



Sports



12th straight title for York gymnasts

Rose Crawford

The York Yeomen gymnasts put on an impressive performance last Saturday, winning the York Invitational Gymnastics Meet.

York finished on top of the 12 team field with 159.30 points, followed by another York entry, the York Futures who amassed 139.15. Third place went to Eastern Michigan University with 133.55 points.

Other entries in the York meet included teams from the University of Toronto, McMaster University and the University of Laval.

Never Materialized

The challenge that was supposed to come from the Laval squad, second place finishers at last year's CIAU's, never materialized as they ended up low in the standings.

Marc Epprecht led the Yeomen to their 12th consecutive victory of this meet. He placed first on the pommel horse and second on four other events to take second place all-around with an aggregate score of 54.25.

Nigel Rothwell, a member of Canada's National team who competed as an independent, captured first place over all with 54.50 points.

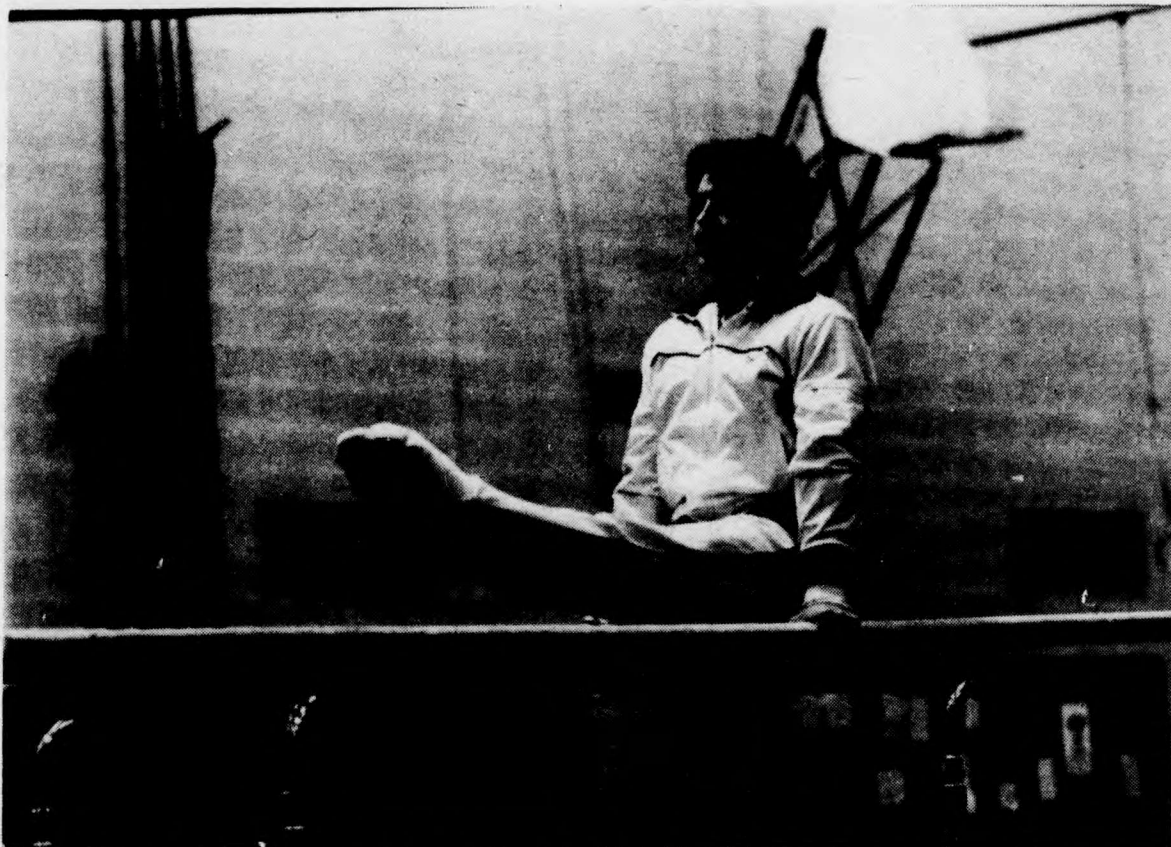
York's Frank Nutzenberger drew the highest score of the meet, a remarkable 9.65, following a very solid performance on the rings. This, along with another first place on floor and third place on the parallel bars earned him third place overall with 53.55 total points.

A few Surprises

Two members of the York Futures, a team of high school students who train at York under the supervision of Yeomen coach Tom Zivic, provided the crowd with a few surprises.

First, 14 year old Curtis Hubert captured first place on vault with an impressive 9.35 defeating 5 of Canada's National team members who were competing in the meet. Following the meet, Hubert expressed his surprise at winning the event. "I was really happy I won vault. I didn't think I would because I was competing against so many good gymnasts."

The second surprise was provided by Rob Dixon, who performed his floor routine to music, something very rare in men's gymnastics. According to Zivic, a number of gymnasts have done this over the past ten years, "but generally speaking, not many gymnasts have the guts to do it."



