

# Gymnasts continue string with 13th straight CIAU crown

By LORNE MANLY

For the last 13 years the outcome of the Canadian Inter-University Athletic Union (CIAU) Gymnastic Championships has always been a certainty as the York Yeomen have consistently captured this honor.

Last weekend's national championships held at Hamilton's McMaster University were no exception in this regard but the University of Saskatchewan did give the Yeomen a scare, finishing only 2.2 points behind York. York finished with 162.15 points while Saskatchewan had 159.95.

"This is the first time after 13 years that there was very tight competition," Tom Zivic, the coach of the York team, said. "There was finally some very serious competition with York, Saskatchewan, and Calgary (who finished third with 156.5 points) all very close. Usually we've won by 10 points (or more)."



Allan Reddon

Allan Reddon continued his winning ways for the Yeomen as well, as he won his third Men's All-Round Championship, tying the national record held by former York gymnast Danny Gaudet. Reddon competed in only three events in the finals Saturday due to a shoulder irritation but performed these routines magnificently, winning the gold medal in both the pommel horse and the vault while placing second in the floor exercises.

Lorne Bobkin, in his first year at York, finished fourth overall despite the fact, according to Zivic, "he didn't perform the best he has, although in a few events he was outstanding." Bobkin won a bronze medal on the parallel bars and placed fourth in the high bar competition. York placed three other gymnasts in the top 20 as Peter Morgan finished 13th, Glen Cooper 15th, and John Ecclestone 17th.

Continuing the string of York victories and honors, men's team coach Maasaki Naoasaki was named CIAU coach of the year for the third time in his career. Naoasaki won the award in 1980-1981 and 1981-1982 in addition to this year.

The closeness of the results has sent a message to the York squad that the CIAUs will no longer be easy picking every year as it has in the

past. "Also, Allan (Reddon) is leaving this year," Zivic said, "and next year if we don't work very, very hard, it will be even harder to stay where we are."



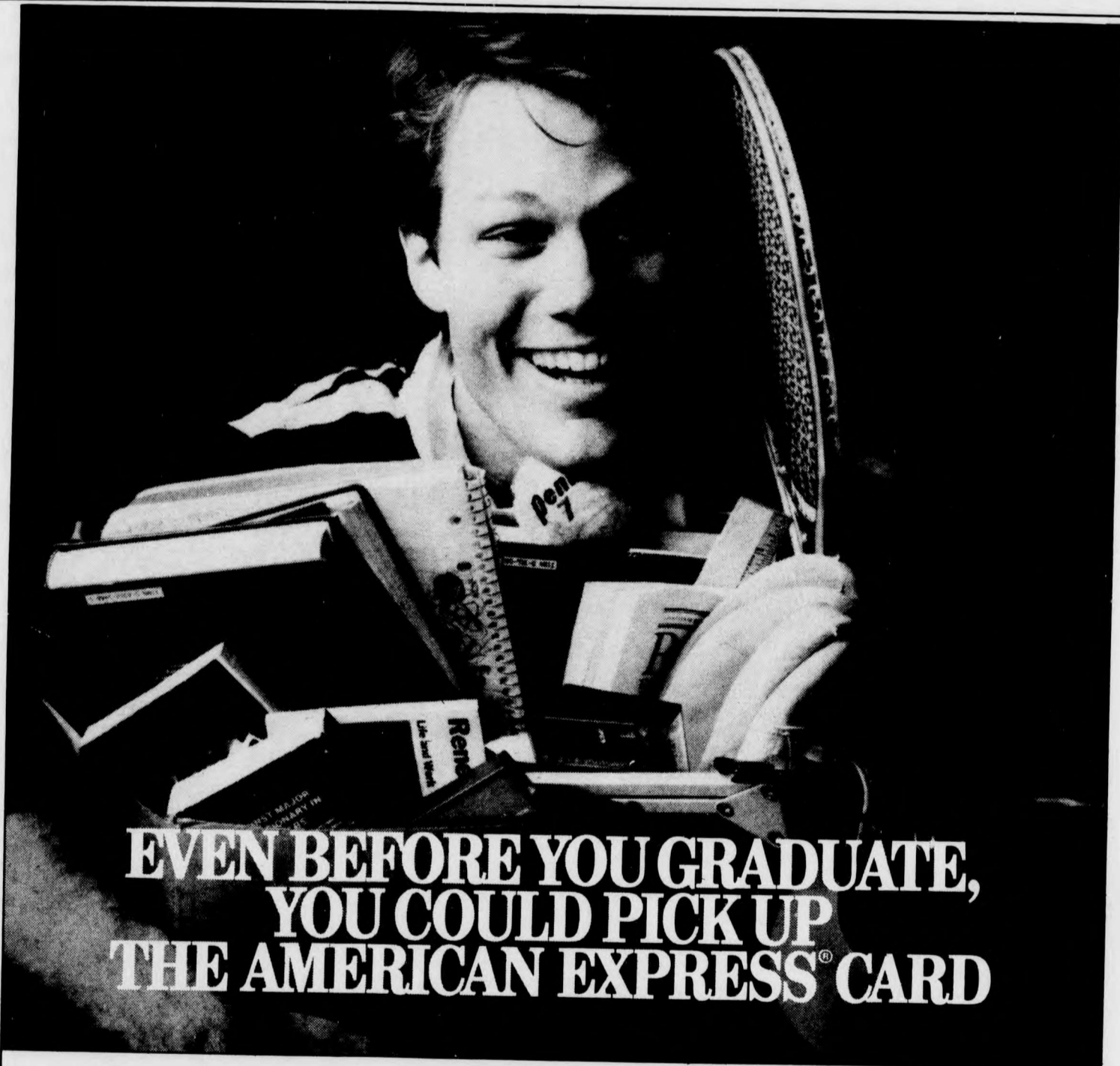
Lorne Bobkin

Next on the agenda for the Yeomen is the six nation International Tournament that begins April 1 in Yugoslavia. Making the trip for York will be Reddon, Bobkin and Frank Nutzenberger and they will compete against representatives from China, Japan, Bulgaria, Italy, and Yugoslavia.

NOTE: The women's side from York did not fare as well as the men did in Hamilton. They finished fifth with 95.15 points, more than 16 points behind first place Manitoba.



**LUCKY 13:** Gymnastics coaches Tom Zivic and Maasaki Naoasaki (standing left) display the banner they won in Hamilton last weekend. The men's team of Allan Reddon, Lorne Bobkin, Peter Morgan, Glen Cooper and John Ecclestone finished first overall. The thirteenth year a team from York has accomplished such a feat.



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