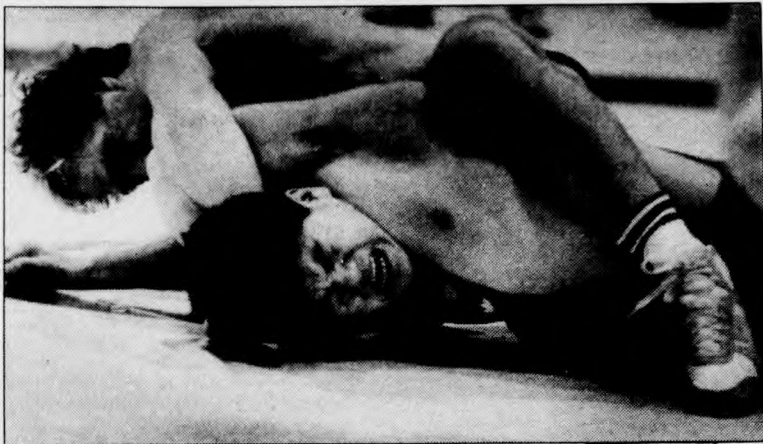


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CHRIST THAT HURTS: Roy Sue Wah Sing is pinned by his opponent in a tough wrestling match. Wrestlers travelled from all over North America to compete at York Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

Powerful Concordia takes championship

By MARIO PIETRANGELO

Wrestlers from across North America came to compete last weekend in the York Invitational Wrestling Tournament. The powerful team from the Concordia University/Montreal Wrestling Club went on to win the team championship edging the York University/Twist and Shout Wrestling Club by a slim two points.

"This was a high quality tournament and there was a much bigger turnout than I expected," said York coach John Park, "especially from the American universities." The large number of competitors delayed the finals for almost two hours.

The tournament featured some of Canada's finest wrestlers, including Brock's Marty Calder who showed top skills in winning the tough 142 lb. weight class.

In the 167 lb. weight class, York's Jim Kaligerakis was in fine form as he defeated Western's Sang Kim 4 to 1 for the championship. After the win, Kaligerakis said, "I'm pleased with the victory, especially since I've been troubled with a sore hip for such a long time."

According to University of Western Ontario coach Ray Takahashi, the York Invitational "is by far the toughest tournament before Christmas. It is a good tournament for us because it gives us a chance to wrestle against some universities that we normally don't get a chance to see. Both the variety and the calibre of competition is good. This tournament will give a good indication of where people stand at this point in the year."

A very intense championship match featured York's Courtney Lewis against Brock's Peter Demarchuk. The match was a scoreless tie with just five seconds remaining when Lewis appeared to score on a single leg take-down. However, no points were awarded as the combat-

ants were ruled out of bounds. Demarchuk went on to win the match in overtime and Lewis had to settle for the silver medal.

McMaster coach Nick Cipriano was slightly disappointed with his team's effort. Cipriano said, "We just weren't sharp today, but I think that this had something to do with the calibre of the competition."

York's Ian Ferguson came up with a big victory as he pinned Michigan's Mike Jones. Ferguson said, "I'm really happy, I had a lot of fun today."

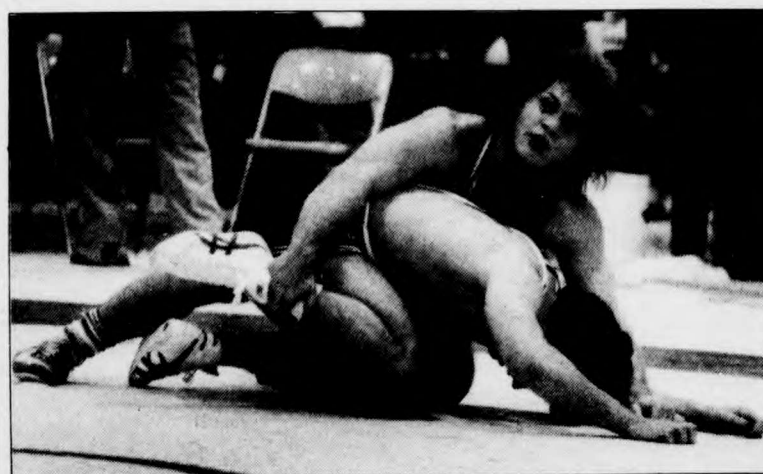
The final match of this marathon wrestling tournament saw York's Steve Sammons dominate his opponent Raymond Picard, from Montreal, for an 18 to 3 victory and a bronze medal.

