

SPORTS



BRRR!!! Yeowoman Jackie Deboiej and the rest of her teammates battled the frigid on field conditions in Edmonton while vying for the CIAU field hockey championship. Joining Deboiej and her mates were UofT, UVIC and the eventual upset winners from UBC. After having lost to UofT 2-1 during preliminary round action, the Yeowomen came back to dump the Blues 1-0 to take the national bronze.

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Volleyball Yeomen fall one match short

by Riccardo Sala

Playing the UofT men's volleyball team is like trying to hit a cockroach with a rolled up newspaper.

Time and again in the final match of the Ryerson Invitational tournament last weekend the Blues fell behind the Yeomen.

But eventually UofT forced a fifth and deciding game, which they won to take home the gold medal.

The tempo of the final was several speeds above the game York had played against the Ryerson Rams three hours earlier.

York and UofT played aggressively, diving frequently to the floor to save the ball.

York's Dexter Abrams was the Yeomen's spiking specialist, providing some much-needed kills time and again.

Teammate Bruce Dunning played his specialty further back, keeping the ball in play and setting up scoring shots.

York's Adrian Adore played his skills as blocker in front of the net. In the final analysis Toronto was

a better team, one which largely controlled play even when it fell behind.

The Yeomen took the first set 15-10. In the second York established a short-lived two point lead.

York coach Wally Dyba feels that his team still has some work to do, that "we've got to have a breakthrough." Something that will put York past Toronto, a team which Dyba said is one of the top 10 in the nation.

The Blues came back quickly, however, and won the second set 15-10.

York won the third set and needed only to take one more to win the game. Unfortunately U of T had other plans.

The Yeomen worked themselves to a 7-1 lead early in the fourth set before UofT set their tractor beam onto York and caught up.

With frightening frequency U of T put points on the board and won 15-10. UofT took the fifth match to win the final and the tournament. York took second place and Bruce Dunning was named tournament MVP.

"This is the best tournament that we've had against them (UofT). They beat us fairly easily at the Brock and Queen's tournaments," Dunning said after the game.

Toronto hasn't been generous against York this year.

Made up of players such as CIAU All-Canadian John Kanjar as well as Jacob Wiktorek, a Yeoman who defected to the enemy, the Blues have won both times they played the Yeomen this year.

The setback was the Yeomen's first in the six team tournament.

York's first opponent Friday night were the Guelph Gryphons, who they beat in two sets.

The Yeomen played Ryerson next. The scrappy Rams took the lead in match one with a 15-10 score. York won the next two though to take the game.

On Saturday York played Ryerson again. The Rams made the match interesting in the first game losing to the Yeomen only 15-13. But in the second game York wised up, winning that one 15-7.

Yeomen hoopsters hot from foul line

by Riccardo Sala

Gee it's great to be back home.

After a weekend road trip to Winnipeg that saw them lose three times, the basketball Yeomen came home Friday night to play Waterloo.

In the end, the Yeomen came out the victors with a hard fought 68-62 win.

Quarterbacked by veteran guard Mark Bellai, the Yeomen ran the ball consistently into Waterloo territory throughout the entire first half.

The Yeomen also took advantage of some poor Waterloo shooting to take a comfortable 41-31 lead into the second half.

Much of the half-time entertainment came from a band that came with the Warriors. Playing away, they gave the game a rah-rah festive mood that made the game more enjoyable. They didn't help their squad in the end but nice try.

York started the second half on a flat note, giving up eight unanswered points before the team regained its composure.

For the rest of the way, though, the game was tight and fierce.

Everytime the Yeomen scored the Warriors answered back with two points of their own.

As York began to fall apart under the relentless Waterloo pressure, the Warriors then surged ahead to a 60-55 lead.

But a Waterloo victory simply was not to be, thanks to a certain Clive Anderson.

York's second leading scorer in the game, Anderson saved the game for the Yeomen with some key free throws in the dying minutes.

Yeoman coach Bob Bain was pleased with his team's effort, though he did admit that "we came out flat in the second half."

Bain feels that this year's team is stronger than last year despite being down to nine players. Bain was referring to Jeff Krupski, who went down with a knee injury in last weekend's game against Winnipeg.

York sees action this weekend at the Queen's Frank Tindall tournament. Their next home game is Tuesday Nov. 13 against Guelph, an 8 p.m. start at Tait McKenzie.



The York basketballers confer during a pre season matchup in Manitoba.

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