



**NO SMALL EFFORT:** York's Brian Small tries to jam it in on Laurier's goal. The Yeomen ousted the Hawks in two close games 8-7, 6-5 and now face Western.

## York scalps Hawks

By "HOWIE" MARR

The York University hockey Yeomen have proven all season that they are one of the most dominant teams in the country. If the teams does have a weakness, it lies in its affinity for taking poor penalties—a function of the tough, aggressive play that has always characterized the squad.

The Yeomen, OUAU champions for three consecutive years, opened the playoffs Thursday against the Laurier Golden Hawks. By virtue of a first place finish York secured a match against the four place Golden Hawks. Laurier could hardly be classified as a fourth place team, however, especially considering their record includes only two losses in their last 10 games. Among Laurier's recent victims was Trois Rivières, last year's CIAU champions.

The game, played at the Ice Palace before a packed house, did not disappoint anyone present. Laurier came out strong, taking advantage of York penalties to force the Yeomen to settle for a narrow 8-7 victory. The game was an unexpected shootout spurred on by some unimpressive goaltending, especially at the Laurier end of the rink.

**York 8  
Laurier 7**

York opened the scoring on a Duane Smith goal, his first of two on the night. A good second effort saw Smith jam the puck behind the Laurier goalie while Smith was still on his knees. After the game, Smith noted that "it was certainly one of my better games scoring-wise."

But Laurier immediately tied it up on only their second shot of the night. It was a bang bang play that saw Dave Aitchison bang a shot out

of the air that York goalie Scott Mosey had no chance on. It was one of the those nights for Mosey—almost every goal scored on him came off of a deflection.

York was able to build a 3-1 lead on goals by Lou Kiriakou and Doug Archie, but Laurier came back to close the gap on a Mike Duffy goal. Duane Smith's second goal made it 4-2, but once again Laurier brought the score to within one. Brian Small returned York to a two-goal lead, but Laurier took advantage of a power play to close the gap again.

The Yeomen took a 6-4 lead into the third courtesy of a Dave Andreoli slapshot late in the second. But as had been the case all night York let Laurier back into the game by taking some aggressive penalties. The Golden Hawks scored five of their seven goals of the night on the power play. In fact, Laurier was able to take a 7-6 lead at one point with York's Doug Archie in the penalty box with a misconduct.

The Yeomen tied the score with 10 minutes left on a goal by Brian Gray, and finished off the scoring on a perfectly executed 3 on 2 that allowed Doug Archie to score and subsequently remove the goat horns he could have received for taking the penalty that allowed Laurier to lead.

After the game coach Graham Wise explained that his team "didn't stick to our game plan." In reference to the excessive penalties York took, Wise refused to blame the referee. "Even strength were a better hockey team so we have to stay out of the box," Wise said.

On Saturday night, the Yeomen travelled to Waterloo to wrap up their series against the Golden

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## Yeomen bounced by Blues in first round playoff loss

By "HOWIE" MARR

Before York's playoff match against Toronto, York basketball coach Bob Bain said, "I think we have a good chance of beating them, if you consider one in 10 a good chance." The Yeomen surprised everybody, including their coach, by pushing nationally-ranked Toronto for the full 40 minutes.

York was easily beaten by Toronto in two previous matches this year, including a 92-57 shellacking the last time out. The losses, coupled with the fact that U of T has never lost at home in their sports gym, provided some difficult obstacles for York to overcome. But York rose to the challenge, holding the lead in the game for 38 minutes, but when it counted the final score was a tight 69-63 win for the Blues.

**Toronto 69  
York 63**

One person not surprised by York's tenacity was Toronto head coach Gib Chapman. "I've said all along that York played well their last four or five games," Chapman said after the game. Chapman was expecting a big effort from York, who we emphasized is always tough in the playoffs.

"In the first half, they used their speed against our size," said Chapman. But the second half was a different story, as U of T was able to shut down York's OUAU all-star, Jeff McDermid.

