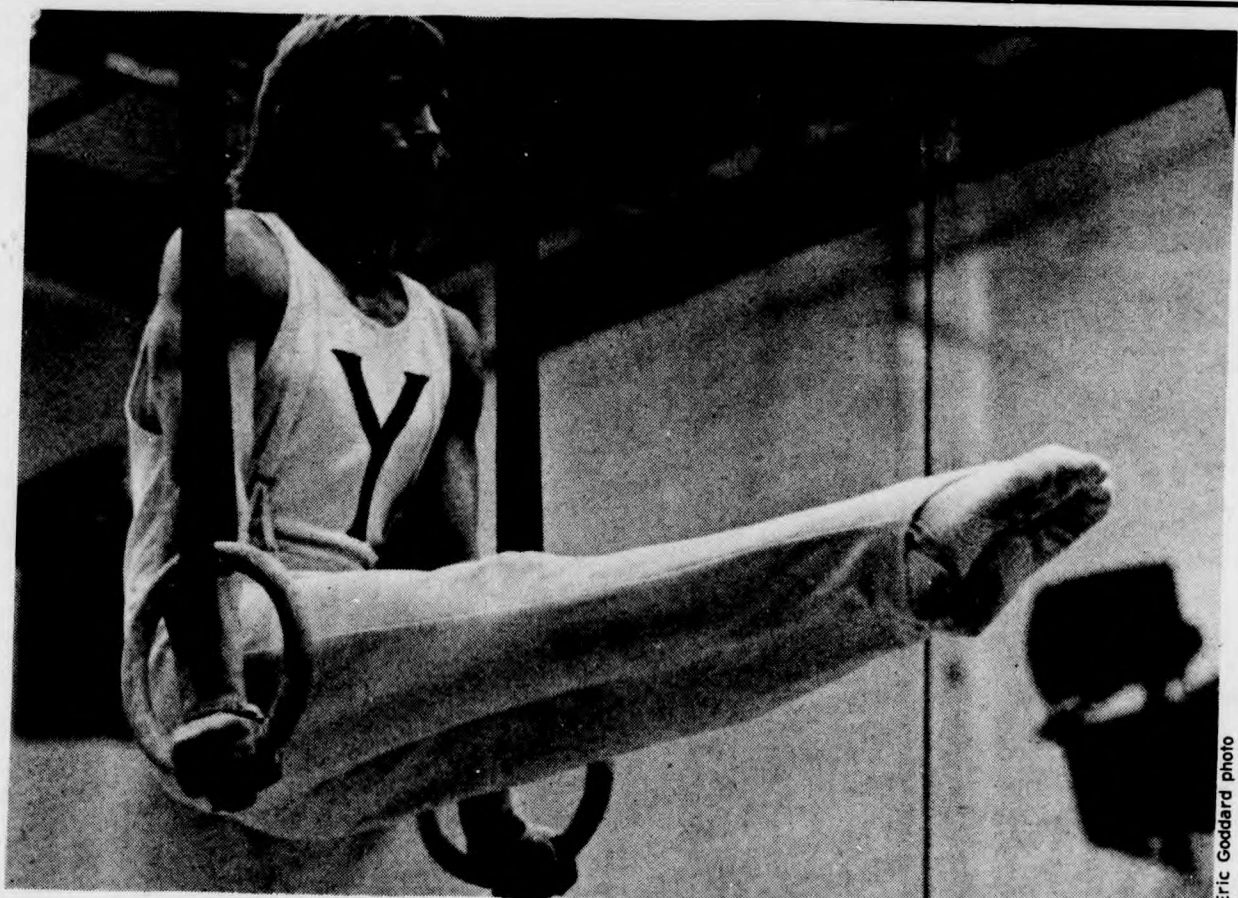


Sports

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York gymnasts secure title

Scott Tanner displays a winning form on the rings at the OUAA men's gymnastics championships held here at Tait McKenzie this past weekend. The York squad was presented with the Caron trophy for turning in the top team performance in accumulating 235.2 points. It marked the second successive year that the Yeomen have been presented the award. In the six-team meet, McMaster placed second with 226.8 points, Queen's was third with 199.3 points and

the University of Toronto finished fourth with 179.1 points. The top individual honours in all-around competition went to Steve Mitruk of McMaster, who scored 53.85 points. Mitruk was followed closely by two York representatives, Tom Kinsman, who finished the competition with a total of 52.3 points, and Dave Hunter, who registered a final point count of 49.3.

