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Gym Yeomen show off a little at York Invitational

By MARK ZWOLINSKI

Nine-time national gymnastics champions York Yeomen opened their 1983-84 season in fine form.

The Yeomen took top honors in both team and individual competitions to capture the 15th annual York Invitational Gymnastics championship last Friday night in the Tait gym.

York, which owns 13 consecutive Ontario university titles, rolled up 168.8 points in the eight-team meet to walk away with top team laurels.

York's "old-timers" club took second place in the team competition with 167.30 points, followed by U of T, who totaled 158.20 points to finish third.

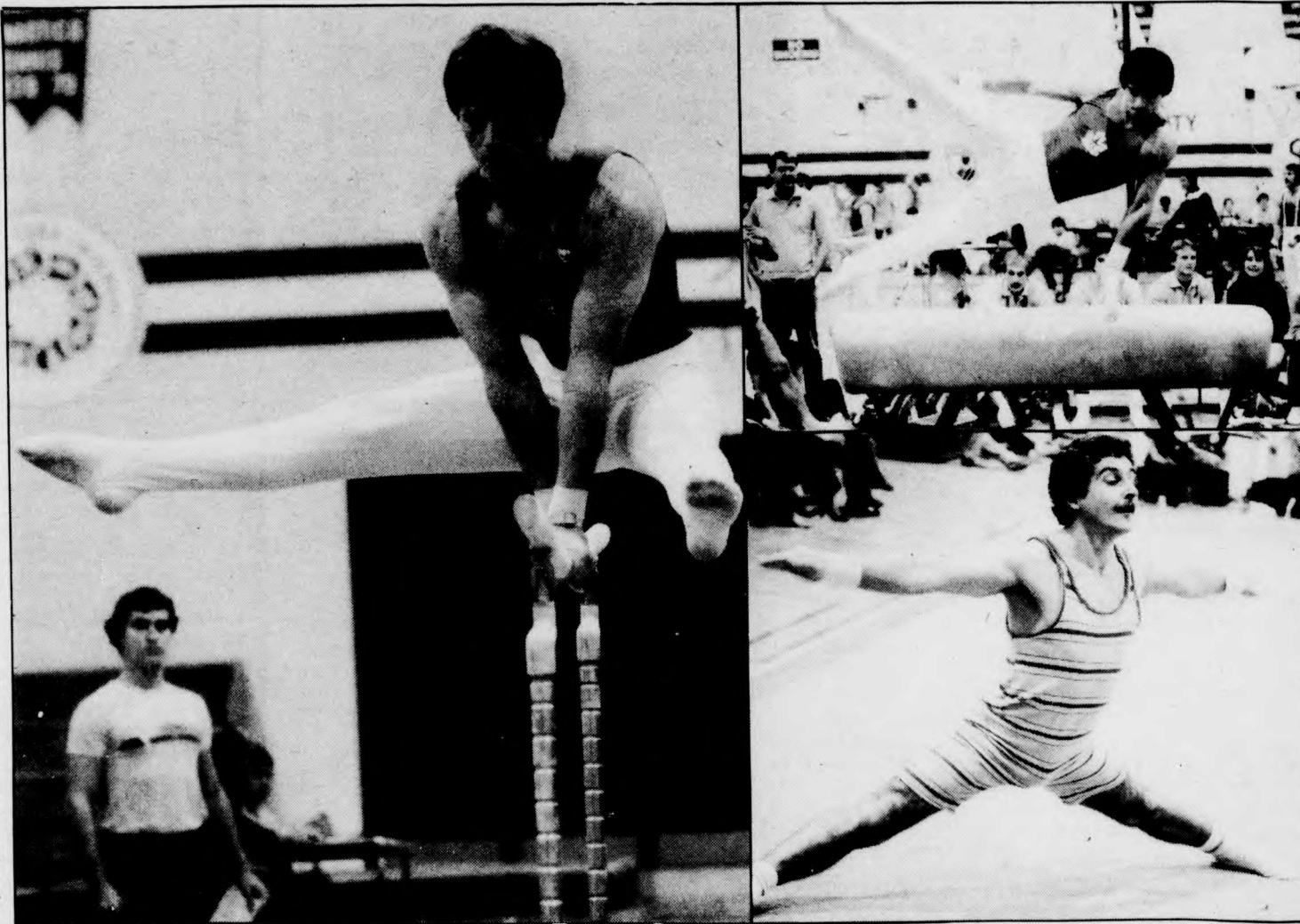
Brad Peters paced York's victory, winning the individual all-round competition with 57.55 points. Peters placed within the top three in five of the six events including firsts on the pommel horse (9.80) and vault (9.70).