The Yeomen started the game with great energy, urged on by a surprisingly partisan York crowd. York jumped out to a quick 8-0 lead, forcing the Blues to call a timeout to regroup. The first half assault continued as York jumped to an unbelievable 35-20 lead. Toronto was continually on the run in the first half, and coach Gib Chapman used timeouts on a number of occasions to slow the tempo.

But in the second half, it was York's turn to panic, as Toronto mounted its comeback. The Blues charged back from a 45-36 half-time deficit to tie the game at 45. It was at this point that the Yeomen began to prove that they were for real. York was able to regain the lead, pushing it to 61-54 in their favour. After a 10-point run by Toronto, including a decisive three pointer at 61-61, to grab the lead, York fought back to within a point, but the Blues made a final three-pointer to ice the game.

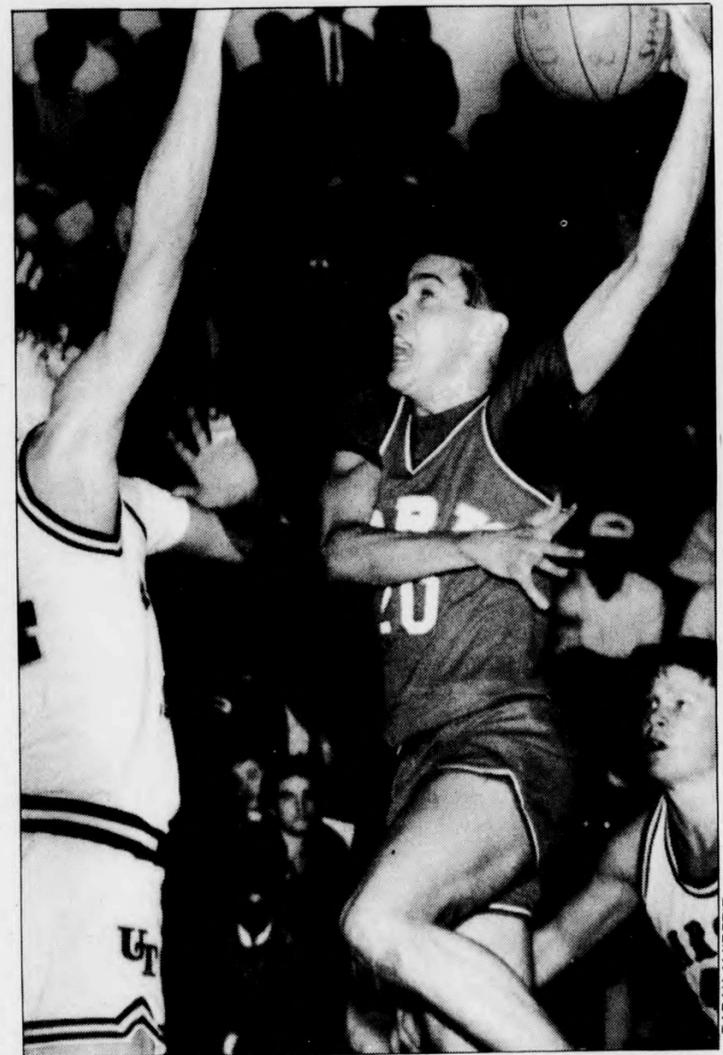
The game was truly a story of two halves for both teams. While York dominated the first, they managed only 18 points in the second. The

Yeomen shot 18 of 28 from the field in the first, then dropped to 26 of 45 by the end of the game. Chapman credited his big men, 6'9" Mark Harvey and 6'8" Mike Forestall, with shutting the Yeomen down. But most important for U of T was probably the play of guard Nick Saul.

Saul, who plays in the shadow of probable all-Canadian Fred Murrell, was selected the game's MVP for

keeping U of T in the game with his timely, consistent shooting.

For York, the game proved the team does have talent. Bain, while happy with his team's performance, said that in the off-season "we will be trying to, improve the team at every position." A solid nucleus of returning players could make the Yeomen competitive next year, but whether York can return to its OUAU glory years remains to be seen.



**AHHHHHHHHH!!!** Jeff McDermid comes screaming in over his U of T opponent. Jeff sweated his way to 20 points, but it wasn't enough as the Blues prevailed over a gutsy Yeomen team.

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