

SPORTS

The elusive national title

'14' is retired

But it wasn't a one-man show by any means. "David is a great talent, and I'm not taking anything away from him," said a quietly satisfied York coach Bob Bain afterward. "But some of the other guys who may not be great talents played with big hearts."

Bain singled out third-year guard Grant Parobec, who scored 10 points and caused havoc for Windsor defenders, as an example of players playing with big hearts. And he could have gone on. John Christensen, York's 6 ft. 9 in. centre, hauled down key rebounds and netted 14 points. Then there was four-year-man Lester Smith who set up a thundering pick on Windsor's Brian Hogan that helped shift momentum. Many players, said Bain, played above their heads.

York 95 Windsor 84

Yet without Coulthard.... "When you get a guy who scores 49 points in a championship game, there's not much you can do," said Windsor coach Paul Thomas outside the Lancer dressing room. "I don't know how anybody can stop Coulthard, he needs so little room to shoot."

Thomas said he had no special plans for Coulthard—"we don't play that way, we just play our game"—but he wondered if his players weren't subconsciously thinking about 'Number 14' while on the floor. "We weren't playing our game," he said. "And even when we were ahead we weren't playing with the aggressiveness we usually do."

A great talent

Coulthard, who seldom impresses in warmups, seems to save his best games for Windsor. "It was nice to beat those guys again," the taciturn Coulthard said after the game. It was York's third straight title win over Windsor. York, in fact has lost only one OUAA title game in Coulthard's five years, losing an 80-78 knuckle-whitener to the Lancers in 1979.

Windsor's Thomas said he "really wanted this game," as much to keep his team in the winning mood as to make up for their two straight Wilson Cup losses to York.

Definite underdogs

Now, York and Windsor head west to Victoria to play in the national finals beginning next Friday. "We're definite underdogs," said Bain, adding that Victoria should be the favourites to win their third consecutive Canadian title. But, he said that Windsor is the type of team that could go all the way. And York is capable of an upset or two itself, he said. "We weren't even favoured to win our league, but here we are."

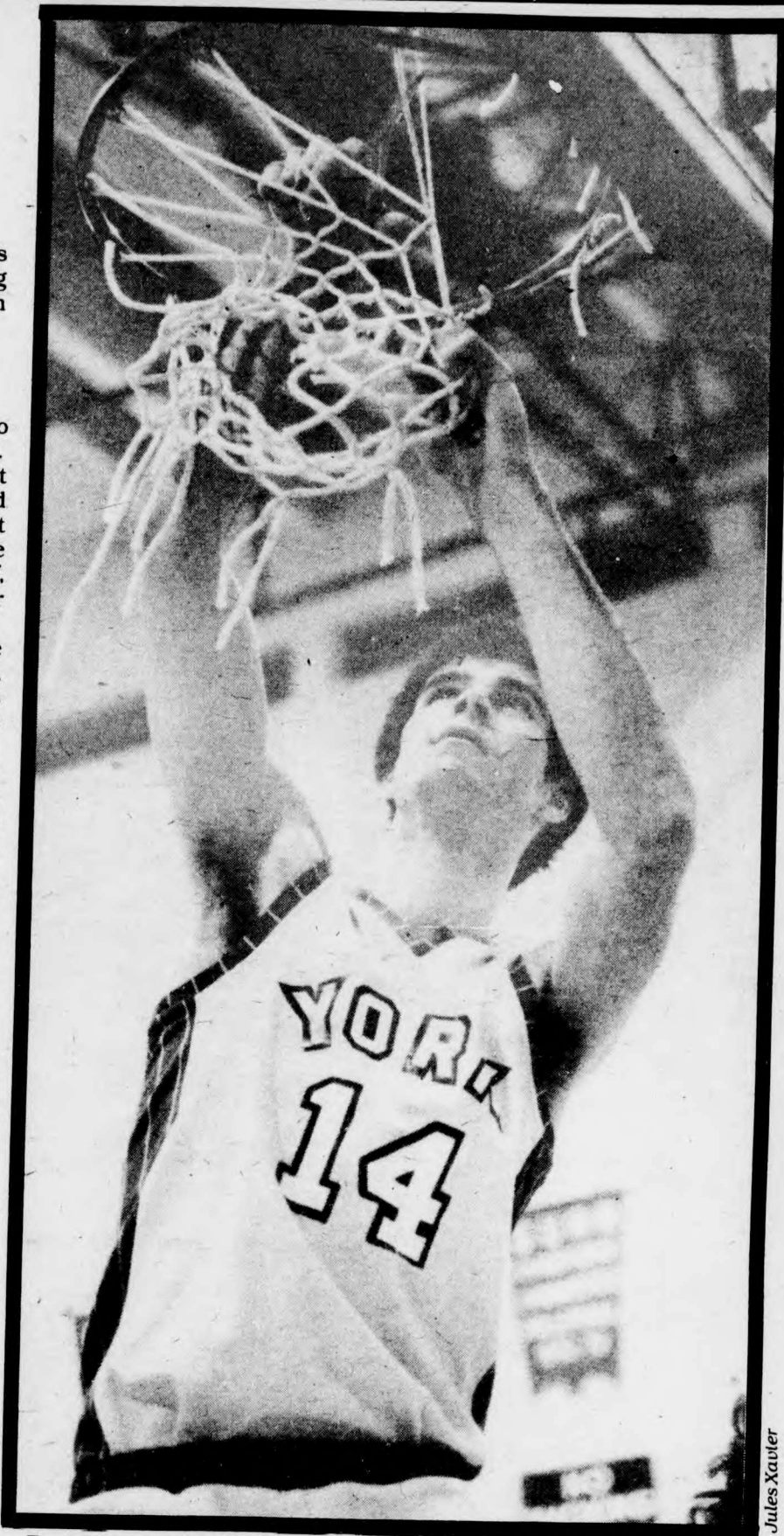
They'll need everyone going full blazes if they are to win a national title—and no doubt Coulthard, who's again a strong candidate for the country's Mike Moser MVP award, would like to end his university basketball days a winner.

