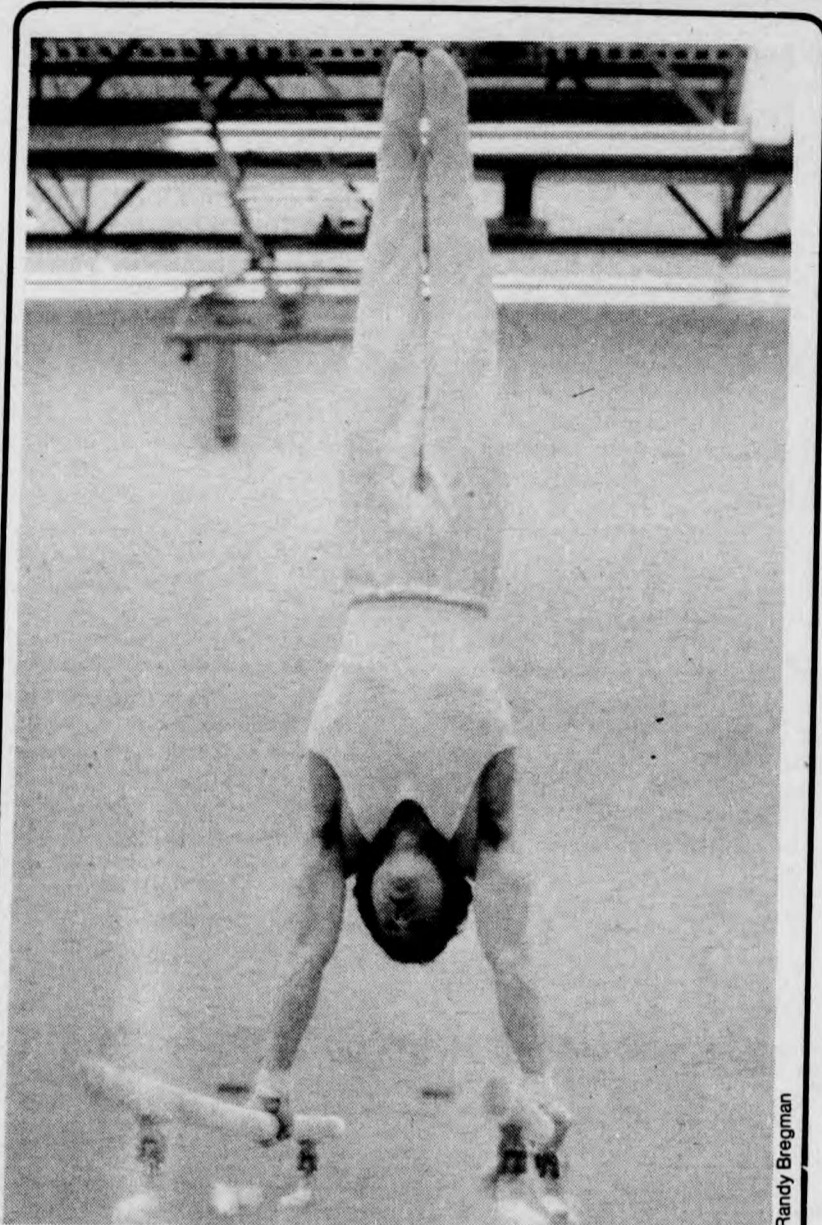


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Randy Bregman

It may seem redundant to say, but the York gymnastics team won the provincial universities' championships last Saturday. The meet, held at Queen's, was York's tenth such victory in a row. This time they totalled 247 points, giving them a convincing lead over second place U. of T., with 219. Queen's was third, followed by McMaster. Altogether seven universities were represented there.

As far as individual performances went, York swept the first three positions. Despite rather uninspired efforts, Dan Gaudet, pictured above, took first (52.55). Tom Bertrand was sixth. (48.25) while all the other members of the team — Jim Tomlinson, Bill Chong, Alex Toulis and Steve Doran — met the minimum score requirement to qualify for the CIAU's. They will be held on March 2nd and 3rd at the University of British Columbia.

York in playoffs with Laurentian win

By Lawrence Knox

For the ninth consecutive year, York University hockey Yeomen have obtained a playoff berth in the Ontario Universities Athletic Association, thanks to little help from their friends, the Laurentian Voyageurs.



Last weekend, Laurentian closed out their season by sweeping two games from the University of Ottawa Gee Gees, to allow York to finish in the third and final playoff position, three points ahead of Ottawa. Last week, York's playoff hopes were severely tarnished following a humiliating 10-3 loss to the University of Toronto Blues at Varsity Arena.

York will get their chance to thank Laurentian personally tomorrow night when the Yeomen travel to Sudbury to play in the quarter-finals against the Voyageurs. Last year, the same two teams played in the quarter-finals, but there were a few differences. York finished in second place, behind the then number-one ranked Blues, while Laurentian finished in third. York

walloped the Voyageurs 8-1 on home ice last year and then gave the Blues a tough time before bowing out 8-6 in the OUA final.

Going into tomorrow's game, York will need strong performances from players who led York to their 5-2-3 record in the second half of the regular season. Forwards Paul Johnson, Al Sinclair and Brian Burtch all figured prominently in the latter half of the season as York top scorers. Bob Fukumoto, who was ejected from last week's game along with Toronto's Wayne Morrissey for fighting, will have to provide some

tough forechecking along with teammate Steve Falkner.

