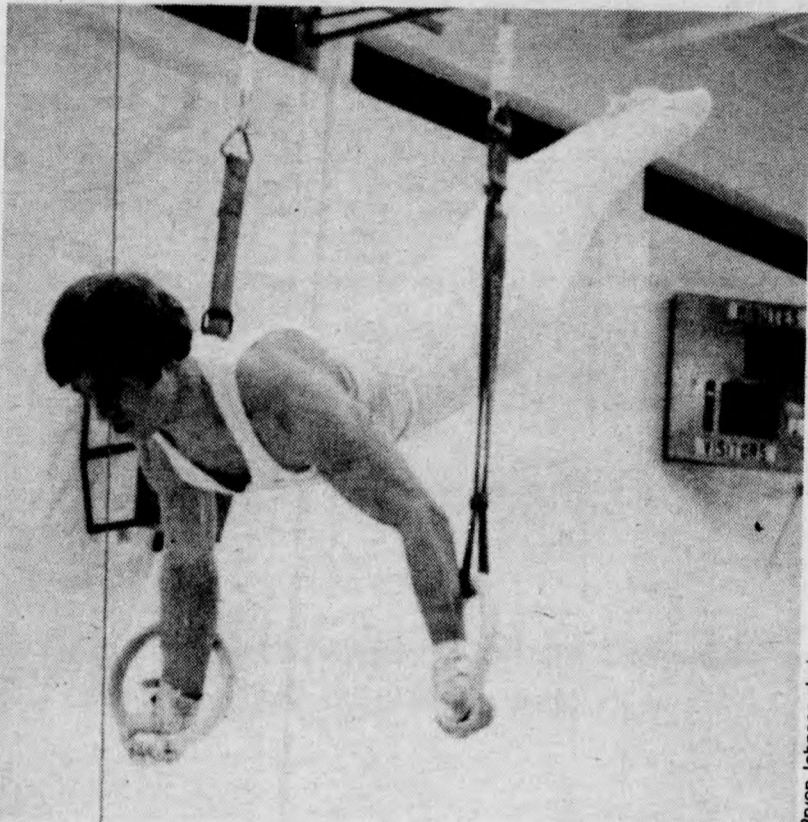


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Playoff berth for pucksters

By Ian Wasserman

Over reading week the hockey Yeomen were busy both at home studying and on the road playing hockey. Last weekend the Yeomen guaranteed for the eighth straight year a playoff berth, as they swept the season series from U of Ottawa, downing the Gee Gees by 4-1 and 3-2 scores.

With those two wins the Yeomen wrapped up second place in the OUAA east with a 10-win 8-loss 2-tie regular season record. The Yeomen now advance to the OUAA quarter finals against the Laurentian Voyageurs. That game takes place at York's Ice Palace on tomorrow night at 8 p.m.

In Ottawa, the men from York needed to gain at least one point out of the two games to assure themselves home ice advantage in the playoffs. In taking on the Gee Gees, a team doesn't know what to expect, as coach Bob Charlebois will pull any trick out of his hat to throw his opponent off.

York Coach John Marshall was ready and had his charges chomping

at the bit to get out and put it to the Gee Gees.

York, with its travelling fans, and their sirens, were all over the Gee Gees, never letting up for a minute.

Captain Dave Chalk opened the scoring on a nice tip-in. Then Bob Fukomoto rushed the puck the length of the ice to put York up by two. Glenn Wagner opened the lead to three before Ottawa got its lone marker. Bob Schnurr ended the scoring to wrap up the victory for the Yeomen.



Gord Borland

In the Sunday matinee game, York wasn't really up for the game, knowing that they had wrapped up home ice for the playoffs. Coach Marshall decided to rest some of the key players for the team and give some other players a chance.

Ottawa coach Charlebois tried all kinds of stunts in this game as he dressed his number one goalie as a forward, his trainer as a back-up goalie, and at times had seven players on the ice.

Going into the playoffs, York has won five of their last six starts with a victory over U of T and wins over Queen's as well as three from the Gee Gees. So it looks like the Yeomen are on the right track to challenge for the OUAA Crown once again.

Puck Patter..... This year's edition of the Yeomen surprise just about everyone, this being a rebuilding year.... Bob Schnurr lived up to preseason billing as an all around player.... This year's team will be next year's team as most of the players still have a lot of hockey and schooling here at York.

Steeper no. 1

By John Brunning

This weekend the Yeomen gymnasts are going west, Winnipeg to be exact, in a bid to defend their six-year reign as Canadian College champions. After winning the Ontario University Athletic Association championship, with an overall point standing 233.40 to University of Toronto's 213.95 and Queen's 163.70, the team is confident that their national title can be retained.

"Even though the teams from the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary are strong this year, I'm confident we can make it seven national championships in a row", said head coach Tom Zivic.

Assistant coach, Maosaki

Naosaki, confirmed this belief. "Our chances are very good," he said. "We went to Penn State recently and although we didn't win, we were quite successful, considering the Penn State team is one of the best, if not the best, team in the States."

Much of the team's success can be attributed to the performances of David Steeper and Mark Epprecht, both of whom are members of the Canadian National team.

Steeper captured the O.U.A.A. individual championship two weeks ago, by winning three events and tying for first with teammate Epprecht in one. Along with his tie, Epprecht won two events, good enough for second place overall.

