

York gymnasts OUAA champions for the 13th year in a row

By LISA LYONS

The York Yeomen have once again captured the OUAA gymnastics title, continuing an unprecedented 13-year reign in Ontario gymnastics.

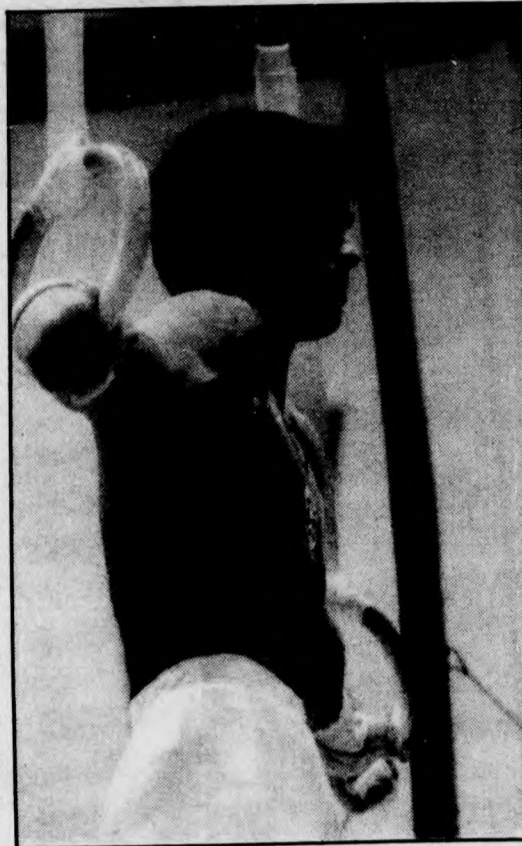
Led by Canadian Olympic team member Brad Peters, the Yeomen easily won the meet held in the Tait MacKenzie gym on February 16. Going into the meet, York was heavily favored to win the team title while Peters was the favorite to win the all-round title.

York edged the University of Toronto with an all-round score of 166.85 to 160.75 for the Blues. McMaster placed third with a total of 137.35 followed by Queen's and Western who earned 130.80 and 99.85 respectively.

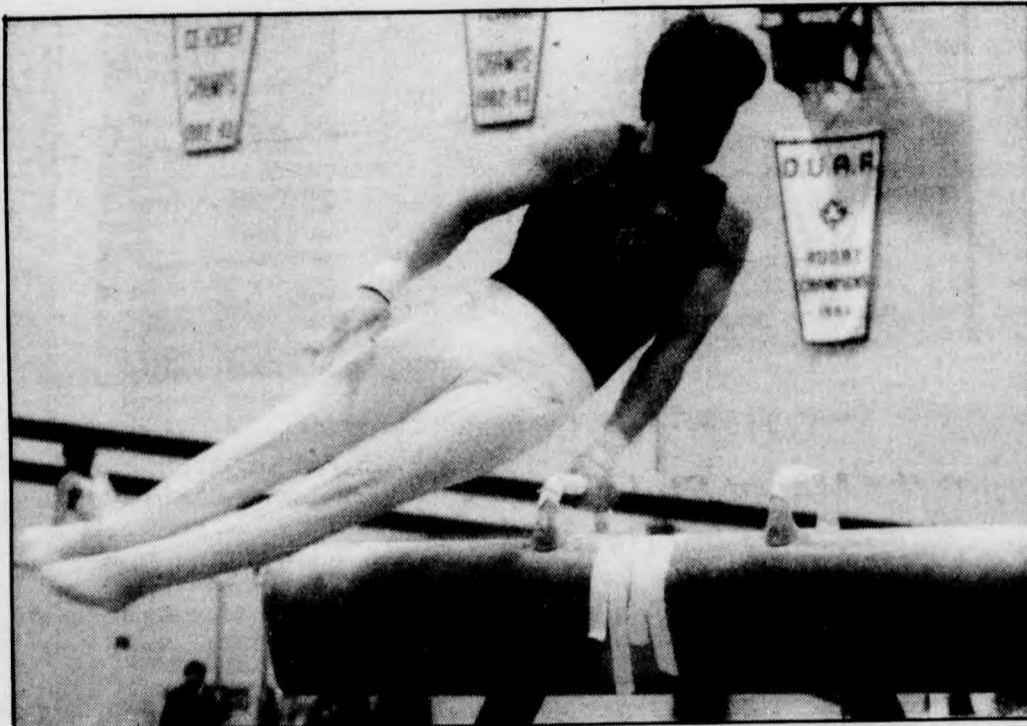
In individual competition, Peters placed first in four of the six events: floor exercise, pommel horse, rings and parallel bars, as well as finishing second in the vault. An unfortunate fall in the high bar competition kept him from placing in all of the six events, but where Peters may have erred his teammates took over. Yeoman Allan Reddon finished first on the high bar while Pat Rogers took third.

