

Only 24 York points in seconds half

# Basketballers miss Lutheran win by 4

By DAVID CROCKER

I can understand a team being a slow starter but the York Yeomen, basketball variety, are getting ridiculous. They scored a mere 24 points in the first half against Waterloo Lutheran last weekend and ended up on the short end of a 72-68 score.

The Yeomen have suffered from an inability to score in the first half for most of the year. Even against lowly Ryerson they barely made it over 30 points in the first half. Against Ryerson that was all they needed. In fact, if they had managed 30 points against Waterloo Lutheran it would have been fine. Instead they netted only 24 and it cost them the game.

Lutheran helped the Yeomen along by playing fine defense in the first half. They used a full court press for most of the half and York just couldn't break it. On several occasions Lutheran got two and three consecutive baskets, before York got the ball across centre.

Sandy Nixon inadvertently contributed to the Lutheran cause.

Nixon was under a lot of pressure for this game. He played for Lutheran for three years and starred almost constantly. He wanted a big game to step on his old team-mates and coach. Instead he came up empty.

He had been bothered earlier in the week by an injury to his right hand. Nixon claimed after the game that his hand had been fine and was no excuse for his bad

show, but it looked swollen. Anyway, whatever the reason, Nixon didn't show well and couldn't help the Yeomen break Lutheran's press.

To complicate things even further Lutheran controlled both offensive and defensive boards. They "out toughed" the Yeomen at every turn. Bob Wepler's inexperience showed in this one as he was roughed-up rather badly. Even Ron Kimel who usually dishes out plenty took a good going over.

Lutheran's press combined with their hustle allowed them to jump off to an early 12-5 edge. They beat the Yeomen to the ball all through the half stretching their lead to 24-15 and finally at intermission to 34-24.

An indication of the physical beating the Yeomen were taking is the fact that none of York's starters were in foul trouble at the half. They were just not digging with the Hawks.

In the second half the Yeomen looked like a different ball team. They came out hustling and immediately closed the gap to eight and then six points. At this point they suffered one of several costly lapses which hurt their catch-up efforts in the second half.

They generally recovered from these lapses after two or three baskets but time ran out on them before they could regain any consistency.

With two minutes left it looked as

if York was finally going to take the lead. They trailed by just three, 62-59. They had Lutheran on the run.

It looked good, but not for long.

The officials took over. Two consecutive fouls were called on the Yeomen and the one and one situations put the game out of reach.

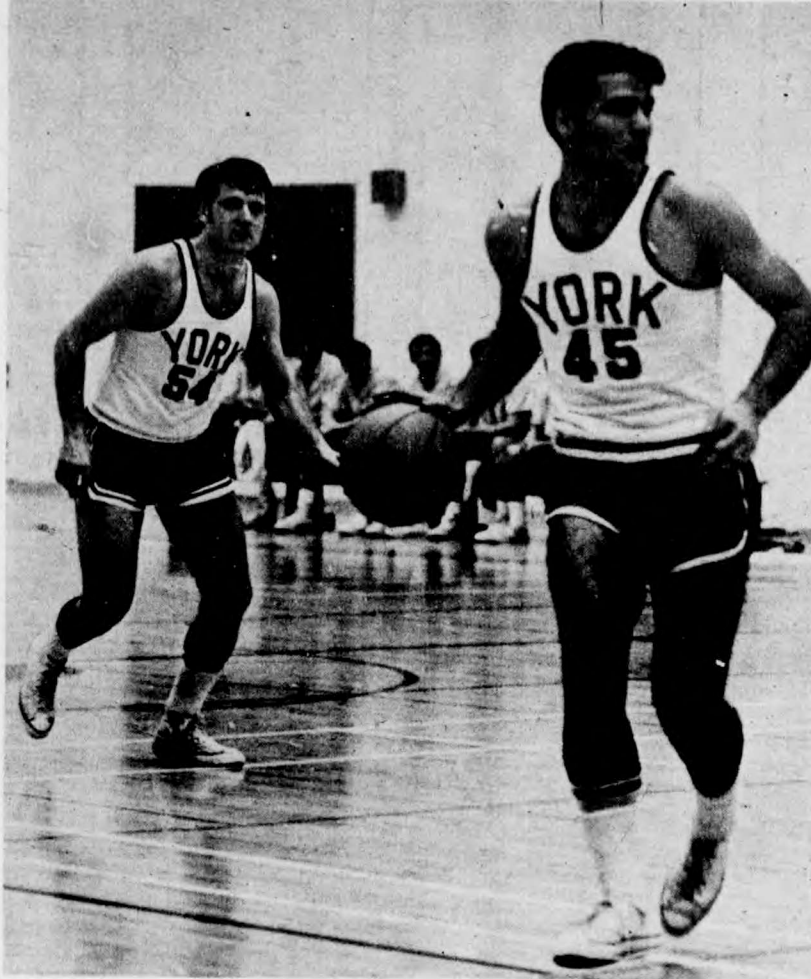
With one minute to go York made an unusual attempt to save themselves. For some unknown reason the fire alarm rang and the score board went a bit nuts. One clock showed no time remaining and the wrong score. Nevertheless, the officials kept things going and the alarm finally stopped. Lutheran went off too but they had won 72-68. The fire alarm lost.

