

B-ball thrashes Gee Gees

Last Saturday afternoon, the York Yeomen Varsity Basketball Team scored their highest total in their short history at the Tait-McKenzie Gym with a 107-88 thrashing of the University of Ottawa Gee-Gees.

It was a wide-open run-and-gun type game, which showed a marked improvement in play by the York squad. The team started slow, with Ottawa holding a 3-2 lead after 1-1/4 minutes of play. The lead changed back and forth for the first 10 minutes of play. But then Coach McKinney sent in 6'6" Bob Wepler for Captain Stan Raphael, and the Yeoman suddenly broke the game open.

On the tough rebounding and sharp-shooting of Wepler, and head-up defence by the other 4 players, especially Sandy Nixon and Gus Falcioni, York opened up going to the dressing room at the half with a 50-36 lead. The success of Wepler in the first half, as evidenced by his 12 points and 6 rebounds is in no way a slight to centre Stan Raphael.

It was simply that Stan, rough and solid as he is, could not contain the taller Ottawa forwards, who were constantly getting two and three shots at our hoop. Wepler, using his height to good advantage, effectively cut off the Ottawa lull-side game. As well, Nixon displayed his usual great self, scoring 15 points on a variety of shots, that even Pete Maravich would appreciate.

When the second half started, the team came out in their full-court press, in an attempt to ice the

game. This they easily accomplished, due partly to their own hustle and also to the off-times spastic efforts of the Gee-Gees. With 8 minutes to go in the game, York had their biggest lead — an 85-57 count. With the game's outcome no longer in doubt, all the interest of the 50 or so spectators centred on the prospects of the team passing the century mark in points. This was finally done with 1:58 seconds left to go in the game, with two free throws, by none other than nifty Nixon. The team shot 42 per cent from the floor, and had 22 turnovers, a marked improvement over their last performance. Nixon and Wepler shared honours with 24 points apiece. Alf Lane and Stan Raphael followed with 12 each, Don Holstrom had 8, Butch Feldman and Barry Turnbull 7, George Dubinsky 6, Gus Falcioni 4, and Jim Mado hit for 3 points.

The game was not a true test of the team's capability, as the Gee-Gees have been the doormats of the OQAA Eastern division for who knows how long. But it did serve to demonstrate the character of the team's style. Offensively, the load is carried heavily by Nixon — if he stays cold for too long, the team is in big trouble, and the slack has to be taken up by Holstrom, who has to shoot more, and Raphael and

Lane, who have to get more aggressive. Defensively, the team puts good pressure on the ball, and their press can be effective. But their most glaring deficiency lies in their defence under their own basket. Time after time, the Ottawa forwards would not only shoot over our forwards from close range, but grab their own rebounds in the event of a missed shot. Any slightly knowledgeable fan can realize what could happen when the team faces some real basketball players from Laurentian and Waterloo Lutheran. The Yeoman have to be more aggressive and have to box out the opposing forwards. Otherwise, they're simply going to be pounded into submission. And therein lies the possible key to York basketball success this year — Stan Raphael and Bob Wepler. We all know that Nixon will get his 20 points per game. But Raphael has to stay on his toes and use a little muscle to keep the other team honest. And Wepler is perhaps the great question mark. At his height, and with his coordination, he should be a natural. And if he gets tough under the boards, he can be a great asset, as Saturday's game proved. But he has to abandon his timid, Mr. "Nice-Guy" attitude, and show the opposition players he

means business. If he does, York may well have found the big man they've been looking for. And who knows what lofty heights the team could reach then. The next home game is tomorrow against the University of Toronto, starting at 8:15 p.m. So all you frustrated athletes, grab the chick and head for Tait-McKenzie and really let yourself go. You don't have to spend any money, and the game

ends in plenty of time to let you have much of the evening free.

Ex-coach Honoured

Friday nights game against U of T will be a special affair since the team is honouring ex-coach E.C. Johnson. They will present him with a ball signed by all the players. Then there will be a ceremonial jump-off at the beginning of the game.

IMPORT Auto TALK



By IAN NEILL



Tokyo's traffic controlled by computers

If you've been in Tokyo recently one of the things that would have impressed you most would surely have been the traffic. It's crazy. In an effort to bring some order to this chaos an automatic traffic control system, made possible through an \$830,000 contribution by Toyota, is being tested in downtown Tokyo.

The new system, which automatically adjusts signals according to traffic flow, is now operating at 128 intersections in a central area of the world's largest city which now has a population of more than 13,000,000 people.

Traffic detectors installed at 198 strategic points in the area report the flow of vehicles to the control centre at the Metropolitan Police Headquarters. The centre is equipped with memory storage facilities containing programs for 246 different types of traffic conditions. On the basis of the detectors' reports, different traffic flows are automatically chosen to control traffic at intersections. An earlier but smaller automatic system had been in operation in Tokyo beginning in late 1965, but although results were adjudged more satisfactory than systems being used in New York and Paris, Tokyo police could not expand it for lack of funds.

Plans are currently being drawn up to apply the system to a greater area of Tokyo — and to smaller cities. Maybe our City Fathers should go over and see if they can learn something to help sort out our traffic snarls — which will surely get worse as time goes by.

So you think you've got problems?

Here's a story from the Bradford Witness, an Ontario newspaper, about a good Samaritan who got nothing but trouble for his kindly-intended efforts. John Moynihan and his wife were returning home one night and saw sparks coming from a transport truck up the road ahead. They rapidly approached the truck in their Datsun 240-Z figuring on telling the driver of the danger. Just as they were overtaking the truck a VW coming down the wrong lane of the divided four-lane highway slammed into them.

Both cars were wrecked and the Moynihans were badly shaken up. But there was no trace of the VW driver. Later, the owner of the VW claimed the car was stolen but the OPP wouldn't buy the story. The irony of it is even if they proved the owner responsible, he carried no insurance — so the Moynihans' insurance company would have to pay. And his insurance premium would go up.

"I'll still go out of my way to help people," Moynihan said, "but I'll be very careful in the future!"

It gives you faith, eh?

New Datsun Prairie Region office

In their ever-increasing efforts to give the best possible parts and service back-up to Datsun dealers and Datsun owners, Nissan Canada has just opened a big new depot in Calgary for their Prairie Region. Now, Datsun owners from the Peace River Country to Thunder Bay will be getting speedier, more efficient service and parts availability — just like Datsun dealers from Vancouver Island to Newfoundland now — and they're all getting the kind of factory support that only domestic car dealers could get! It's good business all around!

Eye-catching but dangerous

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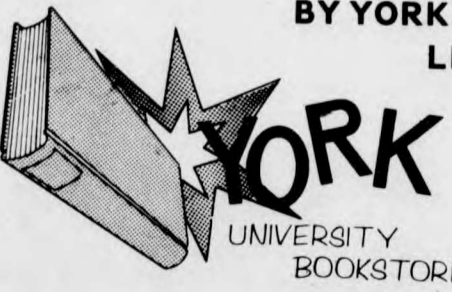
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