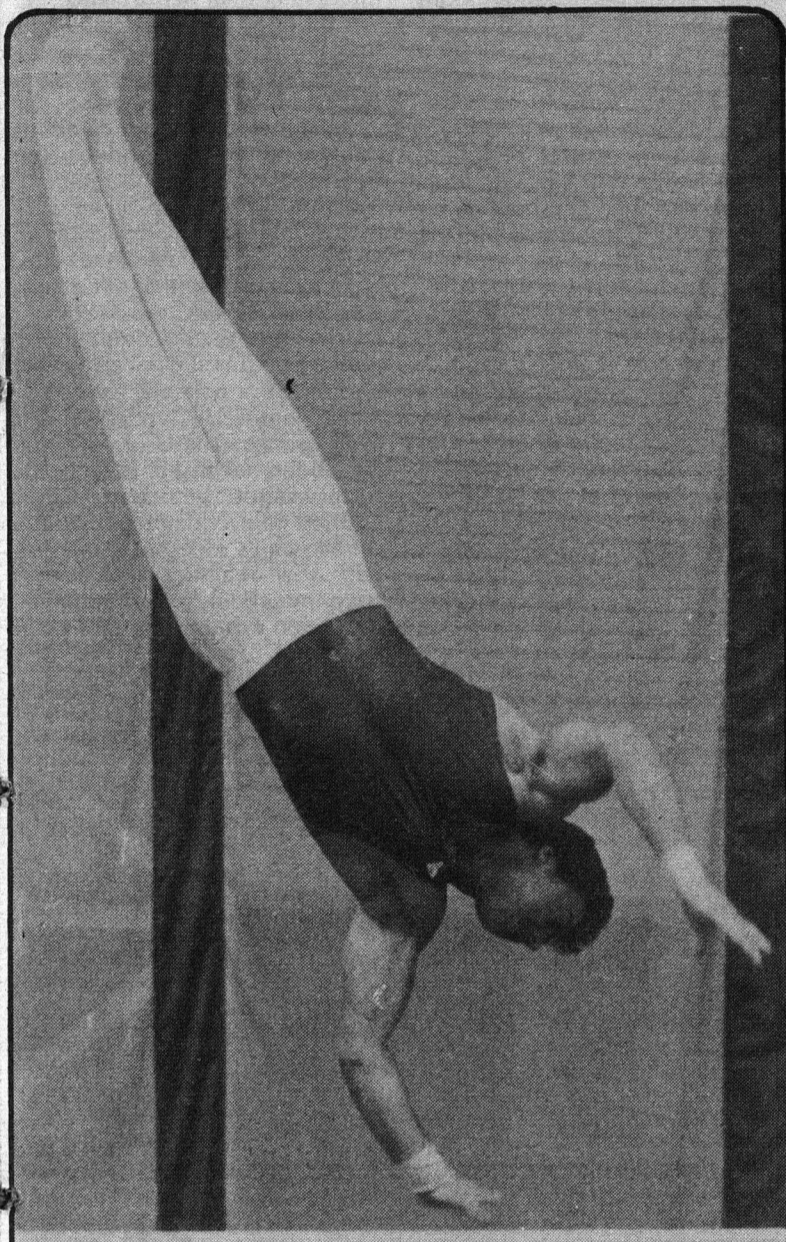


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York flips out in the CIAU



Looking for a place to land? It's hands down on the parallel bars in the 1984 CIAU Gymnastics Championships.

by Gunnar Blodgett
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The Canadian Intersvarsity Athletic Union (CIAU) Gymnastics championships were dominated last weekend by York University. The top four individual all-around scores were held by York gymnasts - all from the National Team - while the fifth and sixth spots were taken by Saskatchewan's James Rozon and Toronto's Danny Fedder - also National Team members.

York University's Allen Reddon, who left the U of A in 1981, gave a stupendous performance on the horizontal bar which left his opponents somewhere between awestruck and speechless. He scored a 9.9 on this event, which was changed to a 10.0 on the basis of York coach Masaki Naosaki's complaint that Reddon's routine was "complete and original and didn't have any mistakes." National Gymnastics Team Coach Andre Simard (also Reddon's coach) added that this was "the best routine in Allen's life, combining originality with elements of virtuosity and risk."

