SPORTS

Rookies pull their weight

York Wrestlers surprise at Western Invitational

The York Wrestling team travelled to London over the Christmas holidays, where they took part in the annual Western Invitational tourna-

In one of their most impressive

showings to date, the Yeomen placed a strong second overall, behind the meet-dominating University of Michigan Huskies.

Coach Albert Venditti was "more than happy" as Yeomen competitors walked away with a gold, three

silvers, and a bronze medal for their efforts. A year ago, York managed only two fourth place finishes at the same tourney.

A highlight of York's effort at the tourney was rookie Andrew Taylor. Competing for the first time in the

119 lbs. class, Taylor won all three of the matches in which he participated en route to the gold medal.

Second-year men Randy Smith and Aaron Hume, who last year placed fifth and sixth at the CIAU's, both came away with silver medals. They won their respective pools but were slightly outclassed in the finals.

Experience the key

Smith, competing for the first time since suffering a head injury in early December, showed the effect of that layoff as he wrestled inconsistently throughout the event. He did, however, manage to put together three consecutive victories before Commonwealth Bronze medalist Maldyn Cooper "thumped" him in the finals.

Aaron Hume fared no better as he faced Canadian champion Peter Domarchuck from Guelph. Hume narrowed the margin to two points at the half, but Domarchuck's experience proved too much for him as he prevented the York wrestler from scoring for the remainder of the match, and he emerged a 9-4

Rookies Ken (Puff) Huff, at 167 lbs., and Tony Nagee, at 134 lbs., also wrestled well, advancing to the medal rounds. Huff continued to show that he is York's surprised this season as he fought to a secondplace, silver medal finish. His only loss, a 7-5 squeaker, came at the hands of Western's five-year veteran, Denis Graham. Nagee had to settle for a bronze medal when he lost to 1980 CIAU runner-up Hector Hutchinson of the Ryerson Rams.

Pins & Notes: Team captain Jonathan Graham and Jeff Kawzenuk should be ready for the Yeomen's next match, January 6, at the Montreal Open.

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Yeomen "not intimidated" in exhibition win over Guelph

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It may not have been very pretty and it was just an exhibition game, but a win is still a win and the Yeomen hockey team took great satisfaction in defeating the Guelph Gryphons by the score of 4-2 last Monday night.

The Gryphons, who have earned a reputation for playing hard, and maybe even a little chippy, tried to knock down everything that moved. "The Yeomen were not the least bit intimidated, which provided for a game marred with penalties that were called, and cheap shots that weren't.

In the long run the Gryphons were self-defeating, but they struck first and early when Guelph defenceman Gary Nugent led a rush and stunned the Yeomen with a goal 42 seconds into the game.

Following the opening goal the Yeomen survived a crucial point in the game as netminder Dave Stewart thwarted the Gryphons on a power

play to hold the deficit at one goal. Later in the period Mike McCauley tied the score, connecting on a

picturesque two-way passing play. The score remained tied at the end of 20 minutes although the Yeomen stormed the net while enjoying a two-man advantage late in the period, only to hit the post and the crossbar.

For the Yeomen, the frustration ended at 6:53 of the second period when Steve Feitler fired one home on a two-on-one breakaway.

When the third period began the Yeomen took complete territorial domination and scored what proved to be the winning goal when Dennis Endrizzi slapped a 50-footer through the legs of Guelph goalie Louie Melgeauf.

Martin Pery added insurance with his goal midway in the final period with both teams playing a man short.





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