V-ball men meet top foes

By MARTY HERSON

SUDBURY — Five top Canadian volleyball teams represented their athletic unions in vying for top national honours here at the CIAU finals. York represented the OUAA, the competitors included the York Yeomen, the University of Winnipeg Wesmen, Calgary Dinosaurs, Sherbrooke University's Vert et Or, and the University of Moncton. The Yeomen's first match Friday

was with the Defending champions, University of Winnipeg who proved to be too strong for the Yeomen, winning 15-7, 15-3. The Yeomen then recovered to defeat the Moncton squad 15-7, 15-9.

York then had to defeat Calgary for the Yeomen to win to have a chance for the finals, but the Calgary squad stopped York with scores of 15-13, 15-1.

Saturday the Yeomen played their last match with Sherbrooke and bowed out 15-7, 15-3.

The University of Winnipeg won the CIAU volleyball title for the third successive year by defeating Sherbrooke 3-2 in the best-of-five final.

The University of Calgary was third with a 2-2 won-lost record. York had a 1-3 record and University of Moncton lost all four of its games.

Hockey Preview

Blues should retain OUAA crown

By ALAN RISEN

After an impressive undefeated season (17 wins, no losses) the Toronto Varsity Blues must be rated odds-on-favourites to repeat as OUAA hockey champions.

But several other teams — Western, Waterloo, Laurentian and York have all showed strong potential this year and any one of them may play the giant-killer in the playdowns.

Results of the quarter-final matches were not known at presstime so here is a rundown of all eight teams with playoff berths. Teams are listed in their order of finish.

EAST

TORONTO VARSITY BLUES

The Blues demonstrated overall balance and superiority this year by tallying the highest goals for (152) while allowing fewest goals against (41) en route to an undefeated (17-0) record. Only in exhibition games have they been defeated — by Sir George Williams of the Quebec League, St. Mary's in the Maritimes and Cornel of the Ivy League. They have the leagues leading goal scorers in Bill Buba and Kent Ruhnke and one of the best goalies in college hockey in Bruce Durno.

LAURENTIAN VOYAGEURS

The Voyageurs will host the Queen's Golden Gaels in series B in the east. This should be the best quarter-final match up. The Voyageurs have a hardnosed squad that like to play tough and are always hard to beat at home. But they will be facing a strong Gael team that has really come on since Christmas with the additions of Jim Sunstrum and John Adair who have become Queen's top scorers. In the first meeting between

these two clubs Laurentian won handily 8-3 in Sudbury. But the second meeting, the re-inforced Gaels knocked over the Voyageurs 6-2. If anything should tip the balance in this game it will be the fine goaltending of Laurentian's Dave Tataryn.

QUEEN'S GOLDEN GAELS

The Gaels finished in third place, edging out the York Yeomen by defeating the Voyageurs in the final game of the season. The additions of Adair and Sunstrom give the Gaels a potent attack to go along with a better than average defense.

YORK YEOMEN

The biggest problem to face the 1971-72 OUAA Eastern division pennant champions has been inexperience. With only four regulars back from last year, coach Dave Chambers has had to go with a largely rookie contingent. In spite of this the Yeomen began the season with a surprising nine game win streak (including exhibition matches). But as the season progressed top teams such as Toronto, Western and Laurentian took advantage of York's shortcomings. Lack of experience, size, and a suspect defense led to losses — six losses — all to the top teams in the league. Injuries and retirements further depleted the York line-up as goalie Doug Hutchison, defenseman Al Barnes, and forwards Barry Jenkins and Paul Cerre are all gone for the season. The latter two hurt the most as Jenkins and Cerre killed penalties and played the power play as well as taking a regular shift on the first line. As a result York entered Tuesday night's contest with 11 students from first year and only two regulars from last season. Only a superlative effort could advance York in the playoffs. But it must also be

remembered that York gave Toronto its hardest games of the regular season in losing 8-5 and 7-4.

WEST

WESTERN MUSTANGS

Playing very strongly in the second half of the season, Western went on to easily capture the western division pennant. Led by Gary Coons and Peter Fraser who were one-two in the league in scoring the Lancers topped their division in team scoring. Together with an enviable defense, this gives Western the best chance of upsetting the Blues for top honours.

WATERLOO WARRIORS

The best defense in the west (63 goals against in 17 games) allowed the Warriors to beat out Guelph for second place. On offence Waterloo scored 114 goals, second best behind Western in their division and third overall in the OUAA. The Warriors are a good team and must also be rated a chance for top laurels.

