

# S P O R T S

## York nets weekend split against Voyageurs

By GARY SCHOLICH

This past weekend saw the York basketball teams split a doubleheader with Laurentian at Tait McKenzie Gymnasium.

Unlike the evening doubleheaders in the past, the women's game followed the men's match. In this game, the Laurentian Lady Voyageurs, the third-ranked women's team in Canada (behind Victoria and Toronto), defeated the York Yeowomen 60-44.

The Yeowomen started off very well, aided by two Paula Lockyer steals as York took a 13-7 lead. However, the Voyageurs turned the game around with some aggressive defense. York suffered a rash of turnovers and cold shooting, and the Sudbury school went into halftime with a 33-15 lead.

The second half was basically even from a scoring standpoint, and that impressed Yeowomen coach Frances Flint. "I'm really pleased. This is the third-ranked team in the country, and we outscore them (29-27) in the second half," she said.

What especially impressed Flint was the way her team settled down after Laurentian had taken its big lead. "There was a lot of physical garbage going on out there, but we were playing our game," Flint said.

Forward Paula Lockyer also felt that York is getting closer to the higher calibre of play exhibited by Toronto and Laurentian saying, "We gave U of T a real scare, and we got off to a good start here. It's just that little bit of experience that we need, but we are getting more mature with every game."

Shirlene McLean led Laurentian with 16 points, while teammate Carol Hamilton added 14. Lockyer led York with 10, along with 9 by Anne Marie Thuss. York committed 19 turnovers, while Laurentian had only 11.

Earlier in the day, the men's confrontation was televised on CHCH TV 11. The Yeomen upped their perfect record to 9-and-0, but had to stave off an assertive Laurentian side in posting a 69-62 victory.

The Voyageurs entered the game with a 9-and-2 record, but they had rough week prior to the meeting. First, forward Tim Yawney, who was averaging 17.3 points per game during league play, was restricted to a reserve role because of an illness. Second, the Voyageurs were upset 73-65 at Ryerson on the previous night.

The first half was very tight as York took a 38-35 lead at the buzzer. Stu Levinsky carried the hot hand for the Yeomen with 13 points, including success on 5 of 6 free throw attempts. For Laurentian, Jeff McKibbin whom York coach Bob Bain feels is a potential All-Canadian, led with 10 points on the strength of his inside game.

In the second half, Laurentian tied the game at 41 but York went on a seven-point run and hung on from that point for the victory.

The physical nature of the game was also illustrated during the second half when Voyageur starters Brad Austin and Scott Horrobin fouled out late in the game (Austin with 5:15 to go, Horrobin with 4:03 left). Then with 1:01 remaining on the clock, McKibbin and Wayne



**SHOOTING STAR:** Yeoman Mark Jones splits U of T's defense en route to the hoop. Jones scored 15 points in York's Rattle the Blues doubleheader.

Shaw collided on a rebound. Tempers flared with some pushing and shoving, resulting in ejections for McKibbin and Tim Rider.

Coach Bob Bain said, "It was a physical game with hard feelings from the Ryerson game. We didn't play particularly well, ourselves. We didn't shoot particularly well, but we still won it."

Laurentian coach Peter Campbell said, "We

played them a lot better than at home (a 77-60 York win), but I feel that we can still play better than that. Both teams were really tough, but York is a veteran team. Everytime we broke down, they took it to us."

Stu Levinsky finished the game with 18 points and 11 rebounds, while Mark Jones added 13. McKibbin led Laurentian with 15 points of his own.

## Rattle the Blues night goes coast to coast

### TSN gives York basketball national exposure

By GARY SCHOLICH

Not since the 1984 "Blues-Busters" football game has York Promotions assembled a powerful event like Tuesday night's affair.

"York Rattles the Blues" Night packed Tait Gymnasium for the York-Toronto basketball doubleheader as York supporters were armed with baby rattles. Their task was to act as the "sixth man" and "rattle" the Varsity Blues during the York basketball teams' quests for victory.

The rivalry, promotion, and doubleheader themselves were not the only attractive items. The noisy festivities were televised by TSN.

The opener was the women's confrontation. The much-improved Yeowomen put their 7-and-3 record up against the unbeaten Lady Blues, who are ranked second in the nation.

