

Sports and Recreation

York-Carleton showdown

Bruce Gates

Hold on to your hats! Here we go again.

If you missed York's Feb. 17 basketball matchup against the Carleton Ravens (which York won, 80-59, before 1200 fans to clinch first place for the third straight year), then don't miss the

rematch this Saturday evening at Tait McKenzie.

This game will decide who represents the OUAA East at the CIAU nationals later in March. Last game was a barnburner and you can bet this one will be even more so: both teams are coming off semi-final wins last Tuesday

night. While Carleton was dumping the University of Toronto Blues, 83-68, the third-ranked Yeomen were putting the screws to Ottawa Gee Gees, 89-57.

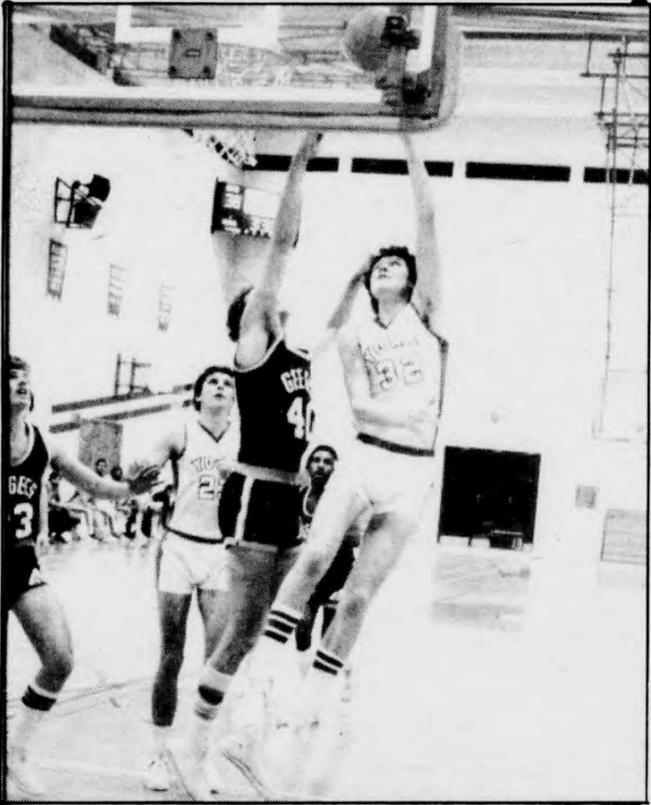
In the Tuesday game, guard Dave Coulthard led the Yeomen with 29 points and a half dozen steals and blocks. Coulthard, along with teammate Bo Pelech, was named to the OUAA East first-team all stars recently.

On the second team is guard Paul Jones, who sank 25 points and battled all night with Gee Gee guard Brian Coborn in a game that was often rough—especially under the boards.

"It was a sloppy game, but I think we were looking ahead a bit to the Carleton game," Bob Bain admitted afterward.

"But I can see one good thing coming out of this game—we didn't let them intimidate us."

Odds 'n Ends: Grant Parobec was the other Yeoman to hit double figures against Ottawa. He netted 14. Other scorers were **Bo Pelech** with 7, **Ron Kaknevičius** and **Jerry DallaCorte** with 3 each, and **Enzo Spagnuolo** and **Lester Smith** each with 2. High man with 16 for the Gee Gees was **Rob Asher**...Before Tuesday's semi-final, York wrapped up first by drubbing Ryerson 111-49 and Queen's 109-64...In an exhibition game Feb. 16, the Yeomen outduelled the Guelph Gryphons, 71-69 in Guelph...The final stats show the Yeomen with a total of 1,101 points for and 690 against, beating their rivals by an average of 34 points a game.



Bryon Johnson

Yeomen creamed Ottawa 89-57 to set up another Carleton-York basketball showdown for supremacy in the OUAA East.

Yeowomen capture seven medals

May Lau

HAMILTON—With many outstanding performances and no divers to support them in points, the Yeowomen swim team came away from this year's OWIAA Swimming and Diving Championships with seven medals.

At this year's championship held at McMaster, the Yeowomen showed a definite improvement from last year's seventh-place effort. U of T, scoring 555 points, swam away with the championship title. McMaster was second at 381 points, while Western and Waterloo were third and fourth respectively with scores of 278.5 and 213.5. York chalked up 171 points to place fifth of twelve universities.

