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Photo by Alicia Wynter

Carlie Wright, one of Loyalist Lancers' setters dives for a spiked ball during a game against George Brown on Saturday in Belleville. The Lancers won all three of their first sets scoring 3-0.

Mixed results on weekend for volleyball teams

By Catherine Jackman and Marta Iwanek

It was an other interesting weekend in Loyalist volleyball.

Hosting the George Brown Huskies on Saturday, Jan. 19, the Loyalist Lancers women's team was able to overcome a five-game losing streak with a 3-0 win. The men lost their game against the Huskies 3-1.

However, on Friday, Jan. 18, the men's team took a surprising win over the OCAA east division first place team, the Durham Lords and the women's team lost their three sets to the same team.

After having already lost to the Huskies earlier in the men's season, the close loss came as no shock to head coach Dave Templar, whose team stands seventh in the eastern division with a total of 28 games won and 29 lost.

"They're a good squad. They've played really well all season, and played some really good teams. We're coming off of a big win last night (versus Durham College) which gave us a bit of confidence, but certainly these guys beat us first semester too, so we knew we had to play our best in order to come out with a win today,"

said Templar.

Throughout the game, the men continued to hold their own against the Huskies, keeping the score tied for most of the four sets. After losing their first set, the Lancers won the second, only to lose the final two.

Templar said it was difficult for the team to keep their momentum going, because of the tension on the court.

"The referees affect some of the flow of the match, and that's not supposed to happen," he said

A yellow card, indicating a penalty and a loss of rally for the recipient, was issued to the Lancers during the game for misconduct, causing crowd reaction to shift from outrage to disappointment with the referee's decision.

"It's just back to practice. We just really have to highlight some things that we didn't do so well today and we'll work on those over the course of the week," said Templar.

The same cannot be said for the women's game. They won all three of their sets, regaining some of the confidence needed to continue on with their season.

"I'm very happy with the win," said Lancers setter Kirsten Talsma. "We've

been on a five-game losing streak so it was nice to finally get the win for a change of pace."

She also said the girls finally came together as a team, playing as one unit, as opposed to individuals, which Talsma explained has been their problem lately.

Intensive practice is ultimately what turned around the girls' game.

"The girls served tough and really supported each other," said assistant coach Dominique Dawes. "Volleyball is a very tough mental game and it was getting the better of some of them.

"The girls responded well to our coaching and it was nice to see some of them show their skills that they possess," said Dawes.

Getting to the playoffs is still going to be tough, she explained, as the women's team is currently sitting eighth overall in the eastern division, with 23 games won and 26 lost.

"You can't win a game if you can't pass the ball," said Dawes.

But the loss won't dampen the men's momentum.

"We can't let it affect the future," said Templar.

The Loyalist Lancers men's volleyball

team surprised many by defeating the OCAA east division first place team going into the game, the Durham Lords, on Friday night.

The Lancers won 3-0.

"I think the guys are pretty happy right now," said coach Templar after the game, mentioning Durham had made some unfortunate errors in the game. "And that's the important part of capitalizing on those."

He credited the team's success to engaged net play and since Loyalist had played Durham before, they were more familiar with the plays the team usually used.

In the first set, the Lancers lacked energy, but were able to capitalize on the other team's mistakes and stay in the lead for most of the set before winning it 25-21.

In the second set, the Lancers beat the Lords 25-23. In the third set, both teams' energy could be felt and as the score got closer to match point, the Lancers were only leading by three or sometimes two points.

A strong spike from the Lancers ended the set with a win of 25-23.

"I think that the guys are starting to really believe that even though our record

doesn't totally show it, and in some of the matches we can be seen as the underdog, I think they're starting to see that through some solid team play and good defence you could beat anybody," said Templar. He said that the team's goal is to get to playoffs and this game is huge in that. "This match might have been the difference provided we can continue that momentum."

With their confidence shaken early in the first set, the Loyalist Lancers women's volleyball team went on to lose all three sets against the Durham Lords who currently stand first in the OCAA east division.

