

---LANIER: 'Proud To Be A Bonnie'---

Cousy Fears Bona Defense

By BOB DAVIES

"That scares me."
Bob Cousy doesn't scare easy — not after all those years in the NBA — but the Boston College basketball coach is ev-

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ery bit as worried about St. Bonaventure as his coaching rival, Larry Weise, is worried about BC.

Bona and BC meet next Saturday at Kingston, R.I., in Eastern Regional NCAA first round action. Both have one game left. BC (15-7) met Holy Cross today in the ECAC's televised game of the week. Bona (21-0) meets Fairfield at New Haven on Tuesday.

COUSY HAS SEEN Bona once this season — that, the televised

game with Providence. "They (Bona) looked good to me," noted Cousy. When informed that it was one of Bona's poorer offensive performances of the season, Cousy cracked: "That scares me when you say that. I thought the defense was quite good. Bona works real well out of that zone."

"You know, offense is relatively negligible, as far as I am concerned. The offense takes care of itself. If the defense is solid, it will carry you. If you are consistent on defense, you'll always be in the game. On offense, you have good nights and bad nights," the BC coach commented.

MEANWHILE BACK at the Bona University Center, Weise concentrated drills on Boston College. Bona frosh coach Fred Handler scouted BC in that Wednesday romp over Duquesne

and today the squad will do a little scouting itself, via television.

Bona sophomore Bob Lanier, named to the second team Associated Press All-American team Friday, wasn't aware of the latest honor until informed by this reporter just before practice started.

"Oh, yeah. I didn't know that. It really surprises me. I wish the whole team could get it. The team has helped me get this far, especially Butts (Bill Butler) and Sats (Jimmy Satalin), and the coach, too. This is something you dream about. "Part of it is coming true. Now you think back and wonder if you had gone someplace else, would it be any different. There's not another team like this in the nation. It makes you proud inside to say you go to Bonaventure."

CALVIN MURPHY, the Niagara soph, also named to the second team with Lanier, commented: "It's a great honor to make the first or second team, but I sure would like to be on the first team."

