



# SPORTS



## York volleyball bumped out of playoffs

### Yeomen edged by UofT in OUAA East — team sweeps Queen's, splits final three-one

by Riccardo Sala

The Varsity Blues were the volleyball Yeomen's bogeymen throughout the year, and remained the lone obstacle to advancing to the Ontario finals.

York got one last shake last week. After handily disposing of Queen's 3-0 the week before, York found itself against its arch-nemesis in the battle to decide the OUAA East Division champion.

No Buster Douglas here although putting up a better fight than they had in their last gig at Varsity gym (a 3-0 shellacking) York managed to keep the score close. After losing the first two games 15-11, 15-12, the Yeomen came back to take the third round 15-10.

But then the Blues woke up and handed York a 15-4 loss. That ended the match, and the season for the Yeomen.

However, some consolation came

York's way with the selection of Adrian Adore and Dexter Abrams to the OUAA All-Star team.

"We were well prepared to play," said York coach Wally Dyba. "We knew what we had to do."

The Yeomen also knew that they were the underdogs in this match, a position that the realistic Dyba figured was the overall prognosis of his group from the beginning of the season.

"I knew that we were one of the top teams in the province and we were, with an 8-2 record," he said.

But being one of the best still didn't give the Yeomen the type of season they enjoyed in 1988-89, when they swept all. That year the Yeomen were the best, not just in the province but across the country.

Dyba realises the work needed to recapture those halcyon days. In comparison to two years ago "the

talent is not the same and the league (Ontario) is considerably stronger," he said.

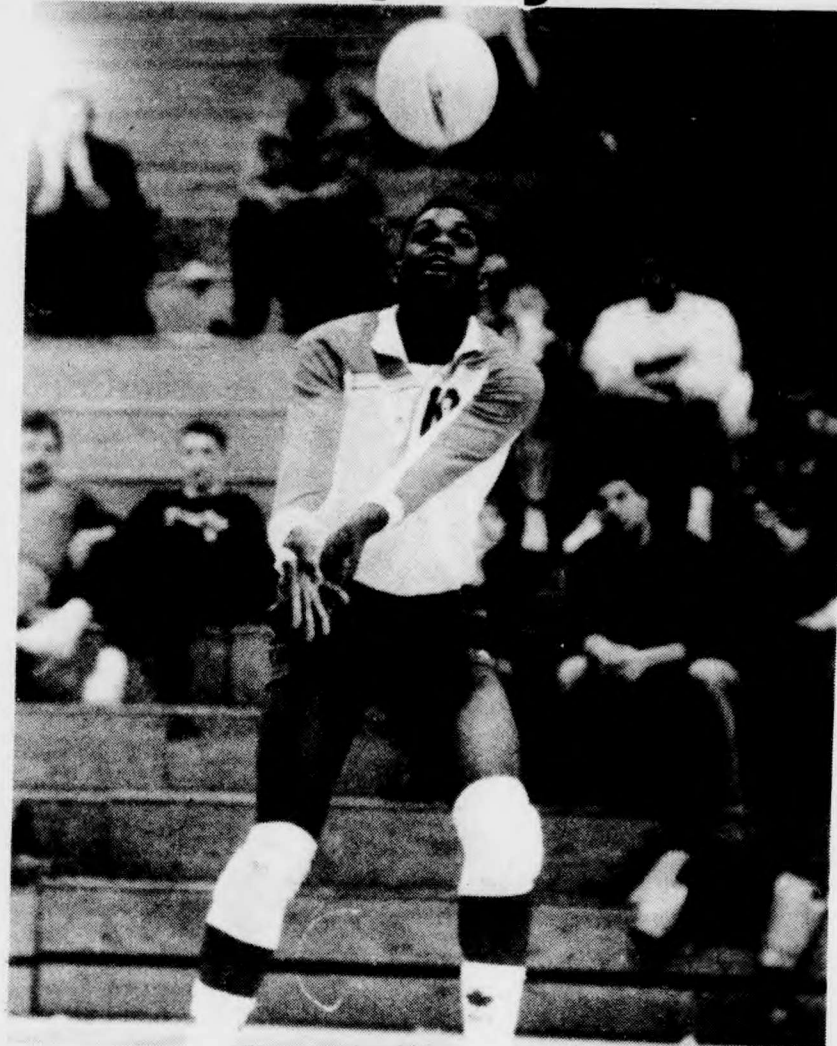
Holes have to be plugged in the York lineup, especially in the setting department.

"We need a quality setter," Dyba said. "We had a good one (this year) but not at the same level as UofT. If we had that this year than we would've gotten through (to the finals)."

That hole will hopefully be filled by recruiting.

According to Dyba, three members of the provincial team signed with York as their first choice for university next year, including the team's starting setter.

This year's team will also be largely intact for next season, with only Bruce Dunning and Mark Cossarin leaving. Hopefully any replacements can fill their spots and start the team thinking of championships again.



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THAT'S NO SCUD, it's a volleyball! York's Dexter Abrams in action. The veteran standout was rewarded for his efforts as one of two Yeomen named to the OUAA all star squad along with Adrian Adore.



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THERE'S A SILVER LINING to every cloud as York grappler Roy Suh Wah Sing (pictured on the left during a practice earlier this season) found out at this year's CIAU championships in Regina. Despite a torn ligament in his right knee, Sing managed to grab second place in the 57kg class

at the national meet, the only medal which went to York (Canadian champions just two seasons ago). Before they even get to next season, the Yeomen squad must battle persistent rumours of their program being axed, something which York athletics director Mike Dinning denies.

## Veteran Yeoman grappler takes CIAU championship silver

by Riccardo Sala

Disappointment was a two headed monster for the wrestling Yeomen two weekends ago at the CIAU championships in Regina.

Only two Yeomen, Scott Prokosh and Roy Suh Wah Sing qualified for the nationals.

For Scott Prokosh disappointment came in the form of a fifth place finish in the 72 kg class.

"He wrestled pretty good," coach John Cho said afterwards. A loss to Regina's Rob Kell kept Prokosh out of

the medals.

For Roy Suh Wah Sing, disappointment took the cruel face of a torn ligament in his right knee only twenty seconds into his fourth match.

The match—to decide the 57 kg title—was against Alberta's Todd Graham and should have been a cakewalk for Sing.

"He (Graham) got through his preliminaries by beating guys by one point that I beat by fifteen points," Sing said.

Sing continued the match,

hoping for a mistake on Graham's part that never came.

It took another minute for Graham to take Sing down, at which point he says he decided it was better to forfeit and take the silver rather than risk the knee further.

Regina was York's swan song for the year. In contrast for Manitoba it was a second time to dip into the bubbly, having won the CIAU title last year also.

Brock took the silver while Regina, McMaster and Western tied for third spot.



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