

-- Looking Towards Wednesday's Villanova Game --

Bona's Hayes Has Own 'Tape' Job

By BOB DAVIES
PHILADELPHIA — "I like it under the boards."

Watching John Hayes' maneuver his 6-5, 205-pound body under the basket, you know he's telling the truth.

This is a young man who enjoys the give-and take that goes on under the boards. It takes a special breed of basket-

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ball player to handle the rough-tough situation. Hayes is rough and tough.

Hayes knows his way around, especially underneath the bucket.

The trouble in the early part of the St. Bonaventure Univer-

sity season was his knee. He couldn't wheel and deal under the boards in the old Hayes fashion.

IN THE FIRST few games, he didn't trust himself. He didn't go all out. He was unsure of the knee and of himself. It was the surgery he underwent a year ago to correct the damage sustained the first day of practice, October 1966.

Now? Things couldn't be better for the Niagara Falls youth — or for Bona.

His board work has taken the load off the big shoulders of big Bob Lanier, the 6-11 sophomore, who gathers defensive players like honey attracts a bee.

Hayes is one of coach Larry Weise's Ironmen who take on

Villanova in the Palestra Wednesday night. The Bonnies, fifth-ranked in both polls, have a 15-0 record. Villanova, after a horrible start (1-5), has found

Rupp: Over A Record Hump (772nd Win)

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Elvin Hayes, Pete Maravich and four of the nation's Top Ten college basketball teams sparred on the court Monday night, but the biggest star was Kentucky Coach Adolph Rupp, the best bench-warmer in the busi-

ness. "This means a lot to me," the Baron said after his 10th ranked Wildcats diverted Mississippi 85-76 for his 772nd career coaching victory, more than any other college coach in history. "I really feel great."

"I was a little tense when the game started, but then it was just like all the rest," said the 68-year-old Rupp, who from his seat on the sidelines has masterminded Kentucky's nationally prominent fortunes for the past 38 years.

The triumph at Oxford also kept Kentucky in the thick of the glowing Southeast Conference race with a 6-3 record and 12-4 over-all. Three of its competitors, two in the Top Ten, also won.

Top-rated Houston, the only other ranked team in action, easily handled visiting Fairfield, Conn., 108-76, as Hayes hit a season high 48 points.

In two other games involving top conference races, Kansas State dropped into a tie for first in the Big Eight with Iowa State by losing at Oklahoma 73-62 and Missouri Valley Conference leading Drake 51 and 14-2 trimmed visiting Tulsa 63-58 in overtime.

the winning touch and has captured nine in a row — the latest a tight, tough victory at the expense of a good St. John's team. At St. John's, too, if you're one of the cynics who always ask, "where was it played?"

"I'm going to the boards better, getting position, getting more rebounds than earlier. I've got to be tough on the boards against Villanova," the rugged junior forward explained.

