



Photo by Amanda Cheung

Justin Greaves and Adam Strickland of the Loyalist Lancers block a hit by David Mann of the Canadore Panthers. Despite a powerful first set in which the Lancers took victory, they lost to the Panthers 3-1.

Men’s volleyball loses weekend matches

By Victoria Thoms

The men’s volleyball team started off strong, winning their first match on Sunday against Canadore College of North Bay. However, they lost the second, third and fourth matches, with a final score of 3-1.

The Lancers won the first set 25-19, giving them a strong start to the game. After losing the second and third sets 25-23 and 25-20 respectively, the men were determined to keep themselves in the game. They played extremely well with

many hard hits and good digs, by all men on the court.

Blocking well against the Canadore Panthers, the Lancers kept in the game until the very end. Losing 25-23, the men had an outstanding game, but team members said they were disappointed.

The team and the coaches said they were upset with the results of the game, with hopes of inspiring some passion into the team at their upcoming practices.

“Canadore played very well after the first set, and did a good job of capitaliz-

ing on our errors to build intensity. Our guys however, did not show mentally yesterday at all. We did what was necessary to prepare them with a solid game plan, some of which was changed throughout the match, but they left their intensity in the changeroom,” said Dave Templar, the men’s coach.

The game has not affected their standings overall, and the men remain the fourth-place team in the east division. With four games left in their season, the Lancers still have some time to win again

and keep their good standing.

“The rest of our season will be busy, as long as we can get our full roster back soon from sickness and we are all healthy,” said Templar after last week’s game.

With members of both the men’s and women’s teams not feeling well, the teams are trying their best to play well and finish their seasons, according to the Lancers coaches.

“I believe in this group of guys! Every match this semester will be a challenge for us, and we have to work harder to keep an

edge over the teams we beat last semester. At the same time, we will be looking to avenge a couple losses we had, and really see if we can build some momentum, so we are playing our best for playoffs,” said Templar.

The men play their next game at George Brown College in Toronto on Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 8 p.m. following the women’s game.

The Lancers will be playing their final home game on Feb. 12 against Fleming College at 8 p.m.

Women’s volleyball team drops to 10th place with loss

By Victoria Thoms

The Loyalist Lancers women’s volleyball team played hard on Sunday during their game against Canadore College of North Bay, yet came out on the bottom, losing 3-0.

The women’s team dropped from ninth to 10th place in the east division because of the loss.

The Lancers played well in the first two sets, but Canadore played better, beat-

ing the Lancers 25-18 in the first set and 25-15 in the second. The Lancers picked up their spirits for the third set, fighting hard to stay in the game. Losing by only a couple points, the Lancers were defeated once again, 25-23.

The Lancers have been having a tough semester, with a small team of mostly rookies. The team is already looking forward to next year, to have a bigger team with a few more seasoned players.

“We are a team made up of mainly

first-year players, and it’s just the start of trying to prepare for next season as well,” said Chantal Cormier, a middle for the Loyalist team.

Sickness has been affecting many students at Loyalist College, causing students to miss classes and athletes to miss games.

“Today was unfortunate that we lost, but with a team that is 90 per cent sick, we tried our best. Yeah, we lost, but we fought with heart. Our team is a small team and it’s no secret we are the underdogs, but we

come into every game with our heads up. I think our team did what we could to the best of our ability,” said Cormier.

With only four games left in their season, the Lancers have to put in a lot of practice to make an impact in their standings.

Amy Hoskin, one of the Lancers coaches, said she has strong faith in her team and is looking for her team to work together as a whole.

“Despite how sick some of the girls are, they sucked it up and pushed

through the game. We had a couple key girls that stepped up for us to try to hold things together, but volleyball is a team sport and it takes a team to win a game,” said Hoskin.

Hoskin said the team is looking to regroup at their practice on Monday night and prepare for their next game.

The ladies will be playing against the George Brown Huskies on Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 6 p.m. at George Brown College in Toronto.



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Battling Bulls

Jake Marchment of the Belleville Bulls receives a blow to the head from Kurtis MacDermid of the Erie Otters in one of four fights occurring in the Bulls 4-1 loss at the Yardmen Arena on Monday night.

Men win in basketball action on Friday

By Mandy Larade

The Loyalist Lancers men’s basketball team took an 84-70 victory at home on Friday evening in Belleville against the Canadore Panthers.

The snow and wind conditions on the weekend caused the Belleville Bulls home hockey game to be postponed, however, the Loyalist and Canadore teams played on.

The Lancers started off the first quarter with a 16-12 lead over Canadore, staying ahead in points for the whole game.

Throughout the game, there was a ping-pong pattern as both teams would alternate in scoring. The Lancers managed to keep their lead in the game over Canadore.

The half-time score was 37-29 for Loyalist.

During the third quarter, Canadore brought up the score from 37 to 43, making it 48-43 for the Lancers. However, Loyalist Lancer Jayvon Lake scored two points, bringing the score to 50-43.

The Lancers held a 53-47 lead at the end of the third quarter.

During the final quarter, Canadore scored 17 more points and Loyalist scored 37 more points, boosting their lead even more.

The Lancers finished the game with an 84-70 score against Canadore.

The next home game for men’s basketball will be on Feb. 7 in Belleville.