

# sports and recreation

## Seventh national title for gymnasts

By Mike Stuart

The York men's gymnastics team asserted for the seventh consecutive time their national supremacy at the CIAU championships held this Friday in Winnipeg. It successfully defended the team title by amassing 198.5 points, a full 25 points ahead of the nearest competitor, second place U of T.

In addition, Marc Eprecht and Dave Steeper placed first and second respectively in individual all-around scores. Eprecht, with 51.35 and Steeper with 50.25, handily defeated third place Simon Smith of U of T, who had 48.4. Steven Maclean, brought out of semi-retirement for the occasion managed 47.9 for fourth spot. Other team members were Jim Tomlinson, Scott Mcleod and Frank Cirelli.

The Yeowomen, although not represented by a team, sent two strong competitors, Nancy McDonnell captured first all-

around with 33.95, as well as taking silver medals on beam and vault.

Kathy Morris came ninth all around and fifth on beam out of 35 gymnasts. The only title not taken

"That's all folks"



Gym Season Over

by York in Friday's competition was the women's team championship, which went to U of Alberta.

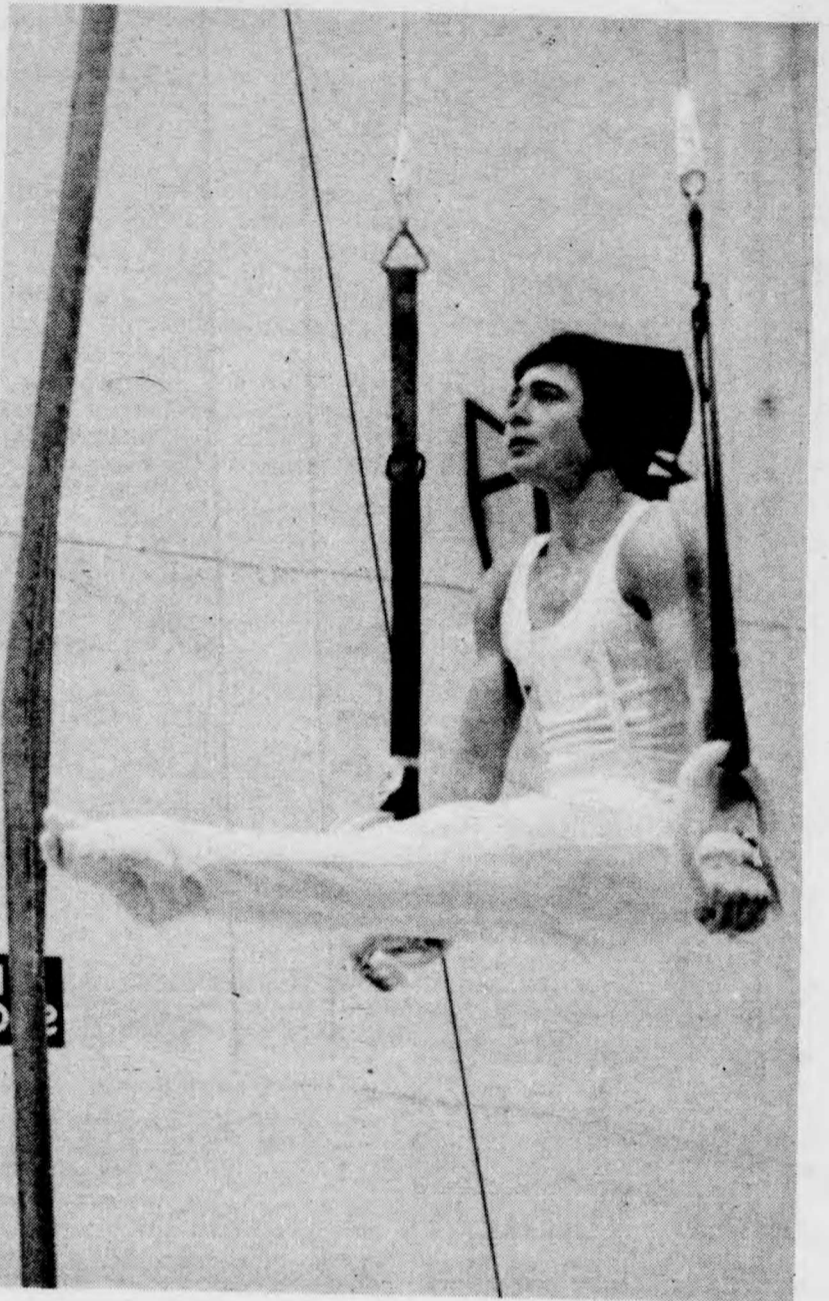
In the individual events finals on

Saturday the Yeomen reaped an impressive harvest of medals, taking all but one of the golds and silver to be had. Eprecht collected firsts on pommel horse vault and hi-bar, while Steeper took the golds in the other three events: floor rings and parallel bars.

