

# Laurentian press bounces York to second

By DAVID CROCKER

York's basketball Yeomen travelled to Sudbury last weekend in a tie for first place with the Laurentian Voyageurs. They came home Sunday in second place. They lost Saturday night 96-90.

It was a fine basketball game, though a few crucial errors by the Yeomen made them lose the game. The inability of the Yeomen to handle Laurentian's full court press lost them vital points. The missing of key layups hurt even more. They missed the first foul

shots of one and one situations consistently and that cost them points. All this occurred late enough in the game to make a big difference.

Both teams started the game running. They used a fast break and piled up the points early. The Yeomen's first crucial error occurred early and this reporter blames the coach for its commission.

Alf Lane got the ball and busted through toward the basket. He missed the open layup and shortly

afterwards the coach replaced him. The coaching staff has managed to break the back of a fine basketball player by showing no confidence in his ability.

Alf is a good rebounder and a great defensive ball player. He holds his own on offense as well. Now, however, he looks for the coach every time he makes a move. He has lost all the confidence he once had in his own ability.

Shortly after York's first substitution Laurentian put on their press. It hurt the continuity of York's offense, and allowed Laurentian to open a slight lead. Laurentian held the lead through most of the first half stretching it between five and 12 points.

York was down by 12 with less than five minutes to go in the first half. They dug deep and closed the gap to five as the buzzer at the half sounded. York trailed Laurentian 49-44 at intermission. It looked like they were coming.

Laurentian started the second half on a little slightly slower note. The tempo slowed but the action under the boards picked up. It was a real war.

In the tough going Stan Raphael stood out. He bulled around like only Raphael can do. He fooled his opposition with a great left-handed drive and hit his short jumper making his driving even more effective.

Then, about half way through the half York's offense just seemed to go slower. They missed outside shots and one layup after another. Most of the first string took a short rest and they seemed rejuvenated about five minutes later. By that time, however, Laurentian had opened a 75-60 margin and the Yeomen looked doomed.

They didn't quit. They dragged themselves up by the bootstraps and made a tremendous finish. They closed the gap to 10 within a minute and kept coming. With about five minutes left the Yeomen pulled to within two points for the first time.

At this time a number of tough breaks and mistakes occurred which eventually gave the game to

Laurentian and snatched it from the Yeomen.

Quickly after York narrowed the margin to two points a border-line foul was called giving Laurentian a basket and a foul shot. The margin was five again.

Sandy Nixon, York's floor general, took his fifth foul as the next in the sequence of minor catastrophies. Despite this setback, the Yeomen pulled to within two points again and then John

Pizale, York's second starting guard fouled out.

With Nixon and Pizale out and Ron Kimel on the bench after injuring an ankle York had trouble keeping their cool under strong pressure from the Voyageurs.

Jim Maydo came in cold off the bench and missed two wide open layups to seal the Yeomen's take. They had made their bed and failed and went down 96-90 to a fine Laurentian team.



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Yeoman Sandy Nixon drives in for a basket to the dismay of two Rams. York downed Ryerson a week ago Tuesday 99-42 to set an all-time university scoring record.

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## Swimmers tie Windsor

Last week the girls' speed swimming team participated in two dual meets, both of which proved to be close battles.

On Tuesday York confronted Waterloo and ended up just four points behind. All of the team swam well, but they just couldn't

seem to account for those missing four points.

Friday resulted in a tie with the winners of last year, and due to the fact that one of their top swimmers was absent, Windsor was not assured of the victory until the final minutes.

York had a seven point edge until the last event, a relay, but Windsor managed to win it by a couple of seconds, thus tying the final score.

Coming first in their respective specialties were Paula Thompson, Lynn Logan and Sue Purchase. Mention should also be made of Andrea Kinsman, York's only diver, who also contributed toward the total score by winning both the one and three metre events, a noticeable improvement over her first competition this year.

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