

B-ballers roll up 3 more wins

By Bruce Gates

With two basketball wins over the University of Toronto February 7 and 10, and an 80-59 plucking of the Carleton Ravens here last Friday night, the second-ranked York Yeomen have built up a 10-1 league record. They need only to beat Ottawa here tomorrow night to lock up first place in the OUAA East section.

Inconsistent shooting plagued the Yeomen in all three games — especially in the first halves and if York is to go any great distance in the playoffs against teams like Laurentian, Waterloo and Manitoba, they will have to put together two halves of consistent basketball.

Against the U of T Feb. 7, York started slowly by missing all kinds of routine shots and were having terrible luck under the boards. Had a similar fate not befallen the U of T, Yeomen could have found themselves in trouble. As it was, York held a 37-25 halftime lead.

York did have control for most of the game, and they maintained their 12-point halftime spread until the end when the U of T managed to cut the lead to 11. York won, 72-61.

The return match at Tait McKenzie Feb. 10 produced the same kind of ball game between these cross-town rivals — a deceptively close 82-71 York win.

The Yeomen started slowly, and Toronto built up a small lead but York gained momentum as the first half progressed and held a 51-36 halftime margin despite inconsistent shooting.

Toronto outscored York 35-31 in the second half, but they could not

overcome a stronger Yeomen team that seemed to play only well enough to win.

Against Carleton here last Friday night, Yeomen used their greater size and talent to advantage and

crushed the Ravens 80-59.

York controlled the game defensively and cleaned up around the boards against the shorter Ravens. Lonnie Ramati was especially effective, using his

towering 6 ft. 9 in. height to block, steal or bat away close-in Raven shots. At the half, York led 42-29.

Hot outside shooting by Bo Pelech (23 points) and Dave Coulthard (18 points) and some

good work inside by Ramati put the game away for the Yeomen in the second half. York shooting was more consistent this half, despite the team's overall 49 per cent field goal average.

Wrestlers miss 3rd by an ankle

By Jeff Rayman

Last Friday and Saturday, the York Yeomen wrestling team hosted the Ontario University Athletic Association (OUAA) wrestling championships.

Participating in the meet were teams from 11 Ontario universities, finishing first, (113 pts.) followed by Guelph (105), U of T (52) and York (43 1-3).

York would have taken a hoped for third place, but one ranked second in country wrestler did not show up for his last match because he did not want to fight the wrestler from Guelph.

The wrestler who had injured his ankle in his previous bout, felt that he was unable to wrestle. Coach John Pickard did not agree, and he left without Pickard's approval. He was disqualified, and his 3rd place standing was lost, as all other competitors in that weight group (134 lbs.) moved up one position.

If he had shown up to his match, even if he had lost, York would have ended up with 51 points and U of T would have had 50. Therefore, York would have placed third in the competition.

Pickard, who was very disappointed said: "He let the whole

York team down, it was a team effort to get 3rd and we lost it because of him".

On the other hand, Pickard was very pleased with the way the rest of the team wrestled. Jim Stitt, who fought at 118 lbs., was defending his championship title from last year, and pinned all his opponents. Stitt was the only wrestler in the tournament who managed to win all his matches with pins.

Bob Brandbury, who was fighting at 190 lbs., placed second in his weight class. This means that both Stitt and Brandbury will wrestle at the Canadian university championships to be held next weekend in Kingston. Jim Stitt will be defending his Canadian championship title.

Other outstanding performances were given by: Mike Palmer, Carlos Moniz, Dave Carmichael, Tom Mastantuono, Ted Hayward, and Brian Farris. Coach Pickard said: "I was proud of the way these boys wrestled, they all fought very well".

Another surprise at this weekend's tournament was the announcement that John Pickard was voted coach of the year by the other coaches present. This is the second year in a row that this honour was given to coach Pickard.

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