

Determination and confidence bring victory in WITCA meet

In the first official gymnastics meet held last Saturday, York edged out U. of T. by a fraction of a point. Competing in the W.I.T.C.A. (Women's Intercollegiate Two Conference Association) Gymnastics Championship were McGill, McMaster, Queens, Western, U. of T. and York.

The girls competed in four events: the balance beam, vaulting, uneven parallel bars, and free exercise.

The championship was divided into two categories, junior and senior. Those girls who competed in the senior events were those who had previously been in club

competition or had placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the 1968 W.I.T.C.A. championship. The rest of the girls competed at the junior level.

Although the calibre of gymnastics has improved in recent years, none could match York's Barb Thompson for all around style, grace, and excellence. She proved this by winning all four events thereby placing first in the senior competition with a total of 33.60 points out of a possible 40.

Also in the senior competition for York was Elsbeth Austin. After almost missing the meet, the coaches had a consultation and decided to allow her to compete. The result was that she placed 2nd overall in the senior events thus boosting York to victory.

The juniors on the team, although not winning any events, have steadily improved over the year with excellent training. (As of last Friday, York now has the great honour of having Mr. Boris Bajan, former Yugoslavian Olympic gymnastics coach, on its staff to train the girls.)

Shirley Rutherford came 2nd on the uneven bars. The other juniors consisting of Tory McLeod, Tamy Ruhmann, and Joan Henderson all put on a good display. With more training and more confidence they will do well next year.

York's victory was a real team effort and without any member they could not have won the championship. They narrowly edged out U of T by the score of 122.00 points to 121.27 points.

The final standings were as follows:

Junior Events: Free Exercise — Sharon Buckingham (U of T), Beam — Sharon Buckingham (U of T), Vaulting — Virve Ruhno (Western), Uneven — Liz Swinton (Queens).

Senior Events: Free exercise, Beam, Vaulting and Unevens — Barb Thompson (YORK).

Overall Individual Winners: Junior: 1st — L. Swinton (Queens), 29.45 pts., 2nd — J.

Boville (McGill), 23.80 pts., 3rd — L. Lamothe (McMaster), 20.55 pts. Senior: 1st — Barb Thompson (YORK), 33.60 pts., 2nd — Elsbeth Austin (YORK), 25.00 pts., 3rd — A. Balderson (McGill), 24.35 pts.

Overall Team Standings: 1st — York, 122 pts., 2nd — U of T, 121.27 pts., 3rd — Queens, 100.60 pts., 4th — McGill, 78.85 pts., 5th — Western, 70.45 pts., and 6th — McMaster, 54.25 pts.



Norm Cromey

With perfect control, Barb Thompson performs on the uneven bars.



Scott McMaster

McGill's best senior competitor.

Women's sports briefs

BADMINTON

York hosts McMaster on Thursday February 6 in their last match of the season.

BASKETBALL

The York women will take to the courts on home ground on Thursday February 6 (tonight) against McMaster and will also host Ryerson on Tuesday, February 11. Both games will take place in the Tait McKenzie Building.

ICE HOCKEY

The York squad travels to Peterborough on Saturday with a 2-1 record. This rematch against Trent is their last game of the season.

SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING

York does have a synchronized swimming team. Although the team has remained in relative obscurity since an exhibition meet at the beginning of the year, the girls have been working hard and are now ready to do their thing.

The OQWCIA meet will be held in Windsor on Friday February 7. On Wednesday February 12, the York team will be in the 2nd Annual Synchronized Swim Show.

VOLLEYBALL

Along with the B-Ball team, the women's volleyball teams host McMaster on Thursday February 6, and Ryerson on Tuesday February 11 in the Tait McKenzie Building.

Women down Trent

The women's ice hockey team got back on the winning track last Friday night when they beat Trent University 3-1.

This was by far the most evenly matched game of the year for the team. Trent and York appeared to be of about equal calibre with York ahead in skating ability. The scoring pattern is a good indication of the closeness of the game.

Trent appeared nervous in the 1st period and it was an excellent opportunity for the York squad to capitalize on this. Yet it appeared that the York team couldn't put a puck in the ocean.

With one minute left in the 1st period York went ahead 1-0 on a goal by Digna Hiel. Trent came back in the 2nd period with a much better effort to tie the game 1-1.

Finally in the 3rd period with Trent playing a man short, York's power play went to work and Ruth Ann Whipp notched what was eventually the winning goal. Four minutes later she got the insurance goal. York outshot Trent by a very large margin and had the play in the Trent end most of the time. Although York's shooting was somewhat erratic, their passing was much sharper than usual.

The penalty parade was split down the middle with each team taking three. Despite the number of penalties called, the game was not rough or scrappy.

York deviated from its usual pattern of play, switching forward lines and defence pairs. As a result, some of the lines became confused and didn't back-check.

But you can't knock success unless you're the coach and the coach was not too pleased with only three goals.

The team has practiced and played hard ever since the season started. This Saturday marks the last game as they travel to Peterborough in a rematch with Trent.

Scoring Summary of the Game

1st period - York - 1. Digna Hiel, assist Sandi Stevens

2nd period - Trent

3rd period - York - 2. Ruth Ann Whipp, assists Pat Ireson, Sandi Stevens. - York - 3. Ruth Ann Whipp

