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Lose important game 90-85

Basketball bumbles big bounce battle

By IVAN BERN

1971 may be a very long year indeed if Tuesday nights York Yeomen basketball game is any kind of precedent. Hosting the Waterloo Lutheran Golden Hawks, the Yeomen demonstrated a general court malaise, the likes of which has not been seen since the Fruit lost to the Vegetables in the last Supermarket bowl. In fact, the comparison was not a difficult one, as the Yeomen played like either fruit or vegetables, depending on your culinary preference. The final score was 90-85 for Lutheran, but in cliché-like truth, the score was certainly not indicative of the play; York was that bad.

Both teams traded baskets for the first five minutes of the game, with York actually leading 21-20 at one point. The disturbing point, however, was the fact that the team simply looked awful: they weren't running, they couldn't shoot, and their defence was atrocious. The only reason they were still in the game was because the Hawks weren't much better. However, with six minutes to go in the half, Lutheran started to assert its superiority, and, when the smoke had cleared, the Yeomen found itself trailing 50-37 at the half.

Stats poor

A simple look at the stats for the first half illustrated the gross ineptitude of the team. They made good on only 14 of 50 field goal attempts, and they were guilty of 17 fouls — Lutheran capitalizing on most of them.

The epitome of our cold shooting was the agonizing effort of star Sandy Nixon, who failed to make a single shot in 14 tries.

The Yeomen came out running in the second half, using their full-

court press to rattle the Hawks, and using the suddenly-returned shooting eye of Nixon to full advantage, the visitors' lead was soon cut to a meagre 3 points — 55-52, before time-out was called by Lutheran. But, as so often happens in basketball, York could not sustain the momentum, and they soon found themselves behind 69-57. And up until the last three minutes of the game, 12 points was the closest they could get. With 55 seconds left and trailing 90-77, York rattled off 8 in a row, but by then the outcome was no longer in doubt.

Coulthard impressive

Due credit must be given to Lutheran, who constantly took advantage of the York miscues. Especially impressive was Chris Coulthard, who scored 25 points and generally controlled the tempo of the game. But this was not the same York team of before the Christmas break — They were slow, sluggish, and demonstrated that they are far from top form. High scorers were Alf Lane and Stan Raphael with 18 apiece, with Nixon adding 13.

Since their last league game against Trenton December 8, the Yeomen have won 2 and lost 2, beating Ottawa and Toronto by small margins, and losing to Queen's and Lutheran. They have a chance to redeem themselves somewhat tomorrow night when they play the Queen's Golden Gaels at Tait-Mckenzie, at 8:15 pm.

Coach Bob McKinney has been saying all year that he didn't want the team to peak too soon. With games against Waterloo, Lakehead, Western, and Guelph coming up this month, we will all soon know whether the team will peak at all in quest of Championship laurels.



TIM CLARK

The Yeomen were on the bottom for most of a frustrating game against Waterloo Lutheran last Tuesday; this was one of the ones that missed.

Yeomen nip Queens Golden Gaels 5-3

By PHIL CRANLEY

The new threesome of Rodger Bowness, Licio Cengarle, and John Hirst made coach Bill Purcell look like a genius last Saturday night as the Yeomen downed Queens 5-3. Purcell seems to have the magic touch. Every time he forms a new forward line or shuffles up an old one, he comes out smelling like a rose. Some of these changes are forced, due to injuries or the absence of the occasional defenceman for scholastic reasons.

Out of the 12 scoring points registered by York (counting goals and assists) that line counted nine of them. Bowness was the individual star of the game scoring the first goal on a clever passing play with his linemates, and then picking up assists on three of the four remaining York markers. For the first game this year Bowness was skating as strongly at the end of the game as he was at the beginning.

Cengarle continues to play superb hockey. His consistency is amazing, as he counts in the scoring column game after game. Against the Gaels he scored the fifth York goal to go along with two assists picked up earlier in the evening. The goal came on a sizzling backhand drive that soared over the shoulder of Norm Douglas in the Queen's net. Licio wears

number 9, just like Chicago's Bobby Hull, and if it weren't for the dark colour of his hair, York supporters might be touting him as Italy's answer to the Golden Jet.

Left winger John Hirst is also playing some excellent hockey. Only in his rookie year, John is quickly earning a reputation as a playmaker. He had two assists, both on crisp passes right on the money in each case.

The game itself was very fast in the first two periods, but there were numerous physical penalties of the slashing, tripping, boarding, variety which took its toll of bruised hockey players by the start of the last 20 minutes.

Queens has a surprisingly good team. Their captain Morris Mott (formerly of the Canadian National team) was their best forward, skating and checking well

Very fast game

all night. And bolstering their defence was Dave Field who played for the U of T championship team last year.

The York team seemed to be in control throughout the game as they built up a 3-0 lead, but the Gaels kept within two goals for most of the night. Adding to the Bowness goal in the first period were Ron Mark on a unassisted tally and Paul Cerre who was

playing left wing for Murray Stroud, in place of the absent Steve Latinovich.

Another recent standout for York scored what proved to be the winning goal of the game. The only bearded Yeoman, Don Fraser, whisked home a gorgeous Bowness pass from the side of the crease to count the fourth York goal.

For once, the Yeomen had an

abundance of defencemen. They had six men on the blueline corps for this game. Kent Pollard moved back to defence and showed his versatility by playing well. Also returning to the lineup was Ron Porter. Porter played for York last year but due to a heavy study schedule, has been working out with the Jr. Varsity team since the start of the season. Porter was sorely needed due to the premature and unexpected retirement of star defenceman Ed Zuccato. The entire York defence was very aggressive on Saturday as Bruce Penny nearly broke a Golden Gael in half with a stiff check, Roger Galipeau and Don West almost had

Sound judgement

fighters and Dave Kosoy was slightly unpatriotic when he landed several solid blows to Morris Motts head, and then used Mott as a cushion and jumped up and down on him.

The referee used sound judgment for a change and in a couple of instances awarded two minor penalties (four minutes) to fighters, rather than the five minute major penalty which incurs an automatic game misconduct.

Puck Patter... Several hundred people attended the game and enjoyed the new bleachers which were installed last week... The team flies to Windsor for a game Wednesday night with the Lancers who beat U of T 6-4 last week... The next home game is tomorrow night (Friday) in a league encounter with Trent U. of Peterborough. Come and see the Yeomen wipe up... Murray Stroud was smashed into the boards on Saturday night and besides receiving a bad headache, he aggravated the groin injury that has been hampering him all year... The Ryerson game originally scheduled for January 11, has been postponed to February 10...

Starting with the game at home this Friday, Radio York will be broadcasting the Yeomen home games. These broadcasts can be heard in the colleges or on the Rogers Cable network... The teams schedule is incredibly rigorous. As well as the Windsor game away and the Trent game at home this Friday, they play in Waterloo on Tuesday and back home again for another league match against Brock U, with a starting time of 9:00 pm next Thursday (January 21).



Roger Bowness