Wrestling Yeomen split up for Simon Fraser and Brock

by Riccardo Sala

The wrestling Yeomen split up their squad to join two tournaments across the country this weekend. At both Simon Fraser University and Brock, the wrestling Yeomen continued their frustrating search for the prowess that brought them the national championship last year.

At the Simon Fraser tournament, York was up against stiff Canadian and international competition. Teams from the United States attended, as well as a daunting Bulgarian squad, boasting several members of that country's national team.

The York detachment included Courtney Lewis, Roy Suh Wah Sing, Scott Prokosh and several others along with coach Kimin Kim. Lewis, who had taken the gold in the 150 lb. class at the recent Ithaca Invitational, came up flat at SFU.

"Lewis didn't wrestle too well," Kim said. "He lacked concentration and didn't work up to his capability." Lewis placed 10th in his weight category, and his problems were a symptom of the larger woes that afflicted the Yeomen over the weekend.

"Loss of concentration" was also how Kim described Sing's loss; leading 7-1, Sing was pinned by his opponent and lost the bout.

Prokosh fared slightly better in his 170 lb. class, finishing eighth

while winning three bouts and losing two. Roger Levesque, also wrestling in the 170 lb. category, was also credited with a spirited performance by coach Kim.

Prokosh's eighth match was the high water mark for the Yeomen at SFU, and at the end, no medals were forthcoming for the York squad. Afterwards, coach Kim could not hide the disappointment in his voice when he talked about their poor performance. "Hopefully they (the wrestlers) can make it a learning experience. They can't blame anybody, they have to look inside themselves."

Kim was also vocal about the officiating. "They made improper calls," he explained, "and had no knowledge of wrestling."

SFU, along with its affiliated Burnaby Mountain Wrestling Club, took home the gold. This squad, which boasts tournament silver medallist in the 154 lb. class (and former Yeoman) Paul Hughes, is a wrestling powerhouse, with seven of ten national squad members on their team. As the only Canadian university to offer athletic scholarships, SFU has to compete on the America... circuit.

The Bulgarians grabbed the silver medal, while an Alaskan school took home the bronze. Concordia, a traditional York rival and last year's runner up in the nationals, did not attend, choosing the Mount Allison tournament instead, as well as sending several wrestlers to the Brock Invitational.

The Yeomen saw more action the same day at Brock University as well. They elected to go with a smaller contingent than on the west coast expedition. Due to this commitment on two fronts, the Yeomen at Brock suffered results similar to those of their Pacific brethren.

Yeomen Ari Taub, Costas Papanicolau and Gerard Yearwood wrestled at Brock. Papanicolau, a rookie, impressed teammate Richard Henry with his performance in the 150 lb. class. "He showed a lot of guts," Henry explained.

Taub defeated Dave Shavers, last year's OUAA gold medallist in the heavyweight class, but did not place in the medal round.

Brock was a small tournament when compared to the SFU matchup on the other side of Canada. "Most of the teams (at Brock) didn't have their best guys," Henry said.

"We came out flat," he added, referring to their Brock performance, and echoing Kim's appraisal of the SFU results. Assistant coach Sue Wilson took a slightly different viewpoint. "They're not ready yet," she said offhandedly, referring to the wrestlers and their competition conditioning.

SPORT YORK RESULTS

November 20 -November 26

Tuesday, November 21 HOCKEY: Toronto 5 - Yeowomen 0

Thursday, November 23 HOCKEY: Yeowomen 3 -McMaster 3

Michelle Campbell led the Yeowomen with two goals including the tying marker with 2 seconds remainig in the game. Janice Keith scored the other York goal.

Friday, November 24 BASKETBALL: TAIT MACKEN-ZIE CLASSIC Yeowomen defeated Guelph 75-49, Toronto 68 - Brock 62, McMaster 76 — Concordia 46 VOLLEYBALL: UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR INVITATIONAL Yeowomen defeated Western 15-5, 15-5; defeated McMaster 15-3, 15-4; were defeated by Regina 11-15, 15-11, 15-13. VOLLEYBALL: GUELPH INVITATIONAL Yeomen defeated Notre Dame 15-6, 15-5, 15-1 Yeomen lost to Western 13-15, 16-17,8-15

Saturday, November 25 BASKETBALL: TAIT MACKEN-ZIE CLASSIC Concordia 65 - Brock 50, Toronto 77 - Guelph 46, McMaster 64 - Yeowomen 57

VOLLEYBALL: UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR INVITATIONAL

Semi-final: Yeowomen were defeated by Manitoba 3-15, 11-15, 15-13, 10-15.

Bronze: Yeowomen defeated Windsor 15-12, 15-10, 15—9. York wins bronze medal, Chris Pollit selected to the tournament all star team.

SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING: McGILL MEET The Yeowomen placed third of eight teams with 13 points. Janice Craig placed first in the Novice Figures Ranking with 60.90 points. FIGURE SKATING: WESTERN INVITATIONAL Yeowomen placed 7th overall. Tina Van Hinte finished 2nd in the Intermediate Singles VOLLEYBALL: GUELPH INVITATIONAL Yeomen lost to Guelph 15-9, 13-15, 11-15, 13-15 Yeomen defeated McMaster 8-15, 15-5, 15-5, 11-15, 15-8. York finishes 7th of 16 teams. Adrian Adore selected to the tournament all star team.

Sunday, November 26 BASKETBALL: TAIT McKENZIE CLASSIC Brock 67 - Guelph 60, Bronze Medal: Yeowomen 71 - Concordia 53, Gold Medal: McMaster 78 -Toronto 71 HOCKEY: Laurentian 4 - Yeo-

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