Medal winning performances were also put in by Scott Macleod, second in vault, and Steve Maclean, third on parallel bars.

Despite York's domination coach Tom Zivic noted that the team's lead over second place had dwindled considerably since last year, but this he attributed to a general rise in the quality of the competitors.

Even with much improvement, York's dominance is so pronounced, it must seek the stiffer competition of the American colleges. The Yeomen's single loss this year was to Penn State this February 10.



Canadian champ Marc Eprecht on rings.

## Pucksters' last stand

By Ian Wasserman

For the fourth year in a row the York Yeomen hockey team was eliminated from further OUAA playoff action. This year it was the U of T Blues that knocked the Yeomen out when York lost the Eastern OUAA final on Tuesday by an 8-6 score at Varsity Stadium.

York advanced to the Eastern final by whalloping the Laurentian Voyageurs 8-1 last Friday at York's ice palace and it looked like York was going to play a spoiler role against the number one ranked Blues.

It was felt that the only team to be able to stop U of T's run for a third consecutive national championship was going to be the Yeomen.

Yeomen fans took heart when, only one minute and 26 seconds into the game John Goodish scored to put York ahead.

But three goals in the first period by U of T had the Yeomen's backs against the wall.

They weren't to be counted out, however, as Bob Schnurr put York

back in the game with a goal.

But then the roof fell in on the Yeomen as U of T put two more behind Steve Bosco to make the score 5-2 after 40 minutes of play.

Another two goals later it looked like Varsity had the game wrapped up with a five goal lead.

But goals by Aiden Flatley, Chris Kostka, John Goodish and John Winder put York right back in the game.

In that York flurry only Carry Farrelli could score for the Blues. Final score 8-6 for Varsity.

Once again it was too little too late as York was knocked out of the

OUAA championship round. But looking at the positive side the Yeomen, down by five goals never gave up, fighting back to make a contest out of the game.

Rookie coach John Marshall has to be congratulated with his team's season performance considering that he took a squad of raw talent and molded it into a top ranking Canadian team.

Yeomen hockey fans can look forward to next year's team as basically all of this year's squad will be back on the prowl with a year of experience under its belt to capture the Queen's cup next year.

## York drubs Gee-Gees

By Bruce Gates

The York Yeomen, for the first time since 1972, can shout: "We're number one!" They took first place in basketball's OUAA East here last Friday night with a 97-56 drubbing of the Ottawa Gee Gees.

York took top spot with the best won-lost record in team history — 11 wins, one loss (compared to 9-3 in 1972). Not since the days when the Yeomen were known as the *Wingdigos*, (the name was changed to "Yeomen" in 1968-69), has a York basketball team ever done as well against similar competition in regular-season play. And their record this year could have easily been 13-1 had a very weak RMC team not pulled out of league play. And some Yeomen feel the team's only loss this year, 78-75 against Laurentian, should never have happened.

No matter. The record's still impressive.

"As far as I'm concerned, this is the most talented team York has ever had," said Ted Galka, a four-year man with York and co-captain with teammate Chris McNeilly. "Last year's team made it on team spirit, hustle and hard work. This team works as hard but has the added talent."

Indeed. *The Starting Line-Up*, Canada's national basketball magazine, called this year's Yeomen "perhaps the strongest team ever to come out of... the OUAA East."

Their regular-season record this year speaks for itself. Last year's squad was strong with a 10-4 record but finished in third and were ranked ninth in Canada. This year's Yeomen are ranked second in Canada, thanks to the added talent, not to mention the extra height.

"The team we had last year was like the bench this year: It was

short", said veteran guard Harry Hunter. "We had lot of good players then but they were small. Lonnie Ramati (6 ft. 9 in.), Paul Layefsky (6 ft. 7 in.), and Frank Zulys (6 ft. 5 in.) are bigger than anyone we've ever had".

York deployed this size and talent effectively Friday night to bury Ottawa. The Yeomen used some nifty passing plays to set up baskets and improved on their first-half shooting consistency, and built up a 50-28 half time lead.

The game became so one-sided early in the second half that coach Bob Bain played his second team for most of the final 20 minutes, during which York outscored Ottawa 47-28.

