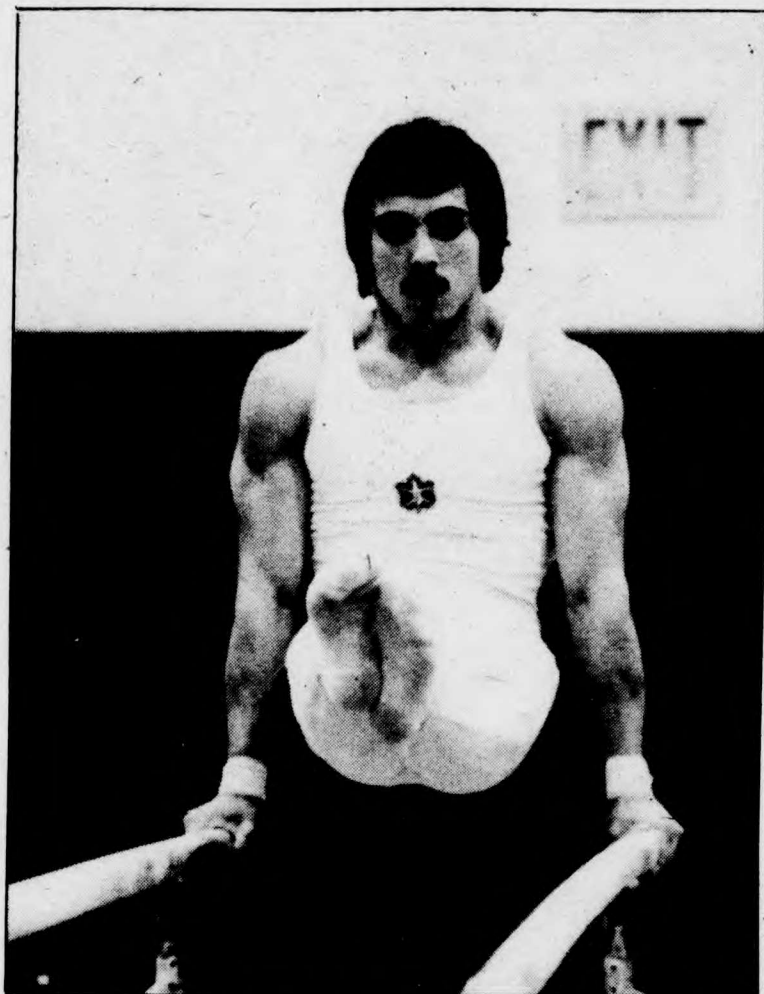




## Yeomen take nine in a row



Dan Gaudet captured the individual all-around gold medal at the national championships. He was named an All-Canadian gymnast.

### Marc Epprecht

If there was any doubt in anybody's mind about York's supremacy in Canadian College gymnastics, they were certainly dispelled by the Yeomen's performance at the CIAU championship last weekend in Calgary.

For the ninth consecutive year, the York squad brought home the national title, fighting off strong opposition from the University of Alberta and the University of Laval, which finished second and third respectively.

York further demonstrated its power by capturing the top two individual placings.

Dan Gaudet successfully defended his title as Canadian university champion with a total of 55.25 points.

Teammate Frank Nutzenberger moved up one notch from his third place finish last year to a silver medal finish in this year's championships, collecting a total of 54.25.

Third place all-around went to Allan Reddon, a young up-and-coming gymnast from the University of Alberta.

In the individual events finals, Gaudet won floor exercise and rings, came second on high bar and third on vault. Nutzenberger won parallel bars and high bar and took silvers on pommel horse and rings. On the strength of this and other performances throughout

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the year, the two gymnasts were named to both the All-Canadian and All-Star teams.

