

Loss of setter blunts York finish

by Riccardo Sala

Sue Craig's sprained ankle wasn't in the script, and when it appeared in the first game of the volleyball Yeowomen's match against Winnipeg, it guaranteed a different ending to the UofT tournament this past weekend.

Up until then, York had been favored to appear in the gold medal match of the four team tournament. Instead, with the injury to their setter, York struggled into the bronze medal match against UofT.

The Yeowomen prevailed with a 3-1 win over the Blues to garner third place.

"After Sue went out, we moved Cheryl Guay, one of our power hitters, into the setting position. It took us a couple of matches to get comfortable with what was going on. Cheryl hasn't done a lot of setting, and she

did a pretty good job considering it's not her primary role with the team," York coach Merv Mosher said.

Craig was injured Saturday in York's first match of the tournament. Winnipeg went on to win 3-1. On Friday at Tait, the Yeowomen hosted a scrimmage against Winnipeg that York won 3-0.

In their second game of the round robin Saturday, York was shutout 3-0 by Montreal.

By the time that York played its third and final opponent in round robin, the Yeowomen were getting accustomed to the setup sans Craig, a factor that Mosher cites for York's improved showing against UofT. Toronto had to go the five game distance to call this match.

York and UofT met again in the bronze medal match, the Yeowomen defeating the Blues 3-1 for third place in the tournament.

"With Sue Craig playing, I believe that we would have been in the finals," Mosher said.

Winnipeg defeated Montreal in the gold medal match.

The UofT tournament will likely change the national rankings. After placing fourth at the Saskatchewan tournament two weeks ago, the Yeowomen moved up to sixth place in the CIAU standings.

"I'm not sure what'll happen after the (UofT) tournament. Montreal had been number seven (in the country) so they'll probably move up a notch," Mosher said.

The Yeowomen will be meeting with Montreal and Winnipeg this weekend when they travel to Ottawa for tournament action. Other participants include Regina, Dalhousie, number one ranked Manitoba as well as Ottawa and Carleton.



IT'S CALLED PHYSICAL EXERTION: York's Mary van Soelen at the net against Montreal. The Yeowomen were in action at UofT over the weekend, where they struggled through to the bronze medal match after losing setter Sue Craig in their first match, against Winnipeg. York managed to win the bronze with a 4 set win over the Blues to stay out of last place in the four team tournament

photo by Clive Cohen

Meningitis outbreak affecting sports

by Riccardo Sala

The appearance of widespread meningitis cases in the Ottawa region is having an impact on the varsity sports scene in Ontario.

Ryerson and Queen's both elected not to compete against Ottawa based teams over the weekend due to fear over the outbreak.

Queen's cancelled a men's hockey game against a visiting Ottawa squad, while Ryerson opted not to send their basketball teams to Ottawa.

Bob Fullerton, director of athletics for Ryerson said that the decision not to travel to Ottawa was taken on the advice of the school's medical officer, Dr. Reingold, after consultation with other sources.

Ryerson has not yet decided to extend the playing ban to visiting teams from either Carleton or Ottawa. This weekend, Ryerson is hosting a badminton tournament that should see both Ottawa based teams competing.

There was no one at Queen's available for comment.

"We're disappointed that they (Queen's and Ryerson) have decided to do this. It's caused quite a bit of problems in terms of having to reschedule games, book the gym and so forth. I think that they're overreacting," said Morgan Quarry, sports information director for the University of Ottawa.

As of Monday, Queen's and Ryerson were the only schools to have taken such action.

York is unlikely to follow suit.

According to a memo circulated last Friday by Mary Lyons, York's acting director of Athletics and Recreation, Lyons had recommended that York "proceed with its scheduled competitions against Ottawa area universities."

Lyons cited medical authorities from the university, the City of North York and Ottawa-Carleton in reaching the decision.

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