The play was rough at time: On one occasion, a Gee Gee was chasing Yeomen forward Bo Pelech and gave him a hefty shove that sent Pelech flying out of bounds. Pelech retaliated by sinking a point off the foul called on the Ottawa player.

Although the Gee Gees are slightly larger than Carleton, York's opponents the week before, they were still no match inside for the Yeomen, as Lonnie Ramati (13 rebounds), Frank Zulys (6), Bo Pelech (6), Chris McNeilly (6), and Paul Layefsky (4) cleaned up under the boards. In all, York had 44 rebounds.

**Parting Shots:** In regular season play, York has outscored their opponents 1034 to 738 ... Against Ottawa, Lonnie Ramati scored 20 points followed by Chris McNeilly with 15, Bo Pelech with 13, Paul Jones, with 12, Harry Hunter with 11, Frank Zulys with 8, Dave Coulthard with 7, Ted Galka with 5, Paul Layefsky with 3, and Ron Kaknevicus with 2. Mike Willins, although he didn't score, played aggressively. Jack Eisenmann and

Jim Kent each scored 13 points for Ottawa ...

**PLAYOFF FLASH!**

**It's York vs. Laurentian this Friday for the championship**

Paced by Lonnie Ramati's 23 points and 14 each by Ted Galka and Paul Layefsky, the Yeomen ran over the Ottawa Gee Gees 97-70 Tuesday night to win the OUAA East semi-finals. York's win, coupled with Laurentian's 77-62 win over

Carleton, means Laurentian comes here Friday night for the OUAA East finals.

Here are the final OUAA East standings for 1977-1978:

TEAM	GP	W	L	F	A	PTS
York Yeomen	12	11	1	1034	738	22
Laurentian	12	11	1	992	822	22
Carleton	12	7	5	1004	863	14
Ottawa	12	6	6	828	996	12
Toronto	12	5	7	946	886	10
Queen's	12	2	10	723	1066	2
Ryerson	12	0	12	674	930	0

York finished first because they hold the point spread advantage in the two games they split with Laurentian.

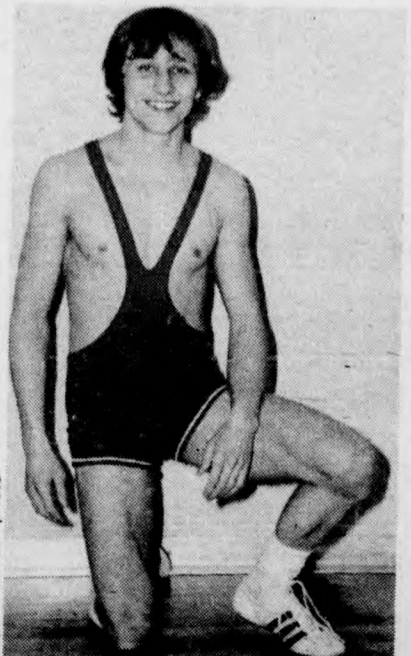
## Stitt tops again

Yeoman Jim Stitt is the Canadian university champion in the 118 lb. wrestling weight division for the second time in his two year stint at university wrestling.

Last Friday and Saturday at the Royal Military College in Kingston Stitt proved he was tops by outperforming his opponents in all six of his matches, winning four with pins.

Other Yeomen to qualify for the meet were Bob Bradbury, who wrestled at 190 lbs. and Mike Polmer, who, although losing his matches "really wrestled super" according to wrestling coach John Pickard.

Stitt will wrestle this Saturday at the Ontario senior open wrestling conference at 126 lb. weight division at Tait McKenzie. The meet commences at 11 am.



Bryon Johnson photo

## Yeowomen defend title with ease

The Yeowomen squash team of Jane Mitchell, Jackie Mersich, Lily Durzo, Diana Dimmer and Joanne Stone won the Ontario university championships at Queen's University during the weekend.

The York team beat all of its rivals, defeating Queen's by 3 matches to 2, University of Toronto 5-0, McMaster 5-0 and Waterloo 5-0 for an impressive total of 18 matches won against two lost.

McMaster, Queen's and University of Toronto tied with two wins and two losses each but McMaster gained second place by virtue of a win over Queen's.

1977-78 marks the second year women's squash has operated as a sanctioned sport in Ontario university athletics. The Yeowomen boast a perfect record as they tied with Queen's last year for the championship. With the exception of Diana Dimmer last year's team remained intact.

Women's squash teams are not widespread in universities across Canada and as a result there are no Canadian championships. The Yeowomen have therefore finished their season at the top of the ladder.