Medal clinchers for York were Jane Thacker, Donna Miller and the 400m freestyle relay 'A' team. Thacker nailed a pair of bronze

in the 100m and 200m breaststroke events, both times losing out to Judy Garay of Toronto and Melanie McKay of Western. Garay, a member of the 1978 Canadian National and Commonwealth teams, won both events with McKay, another nationally-ranked swimmer, twice finishing second.

Miller contributed a bronze when she turned in a 1:11.8 in the 100m backstroke, losing out to Cathy Masson of Queens for the silver by .6 seconds. In the 200m backstroke, only .1 separated the two for the bronze medal. Masson, however, touched a little earlier and Miller thus had to be content with fourth place.

With Jane Goldie and Liz MacGregor, Thacker and Miller were on the third place 400m freestyle relay 'A' team. They lost to the two current big names in

the Ontario varsity swimming circle—Toronto and McMaster.

With more depth in the team this year, more members were able to contribute points to the tally. Heading this list was Lise Charland. Charland was fifth in the 200m butterfly and seventh in both the 100m and 200m butterfly. Liz MacGregor was sixth in the 50m freestyle. Other point-earning positions were by Lynn Tomlinson in the 100m butterfly, May Lau in the 800m freestyle and Bernie MacGregor in the 100m breaststroke.

With the Ontarios ending the season for most of the team, four Yeowomen are still training. These four—MacGregor, Charland, Thacker and Miller—have all qualified for the CIAU Championships to be held at Laval on March 7-9.

Women gymnasts fail in attempt at ninth consecutive provincial title

John Boudreau

York's Yeowomen gymnastics team failed in their attempt to capture a ninth consecutive Ontario title at a meet held recently at Tait McKenzie. McMaster garnered the overall combined team championship with 373.55 points. York finished second at 366.60. U of T placed third with 362.85.

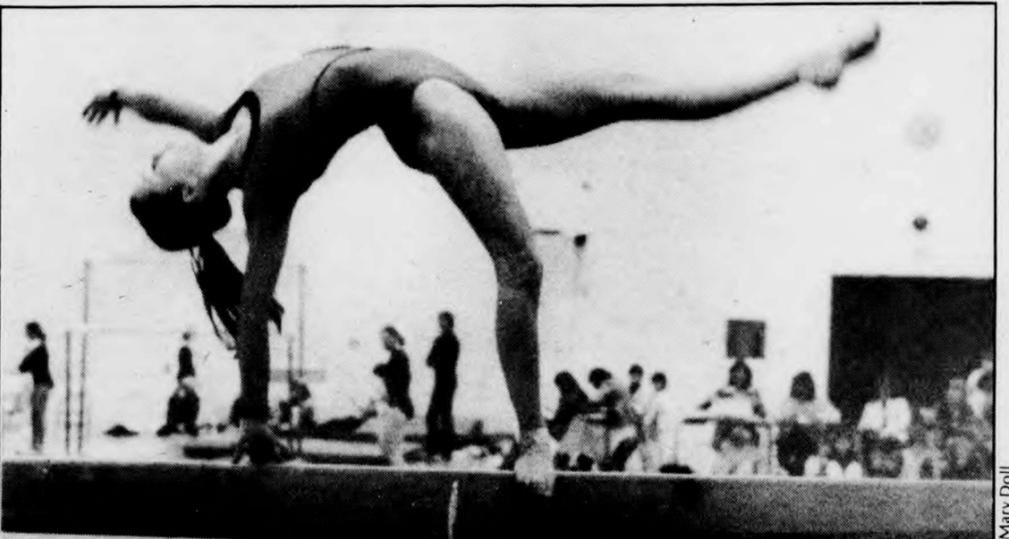
The morning competition for juniors revealed York's inexperience and lack of depth. The highest placing the squad could muster was Gerry Stehouwer's fifth position in the vault event. No York gymnast made the top six all-round category. McMaster took first place in the junior team results followed by Western University, University of Toronto and York.

York did capture the senior team title once again, but when

the points in aggregate were calculated, they had not provided the winning margin required to retain the OWIAA title.

The senior team seemed tight at times during the competition forcing themselves into nervous error. Last year's overall champion Cathy Corns of York finished third this time around. Carol Orchard was fourth, Laurie McGibbon sixth, and Molly Larin tenth.

