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York gymnasts take eighth title

By EVAN LEIBOVITCH

Last Sunday night, the York Men's Gymnastics team set a Canadian record; for the eighth consecutive year, they have earned the Ontario championship. Their showing at Tait before a moderate crowd and television cameras, gave every indication that the York team will go on to capture the Canadian title when the CIAU annual meet is held in New Brunswick in two weeks.

York participants captured the top three positions in all but two events. Simon Smith from University of Toronto won first place in vaulting and third in pommel horse.

The three best personal totals were obtained by Epprecht, with 50.35 points, Carisse with 49.7, and Steeper, who received third place with 48.8 points despite an injury to his hands on the final event of the meet.

Though York easily won the event, it was obvious that their performances were not up to the standards that the York gymnasts are capable of.

Coach Tom Zivic, who was in the stands during the game, said that this year's team was "The best corps to play for (him) ever", though he thought they had committed "considerable mistakes", and must work on their endurance and conditioning if they are to be in top form for the CIAU finals. He said that the team's performance was weakened because they lacked drive in Ontario competition. He was concerned about Steeper's injury, but was confident that with Steeper back in competition in time for the CIAU meet, and with more polish, the York team will have no difficulty keeping the national championship for yet another year.

Masaaki Naosaki was coaching from the bench while Zivic was aiding the play by play commentary for Channel 11, who will be broadcasting the event on a yet-undetermined date.

Naosaki agreed with Zivic that the team's performance was not as good as in practice, however, he was impressed with Carisse's floor and bar routines, and was pleased with Epprecht's High Bar routine, especially the dismount. Called the Moon Sort dismount, it was a very

difficult move first exhibited by the Japanese in Olympic competition.

Bryce Taylor, president of the Canadian Gymnastic Federation, was also present, and remarked that "It's going to be difficult to unseat York from their top ranking in Canada" He attributed this "tradition" to an increased emphasis on gymnastics in York's programme. He added that such programmes are "decreasing the drain of talented athletes to the US, as has been the case in the past".



Meet winner Marc Epprecht takes closer look at injured wrists in Saturday's gymnastics meet at Tait.

Hockeymen looking to win CIAU finals

By WALTER RIGOBON

York Yeomen captured first place in the Ontario University Athletic Association East division last weekend by taking both games of a doubleheader from the Laurentian Voyageurs 5-4 and 11-5. These two victories gave the Yeomen a 17-2-1 overall record in league play.

There is reason for optimism as the Yeomen commence post-season action. This is the strongest team in the university's history.

The team is solid in almost every position. The line of Ron Hawkshaw, Brian Burtch and Peter Ascherl is the top-scoring line in Ontario with the trio of Gary Gill, Bob Wasson and John Goodish not far behind. The third line of Bob Grisdale, Jim Masin and Romano Carlucci is also very adept at putting the puck past the opposition's goaltenders.

On defense the Yeomen exude considerable talent as well. Dave Clement has impressed with his steadiness all year, as have Gord Cullen, Chris Meloff, Dave Chalk, Roger Dorey, and the unpredictable Chris Kostka.

Tending goal for York, Steve Bosco and Peter Kostek have produced one of the best goals - against averages in the country.

"We have a veteran team and I like our chances of winning the national title," said coach Dave Chambers.

Before getting a shot at the national title, which will be held at the University of Alberta this year, the Yeomen must first win the OUA play-offs this weekend at Varsity Arena.

Although the current edition of the Yeomen hockey team is formidable, the spectre of the U of T Blues continues to haunt university hockey and especially York.

The only blemishes on York's record were suffered at the hands of

with high school students who will be attending York next year.

Zivic speculated on which other universities would be represented at the CIAU finals. He said that Laval, Manitoba and Moncton would win their respective conferences, but could not predict whether the winner of the Western division would be Calgary or U.B.C.

the Blues who have taken five of six points in their last three meetings.

The Yeomen have displayed a disturbing ineptitude when playing the Blues. The defencemen have shown a penchant for getting caught up the ice and the forwards, an inability to capitalize on their opportunities.

In last week's game, which the Blues won 4-1, the Yeomen displayed some of their best and their worst hockey of the season. During the opening six minutes of the second period the Yeomen dominated to such an extent that the Blues seldom cleared the puck out of their zone. However, all the Yeomen had to show for their efforts was one shot that hit the crossbar.

The Blues then capitalized on Yeomen mistakes to put three quick goals behind Peter Kostek on their way to the 4-1 win.

The Yeomen will probably have to beat the Blues on their home rink to take the Ontario crown. After watching York play this season one gets the impression that they have yet to play up to their potential. Man for man they are undoubtedly the best team in Ontario if not in Canada.

If they wish to extend their season considerably they will have to be at their best - something they have not been in recent weeks.