"We were ready to go," said head coach Tony Clarke about the energy going into the game. "Then we had the wind taken out of our sails when we were a few points down."

"They're working hard and trying hard, but things aren't going the way they want," said Clarke. "Hopefully the next game we'll come out more aggressive, stay consistent and play hard."

The next game for both Lancer teams is on Jan. 26 at Loyalist against Trent with the women's game beginning at 2 p.m. and the men's at 4 p.m.



Photo by Alicia Wynter

Loyalist Lancers guard, Curtis Onion drives toward the basket against La Cité's Vincent Beaulac-Dufresne on Sunday. Loyalist went on to win 77-67.

Lancers defence proves its worth

By David Zammit

Loyalist Lancers defence was as flashy as possible by grabbing 15 team steals and three team blocks in the game against La Cité Coyotes last Sunday.

The game started with a lot of missed shots from both teams as they both struggled to find their offensive game. Lancers were on top at the end of a low-scoring affair in the first quarter 15-12.

The second quarter started to show promise on both ends of the court for the Lancers. Their quick transition plays off of Warsama Elmi, and Christophe Hadys turnovers, helped the Lancers hold the lead down heading into halftime 32-30.

The second half saw more scoring than the first as the team came out of the gates firing from all areas of the court. Jordan Marlowe stepped up and grabbed three steals this quarter, leading to the Lancers clinging

to a 52-51 lead heading into the final quarter of the game.

In the final quarter, the Lancers played both ends of the floor great by putting up 25 points in the quarter and holding the Coyotes top scorers Daniel Gracia, and Blaise Mwenze intact when the game was on the line. The final score was 76-66 for the Lancers at home in front of about 80 people.

Game Notes: Lancers top scorers Patrick Kalala had 21 points followed by a strong showing from Jordan Marlowe with 16 points, six boards, and eight steals. Steven Bailey was good off the bench with 10 points, 2-4 from the land beyond and two steals in limited action.

Top player for Coyotes were Daniel Gracia with 24 points, 13 boards, four assists, and three steals. Blaise Mwenze had a good game for the Coyotes with 23 points, and nine boards in the losses.



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Patrick Kalala, Loyalist Lancers third-year guard, attempts to make a basket against La Cité Collégiale.

Bulls winning streak comes to an end



Photo by Evan Campbell

Jordan Binnington of the Owen Sound Attack makes a big kick save to add to his 32 saves in Saturday's game against the Belleville Bulls Jan. 13 in Belleville. Binnington shut out the Bulls 4-0 and became the first goalie in Attack history to shut out the Bulls.

Owen Sound Attack shuts down Belleville with a 4-0 win in Saturday action

By Evan Campbell

The Owen Sound Attack broke the Belleville Bulls' winning streak Saturday as netminder Jordan Binnington shut down the Bulls top scorers on their home ice, for a 4-0 win.

The much-anticipated goalie battle featured Binnington and Malcolm Subban, the two goalies who represented Canada at the World Junior Championships this past month in Russia.

Binnington and Subban battled hard all game, with Binnington out-stopping Subban 32 saves to 29.

In the first period, the Attack's Cody Ceci scored the first goal of the game at the 9:36 mark. Ceci had just returned to the Ontario Hockey league after being

cut from the Ottawa Senators training camp for the upcoming National Hockey League season.

The game went into a scoreless second period with both teams putting plenty of shots on net.

The Attack pulled away with the game in the third as Kyle Hope came out with a big goal at 4:21. The Attack kept pressing and Holden Cook added another insurance goal at 16:23. After Belleville pulled Subban for an extra attacker, Daniel Catenacci put one in the open mesh of the Bulls net.

With Binnington out-playing Subban and getting the shutout, he became the first goalie to not allow a goal against the Bulls in Owen Sound Attack history.

With that loss, and some other game results, the Bulls are now in third place trailing behind the Oshawa Generals in second and the Barrie Colts in first.

The two teams are within two points of each other and the Generals are in town this Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Yardmen Arena.