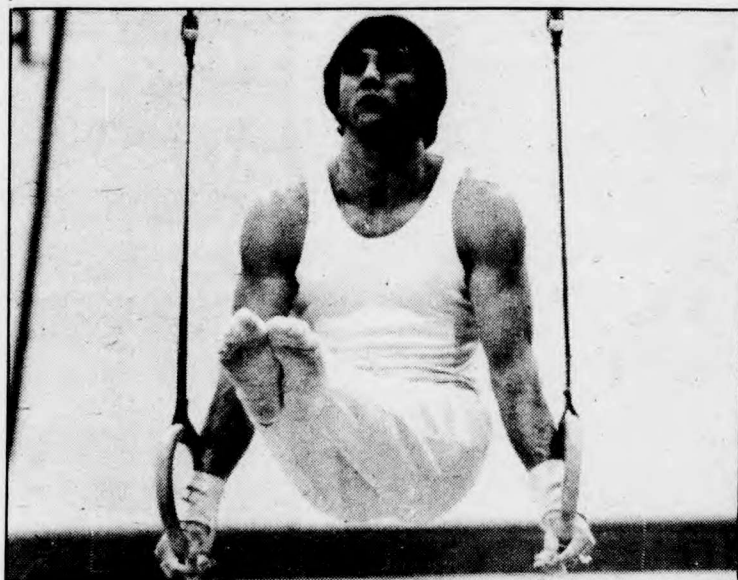
York's other competitors were Bill Chong, who finished a very respectable ninth, Tom Bertrand, who finished eleventh, Pat Rogers and Tony Werth.

To make the triumph even more complete for York, Masaaki Naosaki was honoured by being named CIAU Coach of the Year.

For some of the York gymnasts, this did not mark the end of the season.

As a member of the national team, Gaudet will be competing in the prestigious American Cup meet in Ft. Worth, Texas this coming week. Nutzenberger will represent Canada in the East Germany Invitational later this month.

Both gymnasts will also be working towards the World Student Games to be held in Bucharest, Romania this coming August.



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Silver medalist Frank Nutzenberger was also named an All-Canadian.

## McGibbon in the medals

### Rose Crawford

In her third appearance in the CIAU gymnastics championships, Yeowoman Laurie McGibbon put on the best show of her gymnastics career, winning the bronze medal in the individual all-around competition.

Competing against the likes of Patti Sakaki and Sherry Heise, McGibbon's third-place finish was indeed an accomplishment.

Sakaki, a second-year student at the University of British Columbia, is a former member of the National team and has represented Canada at international competitions.

Heise, although not a national team member, is a national level gymnast (the highest level a gymnast can reach without making the national team).

Needless to say, Sakaki and Heise finished first and second

with 36.55 and 35.99 points respectively. McGibbon's point total was 34.87.

If McGibbon's individual performance was an accomplishment, the Yeowomen's performance as a team was even more noteworthy. Going into the championships with only three gymnasts, two of whom (Marilee Boles and Linda Stella), didn't have several of the required moves of superior difficulty, the Yeowomen accumulated 95.44 points, enough to take home the bronze medal.

Among others, York defeated the University of Western Ontario and the University of Toronto in taking third place. Both teams finished ahead of York at the OWIAA championships.

Coach Natasa Bajin was somewhat surprised, but nevertheless extremely pleased,

with her team's performance.

"The girls did the best possible...you couldn't expect any better results in view of the competition. I am more than satisfied with their performance."

McMaster won the team title with 103.51 points, narrowly edging out U. of BC which finished with 102.19.

Aside from winning the bronze medal, McGibbon earned two other awards which are being given for the first time in CIAU gymnastics history. She was named to the CIAU gymnastics all-stars squad for finishing in the top six and she was named to the All-Canadian squad, a title which rewards a gymnast for her accomplishments throughout the season.

## Athletes of the Week

Yeowoman Laurie McGibbon is *Excalibur's* female athlete of the week. At last weekend's CIAU gymnastics championships she led the 3-woman York contingent to a remarkable third place finish. Individually, McGibbon put forth an impressive performance to win the bronze medal. She was also named an All-Canadian as well as being named to the All-Star team.