Prior to the game, a presentation was held to honour three veteran Yeowomen. It was "Paula Lockyer Night," and the ceremony commemorated Lockyer's five distinguished years as a Yeowoman. Also, fourth-year players Jean Graham and Anne Marie Thuss were each awarded honour jackets for their tenures. However, York lost 75-48. Pat Melville

paced Toronto with 24 points, while Theresa Burns added 17. For the Yeowomen, Graham led all scorers with 19.

Although the Yeowomen lost, coach Frances Flint enjoyed the strong attendance that this promotion produced. "It was a great atmosphere," she said. "It's nice to see people cheer on their fellow students and friends."

The evening's pageantry really took off with the men's game. The crowd was practically at full capacity when the Yeomen blasted their cross-town cousins 91-68.

Crowd enthusiasm was boosted during the warmup. The men's music, a selection of funk, contrasted the mellower sounds played in the women's warmup.

Nike, the sponsor of the evening, played a big role in the action. Mascot Nicky Nike, a giant red running shoe, entertained the crowd. There was also the "Fly with Nike" paper airplane contest. The basketball court was littered with the planes as the three closest to the tip-off circle would denote winners of a free pair of running shoes.

The remainder of halftime and the timeouts added to the noisy party atmosphere. Not

only did the York cheerleaders present energetic and acrobatic routines, but the '50s music added extra spice to the night's entertainment.

Stu Levinsky led York with 23 points, while Tim Rider and Mark Jones hit for 18 and 15 respectively. For Toronto, Roger Rollocks led with 24 while Terry Victor added 18.

"Nice promotions such as this have been too few in between," said coach Bob Bain. "Lisa (Britton) did a real good job tonight. I like to think that our press 'rattled' them, but tonight was not an indication of how well they (Toronto) can play." With this win, York captured the conference crown.

TSN commentators Peter Watts and Jack Donohue were both delighted with the entire evening. Watts said, "This is a good start," referring to Tait's usually placid atmosphere. "The entertainment value still has to be provided on the court, and this is a basketball team that can play. Now they can sell it to the students."

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## CHCH checks in for game against Laurentian

By GARY SCHOLICH

"Serving Hamilton, Toronto, and the Niagara Peninsula," is the job that CHCH TV-11 does when covering OUA A sporting events.

Last Saturday, the York-Laurentian men's basketball game was televised live on the Hamilton-based independent television station. The game was a special one because it was an OUA A East matchup. Most of the time, TV-11 presents OUA A West games.

Paul Condon, who does the color commentary on the basketball telecasts, described the television schedule. "As far as OUA A East games go," he said, "we always have one or two a year. Usually we have York, but we have also done games from the University of Toronto."

"It all depends on the teams in this area," he added. "That's a factor because we don't go long distances." In this York-Laurentian contest, the Yeomen were putting their unblemished 8 and 0 record on the line against the 9 and 2 Voyageurs.

The Yeomen are ranked seventh in the nation, and Condon speaks very highly of the team. "They're good and strong," Condon said. "They have the height, depth, quickness, and experience."

Condon believes that an interlocking schedule would be appealing, but he also feels that some teams would not necessarily want to follow through with it. "Certainly some teams are close enough to each other," Condon remarked, "but Windsor probably would not feel like travelling to Ottawa or Sudbury, and the Ottawa schools probably would not want to travel all the way to Windsor."

Condon cites two obstacles against the reluctance some teams have towards the long road trips. "The teams do not operate on much money, and the players would also lose valuable school time as well," Condon said.

When examining the Yeomen, Condon shares the same feelings that coach Bob Bain has regarding the level of competition in the OUA A East. "Their toughest games are always before and after league games," Condon said. "Bob Bain is a very fine coach, and he tries to keep his players playing at a high level, and it's tough because York has dominated for eight or nine years."

Because Channel 11 is a Southern Ontario independent, the basketball coverage is limited to the "Golden Horseshoe." After CBC discontinued its regular programming of Canadian University games in the late 1970s, CHCH was the only source of regular intercollegiate coverage for residents of Southwestern Ontario.

Channel 11 has provided York viewers with classics from OUA A Provincial play. In 1982, there was Dave Coulthard's 49-point performance against Windsor (a 94-81 York win). 1983 saw Waterloo win a close game 66-65. Last year, the Yeomen invaded Waterloo and upset the then top-ranked Warriors 74-62 for the Ontario title.



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