

York's new movement clinches Mac tourney; ex-invalid hoards gold

Last March, Maasaki Naosaki had a knee operation. Last Saturday he competed in his first gymnastics meet since then. Naosaki snapped his creaky knees to win six gold medals and one silver.

Besides winning the all round championship with a score of 51 points, he came first on floor exercises, pommels, rings, parallel bars and high bar, and second on vaulting.

Dave Steeper picked up the bronze on vaulting while Steve Maclean picked up two bronzes, one on high bar, the other on vaulting. Out of a field of ten teams, the York Gym Club, coached by Bob Carisse, placed second behind Quebec's provincial team.

Our women gymnasts also saw action last week competing on the 25th in their third invitational of the OWIAA season, this one being at McMaster.

It was done with a bit of a different twist. In the first two meets, many of the competitors were using the same routines and moves that they used in past years.

Not so for this most recent competition. For the last few months, almost every individual on the team had been working on new moves for each of the four apparatuses. Last Saturday's meet was their first opportunity to try out the new moves and routines.

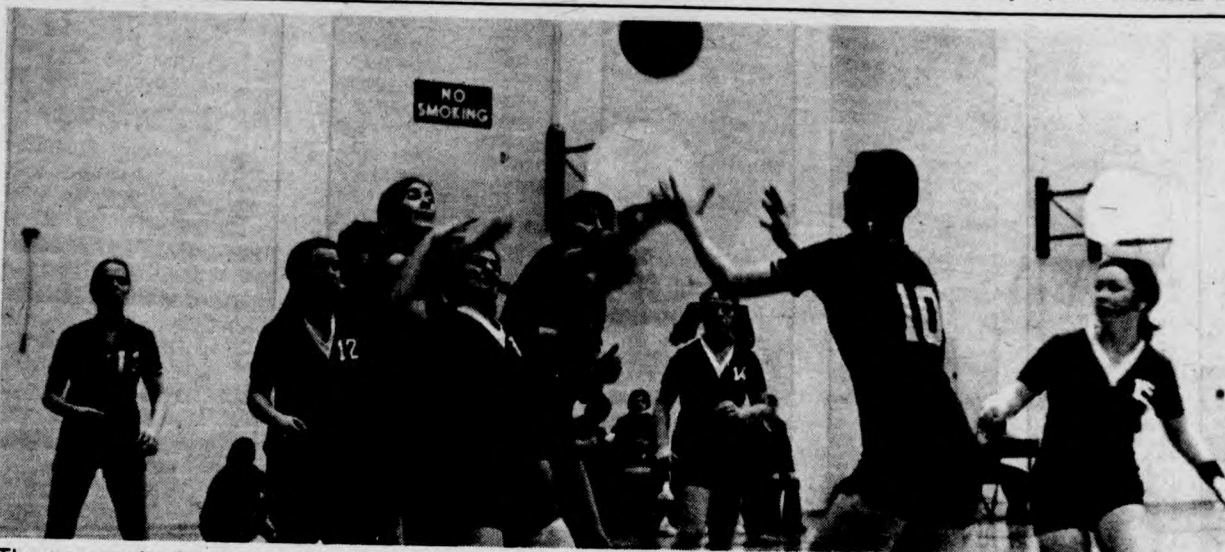
Only the junior and intermediate teams took part competing with Western and McMaster. The new student movements gave them a very good showing.

The junior team placed a close second behind Western. The respective scores were 88.11 and 90.02. The intermediate team came first with 85.56 points with Western finishing a close second with 85.54 points.

The outstanding individuals from York were Debbie Gloebockie, Martha Kaylor and Kathy Morris, all Junior team members and Debbie Alderman and Kathy Giles of the intermediate team.

Martha Kaylor took second all round junior while Debbie Alderman placed first all round intermediate.

The teams next meet will be here at York, on Friday, February 7 at 5:30 in Tait McKenzie.



Alan Shalon photo

The women had a bad day in basketball. On Saturday, they lost 80-22 to Queen's, and this despite the home court advantage. High scorer for York was G. Cecconi with eight, followed by T. Clancy with

seven. The next chance the Yeowomen have to atone for the drubbing is ten days from now. On February 7 they are in Ottawa to face the Gee-Gee's and then travel to Carleton on the 8th.

Basketballers sink Kingston duo

Dribbling a steady path to opposition baskets, the York Yeomen basketball team swept two games from Kingston opponents last week.

Friday, January 24, they dropped Queen's 71-61. All five starters were netting points regularly, high man

being Evrad Spence with 20.

Fresh from the Queen's victory, the Yeomen toyed with several cadets from RMC on Saturday, easily winning 64-48. The scoring was evenly distributed, Sam Brutto getting the most points with 12.

In both games, York came on strong in the first half, building up impressive leads with strong, coordinated attacks. From the half on they coasted to victory, playing just hard enough to win. If they had played all-out for the entire game, the scores would have been embarrassingly lopsided.

The victories were bought at a high price, as Warren Cresswell is out for the season with a dislocated shoulder suffered during the Kingston trip.

Tomorrow at 8:15 the Yeomen play host to Queen's at Tait Mackenzie and on Saturday — same time, same place — they meet Carleton. The games are crucial to the team's playoff hopes.

"We're playing well now," says coach Bob Bain. "We respect both teams (Carleton and Queen's) but we're not afraid of them. If we win both games we'll have a good chance of making the playoffs."

Currently, the Yeomen are five and three on the season, and are tied for third place.

Lame-duck Ryerson squad yields York's only victories

Badminton became baffling for the Yeowomen on Saturday as they came out on the losing end of most matches at the meet in Ryerson.

University of Toronto, Ottawa, Queen's, and Ryerson were the competition. Ryerson, the hosts, proved easy prey to York. The ladies beat Ryerson in all six singles' matches (two by default), and only lost one of the three doubles matches.

The doubles loss was one of the most exciting matches of the tournament for York. Liz Knight and Pat Dinan took their opponents the full three game limit, losing the first 15-6, winning the second 15-9, before finally bowing out 15-11.

The only other team York defeated was Ottawa. Liz Knight won her singles match against Ot-

tawa 11-7 and 11-1, while Teresa Bubis won hers in a come-from-behind effort, 5-11, 11-9 and 11-1.

Knight and Dinan, the sole Yeowomen to give Ryerson a victory, atoned for the loss by defeating the Gee-Gee's second doubles team 15-3 and 15-11.

Queen's and U of T, for the most part, had no problems with the Yeowomen, winning every match in both singles and doubles.

Next birdie tourney is at Waterloo, February 8 and 9.



Paul Hayden photo

An enterprising Excalibur photographer, eager to expand the horizons of York sports fans, snapped this photograph of Clifford Mann racing for a cut in tobacco profits. Mann was a participant in the Benson & Hedges Pro-Ski race held at Collingwood Blue Mountain last weekend.

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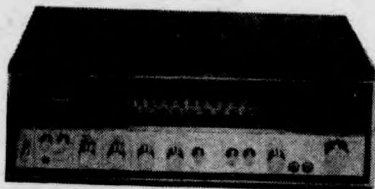
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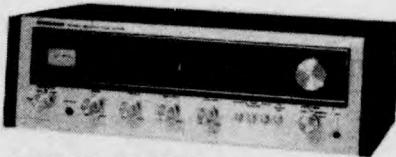
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