

Stewart's aggressive play stalls Vees

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As the buzzard sounded, the CIAU's 8th ranked Laurentian Vees were awarded two foul shots, because the referee figured there was still one second remaining on

the clock when he called the foul. Laurentian scored on both awarded shots, but in vain, as the York Yeowomen basketball team held on to defeat the Vees 59-58, Saturday night at Tait McKenzie

gym.

The Vees may have lost the game, but with the two extra baskets they at least clinch a tie for first place with York at the end of the season. York had earlier lost 62-61 to the Vees in Sudbury and had to win by more than one point to gain home court advantage at play-off time.

Until then, York has one game remaining, against Guelph, while Laurentian takes to the court against the University of Toronto and Brock.

If both teams win their remaining games, Laurentian would notch first place because of their superior record. York needs a big win over Guelph or for either Brock or U of T to knock off the Vees, to capture first place.

The Vees controlled much of the play for the first five minutes of the game. Before the half though, York fought back, breaking the tight Laurentian defence and following just 30-29 as the buzzer sounded ending 20 minutes of play.

York offence ignited

As the second half began the York offence ignited, moving ahead 36-31 after just four minutes. As time elapsed York continued to lead and with three minutes to play had a six point lead, 57-51.

Laurentian's offence then began to press York, forcing a number of turn overs which enabled them to close the gap to 57-56.

With 10 seconds remaining Laurentian's Franca Ingrabelli moved in under the basket, taking a shot that missed, with York's Elaine Stewart coming up with the rebound. In the process Stewart was fouled, and put the game out of reach for the Vees by

sinking both of her foul shots.

Stewart was a standout in the game, especially on defence. She led both teams with 8 defensive gains while assisting a number of times in breaking up Vee's

Whibbs, Dalcin, Holden, Stewart lead way

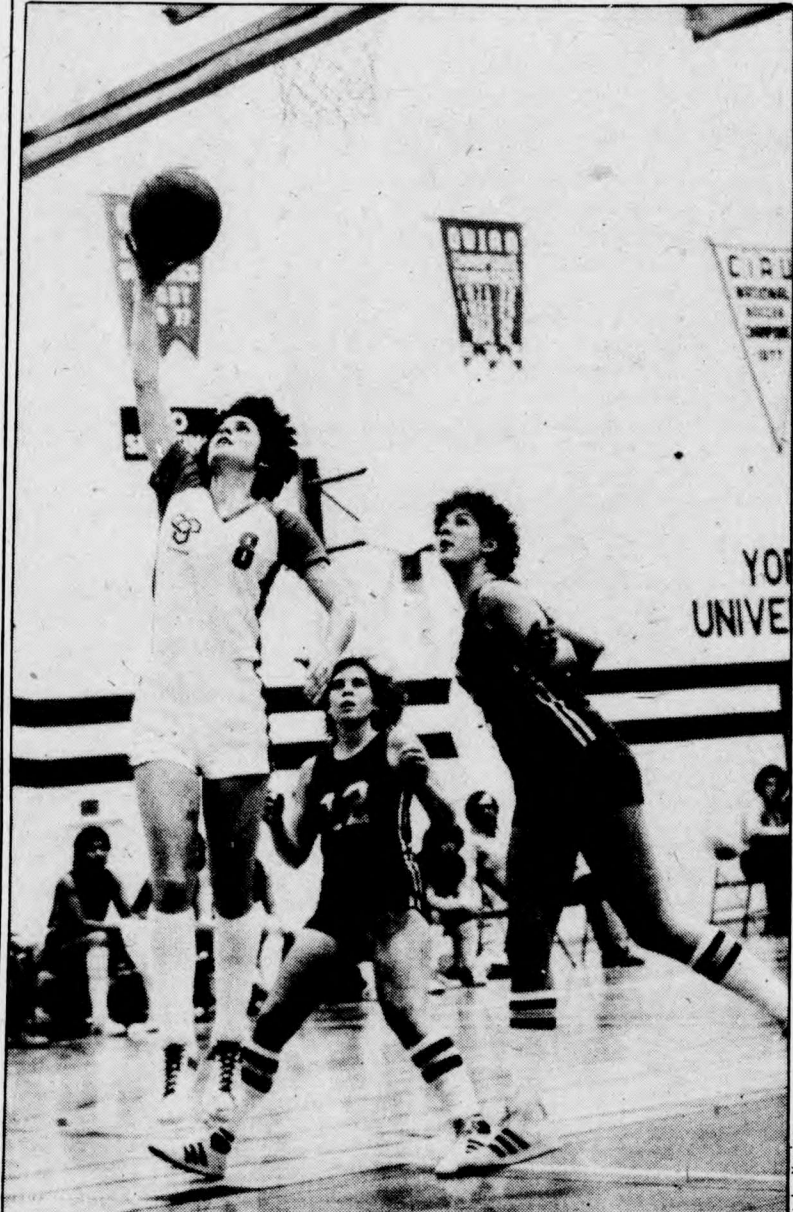
offensive thrusts.

Barb Whibbs led the York team with 16 points while teammates Leslie Dalcin, Kim Holden and Stewart had 11, 10 and 8 points respectively.

Vee's forward Donna Zirojevic led her team with 17 points with teammate Ingrabelli netting 9 and Winnie Quinn collecting 7 points.

York outrebounded Laurentian 39-27, but the Vee's shooting percentage was one per cent greater than York's, 33-32. Turnovers were costly for Laurentian, which gave the ball up 28 times in comparison to York's 15.

X-rated: The Tier 1 OWIAA basketball statistics have been released with a few Yeowomen figuring prominently in the top ten...**Elaine Stewart** is 10th in free throw percentage (69)...**Leslie Dalcin** is 3rd in field goal percentage (46)...**Barb Whibbs** is second in total points per game average (19) and 2nd in rebounding with 80 while **Dalcin** is 6th with 49...**Kim Holden** is 4th in assists with 17...the Yeowomen have been involved in a large number of one point games this season which has provided some exciting basketball for the fans.



Kim Holden (8) reaches high for the basket while Winnie Quinn (12) and Debbie Davies (15) move in to late to defend.

Balance in hockey

Al Clarkson

Before the current OUAA hockey season began, York coach Chris Kostka predicted, "considerable balance" in the league with at least five teams, including York, staying close to the top of the standings.

The race for first place is in fact a lot closer than Kostka, or anyone else for that matter, expected.

With only two weeks remaining in regular season play, first place is up for grabs with only four points separating the top seven teams.

Miss the play-offs?

Following a 6-4 loss to Queen's last Sunday, the Yeomen are sitting in sixth place with 23 points.

Considering how close the competition is they could either finish in first place or miss the play-offs all together.

Playing against Queen's, the Yeomen managed to keep the game close until early in the third period. The Golden Gaels however, backed by a large and very vocal home crowd, were able to pull away to the victory.

York's goals were scored by Al Sinclair, Alf Beasley, Frank McCarthy and Tim Haunn.

Notes...Al Sinclair, York's scoring leader, is seventh in the OUAA league with 35 points...Frank McCarthy, 11th in the league has scored 17 goals thus far...watch for the play-offs update next week.



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