Swimmers third to U of T, Waterloo Neil Harvey takes home four golds

The Yeomen swimmers swam to a third place finish in the OUAA championships, at McMaster February 18, which coach Byron MacDonald fully expected before the competition began. "We have the outstanding individuals to take Waterloo and Toronto on one-to-one and beat them, but we lack the overall depth to outscore them in this type of competition, where each school can enter 18 men to score".

The final tally had U of T the

victor for the 18th straight year, with 538 points, followed by Waterloo with 489, York with 305, and Western with 261 out of the 10 schools that participated.

The outstanding individual performer for the Yeomen was Neil Harvey, who won four gold medals. "Neil won everything he swam — what more can a coach ask?" said MacDonald.

Gary MacDonald and Mark Erin also recorded gold medal per-

formances; MacDonald's coming in the 100 metre freestyle, and Erwin's in the 50 metre freestyle.

Both freestyle relay teams gave "crowd pleasing" performances as coach MacDonald called it, for they both came from behind to win. The 4 x 200 metre relay team of Cam Rothery, Graham Sutch, Harvey and MacDonald was over 11 seconds behind at the half way point and went on to win by four full seconds, while the 4 x 100 metre relay team of John Bevan, Erin, Sutch, and MacDonald were marginally behind when anchor man MacDonald hit the water, but went on to win handily by over two seconds.

Finalist George Trenton turned in the best personal performance of the meet, according to coach MacDonald, as he dropped several seconds off his best times and placed in the top 12 in both butterfly events to score valuable points for the Yeomen.

Other men garnering points for the Yeomen included George Skene and Andy Manahan in the middle distance freestyle events, Patrick Siu in the breaststroke, Lee Colby in the diving, and Peter Tiidus and Leon Plona in their relay swims.

The nine Yeomen that have made the stiff qualifying cut-off times to enter the CIAU championships are busy preparing for the meet next week, in hope of upsetting both U of T and Waterloo to gain no. one swimming honors in the country.

Synchronized swimmers make their mark

On February 10 York's synchronized swimmers burst into the spotlight with a second place finish at the Ontario championships at Queen's.

Although they did not threaten Queen's, the Yeowomen's 32 point accumulation firmly secured the silver medal.

Queens came first in the 10 team competition with 54 points and McGill third with 21.

Star swimmer for the team was Betty Anne Brennand who brought home gold in both senior figures and the solo competition. Pam Hague placed second for York in novice figures and Elaine Hutton came fourth in senior figures and the solo event.

Also chalking up points for York were the sixth-place duet of Gayle Brocklebank and Jennifer Lloyd and the 8th placed duet of Hague and Hutton.

York was eighth in the team event.

Coach Pat Murray is looking forward to a bright future for the team after its surprise performance in Kingston.

"We're getting closer to the powerhouse (Queen's) every year," said Murray.

The Yeowomen will continue to practise for the rest of the year in preparation for their shot at the title next season.

York team may ski Can-Am



The York Ski Team placed well in the season's standings, tying for third place out of twelve teams in the Ontario universities ski circuit.

York started the season slowly, with two sixth place finishes, but jumped into contention with second, third and fourth place finishes in the last three races. This great end-of-the-season showing may enable York to participate in the Can-Am races to be held in Lake Placid NY, starting March 5, 1978.

Contributing to the team's success were Rudy Tomiczek and Martin Kratochvil, who finished eighth and ninth respectively in the overall individual standings for the season.

Seats are available for the Osgoode Ski Trip to Blue Mountain, Friday February 24. \$10 includes bus, lifts and beer. Contact Bob Haguman, 661-4729.

Did red card cause York's volleyball defeat?

By George Trenton

The women's volleyball team undefeated in regular season play, were upset in their bid to make the OWIAA playoffs last February 10 and 11 at the OWIAA pre-final held at Brock University.

After a series of controversial, penalty-filled matches, the team placed second overall. The University of Guelph won the tournament, despite protests from York coach Sandy Silver.

The tournament was set up so the bottom three teams from the first division played the top three teams in division two.

The top three teams in division one (Western, Waterloo and Queen's) received a bye into the finals.

On Friday the first two matches saw York defeat Brock and Windsor quite easily. In the third match York took McMaster handily.

In the first game the Yeowomen put it together and won 15- to 3. In the next two games McMaster was able to increase their points but still lost 15-10 and 15-10.

The next day York again faced the McMaster team in the semi-final. The first game was one-sided with York winning 15-4, and took the next three 15-12 and 15-2, and 15-7.

In the first game of the final match York steamrolled over the Gryphons 15-5.

In the second game it seemed as if the Yeowomen had to play against the referee as well as Guelph.

With the Yeowomen down 14-11 in the second game the referee stopped the play in the middle of a volley and accused one of the York players of swearing at him.

He then called a red card which constitutes either a loss of serve or awarding the other team with a point.

The referee chose the latter so Guelph won the game 15-11.

York coach Sandy Silver immediately filed a protest. The Yeowomen lost the next two games by close scores but it seemed evident they were upset by the poor refereeing.

In the fourth game York was down 14-11 when the referee again called a red card. This time he chose to take away a York serve.

Guelph scored and won the game 15-11.

Silver again filed a protest but got nowhere. The league took sides with the referee and disallowed the protest.

"The red card is very uncommon in volleyball," said Yeowoman Sandy Hart. "We never lost to Guelph all season. We were the better team and it is too bad we couldn't play in the playoffs."

The Yeowomen will advance to division I along with Guelph as a result of their fine play in the tournament. They will continue to practise twice a week and compete in several Ontario volleyball association Senior Double A league matches before season ends in April.