

# Yeomen lose season opener to Laurentian

## Poor rebounding hurts York

by Daniel Naccarato

Will the real Yeomen please step forward?

The York Yeomen basketball team pulled the Jekyll and Hyde routine in their first regular season game against the Laurentian voyageurs, playing a terrible first half but a strong second half of the game. They still lost the game 90-79.



"It was a case of nerves," said assistant coach Charlie Simpson, now in his fourth year at this position.

"Playing at home worked against us tonight. We made a lot of mistakes."

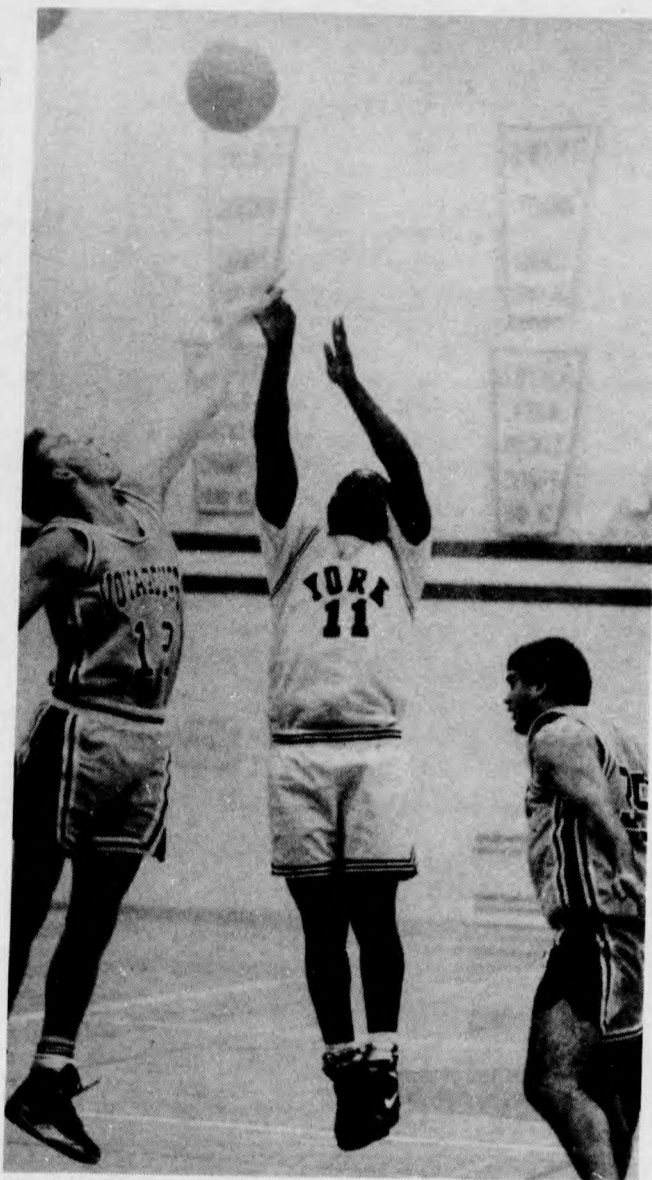
Simpson referred to the youth and inexperience on this year's team. They have seven rookies, two of which are starters.

One of the starting rookies is top recruit Vic Fantin from Vaughan Secondary School. He scored only four points in the first half, with limiting playing time due to foul trouble.

But he showed some of his promise in the second half going 5 for 9 from the field and picking up five rebounds.

He finished the game with 14 points, second only to the small but speedy guard, Wilton Hall, who netted 20 points, 14 in the first half.

Hall was the one bright spot in a first half which was poorly



York's Wilton Hall goes for two of his game high 20 points in a 90-79 loss to Laurentian. Teammate Marc Gardiner looks on.

photo by Michele Boesener

played.

Laurentian and York played evenly for the first four minutes until the visitors started to pull away.

Laurentian took advantage of the Yeomen's conservative defensive game. They crushed the York team on the boards,

out rebounding them 19 to 6 at one point in the first half.

