

Jenssen's gold is unexpected

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A medal, even a bronze, was the furthest thing from Cindy Jenssen's mind as she travelled to the Western Invitational gymnastic meet. In fact, it was totally unexpected. Nonetheless, Jenssen won her first gymnastics medal, a gold, by virtue of her 8.4 score in the floor exercises.

This meet was different from most for Jenssen. "I felt good for some reason. I don't usually have very much confidence in myself."

"I'm getting more consistent. I guess I'm getting to like competitions now," she said.

Besides Jenssen's gold, the Yeowomen team won their second consecutive team title, edging Western 117.10-112.45.

Waterloo's Ann Eby, with a 31.35 score was the all-round victor, while Yeowomen Laurie McGibbon, York's top gymnast, finished a disappointing fifth with a 29.20 total.

McGibbon, teammates Linda Kunashko, Mireille Gour and Beth Johns qualified for the Canadian Nationals to be held in March.

Jenssen, the petite sophomore missed qualifying for the CIAU's by .15 points. In order to qualify, a gymnast must have a combined score of 28.00 or more. She has three meets left in which to qualify.

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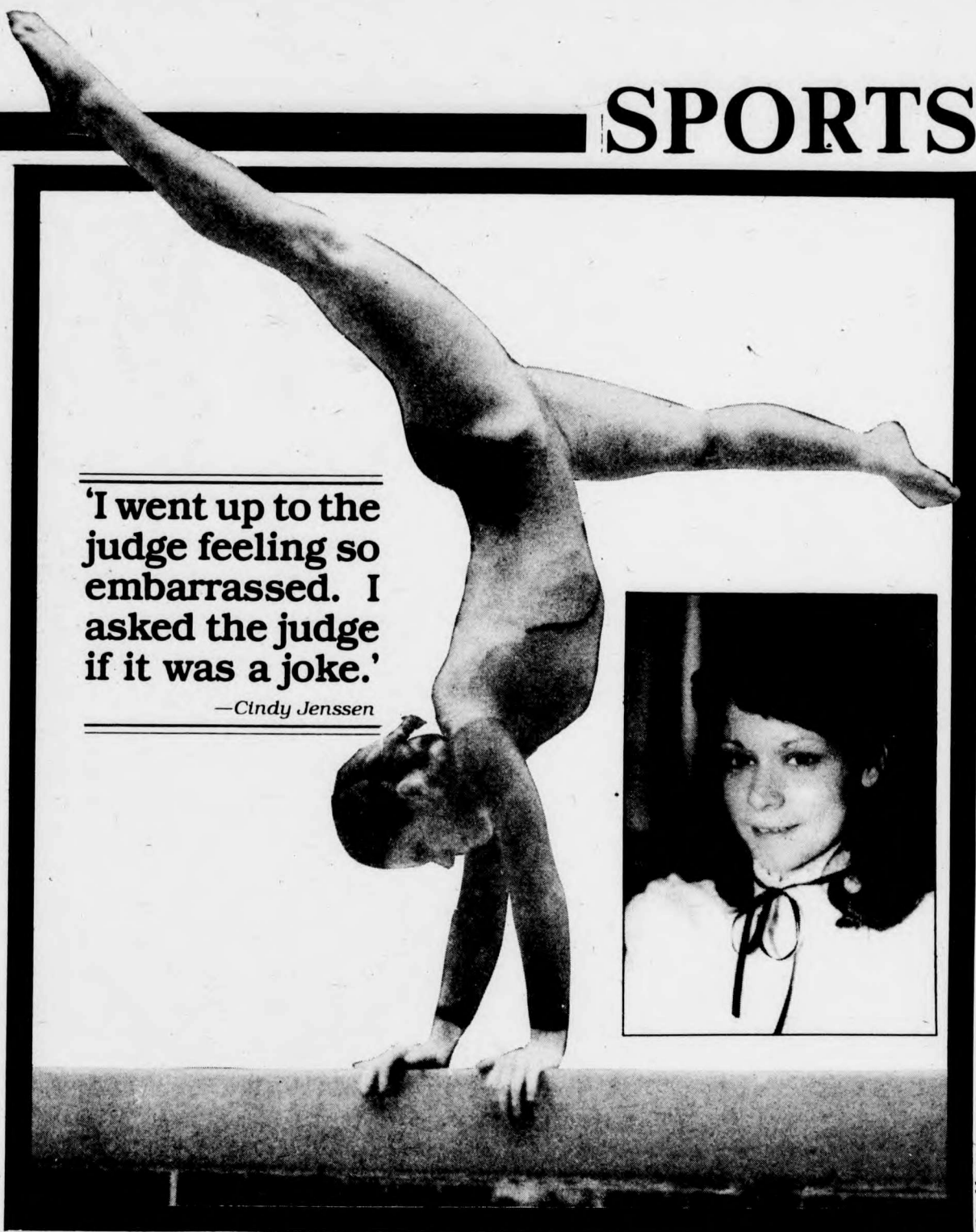
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"I did the best I could. I know others are better than me. I couldn't believe it when I heard my name called for the gold medal," said the demure gymnast.

