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York gymnast teams sweep competition at invitational

By MARIO PIETRANGELO

The York Gymnastics Invitational last weekend gave a clear indication that the York Yeomen and Yeowomen are in a class by themselves, demolishing their competition.

The Yeowomen, defending OWIAA Champions, were led by the magnificent trio of Risa Litwin, Allyson Gropp, and Suzanne Devalk. Each had a tremendous day, and greatly contributed to York's landslide victory.

The Yeowomen swept both the floor exercise and the uneven bars. They also finished 1st and 2nd in the vault, and captured two out of the three medals on the balance beam. It appears that the Yeowomen have never learned to share, because many of the other teams went home empty handed.

Yeowomen Risa Litwin won the vault and the floor exercise with scores of 9.05 in each event. Litwin then tied for 1st with team mate Suzanne Devalk in the uneven bars. Litwin, however, lost the opportunity of becoming the all-around

champion when she fell off the balance beam twice during her routine.

"I am disappointed that I screwed up on the balance beam," she said, "but on the other hand, I'm pleased that Allyson (Gropp) and Suzanne (Devalk) were able to come through with such a great performance."

Gropp and Devalk eventually tied for the all-around championship, each with a combined score of 34.80 for the four events. Litwin followed close behind with a score of 34.70, and Yeowomen Leane Grant came in fourth with a score of 33.10.

York won the tournament with a total score of 139.00, defeating McMaster's score of 128.20. After the meet, Yeowoman coach Tamara Bompas said, "I was expecting (the win) because we have the best team." Lady Blue participant Kelly Tooth agreed, saying, "York had a great day. They have a dynamic team, and they appear to be unbeatable."

The Yeomen, like the Yeowomen, dominated the meet. York coach Masaki Naosaki felt that a good training schedule in Hawaii during

pare his team. The Yeomen won two out of three medals in each of the six events. In fact, if it wasn't for UoT's Ivo Horak, the Yeomen would have completely shut out the opposition.

York was led by veteran gymnast Bert Mathieson, capturing 1st on the high bar, 2nd on the parallel bars, 2nd on the pommel horse, and 3rd in the vault. Mathieson went on to win the overall championship with a combined score of 53.75. "I started the day off well, and this always helps to get your confidence up for the remaining events," Mathieson said.

Yeomen coach Tom Zivic was particularly pleased with York rookies Mike Hood and Jean Paul Kraemar. Hood won the vault, pommel horse, and floor exercise. Meanwhile, Kraemar finished second in the rings, vault, and floor exercise. Yeomen John Eccleston also captured bronze in the parallel bars, high bar, and the rings.

