

# B-BALL TALK

by Dave Nimon

## Vic vanquished by York

On Tuesday night, the Windigoes opened their '67-'68 season with a convincing 66-44 victory over Victoria College. This contrasts with a four-point defeat suffered by York at the hands of this same team last year.

It is only fair to report, however, that Vic has practiced only one third the time York has. They had 16 players which had to get some opportunity to perform.

Nevertheless, the difference in the results is primarily a reflection of the fact that, at this early stage of the season the Windigoes are a much faster and better balanced team than last year's squad.

Passes were well made and the Windigoes did not force their shots, but looked for the open man. This is a major factor in the fine shooting average of 44% (14 of 32) in the first half.

York opened the game with three quick baskets and increased the lead to 27-8, with 12 minutes played. At this point, three starters were removed from the game for about five minutes, and yet, the Windigoes did not suffer as they did in the past when the second-stringers came into the game. In fact, at the half, the lead was extended to 38-18.

Beginning the second half, York started off as they have done in the past--blowing the lead. Vic whittled away until they were down only 9 points with 10 mi-

minutes gone. However, York overcame their mistakes and commenced to work the lead up again until at the final buzzer, the Windigoes led by 22 points.

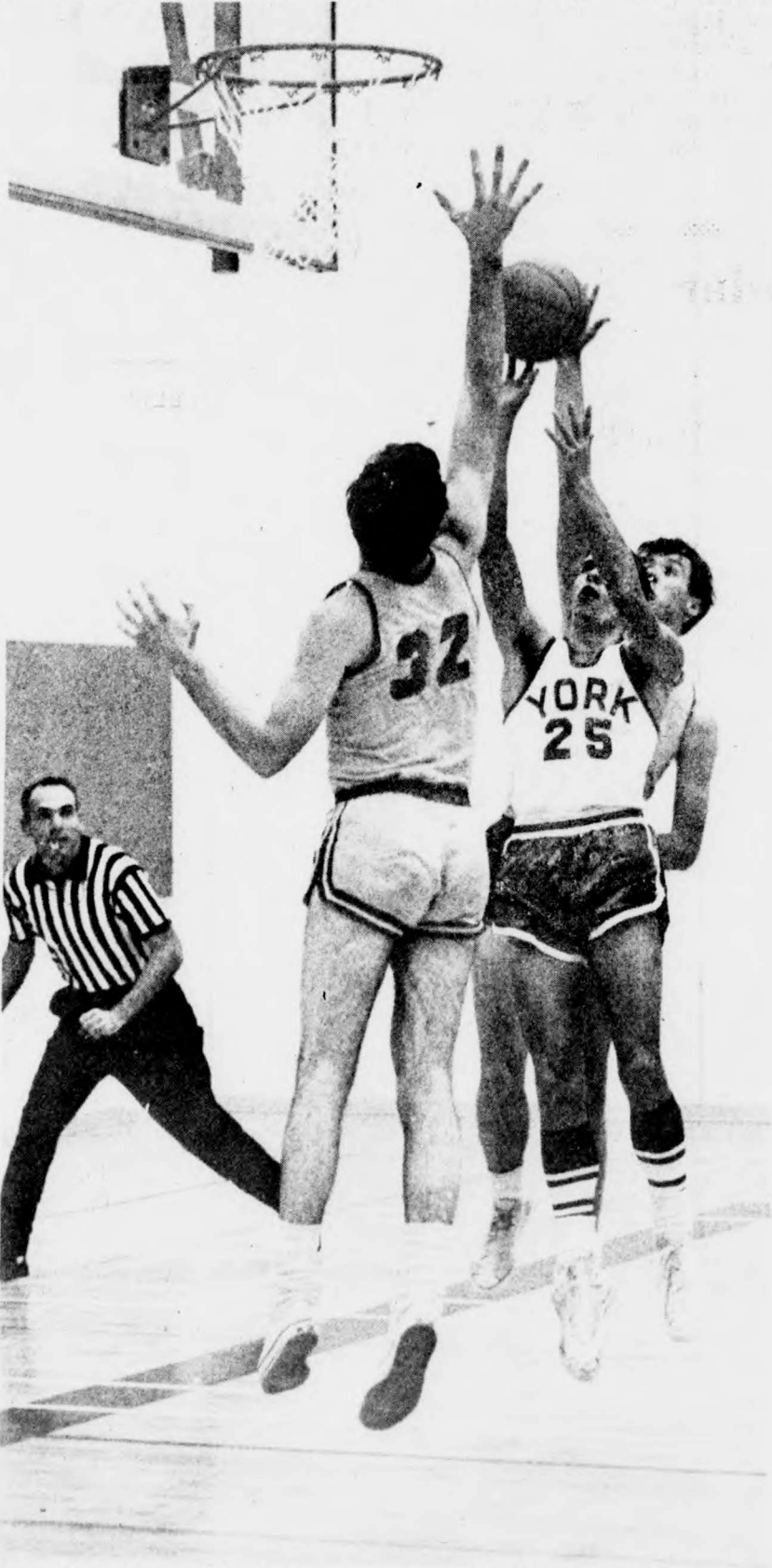
The failure of York to shoot nearly as well as in the first half was somewhat redeemed at the foul line, where over 70% of the freethrows were made.

From the floor, York sunk only 23%, in the second half, for a game average of 33%. This total is not good for a university team, but, hopefully, they shooting eyes of the Windigoes will improve as the season moves along.

Mention must be made of two Windigoes--Brooke Pearson and Gus Falcioni. Veteran forward Pearson scored 19 points and one gets the feeling that there will be a game this year in which he will break the school scoring record of 34 points. Falcioni, a rookie, stole the ball at least half a dozen times from the opposition and made several brilliant passes on defence.

A somewhat discouraging note is that the centre position accounted for only 14 out of 66 points--ten of them by Peter Young in an unaccustomed position to him. As well, just 11 of the 51 rebounds by York were made by centres. This is far too low and improvement is looked for in future games.

'Basically, I'm extremely



York drives hard under the basket in the 66-44 victory over Victoria College Tuesday.

## Chips off. . .

by David "chip" Henry

A week and a half ago Frank Mahovlich, Toronto's prolific goal scorer and one of the hockey's all-time greats, played what the press labelled the best game Mahovlich ever played.

The next day the Big M was in the hospital suffering from "tension and depression", or what the uninformed public commonly calls a nervous breakdown.

It is an interesting sideline to note that when Mahovlich was named as a star of the game he received a mixture of boos and half-hearted cheers.

However, it must be said that since then Leaf owner, Stafford Smythe, and Toronto's tyrannical coach, Imlach, have discounted the validity of the "boo" theory as having a part in the Big M's hospitalization.

Whether the constant jumping of Toronto's crowds on Mahovlich's broad back has anything to do with his breakdown or not the question that remains is this: To what extent does a fan have the right to single out an individual for severe vocal criticism during a game?

It is commonly agreed that fans are catered to--treated with a great degree of obsequiousness. They pay their money so let 'em yell' is a well-known theory.

Of course, the common defense for these boo-birds is that athletes must expect and take everything that comes their way, whether from their opponents or the stands. If an athlete can't take it he shouldn't be playing the game.

This argument cannot be justifi-

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pleased but we've got a lot tougher teams ahead'. This is the view of coach Johnson and this sums up the game, and season, well.

It's encouraging for York to have won their first game but one game does not make a season. On Saturday, November 11, York

hosts University College at 8:30 p.m. It is a good way to spend an evening and there will still be time to celebrate (hopefully) afterwards.

Approximately 50 fans watched York's first game.

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