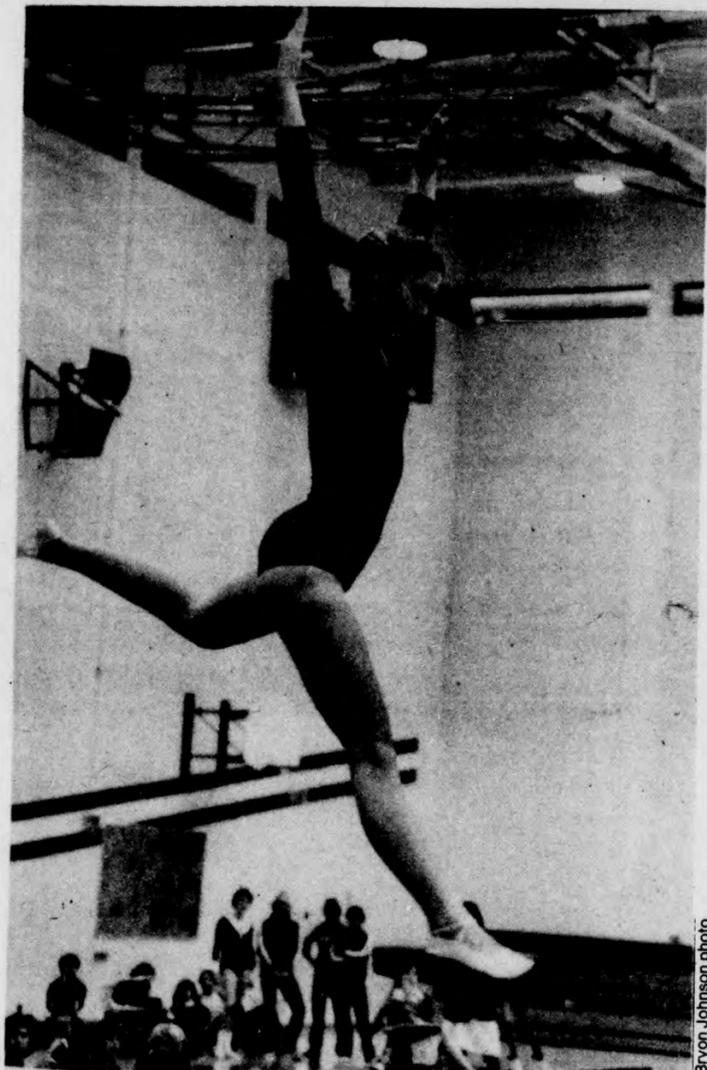
Stephanie Holland placed third on the uneven bars, Charlene Kelly finished third on the balance beam, and Mari-Dai Honeywell took second place in the floor event.

"It was a good competition for the girls. Best placing we've had for the junior team", said coach Natasa Bajin.

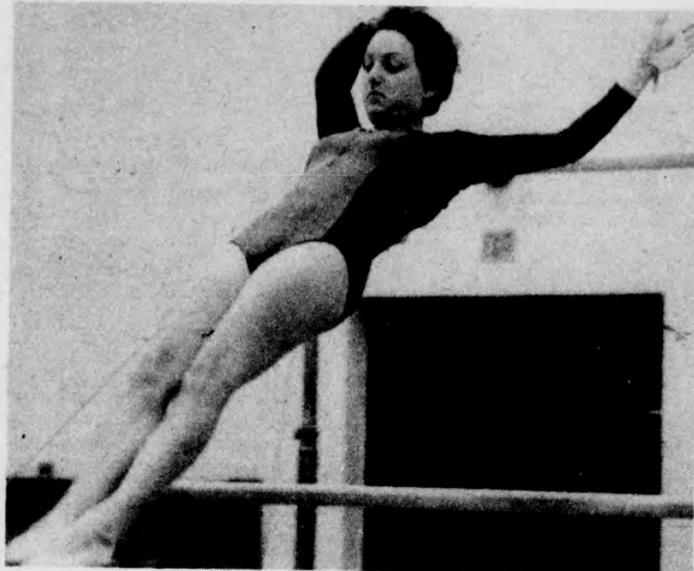
Each university may enter five women in each event, the top three scores counting for the team. The four events consisted of vaulting, floor, balance beam, and the uneven bars. Each woman is required to do one superior move and three medium moves. In comparison, the senior team must perform three superior moves and four medium moves.

Last year, York placed third in the meet, and assistant coach Larry Bialogrecki said, "with the results so close, it was just a matter of chance that we lost this year."

The women have worked very hard this year to improve their skills. They practise for three hours a night, five nights a week.



Charlene Kelly takes a leap on the balance beam. She finished third in the women's junior gymnastic meet last weekend.



Stephanie Holland on uneven bars

Swimmers win at Mac

"Next time it might be wiser to swim to McMaster", was all swim coach Byron MacDonald could say after a third of his team was held up in traffic and missed the first three events in the meet against McMaster last Wednesday.

"We have much more depth than Mac so we were able to juggle the lineup and still easily win the meet 71-40, winning 9 of 11 events swum."

The highlight of the meet came in the sprint 50 yard freestyle when CIAU bronze medallist Gabor Mezo made the qualifying standard to attend the Canadian Inter-collegiate Athletic Union championships again this year.

"Gabor is one of the best sprinters in the country but has trouble in the early part of the season adjusting to the increased workload," said MacDonald.