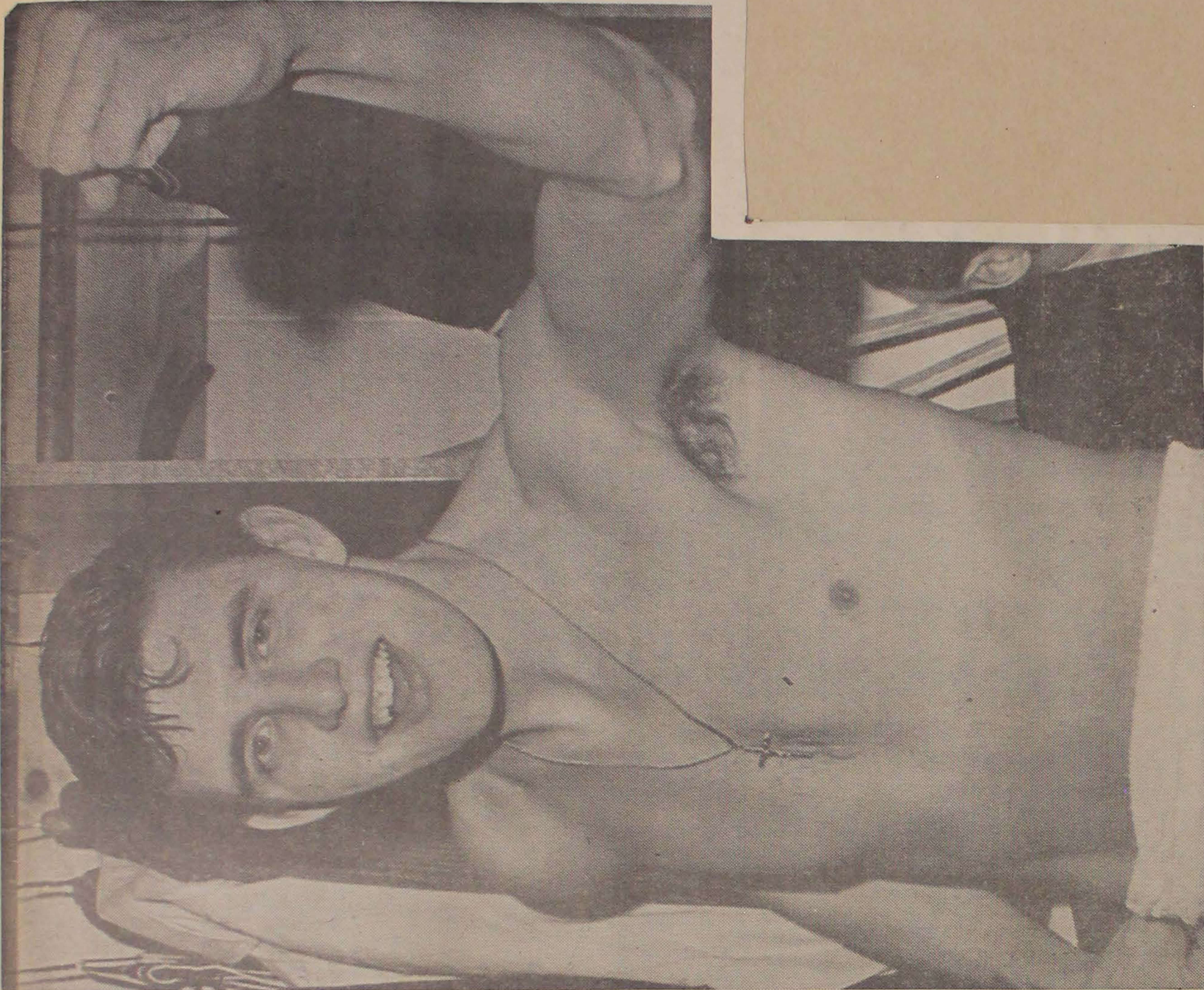
Lanier and Murphy received honorable mention on the Sporting News All-American team (to be released Sunday) selected by the general managers of the NBA. Hayes was named player of the year. Others on the Sporting News All-American: UCLA's Lew Alcindor, Dayton's Don May, Kansas' Jo-Joe White and LSU's Pete Maravich.

Lanier and Murphy will be named to the Look magazine's

10-man All-American squad in its March 19th issue. Butler will be named to the District 2 all-star team in the same issue.

COURT NOTES: Channel 7 (WKBW-TV) will telecast Tuesday's game with Fairfield (at New Haven) starting at 8:30 p.m. and also will TV the Boston College game (at Kingston, R.I.) next Saturday, starting at 7:30 p.m. Matthew Gantt, one of the Washington, D.C. area high school stars Larry Weise is definitely interested in making a Bonnie, scored 48 points the other night as Douglass (Md.) High School beat Surraitville, 96-63. The 6-6 Gantt is averaging 34 points a game. . . **If Princeton** and Columbia (WPIX-TV), 8 o'clock tonight) finish in an Ivy tie, the title playoff game will be played in St. John's Jamaica Long Island gym, Monday night. . .

Among the biggest college basketball jokes are those post-season tourneys to decide NCAA berths in the Atlantic Coast, Southern and Middle Atlantic conferences. A team can win the long regular season title, hit a cold night and bingo the whole bit goes down the drain. Take Ohio high school playoffs for a horrible example. Everybody gets a shot at the brass ring and the other night top seeded Salem, a real powerhouse was upset by Youngstown Raven, 55-46. Rayen's record? Only 1-17 the tourney. . . **Evin Hayes**, once out from his high school varsity team because he had a "coordination problem," was named today as college basketball player for 1968. . . Hayes, the 6-8 top scorer and rebounder for the No. One-ranked Houston Cougars, polled 22½ votes to 41½ for UCLA's Lew Alcindor. LSU's Pistol Pete Maravich placed third in the voting of the Associated Press sports writers and broadcasters. . . **New Mexico** won the Western Athletic Conference title last night, beating Wyoming, 75-62. . . **UCLA** clinched a tie for the Pacific-8 title by walloping Stanford, 100-62. . . Santa Clara has a tie in the West Coast Athletic Conference, beating St. Mary's, 72-56. . . Iowa State stayed alive in the Big Eight by beating Nebraska, 94-92. . . **Davidson** and West Virginia meet in the finals of the Southern Conference playoff tonight. . . **LaSalle** and Temple also meet tonight in finals of the Middle Atlantic playoffs.