Tom Zivik, also a York Coach, admitted that Reddon was a bit sloppy on the horizontal bar, and explained that the complaint about Allen's mark was made "for fun."

Reddon, whose ultimate goal in gymnastics is to be a medalist in the 1986 Gymnastics World Championships in Montreal, says he enjoyed competing against former teammates Reeve Martin and Brendon Carryg.

"Gymnastics is very much and individual sport," says Reddon,

"and we compete more against ourselves than other people."

The only blemish in York's sweep was third seeded Brad Peters, who captured second place all-around with a score of 56.3 points on Friday, then broke his ankle vaulting, preventing his appearance in the Saturday finals.

University of Calgary's John Romaniuk was a popular competitor this weekend, drawing a thunderous applause from the 850 member audience every time he stepped out to perform. Romaniuk entered the competition with a score of 53.10 (10th overall), and it was said at this point that "Romaniuk thinks he's good." After leading his team to a third place finish, and winning a bronze on the horizontal bar and free exercise (floor) finals, Romaniuk demurred on the accusation.

"I know I'm not quite in the same league as some of these people," said Romaniuk, "but I think I did relatively well and I know I've got a lot of work to do."

Romaniuk's coach Jon Kolb responded more directly, saying that "when you're competing in a different city, the people there tend to see achievement as arrogance - in some places, I'm sure fans think Reeve (Martin) is arrogant."

James Rozon of the University of Saskatchewan, also a national team member, entered the meet with a 6th placing 55.0 points and rose to 5th overall with 54.2 points. He started the finals with three disappointing falls on his free exercise, getting a deduction of .5 point per fall, but rallied with a

marvellous side salto vault, giving him the bronze on that event. Rozon's fourth placing pommel performance was unmemorable and a bit weak. However, his culminating second place horizontal bar routine, though not quite as good as Reddon's, was inspiring.

Dismount falls were hurting the scores of Danny Fedder (U of T). Fedder, who started the meet in 7th place (54.40) points, explained that a back injury kept him from training during the weeks before the meet. One of these falls cost him a silver medal on rings, but Fedder left smiling with a gold on parallel bars.

As far as the Golden Bear's performance went, Reeve Martin was the only one to compete in the finals, through Brendon Carryg managed to make it as an alternate on free exercise. Martin's final event was pommels, although he admitted on Friday that his performance wasn't one of the best. In the finals, he started smoothly and energetically, making some nice height on his flare circles. Unfortunately, a mistimed transition left Martin sitting on the horse, giving him a third place score of 17.50 "I won't make second place," were Martin's prophetic words of the day before.

Bears' coach Francis Talley was saddened that Reeve, just off from the flu, should do so badly in his last year of competition, and hopes the gymnast can be persuaded to come out of retirement to take advantage of his last year of eligibility.

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Basketball Bears edged out

by Kent Blinston

It has been a year of moral victories for the Bears Basketball team with some genuine wins. This weekend the team finished the 83-84 season with one of each.

The Golden Bears took third at the CWUAA Playoff Tournament in Lethbridge. The team finished fourth in league play and had to face the Victoria Vikings, eventual tournament winners in the first round.

While the Vikes have been unbeatable this year the Bears have come closer with each try. This time they gave Vic a solid scare; with only seven minutes left the Bears led 63-61. The Vikes, however, managed to shut down the Bears offense after that and won the game 99-75.

In the consolation round the Bears faced the Calgary Dinosaurs who had fallen to Lethbridge earlier. The Bears beat the Dinos 85-70. Canada West scoring leader, Karl Tilleman of the Dinos was out for both games with a case of the flu.

