

V-ball men expect playoff match with Blues

By LORNE MANLY

The York Yeomen volleyball team is heading optimistically into the Ontario Universities Athletic Association (OUAA) playoffs against Laurentian Saturday, confident of advancing to at least the division final.

The Yeomen, who finished in second place in the OUAA East with a 13-2 record (behind only the U of T Blues), are not expecting too difficult a match, especially after defeating the Voyageurs twice on the weekend. Dave Samek, the captain of the squad, is nearly certain about the outcome of this Saturday's semi-final for this and other reasons. "We did beat them handily Friday and Saturday (by identical 3-0 scores)," Samek said. "But to tell the truth, in the OUAA East there are only two good teams, York and U of T, and they are head and shoulders above the competition."

This may sound arrogant and cocky to some but in the opinion of Samek as well as other OUAA observers, it is the truth. "The program at Laurentian is strong compared to other teams," Samek explained. "However, compared to our two teams they're not in the same class. The programs at York and U of T draw the better players," and this results in the league's disparity. Because of this superiority, Samek thinks "there will be no problem in Saturday's game" and the team fully expects to meet U of T the following weekend in the East final.

In most intercollegiate sports at York there is an intense rivalry with

U of T, and volleyball is no exception. "We have many problems with U of T," said coach Hernan Humana, "more so than with Waterloo (the top team in the OUAA West, if not the whole league). There's a lot of emotion involved."

"U of T has much more experience," Humana said. "We have many first year players and U of T is used to playing with spectators."

Samek concurs with his coach's assessment. "U of T has a better team (in terms of experience) mostly because almost all of their players have club experience," Samek said. "With the exception of two or three guys, most of our players have come out of high school and gone into the highly competitive university game."

"Club volleyball is far and away above high school volleyball," Samek explained. "You learn all the tricks of the trade from playing against the same players week after week and you become crafty." In a game that is "80 percent mental" according to Samek, this club experience is invaluable. But both Samek and Humana feel that York has a good chance of beating the Blues.

The fact that the team is back to full strength gives Humana reason to be optimistic as the playoffs approach. Alex Ketrzyski, who played at the L.A. Olympics, is ready to play although not quite in top condition. "He has back and knee problems," Humana said, "and he had an operation in the summer."

Fully recovered from a dislocated thumb is Mike Juspimich, and

Humana is confident that York now has the "strength and depth to beat U of T. But we are taking every match one at a time," Humana cautioned. "We're looking to Laurentian first." To most volleyball fans, however, this is just a minor obstacle in the way of a York-U of T showdown the following week.

Blues rattled

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Donohue stated, "We got into it. We talked about Nicky Nike. We talked about the crowd. University basketball needs stuff like this—namely to get people out to the gyms and enjoy themselves. Not only do the players enjoy it, but also the fans. I liked it because we've seen places like Acadia, Uvic, Waterloo, and St. F.X. with promotions like this."

Toronto Star sportswriter and Excalibur alumnus Mark Zwolinski said, "It was one of the better promotions as far as attendance and enthusiasm. It was also good to see students turn out for a game against U of T."

Excalibur columnist and Radio York boss Mel Broitman was ecstatic about the promotion. He had previously written a column criticizing the lack of promotion for York sports. He said, "It was really good. The rattles added to the pomp and pageantry like they should have. Since the new year, York Promotions has really gotten its act together and done a fine job."

Sports Briefs

By JAMES HOGGETT

FENCING

The season for the Yeomen fencing team came to an abrupt end last weekend at the East Sectional in Toronto as the Sabre squad was eliminated.

Individually, Tony Forsyth's fencing épée was knocked out and Brian Braganza, fencing foil was forced to withdraw because of a knee injury.

On the brighter side for the Yeomen was the performance by Warren Kotler who placed first in the individual sabre competition. Kotler will be the sole York representative at the OUAA finals which will be held this weekend in Kingston.



York fencer Warren Kotler

SKIING

The 1986 Pepsi OUAA/OWIAA Alpine Ski Series drew to a close after two days of competition completed on Friday, February 7. Thursday's slalom race was won by Jennifer Hagt and Doug Kirby of Western. York was represented by a 12th place finish from Cindy Mayor.

The final giant slalom of the season was held on Friday morning. Gillian Esson of Ryerson had first place finish among the women and Paul Zemla of Western among the men. Once again the top York finisher was Cindy Mayer, in 10th place, while none of the men managed to crack the top 10.

The ski team does not plan to be represented at the Can/Am's in Quebec this March due to the mid-week conflict with school. Plans for next year's season are already under

way with discussions by ski team members of summer training camps in South America.

VOLLEYBALL

The Yeowomen were at McMaster last weekend competing in the Quad Challenge.

The Yeowomen played well enough in the first round to advance to the semi-finals. There they defeated Waterloo three games to one and thereby earning a berth into the finals.

Unfortunately the Yeowomen's luck ran out as they lost to Toronto 3-0 in the tournament finals.

BADMINTON

In Badminton last weekend Nick Husain representing York, won the OUAA finals at Western. Husain's win/loss record this year was a very impressive 20-0.

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