Volleyball men brought to earth

By MORLEY CONN

The Yeomen volleyball team's dream season was put on hold this past weekend with a nightmarish loss to the Waterloo Warriors at Saturday's East-West Challenge in the Tait Gym.

"Waterloo was hot and we were not," explained York Coach Wally Dyba, poetically.

The three team mini-tournament also included the U of T Blues whom York defeated handily 15-0, 15-7, 15-2. But the big match between York, currently standing first in the OUAA (10-0) and Waterloo first in the West, made for a possible preview of the OUAA final. However, if York plays like they did Saturday, they won't even have to worry about the final. The nationally unranked Warriors beat the third ranked Yeomen 15-11, 15-9, 15-10.

Notable standouts for York included Dexter Abrams (17 kills, 27 attempts) and Adrian Adore (10 kills, 17 attempts), whom Coach Dyba noted have both been play well lately. York star and Canadian National team member, Bill Knight, did not have one of his better matches, looking uncharacteristically average throughout the match. If York is to continue in its winning ways, it's that Knight that must ignite.

"This tournament was probably Waterloo's last chance to get into the top eight ranking for the CIAU championships," noted coach Dyba. "If they're in the top eight, there's not much going on the rest of this season that will affect the rankings."

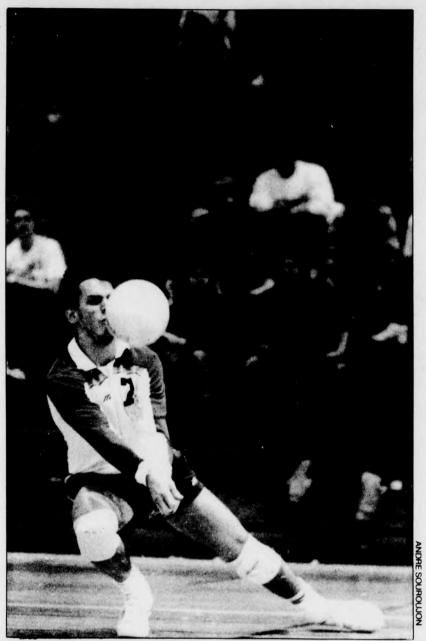
Whether Waterloo's ranking will go up at York's expense depends on how the CIAU evaluates the match. Depite the fact that the Yeomen have beaten the eighth, fourth, and second ranked teams, they should go down with the loss to unranked Waterloo.

"We'll just use the loss as a learning experience," stated Dyba. Losing is one thing the Yeomen have not experienced a lot of this season. The team's overall record now stands at an impressive 29-5. Until the loss Saturday, January had been an incredible month for the team, capped by a big win at the Excalibur classic. "We've been riding a high, maybe the bubble burst, we've been sort of brought back down to earth," said Dyba.

But the dream is not dead yet. The CIAU championship is not out of reach and remains the attainable goal this season.

"It would be a 'Cinderella' victory, but it's possible. The team is capable of it, everything just has to fit into place," explained Dyba.

The Yeomen's next home game takes place Friday, February 10 at 8 p.m. against Queen's.



NO BLOWING BUBBLES IN THE BACK COURT! Veteran Yeoman Bruce Dunning passes during last weekend's match against Waterloo.



EXCALIBUR SPORTS CALENDAR

February 2 - February 9

by 'Stats' Conroy

Basketball:

Yeomen vs. Concordia Thurs Feb 2 (8 pm) Yeowomen vs Toronto Tues Feb 7 (6 pm) Yeomen vs Toronto Tues Feb 7 (8 pm) The grand finale of the incomparably thrilling DASH FOR CASH will take place during this basketball doubleheader against Toronto. •• A LIVE CHRY PRESENTATION ••

Gymnastics:

Yeowomen/Yeomen Ranking Meet II Sun Feb 5 (1 pm)

SPORT YORK RESULTS

January 23-January 29

ICE HOCKEY: (Yeowomen) Wednesday, January 25 Toronto 3 York 0 (Yeomen) Friday, January 27 York 5 Concordia 4 (OT) Greg Rolston scored three goals including the winner with 26 second remaining in overtime. Saturday, January 28 York 4 McGill 3 Mike Futa counted the winner with 1:03 left in the third period.

VOLLEYBALL: (Yeowomen - The Ottawa Invitational) January 28/29 Defeated McMaster 15-11, 15-7 Defeated Ottawa 15-7, 20-18 Defeated Regina 16-14, 9-15, 15-6 Semi-final: Defeated Toronto 8-15, 15-5, 12-15, 15-9, 15-5 Final: Were defeated by Laval 8-15, 6-15, 13-15 Yeowomen win the Silver Medal, Bente Rasmussen and Megan Hurst were selected as tournament all-stars

(Yeomen - East-West Challenge) Saturday, January 28 Were defeated by Waterloo 11-15, 9-15, 10-15 Dexter Abrams had 17 kills, 5 digs; Bill Knight 13 kills, 9 digs, 4 blocks Defeated Toronto 15-0, 15-7, 15-2 Dexter Abrams had 11 kills, 11 digs, 4 blocks; Bill Knight 12 kills, 6 blocks

WRESTLING: (The Western Open) Saturday, January 28 Ist place: Stan Tzogas, Curtis Wilson, Jim Lee 2nd place: Gord Johnson

SQUASH: (Yeowomen - CAN-AM Part II) January 28/29 York placed fifth in the tournament

BASKETBALL: (Yeowomen) Friday, January 27 York 53 Laurentian 51

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TRACK AND FIELD: (CAN-AM Classic at Windsor Saturday, January 28 (Yeowomen) 60m. - 1st France Gareau 7.58 seconds 300m. - 1st France Gareau 39.87 seconds 4x200m. relay - 1st Andrea Hastick, Lesa Mayes, Karyn Humber, France Gareau 1:43.04 minutes High Jump - 1st Pam O'Donnell 1.66m. Long Jump - 2nd Andrea Hastick 5.33m. Shot Put - 1st Lesa Mayes 13.20m. 60m. Hurdles - 1st Lesa Mayes 8.89 seconds, 2nd Karyn Humber 9.07 seconds, 3rd Leslie Tashlin 9.31 seconds 1000m. - 4th Elaine Craig 3:06.34 minutes

(Yeomen)

60m. - 2nd Dwayne Roker 6.99 seconds 60 m. Hurdles - 1st Louis DePaoli 8.39m 300m. 2nd Kevin Benner 35.71 seconds, 3rd Fern Turpin 35.83 seconds Triple Jump - 1st Casey Belaisis 13.36m. Pole Vault - 1st Graham Booth 4.65m., 2nd Walter Hauer 4.65m. 4x200m. Relay - 2nd Colin Inglis, Darren Gardner, Fern Turpin, Kevin Benner 1:30.34 minutes

EXCAL NEEDS SPORTS-WRITERS

Ice Hockey:

Yeowomen vs McMaster Wed Feb 8 (7:30 pm) Yeowomen vs Toronto Thurs Feb 9 (7:30 pm)

Volleyball:

Yeowomen High School Volleyball Classic Feb 3/4

SOCCER:

(Yeomen - 1st ANNUAL GREAT LAKES INTERCOLLEGIATE TOURNAMENT - Detroit) January 27-29 The Yeomen finished with a record of I win, I loss and I tie. Hunter

Madeley scored 6 goals and Greg Dac Bang counted 3

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