In the all-round portion of the competition it was a clean sweep for the Yeomen with Peters, Reddon and Rogers placing first, second and third. Yeoman Walter Quigley finished in sixth position.

The National championships are slated for Vancouver in May.



Concentration: Allan Reddon placed second on the rings as well as second overall.



Brad Peters won the OUAA overall championship as well as four individual events, including the pommel horse.

From skates to robes: Veteran Yeoman profitably mixes hockey with law

By MEL D. BROITMAN

Every winning hockey team has one. Unsung, unheralded, a tireless worker, continually giving 110 percent. Termed affectionately by his teammates as a 'mucker.' Once described by former coach Chris Kostka as "the best two way player in the OUAA, the Bob Gainey of university hockey." Scott Magder fills this bill for the York Yeomen.

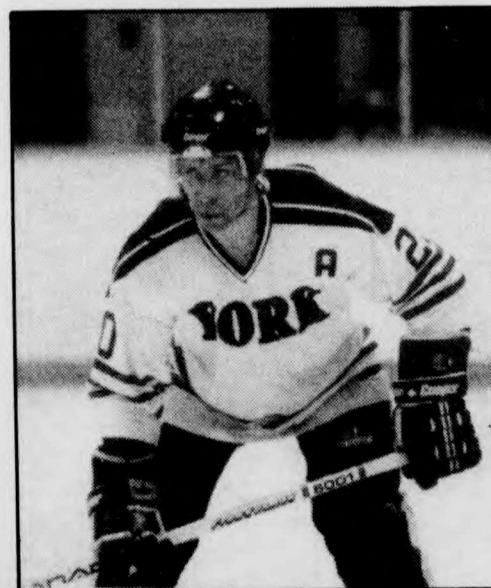
Magder is virtually unique as a university athlete, being one of the few enrolled in post-graduate studies. As a second-year law student playing in his fifth year of varsity hockey, he serves as a good example for anyone wishing to combine sincere athletic and academic involvement.

Magder is quite nonchalant about his busy schedule. "You just have to work at it, you're forced to learn how to budget time properly," he said. "Only certain individuals can do it."

He is well acclimated to the pressure of double commitments. Considering that he played two years of hockey at St. Michael's College, this is his seventh consecutive winter of combining hockey pucks and text books.

Unlike some other programs, York emphasizes education above all. According to Magder, Coach Dave Chambers is always understanding of his players' studies. "He stresses school over hockey," Magder said. "If any conflict arises, it's always school first. This is the first year we have an academic adviser just for the hockey team. He makes sure people are passing, not just attending classes."

Scott Magder the hockey player is not a flashy goal scorer, his nickname "brick" reflecting his dexterity around the net with the puck. He does, however, relish his checking role, although he admits to finding it frustrating at times.



Scott Magder isn't a flashy goalscorer, so his teammates nicknamed him 'Brick' trating at times. This year's team is undoubtedly the most satisfying he has been on. As Magder says, "This is a hockey team. Before it was more of a social atmosphere; have a good time."

U of T upsets v-ball Yeomen in East final

By PETER BECKER

The York Yeomen volleyball squad, who were then ranked sixth in the nation, put on a lackluster performance as they took one on the chin from their subway stop rivals, the ninth-ranked University of Toronto Blues in a February 16 OUAA semi-final match.

That win advanced the Blues to the OUAA volleyball title match, which they won by downing Waterloo in three straight games. York will now have to wait for the CIAU championship tournament to make amends for the loss.

"York said we couldn't win the big game," said Toronto coach Orest Stanko. "If this wasn't a big one, I don't know what is."

Varsity Blues, who have been underrated throughout the year, felt they had been vindicated. A pumped-up U of T squad took advantage of a lethargic York team to go up 10-0 in the first game of the match. After some key substitutions, York scored six unanswered points of their own, but the deficit was too great to overcome. Blues won 15-6.

