

Gymnastics juggernaut grabs CIAU gold

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The gymnastics Yeomen struck gold to capture their 15th national title in 16 years at the CIAU championship meet in Calgary March 9 and 10.

Both head coach Tom Zivic and his assistant Masaaki Naosaki were pleased with the Yeomen's results. "The gymnasts proved again that they are definitely the best in the country," said Zivic. "If we had to compete with the U.S.A we would probably be on top."

According to Zivic, the team's success is due to its youth, talent and size. Team veterans work with the younger gymnasts to ease them into university competition.

The competition's first day determined the team championship, all-around individual championships and the qualifiers for the individual event finals. The event finals determined the individual event championships. One strong performer for the Yeomen was Scott McDonald, who came away with three golds, four silvers and one bronze. "McDonald did not perform his best but was very consistent which brought him his high place standing," said Zivic.

"J.P. Kramer did exceptionally well on high bar [where he tied with McDonald for gold]," said Naosaki about another strong York performer. Kramer also took home another gold, a silver and a bronze.

In the all-around individual championship, York's George Zivic was leading four events until an error on the floor exercises dropped him into third place.

Competing in his first national championships for the Yeomen was Colin Hood. Hood earned no



The Yeomen celebrate their O.U.A.A. win earlier this year.

individual medals but gave a solid performance on floor, parallel bars and high bar. "It was a positive surprise the youngest member of the team, Colin, had his best competition," said Zivic. "Nobody expected him to place in three finals."

York's Mike Hood earned a bronze medal on the parallel bars but at the same time injured his ankle, giving him a difficult time on the floor exercises and the vault which followed.

Another injured Yeoman gymnast was Richard Smith who, despite his injuries, managed to win a bronze medal on rings.

Team captain Jeff Sweeney did not compete but acted as team manager at Calgary.

Naosaki was satisfied with the gymnasts' tough and successful year. "I was very happy the gymnasts worked hard throughout the year; six days a week," Naosaki said. "Based on our facilities we must train three to four times a week in Newmarket but no gym-

nasts complained."

Zivic agreed. "The facilities provided by the Newmarket Gymnastics Academy are absolutely essential for that high level of gymnastics. Regardless of the problems with the administration and the physical education department, Naosaki and I are determined to continue our winning style for quite a few years to come."

The Yeomen hope to host next year's CIAU championships.

The Yeowomen placed a discouraging sixth at their CIAU meet, held in conjunction with the men's championship. They were, however, only five one hundredths of a point behind the fifth place team.

"Realistically our spot was second place," said head coach Natasa Bajin. The women were in third place standing up until their final event — bars, which took them down to sixth.

According to Bajin, the team was hurt by the absence of their star, Risa Litwin. Also hindering

the Yeowomen's chances were Becky Chambers' two falls on beam and bars. "If Risa was there and Becky had a better day, we would have been in second place. We did quite good but the key performers were not there," said Bajin.

Despite the unsatisfactory results in the weekend competition, Bajin was generally happy with the results of the whole season: the Yeowomen won all of their previous competitions this year including their 15th provincial title.

Bajin looks forward to another progressive and competitive team next year. "The first year students that will be coming back is encouraging." Bajin hopes to recruit two elite gymnasts to York, one being a national team member.

Experienced veterans Risa Litwin and Linda Stewart plan to compete for another year. Fourth year veteran Leanne Grant and freshman Cari Borenstein will be leaving the team.

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