Other athletes with good performances were George Zivic, Richard

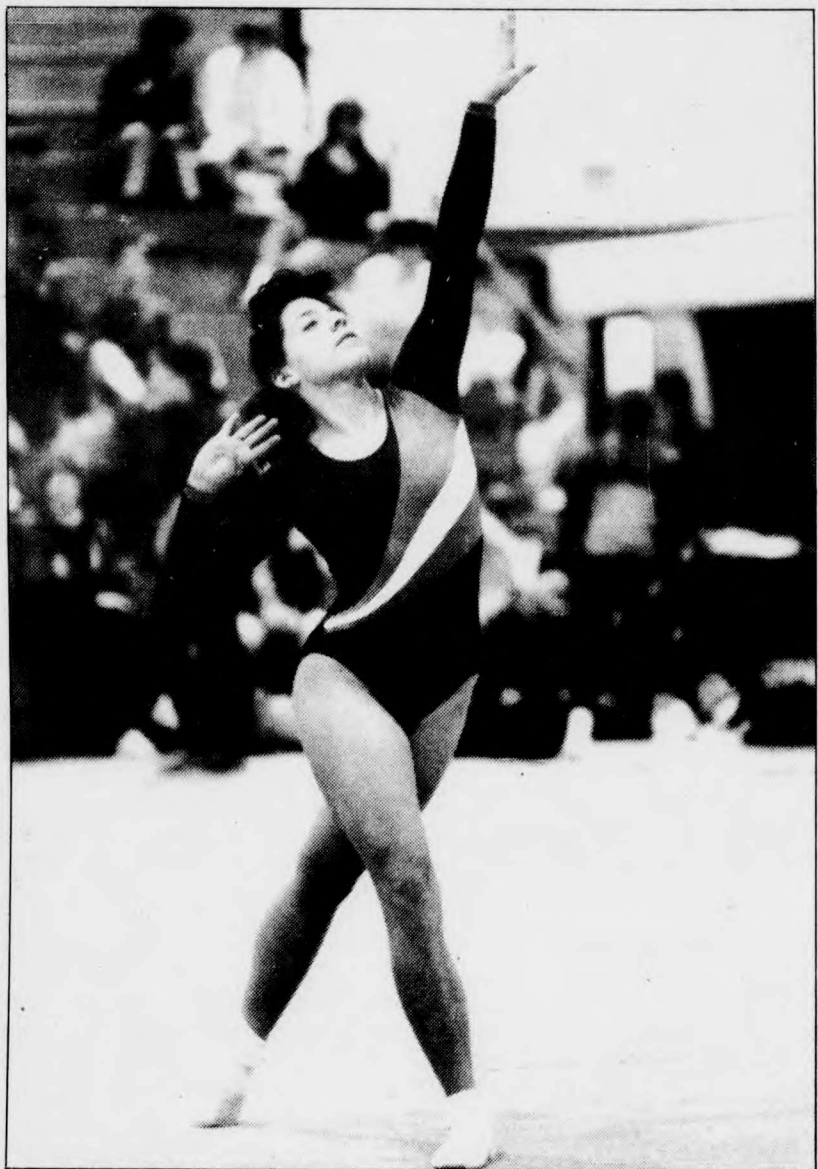


RIDE 'EM COWBOY: York veteran gymnast Bert Mathieson.

Smith, and Lance Soskin for the York Gymnastics Club. However, since these competitors are still in high school their scores are not included in the team results. But, coach Bob Carisse indicated that the experience they obtained is valuable,

and these are the athletes who will in the future continue York's winning tradition in Gymnastics.

York won the overall team championship with a score of 154.55 defeating the University of Toronto who had a score of 130.15.



RISA LITWIN: The York gymnast is trying to perfect her skills in preparation for the Ontario championships.

York takes down Rochester team

By GEORGE CHRISTOPOULOS

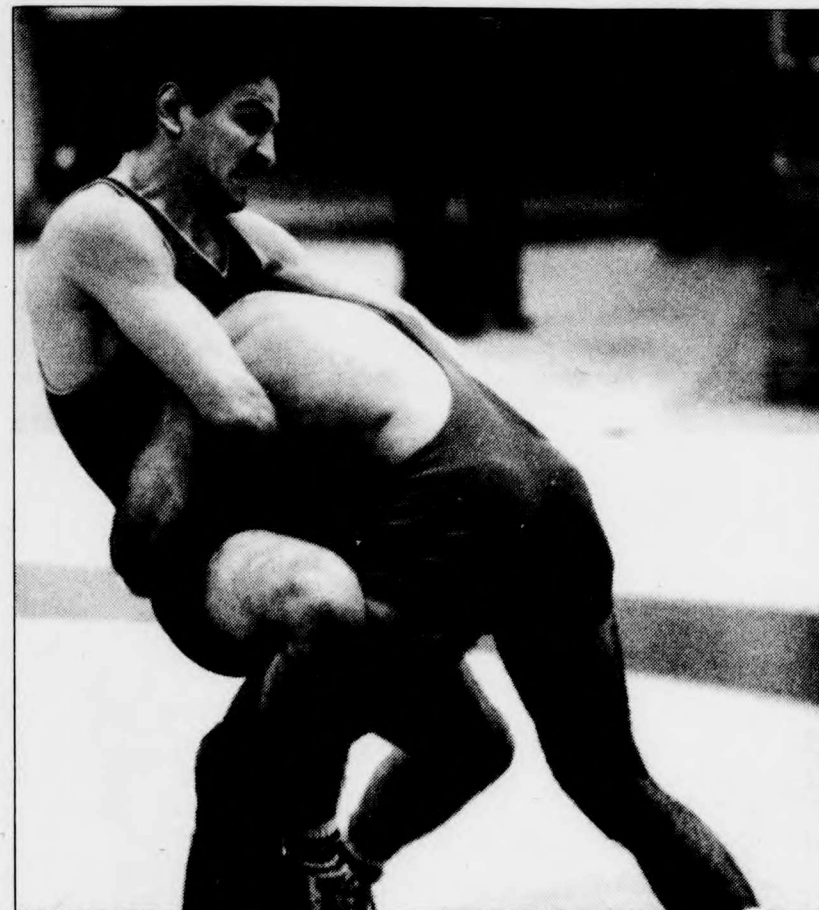
Yeoman wrestling coach John Park would have been deeply disappointed if his team didn't defeat their opponents from Rochester, New York this past weekend. After tying the Brockport team 5-5 in N.Y., Park expected a much better effort from his team at home.

"We've only wrestled them once this year," Park said, "we wrestled them at their school, and their style of wrestling is different than ours. . . . York wrestles in a freestyle manner, which is International rules, and they have an NCAA folkstyle which only the Americans have," Park added.

The Yeomen didn't disappoint their coach or the sparse crowd of enthusiastic onlookers. After winning the opening three matches by decisive scores, the Yeomen cruised to a 5-3 victory. York totalled 19 team points to Brockport's 12.

The Yeomen were led by Steve Sammons, whose opening match dictated how the remainder of the matches would be fought. Sammons was the aggressor throughout the match and he clearly out-wrestled and out-skilled his opponent. Asked whether he's going to be successful in the upcoming OUAA Championships, Sammons retorted, "For sure."

Roy Sue-Wah-Sing who wrestles for York in the 126-pound weight



THE HEADLESS YEOMAN: York Yeoman Stan Tzogas appears to have lost his head as he takes down his opponent from Brockport

class picked up where Sammons left off. He also had an easy time beating his opponent. Sue-Wah-Sing had

this assessment of the Brockport team: "They're pretty good, [but] I

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