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Spence leads Yeomen to win despite late flurry by Ottawa

By MYLES DAVIS

Powered by the outstanding performance of captain Ev Spence, the York basketball Yeomen stayed off a second-half thrust by the Ottawa Gee-Gees to win their sixth game of the season Friday night, 87-80.

Spence scored 23 pints for the Yeomen, his personal best for the year, as well as displaying relentless drive and hustle. Time after time he finessed his way out of two and three man presses to move the ball up the floor.

Coach Bob Bain described it as, "the best performance Spence has given all season", quite remarkable considering he played with a bandaged knee and a barking cough that echoed throughout the gymnasium.

The game, played before 200 people in Tait MacKenzie, took on an early trend in York's favour as they jumped out to a 10 point lead.

The Gee-Gees employed a various assortment of presses trying to stifle the Yeomen attack deep in their own end, but failed repeatedly.

Guards Spence and Paul D'Agostino were called upon on numerous occasions to rescue the Yeomen from trouble in their own territory, and got the job done each time.

Leading 44-31 at the half, York looked as though they would turn the important rematch with Ottawa into a one-sided rout.

Coach Bain said before the game that he "expected the Gee-Gees to press a lot and that his team would have to tighten up defensively and take away Ottawa's inside shooting strength in order to win."

The Yeomen performed this task to near perfection in the first half, but began to develop a few chinks in their armour in the second when the Gee-Gees started



York's Ted Galka (45) goes up for a jump shot as Todd Plaskacs (5), and Barry Mosley (10) look on. Gee-Gees did a little too much looking in this game as York won, 87-80.

their comeback.

Resorting quickly to three and four man back-court presses, Ottawa looked as if they were going to grab the lead for the first time in the game. However, the Yeomen managed to score baskets at key intervals during the half, clamping the lid on the Gee-Gees' building attack time and time again.

Guard Ted Calka, one of York's most consistent performers over the year and top marksman Romeo Callegaro were also instrumental in the win, scoring 19 and 21 points respectively.

The final seven minutes saw the Yeomen wavering between six and 10 point leads.

The Gee-Gees were hitting their shots with more consistency than at any other time during the game, and as if by stroke of black

magic, York began to do the reverse.

They lost control of both the offensive and defensive backboards and missed shots that were certain two-pointers earlier in the game.

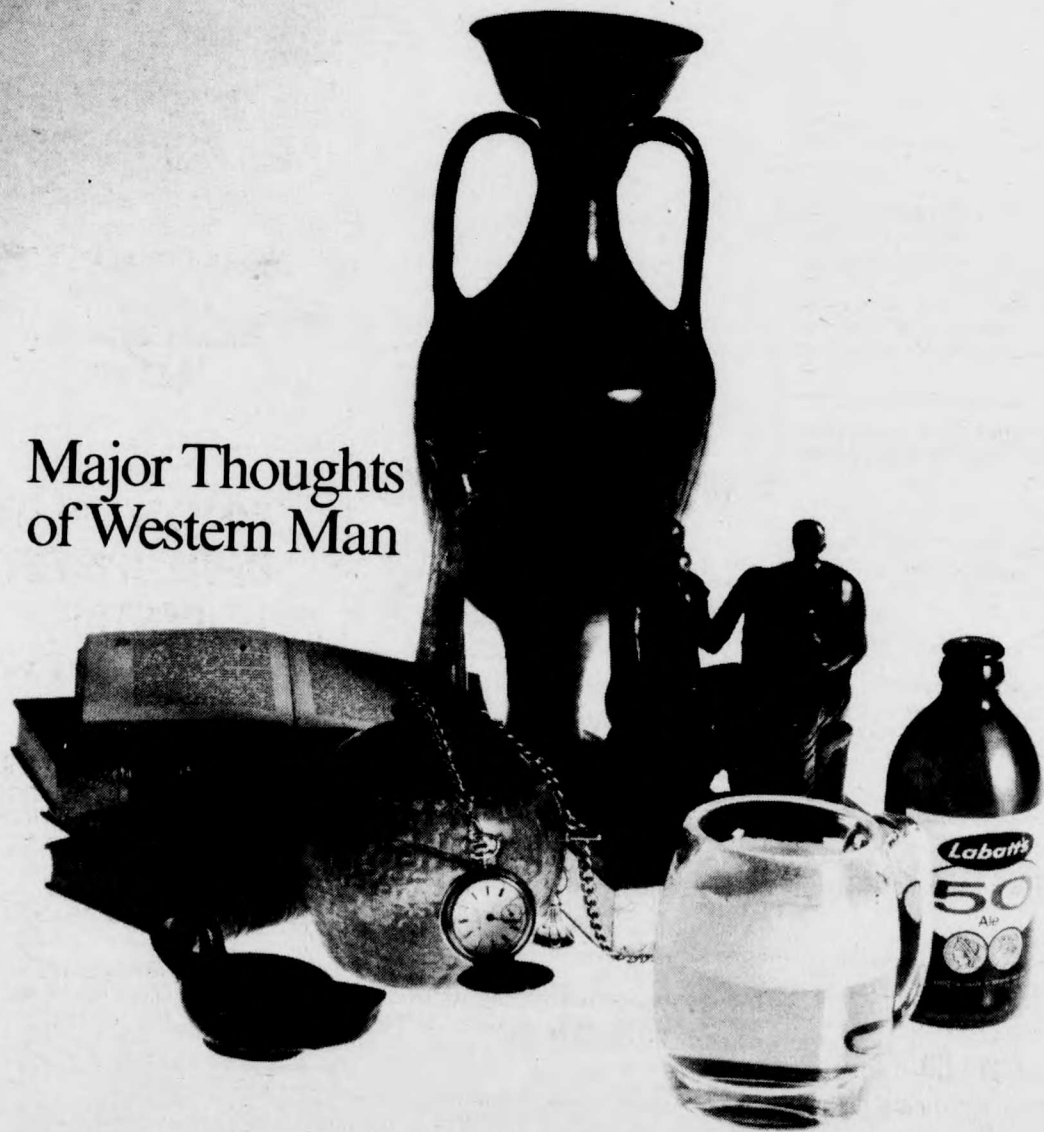
However, the final buzzer went before fate struck, and York had eked out the victory.

The game's high scorer was Ottawa's giant centre John Godden, with 25 points.

The Gee-Gees outscored York 49-43 in the second half but came up on the short end of a 44-31 score at the end of the first.

The key statistic in the game was rebounds: the Yeomen pulled down 34 to Ottawa's 24 thus enabling them a number of extra shots and almost complete control in their own end.

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