"We were afraid he would have to stop his training early to make the standard so it is a great relief to get it out of the way and renew heavy training."

Also qualifying for the CIAU's was another top Yeomen sprinter, Mark Erwin.

Victories for the Yeomen were posted by Dave McMullen in the 800 yard freestyle, Peter Tiidus in the 200 yard backstroke, Graham Sutch in the 200 yard freestyle, Cameron Rothery in the 200 yard individual medley, Neil Harvey in the 100 yard freestyle, and Gary MacDonald in the 200 yard breaststroke and 50 yard freestyle.

The medley relay team of Tiidus, Harvey, MacDonald and Andy Manahan also won.

Tomorrow the Yeomen and Yeowomen host the Western Ontario Mustangs in Tait McKenzie pool beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The number five ranked Mustangs will be trying to upset the number three ranked Yeomen as the Yeomen did last year when they were number five and Western was number three.

The Yeowomen will meet a stiff challenge as the Western women are currently the number four ranked team in the country.

Yeomen top Voyageurs 7-6

By Ian Wasserman

Last Sunday the Yeomen beat a stubborn Laurentian Voyageur team 7-6 in OUAA league action.

The Yeomen went into the game after a 5-4 losing effort against the U of T Blues, and managed to regain their lost form.

The Yeomen at first had problems getting on track and Laurentian skated all over them. But after sufficient warm-up the York club came back with two quick goals. Steve Faulkner scored at 15:09 and then less than a minute later, Romano Carlucci scored again.

York opened their lead to two goals as a long shot from Chris Kostka, went in off Voyageur Lou O'Hara's pad. York got caught a minute later with a penalty and the Vees came back with another goal.

In the second period both teams played good hockey and had good scoring chances. In that period York's squad was killing penalties and gave up two more goals.

Yeomen Aidan Flatley got a goal in the period to keep the score close, but Laurentian took the lead again late in the period.

The third period belonged to York as they outplayed and outskated the tiring Vees.

York tied the score on a penalty shot, one of the rarest occasions in university hockey. Gary Gill, designated to take the shot, went for a quick move and beat out the Vees netminder.

It was only 40 seconds later, however, when the Voyageurs came down the ice to jump out in front again. But the Yeomen were not to be counted out of the game as one minute and one second later, Chris Lawrence's wrist shot tied up the score again. Seven minutes later, Glenn Wagner scored what turned out to be the winning goal.

It was then up to the Yeomen to fend off the Voyageurs. With time ticking away the Vees got only one good chance but were stopped by Steve Bosco in the York net.

The team has finished the first part of their season, with 3 win and 3 losses. This weekend York travels to Bowling Green in Ohio to take on the Falcons. Also over the Xmas break they will take part with Guelph and Laurier in the Union College tournament in Schnectady, New York on December 29 and 30.

York brass take on CHUM's Superstars

By John Brunning

This Saturday evening at the Ice Palace the upper echelon of York's faculty and administration will don their bobbis to meet the CHUM "Ordinary Super Stars" in a charity hockey game.

The awesome York Collection, coached by Nobby Wirkowski, includes such familiars as Prez Ian (Lanny) MacDonald, former Argos Frank Costentino and Dick Aldridge, and Yeomen hockey coach John Marshall.

CHUM's mid-morning messiah, John Gilbert will direct the "Super Stars" who include Keith Anderson, Chuck Bridges, and Eddie "The Entertainer" Shack.

"John Gilbert has one hell of a show and speaks well", said the jocular Wirkowski, "but words won't win the game. We are going to womp them." When asked about the threat of a former N.H.L. star on the CHUM team, Wirkowski said they would "set up a detour and off-track Shack."

Humanities prof Micheal Creal refused to leak any information of the club's strategy, but said, "This is top-secret stuff. We have many psychiatric advisors on the team." Psychology profs include Stephen Fleming, Clarry Lay, and Paul Stager, who in preparation for the contest, rumor has it, have been studying the mental effects of bobbis skates on white mice.

James Laxer, a political science prof, has been studying right and left wing strategies, but may play down the middle during the game.



H. Ian Macdonald becomes a left-winger for a day.

Costentino assures us that the team will use a "passing offense."

MacDonald, who Wirkowski said is the team's "scoring ace", is having problems putting the puck in the net this year. "I feel like Gordie Howe", MacDonald said, "but overall the team is playing well for octogenarians."

The York Collection will play the M.P.P.s at Maple Leaf Gardens Wednesday to prepare for the weekend game.

The proceeds from the Collection of All Stars game will go into CHUM's "Christmas Wish", the largest yuletide charity drive in Metro.

Miss Canada, Catherine Swing, will drop the puck at 9:00 p.m. Saturday, with Jay Nelson calling the play-by-play.

Good luck to B-ballers

By Bruce Gates

Using games this week against Brock and Erindale, and next week against Laurier, the basketball Yeomen will be able to tune up their scoring machine for two Christmas-time tournaments in Western Canada.

Yeomen's first stop will be the University of Edmonton 738.

Klondike Classic from December 27-30, followed January 2-4 by the Basketball Classic at the University of Calgary. "Who the Yeomen will play at those tournaments hasn't been decided yet," said coach Bob Bain.

But whoever they do play, Excalibur wishes them well. And since this is the last issue before Christmas break, we'd like to extend our season's greetings to all the players, staff and fans. So here's to you Yeomen! Have a great Christmas, and a happy and winning New Year!