GUELPH GRYPHONS

The Gryphons were unimpressive in their third place finish this season as their 9-6-2 won-loss-tied record would indicate. In the important statistics, Guelph scored 105 goals and allowed 77 against. Their top scorers were Dave Farago and John Marshall. They should beat a weak Windsor squad in the quarters. They have little chance, however, of advancing past the semis.

WINDSOR LANCERS

The Lancers are the weakest team in the '73 playoffs. With a record of 9-8 they managed a playoff berth mainly because of the incompetence of the other three teams — McMaster, Lutheran and Brock. Their season should end in the quarter-finals.

Blues sound end for York puckmen

By ED PIWOWARCZYK

York's hockey Yeomen saw their season come to a close Tuesday night when they went down 8-2 to the Varsity Blues in quarter-final playoff action at Varsity arena.

Hindered by injuries and inexperience, the York squad fell behind 5-0 in a disastrous first period which saw the Blues open scoring in the first minute of play.

Bill Buba and Ivan McFarlane both notched two goals in the opening frame, with Neil Korzack becoming Varsity's third two-goal man with his third period output.

The York markers came from the sticks of Steve Mitchell and Andrew Sanderson.

Playing the entire game between the pipes for the Yeomen, netminder Greg Harrison faced 21 shots in the first period, when the Blues were allowed to have their own way with the puck. The York netminder cannot be faulted for the deficit as the Blues controlled the play in the period, and went around the defencemen and their checks.

The Yeomen were not able to generate any kind of offence in that period and managed only four shots on goal.

York recovered in the second period to put some spark into their play with Mitchell's goal, scored when the Blues were about to be assessed a penalty. The Yeomen were better able to keep up with the Blues and hold them in check in the period, keeping the level of play on even terms.

Varsity opened the scoring for the final frame at the 25 second mark on Korzack's first goal of the evening. Sanderson replied with a backhander two minutes later for York, but the Blues put two more in to close scoring for the game.

In their final game of the regular season, the Yeomen were downed 7-4 by the Blues. Bob Munro and Kent Ruhnke led the Varsity attack with two goals each, while Al Avery, Chris Christie, Doug Dunsmuir and Sanderson were the York goalkeepers.

PUCKNOTES: The Blues outshot the Yeomen 60-18, an exaggerated figure in the opinion of this writer . . . John Wright, an all-star centre with the Blues last year and now playing for the Vancouver Canucks, was impressed with Harrison's goaltending.

Second season ends for York's wrestlers

York's wrestling team finished their second season of competition finals held at University of Windsor. The Yeomen tied for fourth place with the cross-town rivals University of Toronto, who had ten wrestlers competing. Last year York finished fifth.

The Western Mustangs placed with Waterloo second and Guelph third.

York was represented by John Galli, 142 lbs., John Page, 157 lbs., Tony De Thomas, 177 lbs., Mario Raponi, 190 lbs. and the light-weight

Bill Howes at 115 lbs.

The pleasant surprise of the meet for York was Bill Howes. After two matches the first day, Howes emerged with no bad points against him as he pinned his foes from Queen's and Toronto.

In the finals De Thomas against Chris Hall from Guelph, last year's winner in the OUAA and CIAU heavy-weight. A very close match which went the full nine minutes of fighting saw De Thomas take a 6-4 decision.

Because of the upset De Thomas fought well enough to earn the coaches' award as the most outstanding wrestler of the meet.

De Thomas, representing the OUAA, placed third in the CIAU finals which were held in Guelph last weekend.

Foul shots make Windsor squad b-ball champs

By RON KAUFMAN

History repeated itself Saturday at the University of Waterloo Athletic Complex when Jerry Sovran and the Windsor Lancers won the OUAA Basketball Championships with a last second 76-75 victory over the host Waterloo Warriors.

The Warrior-Lancer final was a see-saw affair throughout, the difference being Sovran's two foul shots with three seconds showing on the clock. Sovran, the Lozynsky Brothers (Walt and Bill) and the Coulthard brothers (Chris and Bruce) led the Lancers while Mike Moser and Tom Kieswetter were the pick of the Warriors. Moser, from Kitchener, returned home this year after playing his freshmen ball for Brown University in the States.

Waterloo reached the finals with a surprisingly close 73-61 victory over the Carleton Ravens while the Lancers advanced via a 104-60 rout of the Laurentian Voyageurs. Both games showed the superiority of western division teams over the east, in terms of starting players, bench strength and, most importantly, coaching.