

Double weekend victories

# Greater bench strength gives lift to Yeomen

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Anyone doubting the adage "revenge is sweet" would be hard pressed to explain the smiles on the faces of York's basketball Yeomen this week.

The cagers indulged in a double helping of the stuff over the weekend by whipping the Ryerson

Rams 96-72 Friday night at the Tait gym, and then dumping the visiting Western Ontario Mustangs 87-78 the following afternoon.

The victories were particularly sweet to the Yeoman. Earlier in the season Ryerson humiliated the Red and White 63-42 at the Polytech. York coach Bob Bain described this

game as their low point of the season, so when York came on the court Friday night they were loaded for Rams.

And the Yeomen also had a point to prove against the Mustangs who had beaten them by a single digit, 65-64, earlier in London. That loss gave York the dubious distinction of being the "one" in Western's 1-12 seasonal win-lose record.

Against Ryerson, Ted Galka led the York attack with 25 points. Five other Yeomen hit in the double figures. Ed Siebert and Rob Pieterbon with 14 points each, Sam Brutto with 13, and Romeo Callegaro and Ev Spence with 11 apiece.

Dave Fogolan, Ryerson's 6'7" centre was the best Ram, scoring 18 points, and giving York fits along the glass all evening, pulling down a game high 17 rebounds.

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But the Yeomen controlled the tempo of the game by running the ball and were able to move it around the Ryerson zone without much trouble.

The Beefeaters' defence came 'up with several steals which they converted into baskets, and but for a few missed lay-ups early in the contest, York could easily have passed the century mark.

The Mustangs travelled to the York wilderness minus their star guard, Bruce Coulthard. The classy backcourt player is still out with a charley horse. But Western didn't seem to miss him in the early stages as they jumped out to a 10-2 lead.

Western's other starting guard, Wally Kunrew, who has been underrated while playing in Coulthard's shadow, seized the opportunity to prove he's an outstanding player in his own right. Kunrew hooped 21 points and played a solid floor game in the losing effort.

The Yeomen were able to put forth a strong team effort, due mainly to strong support from the subs, and rallied to leave the court at half-time with a 40-32 lead.

The second half was wide open and entertaining, but Western couldn't make up the deficit, and York finished the game with a convincing nine point win to avenge their previous loss.

The Yeomen, now 2-3 on the season, are starting to play the brand of ball expected of them earlier in the season. The players are finally learning to run Bain's match-up zone defence smoothly, and run the ball sharply on offence. And Bain is also finding deeper bench strength than he had at the beginning of the season, allowing him the luxury of resting his starters and still maintain team balance on the floor.

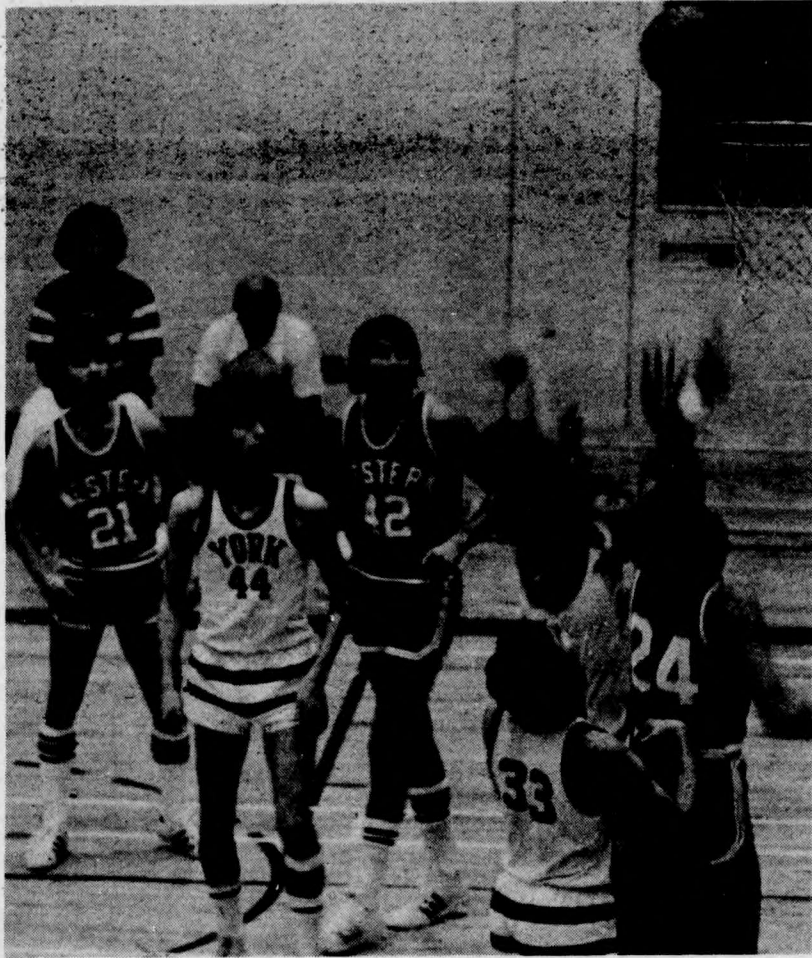
Baseline Banter: The twin vic-

tories were gratifying to coach Bain who has done an excellent job with a young team. Said Bain after the Western game. "We're looking for some respect from the other half of the league, and we're starting to get it now."

Due to the wierd OUAA scheduling, the Yeomen were to have a 10-day lay-off between the Western contest and their big encounter with U. of T. next Tuesday. So Bain is taking the team on a mini-tour of New York State this weekend where they'll play Bryant & Stratton Business College Friday night and Villa Maria Jr. College Saturday afternoon.

Last year York had three players among the East's top 20 scorers. Only one is back this year...Give up? It's guard Ev Spence.

They also placed three players in the top 20 rebounders of league. Again, only one returned. Anyone who can correctly name him can win free admission to the next York home game, plus an autographed picture of Ed Siebert.



York's Sam Brutto (44) looks pensive as Romeo Callegaro (33) and a fellow Yeoman move in to snag a rebound from the mystified Mustangs.



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