Dan Gaudet answered for the old-timers, placing second in the individual all-rounds with 57.25 points. York's Frank Nutzenberger, last year's Ontario university individual champion, came in third with 56.80 points.

Gaudet, the defending CIAU champion, will join Peters, Nutzenberger, and teammate Allan Reddon in the national team selection meet this January before proceeding to Regina in May for the Canadian national gymnastics championships.

The top three ranking gymnasts from the national championships will represent Canada in the coming 1984 Olympic games in Los Angeles.

"The gymnasts are right on track for the Olympics," says meet director and national team coach Tom Zivic. "There were a lot of new routines used in the meet tonight, routines that need time to mature, but you can bet on them being ready for L.A."



The York Yeomen Gymnastics team dominated the York Invitational last Friday night at the Tait Gym, taking both top team and individual all-round honors. Brad Peters, on the parallel bars, and Nigel Rothwell, on the floor show off their stuff.

Squash women place second at Can-Am but Cluett will be expecting more in '84

By ELISSA S. FREEMAN

Despite finishing a close second to U of T in Part 1 of the Can-Am squash tournament, held at York last weekend, coach Bob Cluett has no qualms whatsoever about the rest of the season.

U of T captured first place with 21 points, but York was not far behind with 19. Defending champions Queens could manage no more than 16 points for third place. U.S. teams didn't fare as well: Dartmouth was fourth with 10 points, Williams fifth

with nine, and Vassar was completely shut out, finishing last. Anita Halpern, a third-year psychology doctoral candidate, was the top performer for the Yeowomen. Halpern managed to "psych-out" her competition to extend her unbeaten streak of consecutive wins during inter-collegiate play to 28.

York's Rhonda Firmi, the top provincial player, also had an excellent tournament, falling only to William's Carrie Fisher, who went on to win the individual championship.

York's Ruth Castellino finished with a 4-1 record. She was beaten by the more experienced Zadia Butts from U of T in the final round.

The Canadian teams had the advantage in this tournament because the softball was used during match play. Part 2 of the tournament, to be played at Dartmouth, will feature hardball action, which will give the Americans the edge.

"It still doesn't mean they'll beat us, but they will play better," says Cluett.

The Yeowomen resume their schedule in the new year, with two Ontario Women's Interuniversity Athletic Association (OWIAA) tournaments and the Can-Am in between on three consecutive weekends.

"We're going to be very, very strong in January," declared Cluett. "I think with (Joann) Beckwith back, we're going to be the best team anywhere."

"I have no expectations of losing."

The men's squash team didn't do as well as the Yeowomen. At last weekend's Ontario University Athletic Association (OUAA) tournament at York, the results were as follows:

U of T—20 points
Queens—10½ points
Waterloo—9½ points
Trent—9 points
McMaster—4 points
Sir Wilfred Laurier—3½ points
Guelph—3 points
York—2½ points
RMC—1 point



The Yeomen's Paul Lazarini: "The Tin Man missed the Nick"

McMaster spoils Yeomen hopes

By MARK ZWOLINSKI

Ever since opening day back in October, the Yeomen Waterpolo team fixed their sights on a November showdown with their arch-rivals McMaster Marauders in the Ontario University Athletic Association (OUAA) championship game.

But the Marauders spoiled that vision last weekend when they upset York 7-5 to successfully defend their OUAA title crown for the second year running.

The Yeomen, who last won the league title in 1981 under the wing of national team star Trevor Mann, have been the only team in the past 14 years to dethrone the Marauders.

"They're a very tough team," said Yeomen coach Kevin Jones. "We made it close near the end of the match, but they are just too experienced a team to play catch-up polo with."

McMaster, finishing atop the OUAA West Division with a 11-0-1 record, defeated the Ottawa Gee Gees, 7-6, to earn a berth in the final.

York narrowly edged the Carleton Ravens, first place finishers in the OUAA's East Division, 2-1, before entering the title game.

Bryan Robertson's brilliant goaltending anchored York's semi-final win while assistant coach Greg Flude and Joe Skelly paced the attack with two second half goals.

Carleton went on to defeat the Gee Gees 9-6 to take third place overall.

In the championship match, McMaster jumped out to an early 4-1 lead after two periods of play. They added two more goals in the third quarter to extend their lead to five.

But the Yeomen pulled up their proverbial socks in the fourth quarter, outscoring the Marauders 4-0 before running out of time in their comeback bid.

"The fourth quarter was definitely our strongest period in the game," Jones said. "But it was a case of coming up with too little too late."

Steve Micallef and Derrick Weyrauch scored two goals apiece, with rookie Dan Hunt notching his first OUAA goal to round out the scoring for York.

NOTES: York's runner-up finish this year was the second best in the team's 14-year history... Yeomen captain Stu Howard and teammate Moti Fishman played their last games for the red and white.