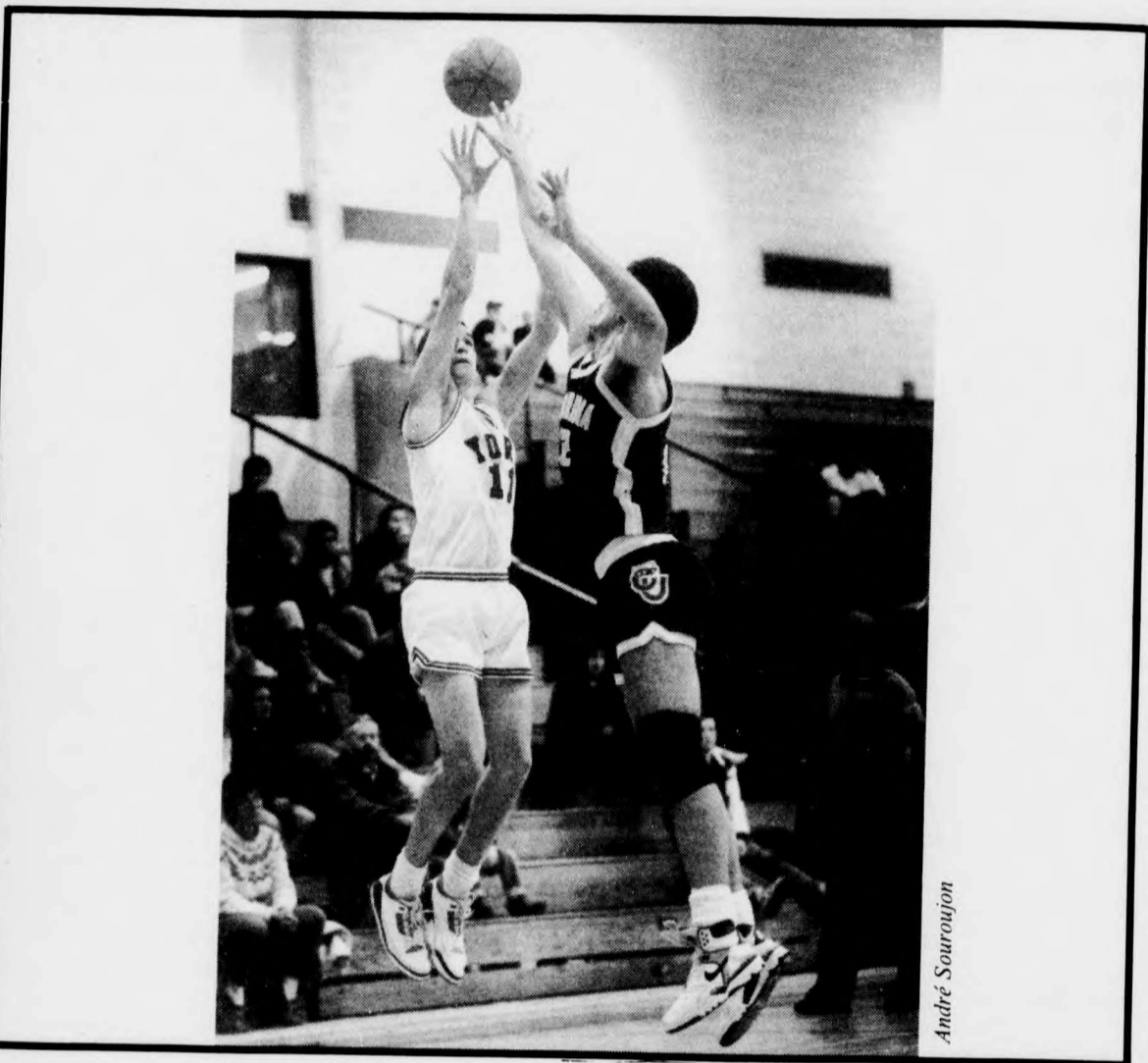


Yeomen dumped by Concordia



Despite high-flying effort, Yeomen still came up short.

André Soutoufouj

by John Glass

Bob Bain's basketball Yeomen were not impressive in their weekend series against Bishop's and Concordia, losing both games by wide margins.

An 83-60 drubbing by Bishop's on Friday was followed by a 95-80 thrashing by Concordia, one of the top-ranked teams in the country.

Undefeated Concordia waited until the second half to take the sting out of the Yeomen attack. A determined York side opened the scoring with a shot by Warren Harvey and continued to lead until five minutes were left in the

first half. A sudden flurry of scoring by the Stingers quickly saw the Yeomen lead turn into a deficit and they never looked back.

York could not sustain its attack throughout the rest of the game as the more experienced Stingers showed the depth of their team and the reason why they are undefeated this season. The Yeomen showed a good half-court game as they were able to work around Concordia's defence and score from the outside. With York's leading first half scorer Mark Bellai shut down, Concordia's job was made much easier as they capitalized on the Yeomen's weaknesses.

The Yeomen need a lot of work

on offence. As coach Bain said after the game, "Our offense was scattered and it seems to be a big problem for us. Our other problems will have to be dealt with over time. I don't know what to do really at this point. Tonight's (Saturday's) game was better than yesterday's considering Concordia's record, our team seemed to have more spirit and pride."

The absence of David Lynch and David Small because of illness placed more of a burden on key York forwards and reduced the scoring drive in the process. The team was evidently tired in the second half as they ran out of steam. York's next game is January 22 at 8 pm.

York grapplers ready to repeat

by Riccardo Sala

With a solid, if unsensational performance over the weekend at Queen's, the wrestling Yeomen are gearing up for their most serious challenge, retaining the provincial title they won last year.

In keeping with his philosophy of having as many wrestlers as possible compete before the Ontario finals, coach Kimin Kim brought with him a different group than had made the trek to Montreal two weekends before. The Kingston group included several members of the Twist and Shout Club who are not York wrestlers including John Selby, who turned in a silver in his weight class.

In the 76-kilo category, Yeoman Scott Prokosh took the bronze. Kimin felt Prokosh could have

been as high as second, but that his placing in a hard pool kept him from going any higher.

Jimmy Lee, fighting in the 57-kilo class pounded out another bronze for the Yeomen.

Peter Damaikrokos, who makes a return to competition after two years of bad luck with injuries, forced his way to a fifth place for York in the 82-kilo class.

Rob Zee of the Yeomen came in sixth in the 64-kilo category.

Nineteen teams made the trek to Kingston for the tournament. York ended up in the top five. Kimin pointed out the informal structure of many of the teams there. Concordia, like York, was present with its Montreal Wrestling Club supplementing the varsity squad.

The OUAA finals start the weekend of February 17, and Kimin is pushing the team for one major

thrust in order to retain the title they won last year. After the Montreal meet, he spoke of the New Year's resolution the squad had made during their New Year's eve party to "work hard" in this pursuit.

To this end Kim has added another practice session of two hours in the morning to the regular two-hour afternoon session. This works out to four hours of practice every day, four days a week.

As well, Kimin is calling for wrestlers from years past who did not come out this year to come and work out, if only as sparring partners. Kimin mentions a student from Nigeria, who in the 90 kilo weight class, will start working out with Ari Taub.

The wrestling Yeomen go into action this weekend in a tournament at Guelph.

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