The male athlete of the week, for the second week in a row, is third-year Yeoman Dan Gaudet. He put on a sparkling performance in winning the individual all-around gold medal in last weekend's national gymnastics championships. Gaudet was also instrumental in York's winning its ninth consecutive national title. Like McGibbon, Gaudet was named an All-Canadian and an All-Star.

Honourable mention goes to volleyball Yeoman Dave Chambers for being selected as an All-Canadian at the CIAU volleyball championships last weekend in Victoria, B.C.

## Can-Am win for York

### Rose Crawford

The newly crowned OWIAA squash champion York Yeowomen, continued their string of victories winning the Can-Am team championship last weekend at the York courts.

Playing in the second part of the annual tournament, the Yeowomen accumulated 12 points. They were followed by McGill with ten. The two American entries, Vassar College and Hamilton College, finished third and fourth with 7 and 1 points respectively.

The final standings for the two Can-Am tournaments showed the Yeowomen on top with 24 points, followed by Vassar with 17.

Over the two parts of this tournament the Yeowomen have won ten out of eleven 5-game matches which, according to coach Bob Cluett, "is an incredible statistic...that spells character with a capital K."

Even though this is only the first year that the Can-Am tournament has been played, it is quickly becoming a prestigious event because it is the only collegiate team championship that requires the entrants to play both the American and International game. Next year the number of

participants will increase from four to six.

This coming weekend, the Yeowomen will be playing in the Ontario Class "B" Team Championships "just for the hell of it," according to Cluett. "It's like the old Irish proverb, 'if you see a head, hit it'."



Rose Crawford

York's Mandy Battershill (in white) in action against Hamilton's Kate Wallace in the Can-Am tourney.

## Thacker leads York in nationals

### "Fins"

A trio of York swimmers competed last weekend in the CIAU swimming championships at the University of Toronto pool.

While constituting the smallest York representation in years, swimmers Jane Thacker, Marty Tiidus and Cam Rothery did not

disappoint their fans, all posting seasonal best times.

The meet, won by host U of T, was highlighted by the setting of 21 new CIAU records and the emergence of the University of Calgary as a swimming power.

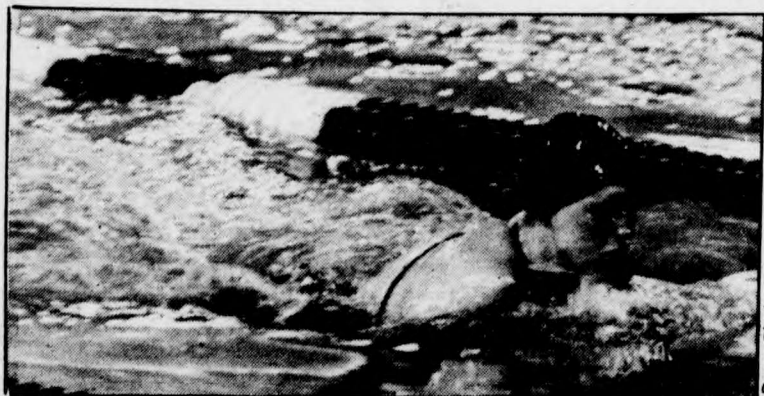
Boasting former national coach Deryk Snelling and Graham Smith,

best remembered for his performance in the 1978 Commonwealth Games, Calgary finished a strong second behind U. of T.

For York, Thacker led the way with ninth place swims in both her breaststroke events (200m and 400m), a commendable performance considering her chronic shoulder injury.

Tiidus, who has been steady all season, made the top twelve in the 200m breaststroke with a time of 2:29.13. Rothery, meanwhile narrowly missed the consolation finals in his butterfly and freestyle swims at the meet, which marked the end of his swimming career with York.

One happy note for all you statistics buffs; the CIAU record for the 4 X 100m freestyle relay set by York in 1978 still stands.



Drew Clarke

Yeowoman Jane Thacker...she swam well despite a nagging shoulder injury.