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Beauty and the beam- Yeowoman gymnast Mireille Gour performing on the beam at Western's qualifying meet. Gour qualified for the CIAU's. Inset: Gold medallist Cindy Jenssen.

Kim Myje

Five goal explosion by Hidi leads Toronto past York 9-5



Not again! Yeomen goalie Jay O'Connor, in only his second game, ponders his situation following Toronto's 9th goal on York.

K. C. Whalen

Canada's tenth ranked Yeomen hockey team dropped an important game, 9-5, to the undefeated University of Toronto Varsity Blues last Friday at Varsity Arena.

Toronto (12-0-1), ranked number two in the nation, now has a four point cushion and sole possession of first place in the OUAA standings. The Blues have three games in hand on second place York (10-4-1). Yeomen are two points up on the third-place McMaster Mauraders.

Blues forward Andre Hidi was Toronto's catalyst, scoring five goals to secure Toronto's second victory over York this season.

Tom Callaghan with two, Stello Zupancic and Darren Lowe added the other Toronto goals.

Greg Quattrin with two, John Campbell, John Lovell and John Krasnokutsky replied for York.

Yeomen goalie Jay O'Connor, in only his second varsity game, provided one bright spot for York. He played outstanding despite the lopsided score.

Yeomen coach Chris Kostka was naturally disappointed with the loss to Toronto, but vowed, "We'll see them in the play-offs."

Note: "Labatt's Player of the Month Awards" to Rick Simpson (Oct.), Tim Haunn and Alf Beasley (Nov.-Dec.).

Coach Flint is confident

'We are the best'

Canada's eighth ranked Yeowomen basketball team's first league loss, 61-57 to the nation's fifth ranked Laurentian Vee's left coach Francis Flint angered.

Vee's Barb Tucker scored on two free throws with seconds left and those two points gave Laurentian a one-point edge in the league's tie-breaking system.

Should both teams finish tied for first in the OWIAA east division, as they did last year, then the Vee's will be awarded first and home court for the Ontario finals on their 118-117 split. York defeated Laurentian 60-57 earlier this season.

"I was ready to play another game against any team," said the frustrated coach. "The players were angry with themselves too. They felt it (victory) was theirs."

Laurentian 61 York 57

Flint pointed to three factors that seemed to give Laurentian an edge in the game.

"They had 2000 crazy screaming fans who don't like York; it was 'Fork York Night' where fans beat pots and pans; plus there were 10 cases of beer for the loudest residence."

"It was incredible. We were prepared for it too. They also had two bands at the game, one directly behind our bench."

The game was a fast paced physical contest. "It's part of the game when you play Laurentian. We stood our ground and played for everything," said Flint.

York took a 33-32 first half lead but needed six unanswered points in the last three minutes to pull within two points of the Vee's.

Flint looks forward to their next encounter with Laurentian. "There's no doubt in my mind that we're the best in Ontario. We can beat Laurentian."

Vee's Tucker had 28 points while York's Leslie Dal Cin added 20.

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Yeoman Desai Williams (above) running in the men's 1600 medley relay. For track results turn to page 12.

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