

Slow-motion Windigoes edge Skule

For the first time ever York made a clean sweep of a U of T college team by beating the Engineers 52-50 in a listless game, Saturday.

As the Windigo record for the season moved to 5-2 after the victory, it is a good time to reflect upon the season so far.

On the credit side, York has better balance, more bench strength and increased scoring ability than previous Windigo teams. As well, the team's defence is much better at the guard position. Guard Gus Falcion alone has probably stolen the ball from the opposition more times than did the whole team last year.

On the debit side, York has no height (that can't be helped) As a consequence, rebounding this year has been weak. What can be helped, however, is the Windigo's getting rid of the impression that rebounds will just

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drop into their hands. With few exceptions (Dave Anderson for one), the Windigoes refuse to fight for rebounds off the boards. Coach Johnson's pre-season

prediction about York playing 'a fast brand of ball' has turned out to be a myth. There has been no zip to the attack all year and the reasons for this include the fact that the guards and defensive rebounders are not looking up the floor to hit the open man with a pass.

Too often, when a forward does get a pass at centre court, instead of running in for a lay-up or shot, he will conveniently slow down and allow the defen-

ders to catch up.

Fast break attempts have been few and far between.

One other complaint concerns those players who take their sweet time sauntering on and off the court. It is noticeable that the lack of hustle of these players during substitution is reflected in the lack-lustre efforts they put forth while playing.

To sum up, the Windigoes are hindering a potent offence by playing slow-motion basketball.

U of T Blues give York team the blues

On Tuesday, the Windigoes showed some 400 spectators that they can play better.

Nevertheless, York students can take heart in the fact that the Windigoes made a good, entertaining (for the fans, not the players) game out of it and were down only 38-32 at the end of the first half. York stayed with the Blues in that 20 minutes and refused to choke as they did against the same team last year. U. of T won that one 82-28.)

Superior bench strength for the Blues during the second half told the tale as Toronto just kept running up and down the floor and wore out the Windigoes.

Excellent outside shooting by

Larry Faust and Bruce Dempster blew the game apart as the Blues outscored York 55-32 in the second half.

The fact remains that, discounting Dempster, who is one of the best college guards in Canada, York stayed with the Blues except for two important categories--rebounding and hustle.

York's rebounding can be improved somewhat, but their hustle can be improved greatly. Too many players are dogging it, both in practice and games.

It takes just one man loafing on the defence for the opposition to get a man free and score. York has been guilty of this.

Anyway, Bruce Dempster led all scorers with 23 points. For York, Brooke Pearson got 14, while Pete Young and Gord Burns each had 11.

B-Ball Talk has been criticizing York's lack of rebounding and hustle all season. However it is only fair to say that the Windigoes are still better than last year. An improved offence and defence has resulted in a winning 5-3 record at the Christmas break.

There are at least three good reasons for coming out to York's first game after the holidays:

1) York hosts Waterloo-Lutheran on January 13 and it will be a good game;

2) It is one of only two league games York plays at home all month;

3) Brooke Pearson promised to 'eat my jock' if he missed a foul shot in the Blues game. He missed and, as a consequence the half-time entertainment at the Lutheran game will be . . .

Top Windigo scorers

	G	FG	FS	PTS	AVG	REB
B. Pearson	8	43	21	107	13.4	35
P. Young*	8	41	16	98	12.3	38
C. Gordon	8	24	31	79	9.9	63
G. Burns	7	22	14	58	8.3	8

* B-Ball Talk's opinionated choice for York's most valuable player to date.



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	G	W	L	PF	PA	PTS
Waterloo Lu.	1	1	0	88	65	2
Laurentian	1	1	0	78	60	2
Osgoode	2	1	1	136	138	2
Ryerson	0	0	0	0	0	0
York	2	0	2	125	164	0

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