

# Basketball - Where Will York Stand?

Waterloo-Lutheran Golden Hawks have won the championship of the league for the last three seasons, losing just one league game in the process. The Hawks have come the closest of all Ontario universities to the characteristics of a U.S. college basketball team - including daily practices, a junior Varsity team, an American coach (Howard Lockhart of Texas) and a booster club that assures them of packed houses for every home game.

Their top returning players are Norm Cuttifford (6'5" - centre), Dave Baird (6'5" - forward), Bob Bain (6' - guard), and Sandy Nixon (6' - guard). A highly rated newcomer is Andy Lossburg, a 6'8" centre, from Dayton, Ohio.

The only team that may stand in the way of an unbeaten season for them this year is Osgoode. The remaining teams in the league are just not in Lutheran's class.

Osgoode Owls are blessed with the happy problem of not having lost any of last year's top players while picking up some good ones this year.

Their top returning players include centre Claude MacMillan, guards Gerry Sternberg and Howie Katz, and forward Wayne Anderson. Osgoode has acquired forward Ron Kimel, centre Al Irwin and guards Bill Woloshyn and Ron Horeck.

On paper, this Osgoode team can be as good as anyone in the league including Waterloo Lutheran. However, coach John Grey feels the stumbling block to a very successful season could be the fact that Osgoode has had little practice time as compared to the other teams and two players, Sternberg and Irwin have just returned from playing with Mon-

*Basketball, one of York's two 'national games' (hockey is next) opens its official season this weekend at York, with a game against Osgoode.*

*Excalibur B-ball reporter Dave Nimon takes a look at the league York plays in - the Ontario Intercollegiate Athletic Association, and predicts the final outcome.*

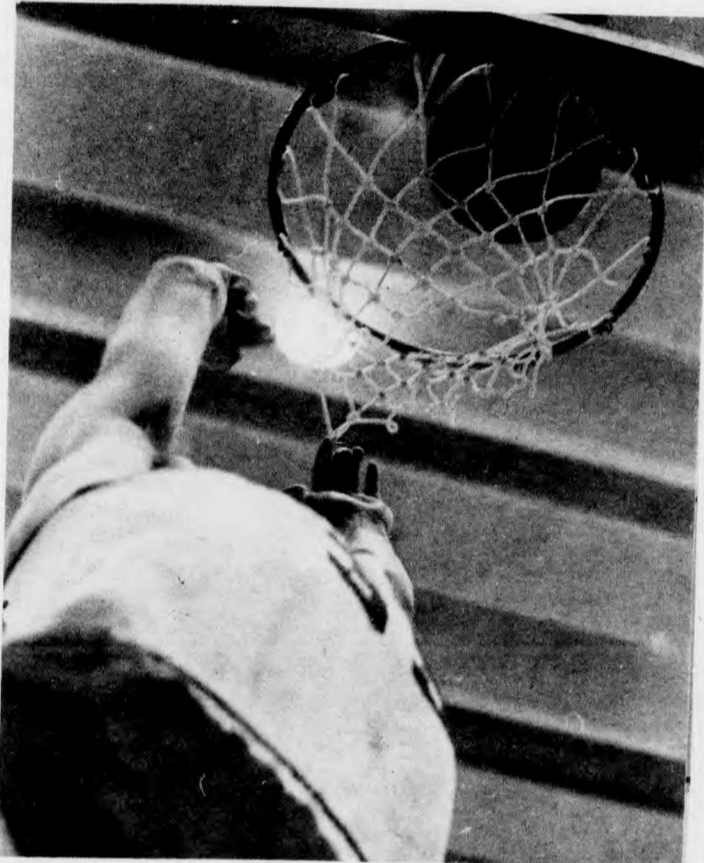
*Dave's comments are the result of a detailed questionnaire sent to each team in the league (Laurentian hadn't replied by the time this article went to press), and conversations with some of the teams' coaches.*

treal and Toronto, respectively, of the C.F.L.

Grey continues that Osgoode's early games will have to be won through player experience rather than by execution of specific

plays. If, indeed, Osgoode does prove successful against York and Laurentian, they should finish no worse than second in the league.

Ryerson Ram's greatest lia-



bility this year will be lack of experience on their team. Their top returning players are guard Ed Kowal and forward Bruce Patterson while rookie forwards Digby Wright and Dave Oxley figure strongly in the line-up.

Their offence is geared to setting up Kowal for a shot and they use a zone defence that is usually quite effective. A team playing Ryerson has to be able to stop Kowal and break the zone in order to win. Only in three times out of ten was any team successful in doing this, last year.

Coach Angelo Di Thomas won't win any popularity contests but he knows how to get the best out of the talent on hand. If Thomas doesn't lose this ability, Ryerson can be tough.

No information is available at this time concerning Laurentian Voyageurs. It is safe to say, however, that their success will mainly depend on whether guard Ed Jakubo and centre Jim Greenfield are playing this year. These two players were most important last season and supplied the needed drive to the offence.

Laurentian lost to Waterloo-Lutheran by fifty points at Lutheran last year. In the return game at Sudbury, the Voyageurs handed the Golden Hawks their first defeat in over thirty league games covering three seasons. In short, Laurentian is tough at home.

York Windigoes were covered in a previous issue of Excalibur. Their success depends on whether the relatively inexperienced centres can perform at varsity calibre.

Waterloo-Lutheran should be pushed for the championship by Osgoode. Laurentian, Ryerson and York will be scrambling to stay out of the cellar.

## Program may send York students abroad

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This in the York Calendar? You may see it sooner than you think.

The proposal for a study program between York and foreign universities, a "Junior Year Abroad", is receiving increasing attention on campus.

The program would send a group of qualified York students abroad to study for a year, and have the year accredited to their B.A. program at York.

To achieve this interested students and faculty members would have to work towards the establishment of an acceptable program between York and our foreign co-partner.

Professor John Conway, Master of Founders College, H.A. Bouraoui, of the French Department and other faculty members have assured interested students of their support. Professor Conway has submitted the idea to John Saywell, Dean of Arts and

Science and a committee has been set up to establish a program.

The program would enable a student to study in an environment where he is constantly exposed to the language and culture in which he is specializing. The program would strive to include participants from every field of academic study.

Such reasoning is not the sole force behind growing interest in the program. Faculty members also have stressed the contribution of such an opportunity toward increasing the cultural awareness of any student.

Other Canadian universities have had successful plans of this nature for years, as have United States universities.

Even if this program were not York-based immediately, a few students could engage in it as members of the program of another university, according to Dr. Bouraoui.

Such a program could be an

enriching experience that would benefit all concerned -- a profitable exchange of ideas and cultures to provide students with a truly complete education.

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