(Times Herald Photo)

JOHN HAYES: Victory signal for the unbeaten Bonnies

Aubrey Smith Tops Frontier Scoring

By MARTY GLEASON

It was a banner season for Aubrey Smith of Niagara Falls and Trott's Jesse Buchanan in the Niagara Frontier High School Basketball League.

The 6-2 Smith, winning his second straight scoring title, amassed 500 points in 18 games for an average of 27.8 and became the third cager in Power City history to surpass the 1,000 barrier.

The Cataract captain, poised to lead a Falls bid for the Section VI Class AAA championship, reeled off 1,029 points in three varsity campaigns. His 1966-67 output was 32 points shy of the single season record of 532 set by former Niagara Falls star John Hayes during 1964-65.

Hayes, now a St. Bonaventure University sophomore, ranks as the greatest scorer in NFL annals with 1,400 points in 63 scholastic games. The other 1,000-point man from the Falls is Frank Starks of Trott, who finished with 1,118 for three years.

Hayes made the NFL All-Star teams selected by The Courier-Express in 1963-64 and 1964-65. Starks earned a C-E berth in 1962-63. Smith was a unanimous C-E choice last season.

Buchanan Set Record

In 1966-67 team statistics, Niagara Falls was most prolific with a 77.7 average per game. Trott was next with 63.6.

LaSalle, which won the Sectional AAA prize last year, was seventh with a 5-13 log this season but produced the top defensive club in the league. LaSalle yielded 51.1 points a game, chiefly because of the ball-control tactics employed by Coach Matt Mazza.

FINAL SCORING					
Player	Team	G	FG	FT	Pts. Avg.
Aubrey Smith, N.F.		18	218	44	500 27.8
Jesse Buchanan, Tr.		18	177	105	459 25.5
Steve Waxman, K.W.		18	142	103	387 21.5
Oscar Colvin, LaS.		18	142	102	386 21.4
Bud Wilkoski, K.E.		18	139	88	366 20.3
Ron Lachut, N.T.		18	131	70	332 18.4
Steve Marotta, Lock.		18	80	107	267 14.8
John Roth, Tona.		18	98	63	259 14.4
Dave Andrus, L-P		18	88	82	258 14.3
Paul Mamon, L-P		16	82	47	231 14.4
Jim Crowe, Lock.		18	84	58	230 12.8
Rich Vicki, N-W		18	84	34	205 11.4
Ed Semmers, Tona.		17	83	59	205 12.1
Pete Keciorkus, Lock		18	71	47	189 10.5
Sandy Vogel, K.W.		18	71	46	188 10.4
Ken Hicks, K.E.		18	70	43	183 10.2
Ted Clark, L-P		17	62	31	175 10.3
Jerry Frizzel, Tona.		17	69	34	172 10.1
Wes Anderson, Tr.		11	20	20	140 14.5
Dave Turecki, Tona.		14	52	36	140 10.1

FINAL STANDING				
Team	W	L	Avg. Pts. For	Avg. Pts. Agnst.
Trott	18	0	63.6	53.4
N. Falls	16	2	77.7	65.2
N. West	12	6	61.3	53.8
N. Tona.	12	6	58.0	52.5
Lockport	10	8	54.8	53.7
K. East	8	10	54.5	59.9
Lawrence	9	9	45.5	55.1
LaSalle	5	14	56.3	66.3
Niagara	15	3	51.5	67.1
New-Port	8	18	55.5	69.4