

York wins over UC despite bad first half

York won their second game in a row with a 66-56 conquest over University College, last Saturday.

The Windigoes started the game resembling more a high school team (and a bad one at that!) than one of college calibre. York was repeatedly caught out of position on defence, stumbled over each other on offence, and just stood by and watched as the U.C. took rebound after rebound away from them.

York's shooting the first half was as cold as the temperature in the gym for only 28% (10 of 35) of their shots went in. Their shooting average was not enhanced by Brooke Pearson who sunk just 1 out of 10 shots, and, generally, had one of his poorer games as a Windigo.

York, as usual, had trouble against a zone defence as the open man (usually Gus Falcioni) kept trying to drive in instead of shooting. As well, York had trouble getting the ball into the centre, who was one step behind the play. The only reason York had a 28-26 lead at the half was that U.C. played even worse.

The Windigoes, however, looked like a different team in the second half as they penetrated a U.C. man-to-man defence and suddenly found the range, shooting a brilliant 56% (14 of 25) to open up a commanding point lead as they ran 10 straight points within a three minute time span.

U.C. started to close the gap and were down only 57-52 with two and a half minutes to play. At this point, York tightened up

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by Dave Nimon

on a defence and started to increase the lead again, with the comfortable 10 point edge.

Nobody had a really good game for York, but Falcioni again was outstanding on defence and Paul Simon made some key shots just as it looked as if U.C. were going to wipe out York's lead.

Pete Young led York with 13 points while Paul Simon and Chuck Gordon got 10 each. High scorer in the game was U.C.'s Sam Kaner with 16.

There were approximately 65 fans at the game.

....AND AGAIN....

In a game played Tuesday, York beat St. Michael's College in a Hollywood finish 61-60.

The winning basket by Gord Burns came just 33 seconds from the finish and provided the few fans present with enough excitement to last a long time and provided the Windigoes with a 3 game winning streak.

In a rough, extremely poorly played game, St. Mike's jumped into a quick 13-3 lead after only four minutes of play. The margin fluctuated throughout the first half with York, at one point, closing the gap to 22-20 but never taking the lead themselves.

The half ended with St. Mike's ahead 38-33.

The Windigoes shot a commendable 45% (14 of 31) in the first half but marred this performance with disgraceful ball-handling as they lost possession over 20 times through errant passes and violations of all types.

York finally caught St. Mike's at 39-39 three minutes into the second half. For the next 16 minutes the lead see-sawed back and forth, setting the stage for the drama of the last minute to unfold.

Entering the last 60 seconds, St. Mike's was leading 60-59 when Brooke Pearson was fouled and had a chance to make two foul-shots. However the first shot (which he made) was nullified when Chuck Gordon committed a violation.

St. Michael's brought the ball down the floor and lost possession themselves whereupon Burns scored what turned out to be the winning basket. St. Mike's again lost the ball and all York had to do was run out the clock that showed just 8 seconds left.

This was not to be as Pearson was called for travelling with 3 seconds left; at which point St. Mike's called a time out to discuss strategy for the final shot, which, indeed, was taken at the buzzer but rimmed the hoop and fell out.

Pearson led York with 20 points; Gordon had 12.

A victory is a victory but this one was somewhat tainted in the fact that for most of the game, both teams played as if they were trying to lose. The Windigoes did show that they were not quitters but the fact remains that if York has trouble with teams at this level, they will have one hell of a time with teams in the league.

Whether these reservations are unfounded will become evident November 18, (Saturday) when York plays their first league game on this campus against highly-touted Osgoode Hall.

When the number of players on both teams is more than the number of fans in the stands, it is a disgusting situation. Nevertheless, this condition existed at this game and it makes one wonder why York bothers having a Varsity team in the first place.

Just when will students realize that these teams put in a lot of time and effort for you? What does it take for you to get off your rears and start supporting them? (These criticisms do not pertain to those few who have been most appreciated in showing up).

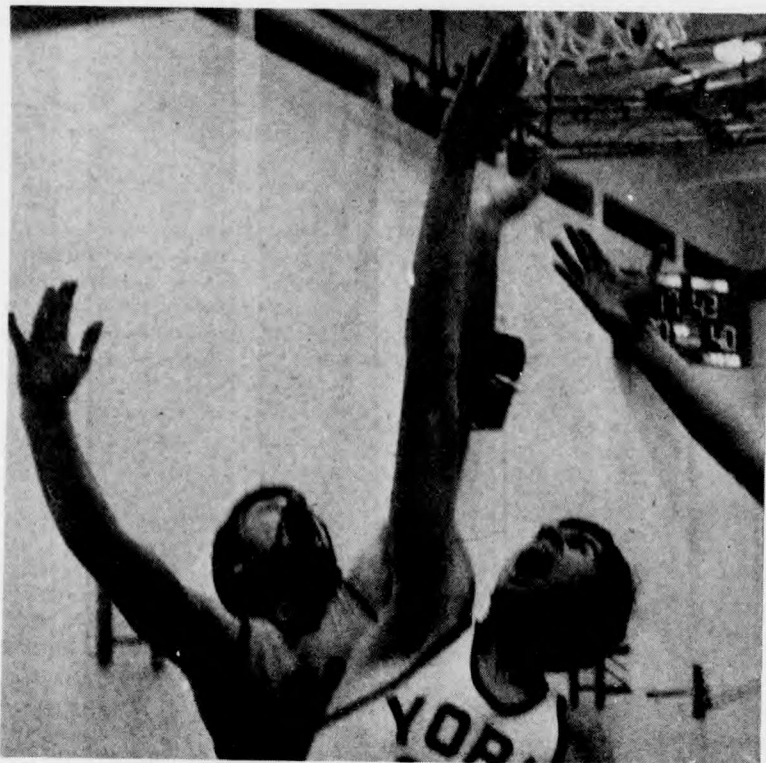


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THE ORACLE PICKS

WEDNESDAY

Montreal beats Minnesota
Toronto beats Boston
Chicago beats St. Louis
Philadelphia ties Pittsburgh
L.A. beats Oakland (California)

THURSDAY

New York beats Philadelphia
Detroit beats Oakland

FRIDAY

L.A. beats Detroit

SATURDAY

Montreal beats Oakland
Toronto beats Chicago
New York beats Boston
Minnesota beats Philadelphia
St. Louis beats Pittsburgh

SUNDAY

Montreal beats L.A.
Boston beats Toronto
New York beats Minnesota
Detroit beats Chicago
Philadelphia beats St. Louis

SEASON RECORD

Right - 40
Wrong - 35
Pct. - .533

Glendon completes undefeated season

Glendon College won another inter-college title in the flag football tournament which concluded November 8.

Glendon defeated the entire opposition, finishing the schedule undefeated. The champions finished with 3 points, defeating Founders (2 points), Vanier (1 point) and Winters (0 points).

Roy Hanna organized, managed and coached a well-organized and responsive team. Part of the responsibility for losing, rests on the lack of support and misunderstanding of schedules suffered by the York Campus colleges.

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