Concordia coach Victor Silberman commented on his team's victory by saying, "Winning is not the important thing. Our wrestlers came here and did very well, but a tournament like this is good for everyone because they all get some good competition, which will make them better wrestlers."

York coach John Park was satisfied with second place. Park said, "Last year Concordia beat us by 15 points, this year it was only by two points, so we're getting closer. All of our guys wrestled really well and you can't ask for more than that." Coach Park was also thankful to the many timers and score-keepers who helped make the tournament a big success.

Other Yeomen with fine performances included: Rich Hart 2nd, Steve Sammans 3rd, Donovan Young 3rd, Stan Tzogas 2nd, Courtney Lewis 2nd, Jim Kaligerakis 3rd, Aaron Hume 3rd, Chris Cookes 1st, Rick Henry 3rd, and Ian Ferguson 2nd.

The Yeomen wrestlers will be leaving for Vancouver tomorrow morning as they will be wrestling in the Simon Fraser Invitational this weekend.



I GOT HIM COVERED: York's Jim Kaligerakis on his way to winning the championship for the 167-pound weight class. The Yeomen were edged out by Concordia in tournament play.

Redmen thunder over UBC

By "HOWIE" MARR

"We have had the shit kicked out of us for years, it feels good to be a winner," said a jubilant McGill Redman after his team defeated defending champions UBC in Saturday's Vanier Cup.

The Redmen have been destiny's team all year long, defeating previously undefeated teams three times. The Redmen started the trend by defeating 8-0 Bishop's for the OQIFC title followed by a victory over St. Mary's in the Atlantic Bowl. And on Saturday the Redmen won once again, taking heavily favoured UBC Thunderbirds and bettors to the cleaners with an easy 47-11 Vanier Cup triumph.

The Thunderbirds carried a 22-game winning streak against Canadian universities in the final against McGill. But when the bubble bursts it is sometimes like a dam breaking, said UBC coach Frank Smith after the loss. Smith went on to say that McGill deserved all the credit for playing a great game. "They simply controlled the line of scrimmage," said Smith.

The game opened with the Thunderbirds controlling the Redmen for their first two possessions, but BC only managed to score three points after twice getting inside the McGill 25-yard line. These proved to be key plays in the game, giving McGill the confidence it needed to win. "We knew we were in the game after we stopped them," said most valuable defensive player Floyd Salazar after the game.

Salazar also said that he did not feel UBC was a better squad than Bishop's. "After the Bishop's game



EATING UP THE YARDS: Mike Soles, running back for the McGill Redmen, picked up 203 yards and two touchdowns in thrashing the UBC Thunderbirds by a score of 47-11. McGill is the first team from Quebec ever to win the Vanier Cup.

we thought we could go all the way," said Salazar.

McGill made the most of their opportunities all day, taking a 14-3 lead after scoring from the nine-yard line. The Thunderbirds had intercepted a McGill bomb on the play, but the UBC player fumbled the ball. McGill recovered, and running back Mila Soles scored on the next play. After leading 17-3 at the half, the Redmen made it 24-3 early in the second half and BC was just unable to come back. UBC coach Frank Smith refused to play an aggressive game despite being down three touchdowns. However, it was UBC's inability to take the ball into the endzone on a scoring drive that would have made it 24-10, that sealed their fate. On a third and five BC tried a fake field goal attempt to take the ball in. It was a play that fooled few of the 14,000 people present, let alone the Redmen.

McGill ran away with the game

early in the fourth and BC was subjected to the punishment of finishing the game. Most valuable player of the game, running back Mike Soles, commented that "we haven't scored that many points since I've been at McGill." Soles led the offence with two touchdowns and over 200 yards rushing.

The cold and somewhat wet weather conditions made play tough for both teams. BC coach Smith refused to blame the loss on conditions; but McGill came prepared; a few players wore broomball shoes to improve their footing on a slippery field.

McGill's Vanier Cup victory was the first by a team from Quebec in the history of the award. For the Thunderbirds their silent dressing room symbolized their disappointment. UBC had hoped to become only the third team to win two consecutive Vanier Cups.

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