

Better Than Stith, Crawford, Etc.? Yes!

By BOB DAVIES
 Better than the 1960-61 club? Yes — without hesitation. That's how the 1966-67 Bonnies stack up against the best-ever club turned out at St. Bonaventure University.

The 60-61 club posted a 24-4 record and went to the NCAA Eastern regional finals before losing. That's the crew that had All-American Tom Stith, Whitley Martin, Orrie Jirele, Fred Crawford, Bob McCully, Ed Petrovick, etc.

BUT, THE current Bonnie troupe has the edge even at this early stage of the college basketball season.

For one thing — and it's no small matter, either — Bob Lanier is the best big man (6-11, 265 pounds) the Bonnies have ever had.

Only a sophomore, Big Bob is smooth and learning with every game.

He admitted as much after the 94-93 upset of Toledo Saturday night. Coach Larry Weise admitted also that Lanier is learning. The coach had a little "chat" with Bob after that technical foul hung on Lanier.

LANIER HAD no trouble handling Toledo's 6-7, 228 pound all-American candidate Steve Mix. Only when Lanier ran into foul trouble was Mix able to do anything against the Bonnies.

ANOTHER THING about this Bonnie crew, it has shooting fire power from five angles. The 1966-67 club relied almost solely on Stith and Crawford.

This club can wreck its foe

inside with Lanier and Bill Butler, who, incidentally, looks more and more like an All-American, plus John Hayes. And outside, you won't find two better guards than Jimmy Satalin and Billy Kalbaugh, who do everything guards are supposed to do.

This club can run and it can shoot. In three games the Bonnies have average 100.6 points per game and are shooting a blistering 55.2 per cent from the field.

Back to that near-fatal technical on Lanier. It came with Bona leading, 71-70, and 5:03 left. When Toledo got through at the foul line, Bona trailed, 73-71. "No more," Lanier said afterwards. "Before I could say anything — bam — a technical." Lanier didn't say anything but his expression told the ref what he thought of the call. "I had a little chat with him," Weise said Bob told me.

"I'm learning, coach. I'm learning."

Satalin, who tied the game at 85-85 with a 25-foot shot with one second left, talked about the amazing comeback: "What can you say. We'll start thinking about it today or tomorrow and realize what a great win it was."

WHAT ABOUT the shot "I thought I'd get it off." Weise was shouting to Satalin: "Shoot, it Jimmy, shoot it Jimmy." In the huddle during the timeout, Satalin told the coach: "I got a fish, I can make it."

Satalin buried the shot without touching the rim.

Did Satalin think the Bonnies

could win six down and 1:00 to go

"I guess we rose to the occasion when Bob left. Bob and Butts kept us in and Hayes looked sweet. I really thought we could win it. That first win away as a soph is a good one to get out of the way — gives you confidence. I was pretty confident at the foul line. Never had much trouble shooting fouls."

Butler, more subdued than the others, commented: "That's one play at the end, I saw just the third one. We have 20

more to go. I still don't think we've played up to par yet. We can fly now. We have to."

HAYES, WHO went a full rugged 45 minutes without any knee trouble, wasn't as sure as when Toledo led 85-79. "Did I think we could win. Hell, no. Didn't realize we could. On that one play at the end, I saw Kalbaugh all alone under the

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St. Bona, Niagara, Canisius Are Winners

Xavier Tonight, So Bonnies Can't Look Back At Toledo

St. Bona Rally Nets 94-93 Overtime Win

Special to the Gazette
 TOLEDO, Ohio—St. Bonaventure's unbeaten basketball team made up a sixpoint deficit with one minute left in regulation time and went on to a 94-93 overtime victory over Toledo Saturday night.

It was the third straight victory for the high-scoring Bonnies and first loss in two starts for Toledo.

The Rockets, defending champions in the Mid-America Conference, had whipped Hillsdale 136-85 in their opener.

Toledo Leads 85-79
 Toledo led the Bonnies 85-79 with a minute left in the regular game Saturday night. Jim Satalin and Bill Butler hit on pumbers to pull the Bonnies to within two points. Toledo threw the ball out of bounds with 14

seconds left and St. Bona called time.

Upon resumption, the Bonnies set up Satalin for a typing jumper with one second left. It made the score 85-85. It was deadlock again 87-87 early in the overtime before John Hayes sent the Bonnies ahead for good with a hook shot.

The Brown Indians widened their lead to 94-91 on Bill Butler's winning lay-up with 24 seconds left. Then they let Toledo's Willie Babione score a final basket with three seconds to go.

Butler Nets 30
 Butler scored 30 points and 6-11 Bob Lanier added 23 as the five Bonnie starters all reached double figures. John Brisker led Toledo with 25 points. The Rockets trailed 41-32 at the half before coming back strong and

almost winning in regulation time.

Bona shot over 50 per cent for the third time, making 42 of 81 field goal attempts. Toledo was 41 for 98. Butler hit on 13 of 19 floor shots and Lanier 11 of 20. Bona had a rebound edge 56-53. Lanier and Butler each pulled down 17. The Bonnies return home to play Xavier of Cincinnati Monday night. The preliminary matches the St. Bona Freshmen and Niagara County Community College at 6:30 p.m.

ST. BONA		TOLEDO		G F T	
Hayes	5 0 10	Mix	9 1 19		
Butler	13 4 30	Miller	7 2 16		
Lanier	11 1 23	White	5 0 10		
Satalin	7 2 16	Brisker	10 5 25		
Kalbaugh	6 3 15	Rudley	4 2 10		
Ulasewicz	0 0 0	Babione	4 1 10		
		Smith	0 0 0		
Totals	42 10 94	Totals	41 11 93		
St. Bona41	44	0-94		
Toledo32	53	8-93		



(AP Wirephoto)
 Bona's Bob Lanier (31) towers over Toledo ... Bob Miller (44) and John Brisker (40) watch.

ST. BONA 94
 TOLEDO 93
 # NO. 3

ST. BONA 105
 GANNON 85
 # no. 2

No. 3, Overtime Triumph At Toledo

(Dec. 9, at Toledo)

The Bonnies would like more time to savor the sweet taste of that Toledo triumph. But there is no time to look back.

Instead, they have to go to work again tonight at the University Center. Xavier is ready and waiting to knock St. Bona off Cloud 9, where it has been happily perched since that amazing 94-93 overtime basketball win over Toledo Saturday night in the Ohio City.

XAVIER, meanwhile, had an equally close night, but lost at Detroit, 85-84. This will mark the first appearance of George Krajack and his Musketeers in the University Center.

There weren't many in the crowd of 4,300 at the Toledo fieldhouse who gave the Bonnies much of a chance for victory, once the Rockets took that 84-79 lead with a minute to play. But Bona came back — roaring back — and won it without Bob Lanier (6-11, 265-pound sophomore) in the lineup. Lanier fouled out with 1:27 remaining. Bona appeared doomed at that point, but Bill Butler and Jimmy Satalin took over. Satalin with his shooting (including the basket that tied the game with one second left) and Butler with his rebounding.

LARRY WEISE, enjoying one of the high moments of his seven years as Bona coach, analyzed what happened: "We never lost our poise. When Bob went out Satalin took over and held us together. When Kalbaugh put in those two foul shots (giving Bona a 92-89 edge with 45 seconds left in overtime) I could have gone out there on the court and jumped all over him. For a sophomore..." And Weise's voice trailed away.