Nigel Rothwell, a national team member, captured first place overall in the York Invitational Meet.

Scott Tanner, the head judge for the floor event commented, "It's very difficult to judge because there are no guidelines in the FIG rules, but I think it's great. I've been waiting to see something like this for years."

Chris Klein, another floor judge added, "There's always going to be a bias against it because it goes very much against tradition."

According to Zivic, this was the most successful York invitational so far. "In terms of numbers and calibre, this is the best meet York has ever had. There are five gymnasts here tonight who are presently on the National team, and two past members, plus two gymnasts who compete on the junior National team and one from the novice team."

"To experience life, God gave us our bodies... To experience our bodies, He gave us gymnastics."

Anonymous

First exhibition loss for Yeowomen

Tenth ranked York University Yeowomen, fell to the fourth ranked Dalhousie Tigers 59-50 in their first exhibition loss of the season.

The Tigers, lacking some of their regulars, dominated play from the start. They led 36-30 at the half.

York's play lacked its usual quickness and lustre. Their usual entertaining game disappearing and only a yawner was left for the fans.

Barb Whibbs led the team in a losing cause with 18 points, while the only bright spot for the Yeowomen was the play of rookie Monica Wensing, who collected 16 points, shooting 80% from the floor.

The Yeowomen host the University of Toronto Blues on Saturday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m.



No. 13 Barb Whibbs

Easy victory for volleyball Yeowomen

The York Yeowomen volleyball team needed only 50 minutes to dispose of the McMaster Marauders 15-9, 15-3, and 15-11 last Friday night at the Tait gym.

The McMaster squad is the only team in the weak central division that is supposed to give the Yeowomen a hard time during regular season play, but if Friday's game is any indication, the York has a clear road to the OWIAA play-offs.

Throughout the match, veteran Marla Taylor led the Yeowomen with steady and consistent setting at centre, while Fiona McGregor and Ellanna McKendry led the York offense with solid hitting.

A number of rookies also contributed to York's win. Lisa Eyles showed a lot of offensive strength with numerous key hits and Trish Barnes put in a very solid performance for York throughout the three games of the match.

At the completion of the match, York coach Merve Moser admitted he was not surprised by the relatively easy victory over the Marauders. "They are a young team...they lack the competitive experience that most of the girls on the York team have."

Hockey race tightens

Al Clarkson

As the OUAA Hockey season reaches its halfway point only two facts are certain: Players must wear face masks for the duration of the season, and the Yeomen and five other teams are within grasp of first place.

Last week, York slipped into a fifth place tie with McMaster, after dropping a 6-5 decision to first place Western, and tying Wilfred Laurier 3-3 on Saturday.

On Saturday, against Laurier, it was a tough defensive struggle with many missed opportunities on both sides. Blair Lewis and defenceman Greg Quattrin with 2 goals blasted slapshots past Laurier goalie Terry Thompson. Brian Crombeen scored the tying goal for Laurier with 1:31 remaining in the game.



Jules Xavier

TOMORROW NIGHT AT 8:15 P.M., the Yeomen play Windsor at the Ice Palace, while next Friday, it's the annual alumni game.

Notes—Definition: Cooperalls. A new style of hockey gear. They look like track pants, and hold all the pads around hips and legs. Their manufacturer claims they're 40 per cent lighter than conventional equipment.

Shortstops

Squash team wins again

Last weekend the University of Toronto played host to the first part of this year's OWIAA squash championships.

The York University Yeowomen kept their tournament record intact as they defeated teams from Queen's, Waterloo, McMaster, Laurier and U. of T. thus winning the tournament and greatly increasing their chances of capturing the OWIAA crown.

The final team standings showed York on top with 18 matches won, just one more than second place finishers Queen's and Waterloo who ended up with 17 matches each.

McMaster followed with 14, and U. of T. with 10. Laurier was last losing all their matches.

York's Kim McGee was the star of the tournament, at least as far as York was concerned. She defeated a Queen's player in a match that gave the Yeowomen the tournament title.

An indication of the Yeowomen's talent this year is the fact that last year they finished third in the same competition, 10 matches behind Queen's University.

The next competition date for the Yeowomen is January 7, 1981 when they will play host to the University of Toronto and the University of Pennsylvania.

Athletes of the Week

This week's male athlete of the week is veteran basketball star and All-Canadian guard David Coulthard. This past weekend David scored 25 points against the University of Concordia, including eight consecutive points in leading the Yeomen basketball team to a 76-60 victory at the Guelph Invitational this past weekend.

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Kim McGee of the Yeowomen Squash team has the honour of being chosen by Excalibur as the female athlete of the week. In part one of the OWIAA Squash championships, Kim won the crucial match, defeating a player of the Queen's team, which allowed the Yeowomen to finish first heading into part two of the OWIAA championships. Congratulations athletes!!