But in York's eyes he's already that. Once again he shared OUAA MVP honours with Windsor's Stan Korosec, who scored 31 points in the game for the Lancers. And once again he won the Kitch McPherson MVP of the game trophy.

But most of all, his sweater (No. 14) was retired in a halftime ceremony. "Never before in the history of York has a sweater been retired," said athletics chairman Stuart Robbins. "But never before at York has there been a David Coulthard."

Hoops & Hollers: Game attendance approached 1600 fans... Watch a replay of this game on Saturday on CHCH TV 11. Color commentator Dick Beddoes resplendent in his brushed felt haberdashery, says it's "pure crap" for the delay in television (referring to York's game), but blames it on the colleges for not sitting down and working out proper schedules. Saturday afternoon games make more sense, he says... *Bruce Gates is a freelance writer for the Financial Post and Maclean's Magazine.*

Coulthard has improved his average 12 points since coming into the league in 1977 when he averaged 18.1 points per game. This year his average was an impressive 30.2. His playing qualities include smooth ballhandling and a sharp outside shot often described as aerial warfare.



Jules Xavier

Just a cut above the rest—Dave Coulthard removes another net following York's win over the Windsor Lancers.

Records set as Sharpe and Rooks burn up the track

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York may not have had the quantity to capture the Ontario Indoor Track and Field Championships this past weekend, but their quality showed observers they're definite contenders.

Brilliant performances

York's Tony Sharpe and Nancy Rooks both turned in brilliant performances as each athlete set a number of records during the meet.

Sharpe garnered four gold medals and set two records (60m and 300m). He also anchored York's two winning relay teams.

Burned up the track

Rooks literally burned up the track, setting three meet records. Her three gold medals came in the 1500m, 3000m and 3200m relay. Rooks outdistanced Queen's Ann Marie Malone and Guelph's Silvia Ruegger in both long distance runs.

York's Mark McKoy and teammate Eric Spence finished one—two in the 60m hurdles (meet record).

Yeoman Steve Snell finished a surprising second in the 5000m behind Ray Paulins of Laurentian.

The University of Western Ontario won the women's team title followed by Toronto's Lady Blues.

Toronto's men rebounded to win their title while Western finished second. York came third.

One notable absentee in the Ontario finals was Angela Taylor. Taylor decided to concentrate fully on the upcoming Commonwealth Games and therefore has dropped out of school at York.

This coming weekend the top track and field competitors from across Canada will meet in Laval for the Canadian University Championships.

The west is now the best

Drew Clarke

You could say the West is best when it comes to swimming.

Dinosaurs win

Last weekend at the 1982 Canadian Swim Championships held at the University of British Columbia, competitors from York and other Ontario universities faced that reality. The University of Calgary Dinosaurs (455 pts.) dethroned the University of Toronto (328 pts.) of their men's crown. In the women's section, the host UBC made a bid to overtake Toronto's Lady Blues, but came up rather short.

York's main hope going into the meet, the women's relay squad of

Jane Thacker, Sandy Greaves, Megan Teskey and Jeannette Wellhouwer, placed a distant ninth, despite shaving four seconds from their 4 x 100m freestyle relay time.

Undaunted by results, coach Carol Wilson observes, "There's much more depth this year. The calibre of Canadian University swimming is rapidly improving in my opinion."

Final analysis

In the final analysis only Thacker (200m Breaststroke) and Gabor Mezo (50m Freestyle) managed consolation berths. Kingpin Marty Tildus, competing in his last Varsity meet, was narrowly edged out in his bid to make the top twelve as was rookie OWIAA Fly finalist Greaves.



Jules Xavier

Keep on jogging—York's Steve Snell finished a surprising second behind Laurentian's Ray Paulins in the 5,000 metres race.