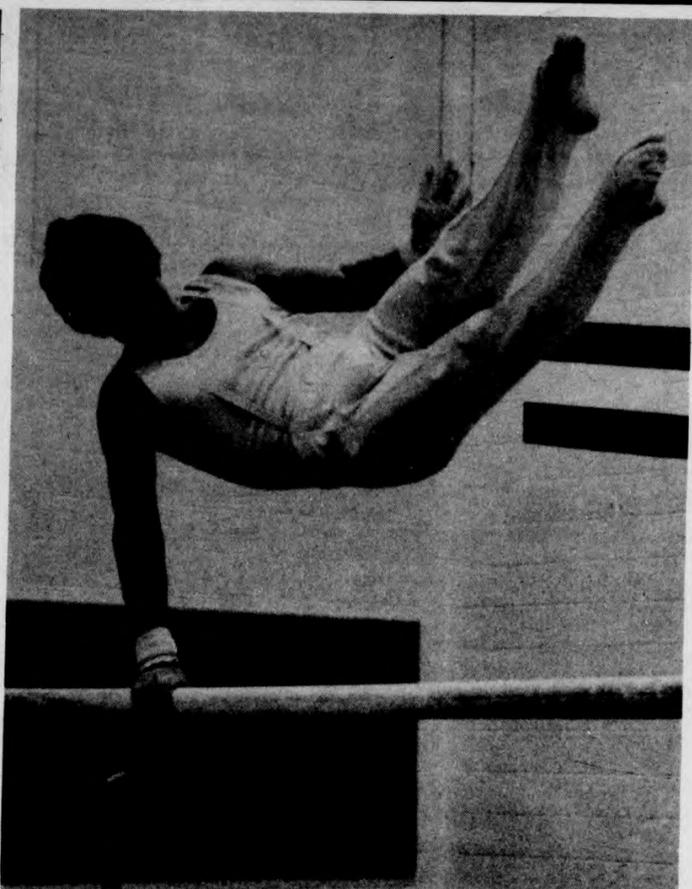
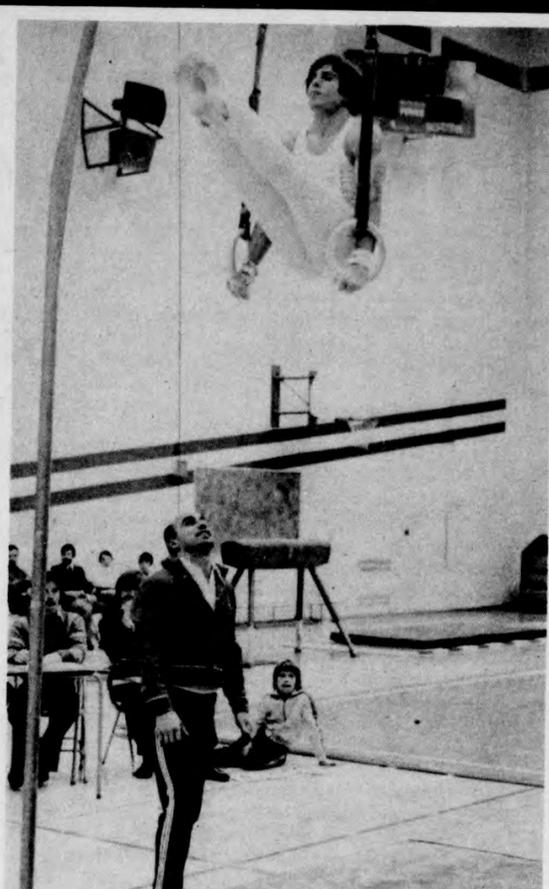




