

MARTIN, BONA'S SIXTH MAN, CAN GO BOTH WAYS

## Vinnie Can Ease the Pressure

Are the St. Bonaventure Brown Indians showing the strain of their 18-game winning streak? Are they becoming hesitant on defense because of fear of foul attrition?

According to the scouts who watched them in a below-par performance against Providence and in their failure to rip the Seton Hall game wide open when they had the opportunity, they're showing the pressure.

"No doubt about that," said Coach Larry Weise. "The more you win, the tougher it becomes to win. Not because of pressure. The opposition becomes tougher because there is glory for them in breaking a winning streak."

Ahead for Weise's Bonnies are Creighton Monday night and Canisius next Wednesday night. Both games are in the Bona Student Center.

Loaded with upset dynamite is the Niagara contest Feb. 25, a Sunday afternoon game in Memorial Auditorium that has been sold out for a long time. Then they finish the regular season March 5 against Fairfield, a team that makes few mistakes, in New Haven, Conn.

Vinnie Martin, the sixth man, gave the Bonnies a great lift in pulling out that overtime victory at Seton Hall. He was limping before the game

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because his right ankle, fractured before the season began, is still bothering him.

But once in action, Vinnie came through with four defensive plays, two interceptions and two pickups of loose balls. Had these four plays gone against the Bonnies, it is unlikely they could have survived the loss of Bob Lanier and Jimmy Satalin on personal fouls.

Off his late-season performance of a year ago, Martin reckoned to be a regular on this year's team. He had worked well with sophomore Mike Kull as the Bonnies finished strong after faltering early. But he wasn't lucky. He missed pre-season drills because of foot injury, and Mike kept him company because of a damaged right knee that required surgery.

Like Satalin, who underwent brain surgery last year and missed a whole season of play, Kull only will be a junior next season. Jimmy is now a junior with a senior year ahead. Billy Butler, the wonderful front-liner of the million moves, will be the only regular lost by graduation.

"Martin could take off a lot of the pressure now on the Bonnies," said one scout. "He is just getting into good condition, and he can go both ways, in the backcourt or on the front line. He

should be a big man for Weise in these last four games."

### Scouts on Road

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PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 17—The Creighton Blue Jays and their ace, 6-foot 5½-inch Bob Portman, will be under the scouting scrutiny of St. Bonaventure's Fred Handler here tonight in their basketball game against Providence.

Handler will have two former Bona players to help him chart the Creighton maneuvers.

Creighton meets the undefeated Bonnies Monday night in the University Center at Bona.

As a sophomore, Portman commanded notice when he scored 35 points in an 87-80 defeat by Houston. He tied a Creighton record with 17 field goals. He averaged 18.3 points and 11.4 rebounds a game.

As a junior, Portman has been consistently among the top five scorers in the nation. Latest National Collegiate Bureau statistics show him in fourth place with a 30.3 game average, which is excelled only by Pete Maravich, Calvin Murphy and Houston's Elvin Hayes.

Creighton and the Bonnies are meeting for the third time. Bona won, 70-60, in 1956 and lost in Omaha in 1962, 81-74.



BONA STARTERS—From left, Billy Kalbaugh, Jimmy Satalin, Bill Butler, Bob Lanier and John Hayes. Unbeaten in 20 straight games.

## St. Bona Climbs To Third in Poll

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Three, and possibly four, members of the Top Ten major college basketball teams begin play this week in the NCAA tournament, but two others might have to fight each other just to get in.

New Mexico remained seventh, and Louisville held onto No. 9. Marquette, No. 8 last week, dropped out after losing to Xavier, Ohio, and Western Michigan while Davidson took over the 10th spot after winning three games in the Southern Conference tournament.

Top-ranked and unbeaten Houston, third-ranked and unbeaten St. Bonaventure and No. 10 Davidson help get the NCAA tourney under way Saturday.

The top Ten, with first-place votes in parentheses, season records through games of Saturday, March 2, and total points on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis:

Columbia's eighth-ranked Lions also will play Saturday if they can beat Princeton in an Ivy League playoff tonight. If not, Princeton will play LaSalle at College Park, Md.

Others receiving votes, listed alphabetically: Army, Chicago Loyola, Iowa, Kansas, Kansas State, LaSalle, Marquette, New Mexico State, North Carolina State, Ohio State, Princeton, Santa Clara, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vanderbilt, Villanova.

Davidson will meet St. John's, N.Y., also at College Park; Houston takes on Chicago Loyola at Salt Lake City, Utah, and St. Bonaventure battles Boston College at Kingston, R.I.

But North Carolina and Duke, Nos. 5 and 6, must compete in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament, which determines the NCAA representative.

The teams played last Saturday, and the outcome was North Carolina's second 87-86 loss of the week. The first was to South Carolina and, coupled with the second, knocked the Tar Heels from third to fifth.

Duke, on the other hand, rocketed from 10th to sixth, replacing Columbia, which tumbled to eighth after losing to Princeton. Second-ranked UCLA already has an NCAA spot but doesn't close its regular season schedule until Saturday against Southern California.

In this week's poll, Kentucky moved up one notch to fourth,



VINNIE MARTIN  
Gives Bona a Big Lift