Coach Steve MacLean was pleased with what he described as "a consistent performance" by the senior team. York's seniors have had a two week lay-off and will be travelling to Moncton this weekend where they shall be competing in the Canadian finals. Injured member Susan Baier is expected to be back for the event.



Mary Doll

Carol Orchard competes on beam at the OWIAA championships. Orchard and her Yeowomen teammates failed in their attempt to capture a ninth consecutive provincial title.

WRESTLERS FOURTH BEST IN PROVINCE

Last Friday and Saturday, the Yeomen wrestling team sent nine competitors to the OUAA finals in Guelph, where York finished a strong fourth ahead of teams from Queen's, Ottawa, Windsor, Laurier, Ryerson and U of T.

Leading the Yeomen, veteran Jim Stitt assured himself of a trip to the CIAU competition in Saskatchewan by pinning all his opponents in the preliminary rounds and going on to humble Dave Gordon of Western by a score of 7-1 to win the gold medal.

Dave Carmichael wrestled very well against Olympic team veteran Bruce Renkin, who eventually won the class, to take third place.

Both Jonathan Graham and Carlos Moniz sustained injuries forcing them to withdraw from matches. However, due to their strong performances earlier on, each was able to win the bronze medal in his own category. Also showing strongly were Jim Mendicino with a respectable fourth place finish and Gord Hansen, wrestling up a weight class to take a fifth-place spot, along with teammate Dave Tooke, who also wrestled a weight class above his own. Tony Cosentino and Doug Austron also performed admirably.

Perhaps the team's happiest moment at the tournament was when coach Albert Venditti received the Coach of the Year award. It was only two years ago that, as a competitor, Venditti won not only his weight division but was bestowed with the most valuable wrestler award as well.

In the words of team member Tony Cosentino: "Albert Venditti's unfaltering enthusiasm and overall excellence in coaching have made this year's wrestling team a success. The Yeomen are looking forward to working with him again this fall. As a team, we would like to express our sincerest thanks to him for a great season."

Shortstops

YEOWOMEN UNABLE TO DEFEND TITLE

The title-defending Yeowomen volleyball team travelled to Ottawa February 22-23 to compete in the OWIAA championships where, at the end of the round-robin tournament, the team finished third overall.

Yeowomen defeated McMaster three games to one (15-7; 18-16; 15-7), but Western, playing their best match of the season, defeated York Friday night three games straight (15-6; 17-15; 15-9).

The highlight of the tournament, though, was the match between third-ranked York and second-ranked Ottawa. Gee Gees, though victorious, had trouble getting past Yeowomen (15-8; 12-15; 7-15; 15-0; 19-17). Ottawa then went on to capture the Ontario Championships, defeating Western three games straight.

Yeowomen Marla Taylor and Fiona MacGregor were chosen as all-star players of the tournament.

EPPRECHT DOES WELL ON FIRST LEG TO OLYMPICS

York's Marc Epprecht finished third at an Olympic selection meet in Scarborough this past weekend to advance his chances at an Olympic berth on Canada's national gymnastics team.

In the competition, which will account for 30 per cent of the national team selection mark, Epprecht scored a 108.65 point total, finishing behind Philip Delesalle (114.65), the overall winner, and Jean Choquette (111.80). Delesalle won five of the six disciplines on his way to sweeping the event.

The deciding Olympic qualifying meet is scheduled for Alma, Que., in May. Meanwhile, Epprecht will rejoin the rest of the men's and women's teams to compete in the national university competition this weekend at Moncton. Yeomen will be looking for their sixth straight national team title.

WOMEN CAGERS MAKE YORK HISTORY

The most successful and exciting women's basketball team in the history of York University finished its season by earning an unprecedented promotion to the Tier I division of the OWIAA.

By defeating Queen's (70-42), Waterloo (67-55) and then Brock (61-54) at the OWIAA pre-finals, Yeowomen not only assured themselves of a Tier I berth next season, but also allowed themselves the great experience of competing in the provincial championships, where they fell in the first round to powerhouse Guelph this past Monday.

Led by second-year coach Frances Flint and outstanding rookies Barb Whibbs and Kim Holden (both given all-star status last week), Yeowomen should return next season to provide an even stronger showing than the historic effort they put forth during their outstanding season this year.