Stan Raphael led the Yeomen again this week. He was one of the few York cagers who dished out more than he received. His elbows were hurt more than his ribs. Stan potted 25 points and continued to show his fine play under the basket. Gus Falcioni and John Pizale followed with 10 points each.

Gus had an especially good game showing the form that made him a highschool star. Pizale led the hustle and comeback in the second half. Bob Wepler had six points for the losers and deserved more. Ron Kimel followed with five, Jim Maydo had four and Sandy Nixon and Barry Turnbull completed the scoring with three each.

Lutheran's two fine outside shooters put the final nail on York's coffin. Chris Coulthard sank 21 points and didn't seem to miss anything. Larry Danby potted 21 flashy points as well.

York still hangs in the playoff picture. They play first place Laurentian tomorrow, Friday night, in another really important one. York is only two games behind and in a good playoff position. It should be a fine game.



Yeoman Gus Falcioni dribbles the ball up the court last weekend while team-mate John Pizale follows.

## B-ball women lose to Windsor, though first half looked good

By MARGIE WOLFE

A beautifully played first half made it look as if York's women's basketball team was finally going to get its first league win of the season.

In a game held last Saturday at the Tait McKenzie building against the first-rate University of Windsor squad, the York women demonstrated that they most definitely have the skill to take on skilful opponents.

Unfortunately, however, the inability to control Windsor's breakaways during the final two periods cost the York team a 39-25 loss.

The initial quarter was characterized by effective as well as beautiful offensive and defensive play by the York girls.

They were shooting accurately, passing precisely and holding the fast moving team from Windsor in check.

In these first minutes York showed a type of form which usually characterizes a consistently successful team.

The second quarter went much the same as the first. Again the York squad dominated play by effectively driving through their opponents' zone.

But after the break York seemed to somehow fall apart. Either a change of defense on the part of York or a complete substitution of strings by Windsor or both may have been the cause of this breakdown.

The Lancerettes, led by their outstanding forward, Cookie Leach began to take hold.

Their main method of offense, the breakaway, seemed to overcome the York team. What they did was get the ball, pass it to Cookie who then with her unusual ability to heave the ball the distance of the court, would get it to a team-mate down the floor, who would then go in for a clear shot.

This attack worked time after time, thus allowing the Windsor team to finally come ahead for the first time in the game.

York's change from a zone to a man to man defense might also

explain the unfortunate change in the movement of the game.

This team which has been playing zone all season may have been unprepared to start this new method of defense.

At no time during the game did the York women give up. Each point that Windsor totalled was hard fought for. The home team kept shooting and were battling for those balls off the backboard.

But shots weren't hitting their mark and passes were being intercepted and turned into goals for their opponents.

In this darkness however a new light began to shine.

Freshman guard Barb Eidt, who has been playing second string all season showed her potential for the first time in this game. Although her shooting was not outstanding, she only made good for five points, Barb played an all round competent game during the entire time she was on the floor. Barb brought the ball down the court without being blocked, made good strong passes and took advantage of all her shooting opportunities.

York's other top players were veterans Sharon Hornsby who scored for eight points and Jean Landa who hit for five. Although her shooting wasn't on, Eva Hill played a great game. She is the type of player who is always at the right place at the right time. Eva has already proven herself to be the best rebounder on the team, even though she is not one of the taller players.



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