

Remember Last Time Sports Illustrated Covered Bona?

By BOB DAVIES
Sports Illustrated is back.

It's been seven years since the national magazine last visited a St. Bonaventure University basketball game.

Remember? It was Feb. 25th, 1961. The Bonnies were gaining their 100th straight win in the Olean Armory.

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED had to revise its story when Niagara beat Bona, 87-77. That Bona club finished with a 34-4 record, however, and earned an NCAA tournament berth.

Now, seven years later, the magazine is back with Curry Kirkpatrick covering the Bonnies who are 16-0 and ranked No. 4 by the Associated Press.

Bona will meet Providence Saturday (WHDL AM-FM, WESB, WBEN-TV, 2 p.m.) at the University Center, in the ECAC's televised and (sell-out) game of the week.

Providence (7-9) lost, 53-51, to Rhode Island last night when John Fultz put in two free throws in the last 29 seconds.

However, Bona isn't taking Providence lightly. "Any team coached by Joe Mullaney is

dangerous," said Larry Weise today. "He is the master of multiple defenses. He changes (from combination to man to zone) in a game as the situation dictates. Sometimes it takes a team time to adjust to those defenses," the Bona coach added.

MULLANEY ISN'T discouraged by this year's record. "We knew we'd drop off a little. We lost Walker (Jimmy) and I think we are playing a tougher schedule. We are playing pretty much as we figured we would. We just don't have the good kids

we had before," he commented.

Mullaney will start Skip Hayes (5-11), Tony Koski (6-8), Stu Kerzner (6-1) and Jerry McNair (6-5). "The fifth man I'm not sure about. It'll be either Donal Henderson (6-1) or Andy Clary (6-3)," the Friars' coach added.

"I haven't seen Bona directly, but I know they are real strong. There's no doubt about it. I felt Bona would be better this year, but you can't predict this type (16-0) of season. A couple of years ago, we knew we would be good, but we went wacky and went

19-0 before we lost," Mullaney said.

"THEY TELL me this first five of Bona looks very strong. Everyone I've talked to has been impressed with Lanier (Bob, the 6-11 sophomore)," Mullaney concluded. Lanier is averaging 27.3 points per game and hitting on 63 percent (189 of 299) of his shots from the floor. Bill Butler, the lone senior on the Ironman Five, is averaging 53 percent from the floor.

Lanier, Butler, John Hayes, Billy Kalbaugh and Jimmy Satalin are the Ironmen, who

went the route in the 66-62 win over Villanova.

COURT NOTES: Creighton game (Feb. 1) will not be televised. Buffalo radio station WKBW will pick up Don McLean's WHDL broadcast of the Fairfield (March 5) game and all tournament games of the Bonnies. Armed Forces Radio Network will carry WHDL's broadcast of the Creighton game to Korea, Vietnam, and Alaska. Bill Butler has been nominated from the East for Look's All-American team. Previously it had been reported that only

Bob Lanier and Calvin Murphy of Niagara had been placed in nomination from Western New York.

Bona Frosh (10-1) meet University of Buffalo Frosh after tomorrow's Bona-Providence varsity clash. Then next Wednesday, while varsity is at Seton Hall, the Frosh go to Binghamton for game with Dick Baldwin's Broome Tech outfit. Tech is 18-5 after a 107-88 triumph over Syracuse University Frosh. **Sports Network**, which telecasts the ECAC's game of the week, arrived Thursday to make plans for tomorrow's game. **North Carolina** (No. 3)

won its 14th straight last night, defeating Wake Forest, 80-60. Losing coach Jack McCloskey said that North Carolina (16-1) has "all the ingredients to make an exceptionally fine team. They are intensely aggressive, change their defenses fast and don't their poise." Duke beat Southern Illinois, 78-54 in the opener of a doubleheader that marked the end of college basketball in New York's old Madison Square Garden. NYU beat Manhattan, 76-63 in the other game. **Duquesne** beat Westminster, 87-69 behind 34 points from Ron Guziak.

---The BOB DAVIES Report: On Tonight's Game In Philadelphia--- It's Bona's Turn To Test Kraft's Miracle At Villanova

By BOB DAVIES
PHILADELPHIA — It was 11 p.m. on Dec. 27 and Duquesne had just destroyed a Villanova basketball team that played as listlessly as the straightmen who lose to the Globetrotters every night.

Jack Kraft had never had a team look as bad as his Wildcats did that night. Now, here it is a little over a month later — and it's suddenly

a new season for Villanova, a chance, once again for a post-season tournament. That loss to the Dukes, marked the turn-about for Villanova, which moved from a 1-5 record to 10-5.

TONIGHT KRAFT has his combination zone ready to test unbeaten (15-0) and fifth-ranked St. Bonaventure in the Palestra (WHDL AM-FM, WESB, WKBW, TV, 9 o'clock).

What did Kraft do to accomplish the minor miracle? Kraft says: "I don't know." He smiles then adds: "The kids are really interested, enthused and playing good defense as well as playing very good offense. It's just a complete change."

There's more to it than that, according to sources in Philly who know Kraft and his Wildcats.

FOR ONE THING, Kraft is yelling less now and winning more.

"That's one of the secrets. 'I just shut up,'" he says. "That's what I did. I stopped trying to work them up to a high pitch and started talking calmly in a normal conversation. Screaming and yelling at them was out of character for me."

The Villanova coach, according to those who have been associated with him for many years, expected too much from

his team — a team with a goodly portion of returning veterans. When they started off badly, Kraft lost his cool. He became grumpy and touchy and he tried to overcoach, spotting every little flaw and trying to correct it with words... loud words. It had an adverse effect on the team.

"I don't know whether it was the reason for the way they played. You'll have to ask them," he tells reporters. "I do do more than they were capable of because of the great expectations. Then I made it worse with the yelling," he said.

THINGS WERE SO bad during the five-game losing spin that Kraft abandoned his famed "ball defense" because the team fell behind so early.

"Now everything is jelling. We will be tough from now on. Real tough," he added.

In the win streak, Villanova

disposed of Arizona, Penn. (twice) Canisus, Niagara, Xavier, Virginia Tech, Philadelphia Textile and St. John's.

Suddenly, the world is sunny and the future bright as a result of Kraft's honest appraisal of himself. He blamed himself when his players. It is not easy to be this way when one has been as successful as Kraft has been.

"The day that I stop learning about this game is the day I get out of coaching," Kraft exclaimed. "You just never stop learning."

Kraft has a good crew: John Jones, 6-3 junior; Frank McCall, 6-5 junior; Joe Crews, 6-4 senior; Frank Gillen, 5-10 junior; Bobby Melchionni, 6-foot sophomore and Jim McIntosh, 6-7 junior.

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It's Big Bob To Rescue For No. 16

(Jan. 31, at Phila. Palestra)
PHILADELPHIA, Pa. —

"Man, I'm tired." If ever a young man had a right to be tired it was Bob Lanier, the 6-11 sophomore, who saved the Bonnies once again — this time with a devastating defensive display of basketball artistry.

St. Bonaventure University survived the Palestra pressure cooker here Wednesday night, pinning a 66-62 loss on tough Villanova.

The victory, before a crowd of 5,561, was the 16th straight for the Brown Indians of Larry Weise. The win streak is now 18, counting two at the end of last basketball season.

JACK KRAFT'S Villanova Wildcats, shooting for their 10th straight win, tested Bona last night and the fifth-ranked club from Olean wasn't found wanting when the chips were down.

And, when the chips were down, it was Big Bob to the rescue, time after time.

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