In the second game, York tried to reverse their previous role by jumping out to a 6-0 lead,

but the unrelenting Toronto attack evened up the contest at 8-8. The game was tied twice more before York edged out a 15-11 victory.

The third game proved to be the most exciting of the match. The Blues quickly pulled away to a 7-1 lead and seemed to be coasting to their second game win, but York had other plans. After gradually chipping away at the Toronto lead, the Yeomen put together a six-point run to tie the score at 13-13. The teams tied again at 14 before the Blues could piece together two points to win, 16-14.

With York leading 8-6 in the fourth game, Toronto scored nine unanswered points to wrap up the game and match.

"It's always sweet to win," said Stanko, "but this (win against York) was even sweeter."

NOTES: The Yeomen will floor a healthy squad for the CIAU championships that will be held here at York March 7 to 9 . . . Over 1,000 tickets have already been sold, so if you're thinking about attending, don't wait too much longer or you might not get in . . . York defeated Queen's to play in the eastern final while Toronto beat Laurentian.

Hockey Yeowomen lose big to Lady Blues in OWIAA championship final

By MEL BROITMAN

The University of Toronto Lady Blues successfully defended their title, with a 5-0 victory over the York Yeowomen in the OWIAA hockey championship Tuesday night at Varsity Arena. Despite the Yeowomen's gutsy year-long performance, in the final analysis the Blue's superior talent proved decisive.

Toronto took control right from the opening face-off, but the usual strong effort from York goaltender Connie Wrightsell kept the game scoreless into the second period. However it was simply a matter of time before the Blues broke through onto the scoresheet. Two goals by Jennifer Dalgarno and one from Barbara Jeffery lifted Toronto to a 3-0 lead after two periods. The Yeowomen came out storming in the final frame but U of T netminder Mary Ellen Vitale made the key stops to preserve her shutout. A pair of third period goals by Jody Glazer rounded out the scoring.

The two teams split six game over the season, with neither club managing a victory away from home. "The ice is slow and we don't skate as well; I think the U of T is used to the surface," explained Coach Sue Howard of her team's inability to win at Varsity.

The loss was especially hard on Yeowomen veterans who were wearing the red and white for the final time. "The losing isn't as tough as it being the last game. Everybody was pulling

together . . . we just wanted it for each other so much. I feel good for Toronto, they worked hard all year and they deserve it," said a disheartened Barb Boyes, the five-year veteran who anchored the York defense for the last time Tuesday night.

CFL picks up three Yeomen for careers in the big league

By PETER BECKER

The middle of February is usually a time when university students begin to look for summer or permanent employment. Filling out applications and submitting resumes is the norm. Being asked to run the 40-yard dash, running obstacle courses and performing strength tests aren't part of the job search experience. Or is it?

A number of York football players were asked to attend a pre-draft evaluation camp to give the pro scouts a better look at the quality of athlete they would be looking to hire, and the results of that camp could be seen at the annual Canadian Football League amateur draft held at the Westin Hotel where three Yeomen were chosen for a career in the big leagues.

"Any time you get three players chosen makes it a good draft year," York coach Nobbie Wirkowski said.

The first to go was running back Joe Pariselli. Pariselli, taken 16th overall, went to the British Columbia Lions.

"He's got good size, speed, and he can run the 40 in 4.3 seconds. Any Canadian with those credentials is worth a look," said Wirkowski. "I doubt they'll play him at running back. He would be more suited to slotback," he added.

The second Yeoman wasn't picked until the seventh round. Ottawa was also looking for a heavy duty running back, and they selected George Ganas, the 55th player named.

"George is going into a good situation," said Wirkowski. "With a new coaching staff in Ottawa he doesn't have to fight any preconceived notions the coaches might have of the makeup of their team. He can block, run and catch the ball. He should catch on."

Montreal picked York's Donovan Brown, a defensive back, in the seventh round, 58th overall. "A good football player with size and speed" was the way Wirkowski characterized the defensive back.

Although these three players have formal invitations to attend training camp, it doesn't preclude any other Yeoman from signing free agent deals on their own.

For example, York offensive linemen Mike Chesson and Dave Maganja, who were free agents, have signed with the Toronto Argonauts and the Edmonton Eskimos respectively.

Other players expected to sign or attend a pro camp are Metras Trophy runner-up Dirk Leers, Dominic Cugliari, Darryl Sampson, and Olympic class sprinter Desai Williams.

The OUAA as a league fared well at the draft. Seventeen of the 81 players selected were from the OUAA.