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CANNONBALL: Well, maybe not. But Yeowoman Cathy Clark's first-rate performance helped York capture the OUAA title.

Yeowomen synch-ers float to top of OUAA meet

The Yeowomen synchronized swimming squad captured their second ever OWIAA swimming title at the Ontario finals which were held at the Tait McKenzie pool on the weekend of February 12-14. Their previous OWIAA title was won back in the '85-'86 season.

York finished with a total of 78.3 points, followed by Toronto with 74.6. In third place was McMaster finishing with 74.3 and Waterloo (senior) coming in fourth with an overall score of 72.3.

The Yeowomen were lead to their first place finish by some superb performances. In the duet category the team of Cathy Clark and Jo Ann Taylor placed first with a score of 81.2, beating out their fellow teammates Less Anne Harrison and Nicole Scheidl, who placed second, scoring 79.8.

In the solo category, Clark and teammate Scheidl placed second and third respectively, earning scores of

79.6 and 76.0. Finishing first was University of Toronto's Nancy Jackson with a score of 81.0.

In the figures competition, the Yeowomen placed two swimmers in the top five. Yeowoman Lee Anne Harrison placed 5th scoring 79.4 and coming in third was Taylor with a score of 80.4.

Other competitors for York who performed admirably were Cheryl Thompson who placed 4th in the novice figures competition along with teammates Janice Craig (10th) and Sandy Sauve (12th). In the figures intermediate competition York's Elizabeth Murtha placed second.

Three Yeowomen were also named to the All-Ontario Team following the OWIAA tournament. The three Yeowomen were Lee Anne Harrison, with 12 points, Nicole Scheidl with 10 points and Cathy Clark with 7 points.

Seedy CHRY wins

By BRENT MUSSBERGER

There have been many battles in the history of the earth, English vs. French, East vs. West, Super friends vs. Legion of Doom, and now *Excalibur* vs. Radio York.

On Sunday the two hockey titans faced off at parking lot A to determine media hockey supremacy. It

was a vicious contest that saw *Excalibur* jump out to a 1-0 lead. But the Radio fools, who forgot to bring their own hockey net, were able to score six unanswered goals. It was a bitter loss for *Excal*. Sports editors "Howie" Marr and James Hoggett have promised a rematch to restore supremacy to the 111 Central Square heroes.

York's Eccleston, Litwin score overall victories at Ontario gymnastics final

By MARIO PIETRANGELO

York University, better known as the "Big Red Machine" in the gymnastic circle, steamrolled over the competition last weekend, winning both the OWIAA and OUAA championships.

The Yeowomen were led once again by the remarkable Risa Litwin. With the exception of a mediocre performance on the uneven bars, Litwin was sensational, capturing four gold medals. Litwin was first in the floor exercise, vault, balance beam, and her combined score of 34.88 was good enough for the all-around championship.

"I was very happy with my routine on the balance beam because I had problems with this event at the last meet," said Litwin. Litwin said that it was especially nice to win the team and individual titles, because this may have been her last competition. Litwin explained that she will be spending a great deal of time coaching at the Newmarket Gymnastics Club, and is uncertain whether she will be able to train for next year.

Yeowomen Suzanne deValk also had a tremendous weekend for York. deValk was very consistent as she qualified for the finals in each of the four events, and then went on to win silver medals in the uneven bars and floor exercise and a bronze medal on the balance beam. deValk's combined score of 34.04 earned her a bronze medal in the all-around competition.

York's Leane Grant also had a good meet, and finished 6th in the all-around competition, while Yeowoman Karen Pringle turned in an excellent routine on the uneven bars to win a bronze medal.

York won the championship with a score of 136.35, and McMaster led by Dianne St. Marie finished in 2nd with a total of 134.83. Despite the victory, lack of funding, left the Yeowomen somewhat melancholy. "It is sad when you know you have the best team, but can't go to the National Championships," explained Yeowoman coach Natasa Bajin. "I just hope that next year things will be different."

This was supposed to be a rebuilding year for the Yeomen, but it certainly didn't look like it, the way they performed last weekend. York has a good mixture of youth and experience, and this proved to be a winning combination. York veterans John Eccleston and Bert Mathieson finished 1st and 3rd respectively in the all-around competition, with scores of 52.55 and 51.40. Meanwhile, Yeomen rookies Jean Paul Kraemer and Mike Hood finished in 5th and 6th with scores of 50.40 and 49.80.

Yeoman John Eccleston had a phenomenal weekend as he captured a medal in each of the six events. Eccleston turned in his best performance, finishing 1st on the pommel horse and rings, 2nd on the high bar, and 3rd in the floor exercise, vault, and parallel bars.