Captain Chris Kostka has the tough task of shoring up the weak Yeomen defence which failed to give goaltender George Darnowski, who will probably start tomorrow night, little protection last Wednesday against the Blues. Darnowski will also have to be sharp.

In other playoff action, Toronto will host McMaster University Feb. 20, at Varsity Arena, and the University of Guelph Gryphons will play the University of Windsor Lancers in Guelph also on Feb. 20.

Yeomen poised for title

By Bruce Gates

The first ranked York Yeomen are poised to capture their second straight Ontario East basketball title after they won their ninth consecutive game here last Friday night over the Laurentian Voyageurs. The final score was York 87, Laurentian 51.

A win here tomorrow night over the second-place Carleton Ravens will sew up the title.

"We shut down Mark Bennett pretty good," Coach Bain said afterward. Bennett, who leads the league in scoring was limited to only seven against the Yeomen. Bo Pelech and Lonnie Ramati led York scorers with 17 and 16 points respectively. Other York players in double figures were Chris McNeilly with 12 points and Dave Coulthard and Ron Kaknevicus, who each netted 10.

Last Tuesday, York hammered the host Ryerson Rams, 119-55 — the second consecutive game they'd done so. The week before, York ran up a 93-28 total here against the Rams.

In both games, York's substitute players saw plenty of action, which makes one wonder what the score might have been had the starters



Bryon Johnson

York doused

Blues win battle at Waterloo

By May Lau

WATERLOO — The OWIAA Swimming and Diving Championships was held over the weekend at the Wilfred Laurier University pool. During the two-day competition, the battle for the championship trophy was mainly between U of T and University of Waterloo. U of T, however, won it narrowly from Waterloo.

Yeowomen placed seventh overall, a good position considering all the odds against them.

The only medalist for York was Jane Thacker. Thacker won a bronze in the 200m breaststroke. It would have been another medal for Thacker in the 100m breaststroke however she was out-touched by Nancy Lee of Toronto and Carla Pepper of Queens for second or third place. The winner of that event was Donna Lori of Windsor, who pulled away from the field at the 50m mark for a comfortable victory. Behind her, it was a neck-to-neck race among Thacker, Lee and Pepper all the way to the finish. The electronic timing board caught Lee at 2nd, Pepper at 3rd and Thacker 4th, with just hundreds of the second separating them. Another tough but victorious event for Thacker was in the 200m IM. She won the race from Judy Harvey-Smith of Queens by a mere touch in the consolation finals.

Another point scorer for York was Donna Miller. Miller's pet events, the 100m and 200m backstroke, were highly-

competitive ones. The field consisted of some of the best backstrokers in Ontario and Miller was unfortunately out-touched into 4th places for both the events. In the 100m freestyle, Miller was placed to be the 5th best among Ontario's university swimmers.

The Yeowomen who made it to the consolation finals were the team's captain, Donna Duffy in the



400m IM and the 200 m butterfly, Liz MacGregor in the 400m freestyle, Bernie MacGregor in the 200m breaststroke and Lynn Tomlinson in the 100m butterfly.

The three Yeowomen relay teams fared better than expected. The 400m freestyle relay team of Anne Querengesser, Liz MacGregor, Thacker and Miller proved to be the fourth best team in Ontario. The team lost narrowly to Western for the third place. Waterloo's A team was 1st with Windsor as second.

The 800m freestyle relay team (Querengesser, Tomlinson, Bernita Hickey and Duffy) was second in their heat.

They lost to Waterloo B by three tenths of the second and was placed eighth overall. In the 400m medley relay, the Yeowomen team (May Lau, Bernie MacGregor, Tomlinson and Lori Baldwin) was also 8th overall in that event.

Two Yeowomen divers at the championship were Martha Helenda and Julie Gibson. Both did not dive well enough to be in the top 12 positions, (only the top 12 were allowed into the finals. Both girls had been training diligently with their coach, Lee Colby, all season. It was due to the lack of competitions that did not see them through to the finals over the weekend.

The highlight of the championship came when swimmers from McMaster, York and Windsor, got together to lead the rest of the crowd there into singing 'Oh Canada'.

"The girls' singing was just great!", said Yeowomen coach Carol Gluppe, reflecting the crowd's general opinions. But for coach Gluppe it was more than the singing that was great. Yeowomen had performed up to par, many an instance better than what was expected. For most for the swimmers, the championship ended the season for them very nicely.

played most of the game. But as the coach suggested, the games were in the bag before they began. All the same, "we still had to show up to play," Bain said.

About the only challenge York received from Ryerson was the Yeomen's ability to keep up the intensity. "We didn't keep it up at times," Bain said. "And we let down at the end." Which accounts for most of Ryerson's 55 points.

York gets a chance to keep up their intensity this Saturday night when they play in the Mike Moser Memorial game in Waterloo. The Warriors have never lost a Moser game.

Said Bain: "It's going to be a tough game before their big noisy crowd. And it's really important that we play well here to show we've maintained our edge.

"Playing before the large crowd should help us prepare for the nationals, and I hope we do well Saturday."

Free throws: Eight players hit double figures against Ryerson last Tuesday, led by Lonnie Ramati with 19 points.... And now it's time for the next edition of Excalibur's top ten: 1. York; 2. St. Mary's; 3. St. Francis Xavier; 4. Victoria; 5. Acadia; 6. Windsor; 7. Waterloo; 8. Brandon; 9. Winnipeg; 10. Bishop's.