The Bears could have been picked to go to the national tournament as a wild card team but the nod went to Dalhousie. The decision, made by the same people who have compiled the national rankings this year, was questionable at best. Dalhousie and the Bears played twice in the pre-season this year. Dalhousie won the first game by a single point and the Bears won the

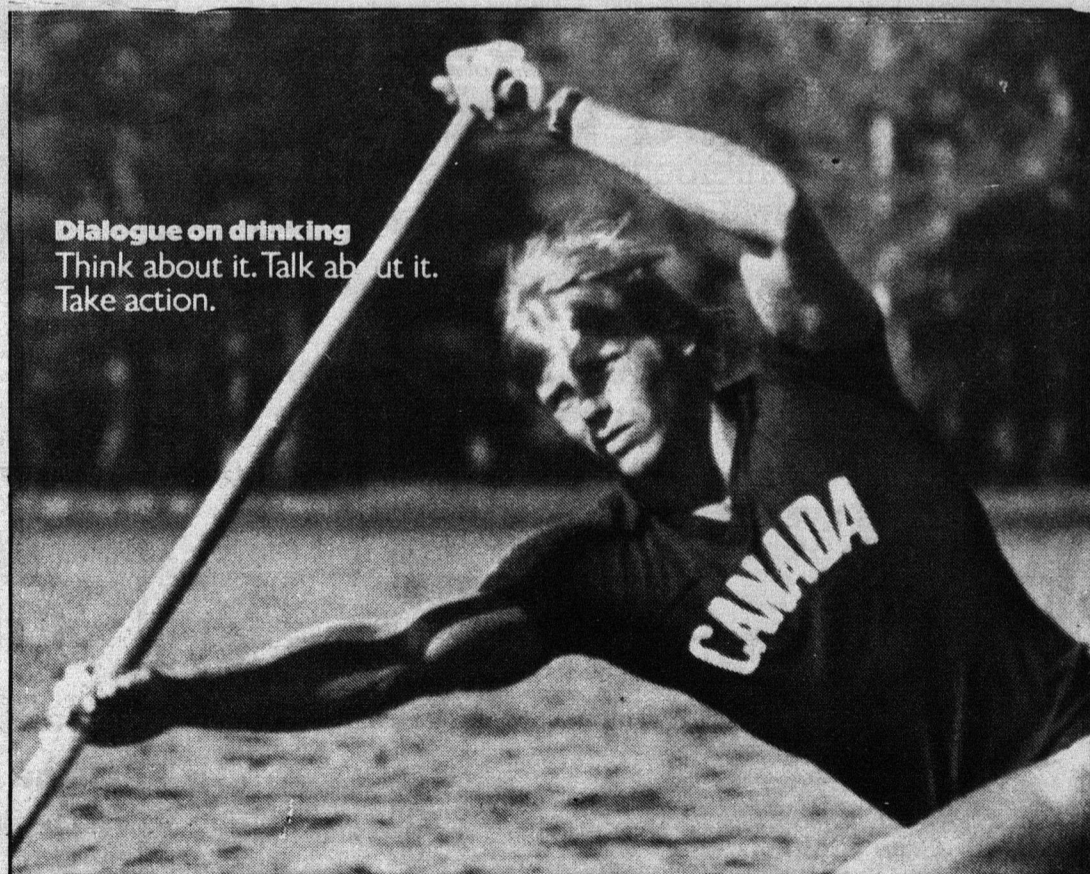
Bears coach Don Horwood said his team fared poorly in the rankings this year in part because they did not play enough Canadian opponents in the exhibition season. The Bears spent the first half of their pre-season this year in the US playing teams well above the Bears' level.

Horwood is confident (as always) that his team can do even better next year. "Even if we can't get any good new recruits we can be in the top 10 and if we can get some good new players we can be a national contender."

More height is a priority. Some taller players on the inside would allow Canada West all-star Mike Suderman to move to a wing position where his outside shooting (he led the conference in field goals at 67 per cent) would be a bigger factor. More height would also improve the Bears' rebounding which particularly cost them in games against Lethbridge this year.

Some of that height could come from 6'8" Gord Klotwyk who red-shirted this year. Other players who the Bears have looked at are Leroy Gentles of M.E. Lazert and John Billaway who played in Toronto this year. Cliff Rowan who is playing for Grant McEwan this year is also a prospect.

The competition for spots on next year's team will be tough, however. Only Blaine Haines has finished his eligibility.



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