The Yeomen will have to get back to a fundamental style of hockey that includes sound backchecking. The individualized play that has become characteristic of the team will have to be modified in favour of a total team effort. The helter-skelter type of play they have displayed against weaker teams will cost them dearly against the stiff opposition they are likely to encounter on their march towards the CIAU hockey crown.

Badminton men win two golds

By CHRIS MICHAELS

York's Badminton Yeomen took home two gold medals and one silver as the team completed its season at the Ontario University Athletic Association Championship held at the University of Western Ontario, February 12th.

As a hushed audience and television cameras looked on, York's Gienek Ksiakiewicz and Joe Jong teamed up to defeat the University of Toronto team of Elio Cozzarini and Bob Hinchcliffe to capture the OUA Doubles crown. In an earlier final, York's Gienek Ksiakiewicz lost a hard fought battle to allow U of T's Cozzarini to win first place in the first seed singles competition.

As before, in earlier tournaments, it was the Yeomen and the U of T Blues which competed for the highest honours in first seed position, while the teams from Queen's and Western competed for honours in the lesser categories. In team play, Western was able to soundly defeat Queen's to win the team trophy as York and U of T stalemated themselves from domination in the cumulative team totals.

In badminton, as in other sports, the outcome between York and U of T which dominated the doubles. RMC Invitational Tournament earlier this year, it was York who won the singles competition and U of T which dominated the doubles.

At Western, for the finals, the results were reversed. The match for the Doubles Championship was easily the most dramatic of the tournament. Bob Hinchcliffe from U of T played his best game of the inter-collegiate season and led the

attack against York with an amazing repertoire of quick wrist shots.

After two games it was York and Toronto each with one game to their credit. It was in the exciting third

Blaring Buses

By ANNA VAITIEKUNAS

York Yeomen supporters won't be able to crank their sirens at the Ontario University Athletic Association quarter final hockey match at U of T's hockey arena this Friday.

John Bullock, manager of Varsity arena told Excalibur that he had received many complaints from patrons over the noise the sirens produced at past hockey games.

"People come here to watch the games, not to listen to the sirens blare," he said. U of T will be represented by the Lady Godiva Memorial Band.

But York, the top contender in the tournament, does not have a pep band to whip its faithful followers into a frenzy.

All those connoisseurs of boisterous bally-hoo on skates who would like to watch some blissful ballet on ice, can catch a bus to Varsity arena, in front of the Ross building at 7:30 pm this Friday, or 6:30 pm on Saturday for the finals. Tickets are available from Betty in Tait McKenzie, room 302 for 50 cents, or one dollar for non-CYSF members.

And leave your sirens at home.

game finish that York demonstrated its winning form with a strong counter - attack from Ksiakiewicz and the deceptive drop shots from Jong which left the U of T team scrambling for position. After the high tension match was over, it was York who emerged with the OUA title.

All the York matches will be televised on a programme scheduled for Sat. Mar. 12 at 2:00 on CHCH TV (Channel 11).

While-you-were-away Briefs

The York Ski Team hosted its own slalom race at Devils Glen last week. A steep pitch with tight gates caused a higher than normal rate of non-finishers.

The A team had 4 men placing in the top 20 and finished in third spot. The times that counted came from Blair Heslop, Rod Farmer, Paul Woodhouse and John Snow.

The team must finish no less than 4th overall on the season to qualify for an invitation to the Canadian - American Intercollegiate Ski Championships in March (14th-21st).

The Yeowomen squash team tied with Queen's University for the Ontario Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Association Championship at McMaster last weekend.

The York players showed a marked improvement in winning three out of five matches against Queen's. In previous tournaments

Queen's has managed to defeat the Yeowomen.

York and Queen's each received eleven points, while McMaster came third with eight. Waterloo, the fourth participating university, obtained a score of zero.

Representing York were Jane Mitchell, Jacki Gilchrist, Lydia Olah, Lily Durzo, and Katie Buie. Joanne Stone, Dian Loucks, Denise Bellamy, and Barb Getz made up the "B" team.

Yeowomen gymnasts have captured the Ontario Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Association title for the seventh consecutive season.

In the meet which was held at McMaster on February 11 and 12th, three Yeowomen athletes made senior all-round placings. Molly Larin, Linda Henshaw, and Kathy Morris will compete in the Canadian Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Union championships at the University

of New Brunswick on March 3 and 4.

York obtained an overall score of 276.55 points to McMaster's 271.10 and Western's 268.80 in the Ontario finals.

Betty Anne Brennand took first place in both her synchornized swimming solo and figures during last weekend's Ontario Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Association championships held in Tait McKenzie pool.

York took third place out of the nine competing universities. For the fifth straight year Queen's is again the Ontario champions. U of T placed second in the meet.

In the team competition York placed eighth. The team includes Gayle Brocklebank, Laurel Rasmussen, Joyce English, Kathy Henderson, Nancy Hamilton, Anita Klibingaitis, Ann Overengesser, Carol Harris, Carol Roberts, Betty - Anne Brennand, and Maxine Wiber.