



Clockwise: York gymnasts Diana Carnegie, Laurie McGibbon, Cindy Janssen and Chris Mesure.

An artistic look at gymnastics

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York's gymnastics team kept its undefeated record intact by capturing their third straight first place finish in last weekend's Waterloo Invitational Meet.

Sparked by a five medal performance from Yeowoman Diana Carnegie, York collected 125.62 points to finish on top of a six team field. The McMaster Mauraders, last year's national champions, were to have been York's prime competition, but the Hamilton squad could only manage 119.62 points to finish second behind the Yeowomen.

The University of Western Ontario Mustangs finished third with 117.73 points, followed by the University of Toronto Lady Blues with 117.57. Waterloo, fifth, and Queen's in sixth followed:

Carnegie, a former member of Canada's national team, placed first on the floor exercise (8.30), the uneven bars (8.60), the balance beam

(8.83) and second on the vault (8.43) in winning the all-round gold medal with 34.16 points. Waterloo's Ann Eby, a former national individual champion, placed second with 32.47 points followed by Toronto's Sandra Henderson, third with 31.78 points.

Yeowomen veteran Laurie McGibbon was kept out of the all-round medals, finishing seventh with 30.80 points. For McGibbon and many of the other gymnasts, the judging at this meet left much to be desired.

"They (judges) totally missed my 'C' move. Had I gotten the mark I deserved I would have been third all-round. Let's just say we were very disappointed with the judges," said McGibbon.

Other York performances of note included: rookie Beth John's third place finish on floor and rookie Linda Kunashko's fourth on the uneven bars.

Carnegie and York teammate Chris Mesure both surpassed the CIAU qualifying standard of

28.00 points. They now join teammates McGibbon, Johns, Kunashko, and Mireille Gour, who qualified at an earlier meet.

York will now send a full contingent (six gymnasts) to the Canadian championships in its bid to regain the national title they won two years ago. The site of the CIAU's this year is the University of Manitoba.

Note: The powerful Yeowomen gymnastics team, 1980 national team champions, hosts a seven-team invitational running noon to 3 pm on Saturday, February 13. The invitational will feature the top six gymnasts from Calgary, McMaster, Queen's, Toronto, Waterloo, Western and York. Gymnasts to watch are York's **Diana Carnegie**, 1980 Olympic team selection, and **Laurie McGibbon**, 3rd at 1981 CIAU's; Waterloo's **Ann Eby**, 1979 CIAU champion; Toronto's **Sandra Henderson**, 1976 Olympic team selection; and McMaster's **Debbie Kirby**, 4th at 1981 CIAU competition.

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