"If we execute properly, box out and play good defense, we can win," said Jason Kimens, who came off the bench to score seven points and grab a team-high nine rebounds.

"We have to press the shooter," he said.

York trailed 57-37 at half-time and things didn't change much in the second half. Laurentian increased their lead to 27 points.

The Yeomen eventually responded with a more aggressive, offensive and defensive game that turned the game around. Hall and Marc Gardiner, while scoring only 6 and 4 points, respectively, in the half, made their presence felt in other ways. Hall had four steals while Gardiner had four rebounds.

The Yeomen starters mounted a comeback against the Laurentian bench outscoring the voyageurs 24-9 in the last five minutes.

But it was too little, much too late.

"We showed a lot of promise in our exhibition games, but it's early in the season," Kimens said after the game.

"We just need some time to make things click."

Nothing seemed to click this night for two-time OUAA All-Star Mark Bellai. York's star player, who averaged 22 points per game last year, recorded only 13 in this game.

Due to the Yeomen's small size, Bellai will have to show greater leadership and score more points.

If the Yeomen are to win this year, they will have to take advantage of their strengths; quickness and shooting.

"Laurentian has a lot of talent and Ottawa's very deep, but I believe we compare favorably to everyone," said Simpson.

## SPORTSHORTS

### WOMEN'S ATHLETICS



Lisa Di Mondo of York drives past Laurentian's Sue Stewart in OWIAA action. York lost 65-39.

• photo by Michele Boesener

#### basketball

Nov. 27 vs. Laurentian

The Yeowomen lost to the Laurentian Voyageurs 39-65. Jennifer Cushing scored the most points with 16.

#### ice hockey

Nov. 26 vs Toronto

In league action, the Yeowomen were defeated by the Toronto Lady Blues 8-2. Marni Barrow and Michelle Campbell were the goal scorers.

#### swimming

Nov. 28 @ McMaster

Yeowoman Nicola Higgins had a successful meet placing first in the 400m individual medley and the 50m fly. She also placed second in the 50m backstroke.

#### fencing

This past weekend at the Sydney Schwartz Annual Open in Buffalo, York's two top fencers Monica Jacob and Jamie Stirling each brought home two first place trophies in their respective events, Women's individual epee and men's individual epee.

In an exciting upset, Jamie Stirling was able to wrench the gold from 'A' ranked fencer Darcy Gates of UofT. The competition hosted a variety of fencers from Canada and the U.S., and marks the fencing teams first victories outside of Canada.

### MEN'S ATHLETICS

#### basketball

Nov. 24 @ Guelph

The Guelph Gryphons defeated York 97-61. Mark Bellai led the scoring with 18 points.

Nov. 27 vs Laurentian

The Yeomen were defeated by the Laurentian Voyageurs 90-79. Leading scorers were Wilton Hall (20) and Vic Fantin (16).

#### hockey

Nov. 27-28 @ Duracell Challenge Toronto

In back-to-back games the Yeomen were defeated by Lake Superior State and Colgate University 8-3 and 7-3 respectively.

#### volleyball

Nov. 27-28 @ Laurentian

The Yeomen won both of their games against Laurentian. Saturday brought a 3-0 (15-11, 15-4, 15-6) victory while Sunday's results were 3-1 (16-14, 15-11, 5-15, 15-4). Highlights included 19 kills by Mitch Proteau, 18 kills and 10 digs by Dexter Abrams and 6 blocks and 3 service aces by Glen Smith.

## Compassion not pity is theme at conference



Arthur Ashe at Burton Auditorium on weekend • photo by Michele Boesener

### Ashe talks about living with AIDS

by Dale Barrett

Give HIV and AIDS survivors compassion not pity — that was the message delivered from a former sports champion living with the disease this past weekend.

York hosted an AIDS conference this past Saturday featuring speakers from such fields as medicine, microbiology, psychiatry, psychotherapy, and public health services.

Former tennis great Arthur Ashe was the keynote speaker. Ashe spoke about living with AIDS.

Ashe acquired the HIV virus from a blood transfusion during heart surgery in 1983. At the time, Margaret

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