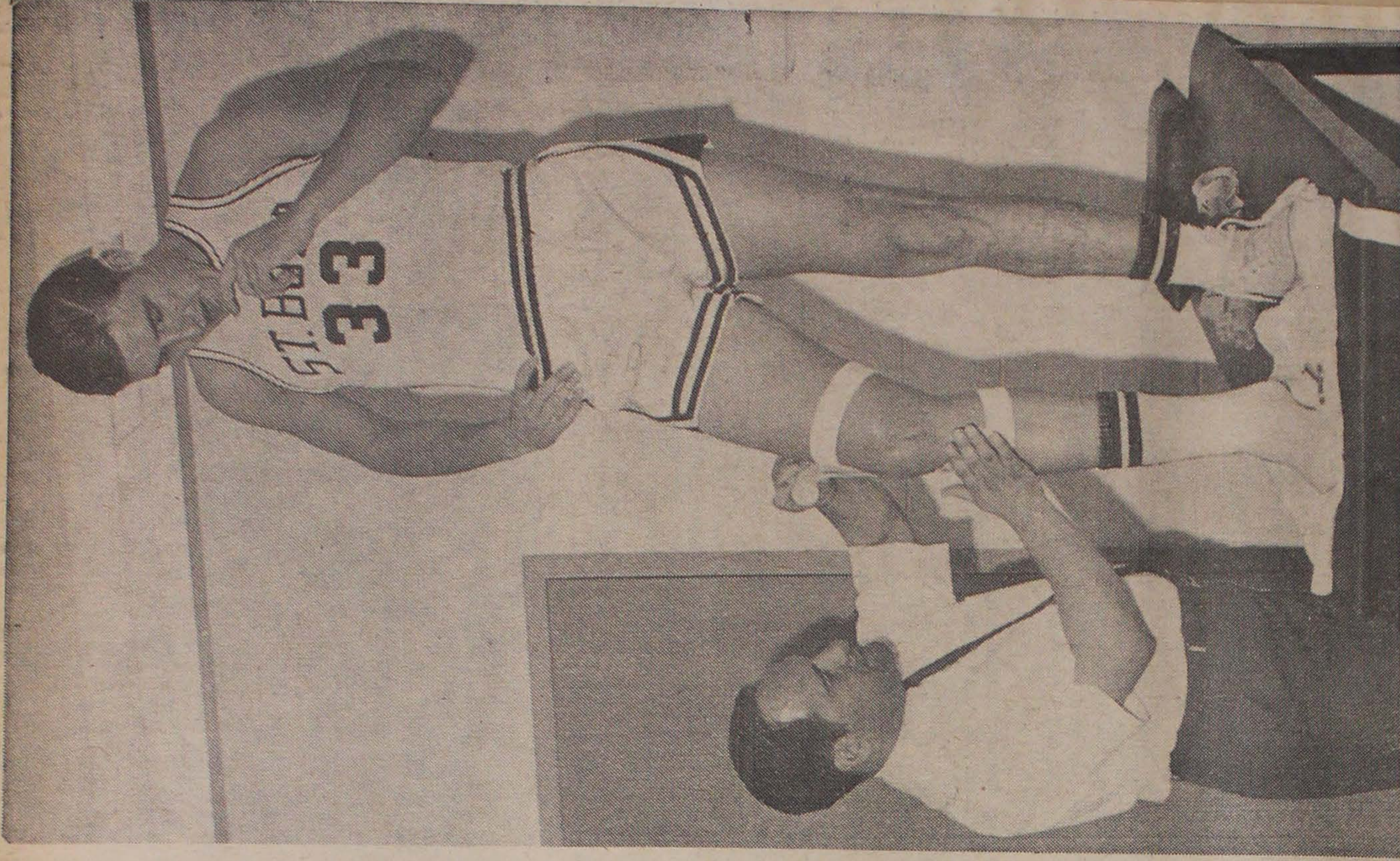
THE KNEE HAS to be taped before every practice and each game. He also wears a special brace. He didn't tape the knee before the season — opening games with Quincy and Gannon. It was obvious he was a step or two slower than before. "And it hurt afterwards," he admitted.

"We started to tape it again, to give more support. It takes about 10 minutes to do it each time. I don't know how many 'miles' of tape I've used."

HAYES PLAYED less than 40 minutes last season. "Not even one game," he sighed. Weise appealed to the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Association to have those 1966-67 minutes erased but was turned down. Unfortunately for Bona, Had the OK been given, John would be a sophomore.

Courtside: Current NCAA statistics show Bona No. 2 in the country in field goal percentage, 52.8, trailing St. Peter's (54.4 percent). These stats were issued before the St. Francis game. The Bonnies, since, have slipped to an even 52 percent.

Bob Lanier, is third in field goal percentage, 65.4, trailing Bradley's Joe Allen (68.5) and St. Peter's Elnardo Webster (67.8). Top four scorers in the nation: LSU's Pete Maravich (45.0), Niagara's Calvin Murphy (39.4), Houston's Elvin Hayes (32.9) and Lanier, 28.8. There will be no Lew Alcindor-Calvin Murphy meeting in the Holiday Festival next December. Niagara is out of the Festival. The Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference today made a switch, moving Niagara from the Madison Square Garden tourney to the Quaker City event in Philadelphia and replacing the Purple Eagles with Providence. Hous-



TAPING SESSION. John Hayes, St. Bona junior forward, stands on a table patiently waiting while his knee is taped. Trainer doing the tape job is Dick Gigliotti. This is a daily routine and one that also takes place before each game. Hayes also uses a brace (on the table) to give his knee additional support. (Times Herald Photo)

Hayes Grabs 19 In 15th Straight

(Jan. 25, at University Center)

You don't have to smile when you call John Hayes the "garbage man." The 6-5 junior from Niagara Falls won't get angry. That's what his St. Bona teammates call him because of his handy knack of picking up everything loose under the bucket and converting the "garbage" into points.

THE OTHER day at practice the ball was bouncing around under the basket and Billy Kalbaugh hollered out: "Take it John, it's garbage it's yours." It was Hayes who started unbeaten and fifth-ranked St. Bonaventure University on its way to a 74-58 basketball win over St. Francis of Loretto, Pa., Thursday night before a sellout crowd of 5,463 at the University Center.

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