Bob Carisse on the high bar,



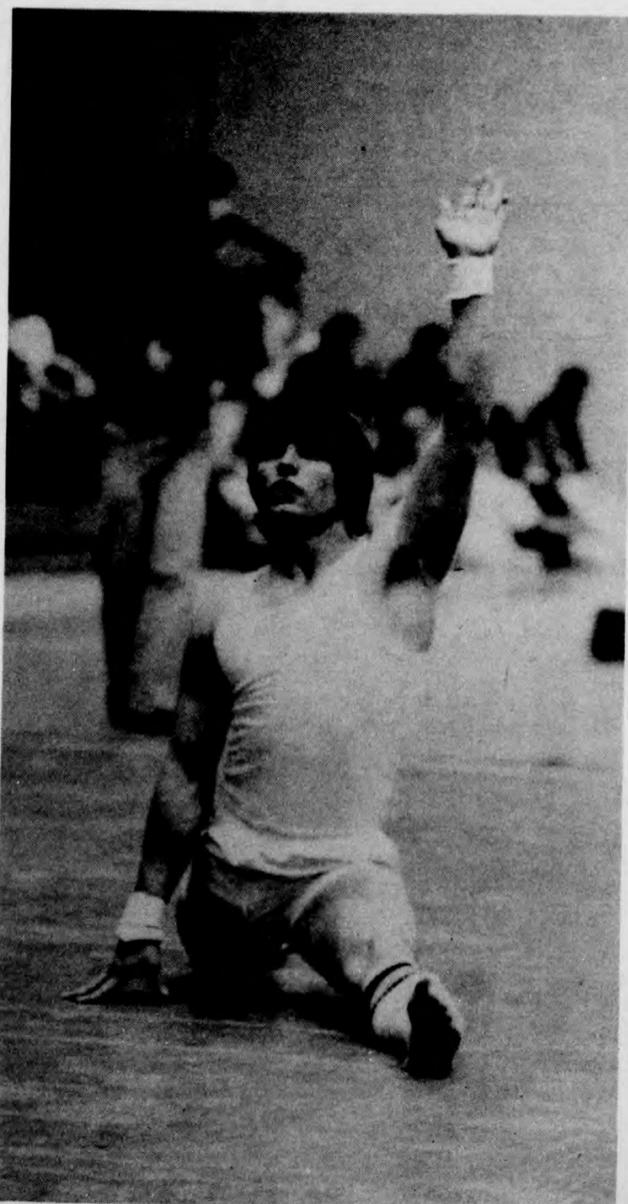
...Marc Epprecht on the parallel bars...



...Dave Steeper on the rings and coach Zivic below.

Flying high!

York gymnasts



...Gaetan Bourbreau on the mats...

By George Trenton

In the York ninth annual invitational gymnastic competition held last weekend, the York Yeomen defended their perfect record by sweeping to their ninth victory in a row.

This was the first varsity meet of the season for the Yeomen, six-time national champions. They won by a convincing margin of 10 points over the second place University of Eastern Michigan.

David Steeper and Marc Epprecht were tied for the lead in individual all round points with 51.05 each.

Steeper was the most outstanding gymnast of the meet winning three of his five events, the floor exercise, rings and vault.

Bob Carisse won the parallel bars and Epprecht the high bar event.

Coach Tom Zivic was very happy with the results of the meet but he feels there is still room for improvement.

"I am very confident we will win the OUAA and CIAU championships again this year but not by such a large margin as last year."

According to Zivic, next year's York team will regain their title as a powerhouse in University Gymnastics with the addition of three gymnasts graduating from high school and Mike Burnside, returning to the Yeomen after a year of absence.

Steeper says the York team does not have much depth but is still one of the strongest teams in Canada.

"I hope to win a medal in the CIAU championships. I'll have to watch out for Marc Epprecht who will be my stiffest competition."

Steeper also has his sights on regaining a berth on the Canadian team in the qualifying meet in March.

Epprecht and York's assistant coach, Maasaki Naosaki, presently members of the Canadian team, recently competed in China.

Zivic, a coach for the Canadian team, was very pleased with the results of their performances in China.

The next competition for York will be on January 27 in Penn State, where they take on last year's NCAA winners in a dual meet.

do their thing



...and Epprecht again on the pommel horse.

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