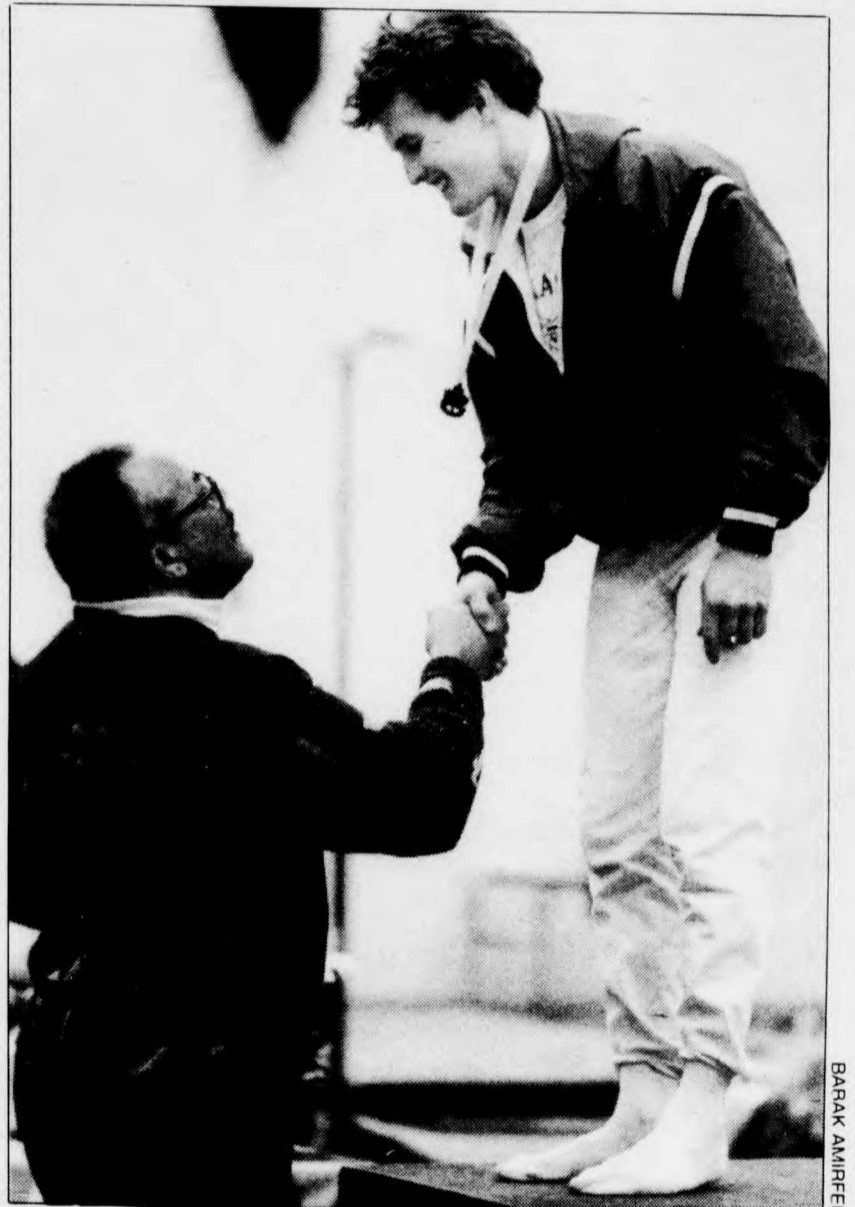
"I was hitting every move in my routines, and I didn't make any major mistakes," said Eccleston. "It was just a really great meet for me, and hopefully everything will continue to go right at the Canadian Championships."

Yeoman Bert Mathieson won a gold medal on the parallel bars, and silver medals on the rings and pommel bars. After the meet, Mathieson said that he hopes to do even better at the nationals, but realizes that he has to fine tune his routines in order to win.

Mike Hood and J.P. Kraemer came through with a steady effort to ensure the victory. Kraemer won the

gold in the vault, and Hood won a silver in the floor exercise and added bronze medals in the vault and high bar.

Terry Mitruk led McMaster to a second place finish with a total of 136.75, but the Marauder's were easily beaten by the Yeomen, who compiled an astounding score of 156.25. York coach Tom Zivic said, "The key to our victory is that our athletes are physically, mentally, and technically better prepared than the other teams." Coach Masaki Naosaki was also elated with his team's performance, and he hopes that the Yeomen will be ready to challenge for the Canadian University Cup in Calgary on March 11th.



BARAK AMIRFEIZ

NOW, I CAN BUY SHOES: York's John Eccleston is presented the gold medal for the all-around championship by OUAA President Ray Johnson. Eccleston won a medal in each of his six events.

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