

St. Bonaventure Routs Purdue, 91-75, in Final Here;

LANIER SCORES 50, TIES E.C.A.C. MARK

Bonnies' Ace Equals 1950 Record Set by Robertson —Penn Takes 3d Place

By SAM GOLDAPER

Bob Lanier came to play not to practice last night.

After having compared St. Bonaventure's two earlier victories over New York University and St. Joseph's to "practice sessions," the 6-foot-11-inch, 265-pound center, scored 50 points to dominate a 91-75 victory over Purdue in the final of the Eastern College Athletic Conference championship at Madison Square Garden.

Lanier's feat before he fouled out with 1 minute 7 seconds remaining in the game equaled the tournament record established by Oscar Robertson of the University of Cincinnati against Iowa in 1950 and matched by Jimmy Walker of Providence against Boston College in 1965.

Lanier produced 28 of his points in the first half as he played with two cotton swabs protruding like tiny tusks from his nose. The burly center was hit in the nose by a twisting elbow by Frank Kaufman, the Purdue center. With 13:58 remaining the swabs were stuffed into his nostrils to stop the profuse bleeding and Lanier remained in the game.

Accolade From Guerin

The crowd of 15,497 gave Lanier, the unanimous choice for most valuable player honors, a standing ovation when he picked up his fifth foul and left the game.

Lanier's three-game total was 108 points, far short of the record 122 points Robertson had established in his three-game Festival appearance.

More important from the standpoint of the unbeaten Bonnies, who registered their seventh victory, was that Lanier's performance completely overshadowed the scoring efforts of Rick Mount, Purdue's shooting star who was second in national scoring last season with a 33-point average. Mount, who went into the final with 63 points, tallied 19 points.

"He hit from the inside, outside, right-handed, left-handed," said Richie Guerin, the Atlanta Hawks' coach, in referring to Lanier after the Bonnies' star had scored his 28 points in the first half. "I would give up three of my players for him right now," Guerin said, "he would really be something if he was in shape. He must be 30 pounds overweight. He's really going to be something in pro basketball."

Lanier disputed the critics of his weight.

"I don't think I would be as good at 225 or 230 pounds," he said. "I think it would weaken me. Maybe 240 or 245, but nothing lower than that."

Lanier said that he had trouble breathing through his nose during the first half.

"I felt better only when they applied ice to the back of my neck during half-time," he said.

It was Lanier's second best scoring effort. His high was 51 against Seton Hall on the Bonnies' home court.

"It felt better tonight," said Lanier, "because we won a tournament."

Asked if he played a better game, he replied, "Defensively, yes."

Lanier Gets 15 Rebounds

Lanier also grabbed 15 rebounds to go with his 18-for-22 shooting as the Bonnies outrebounded Purdue, 43-31.

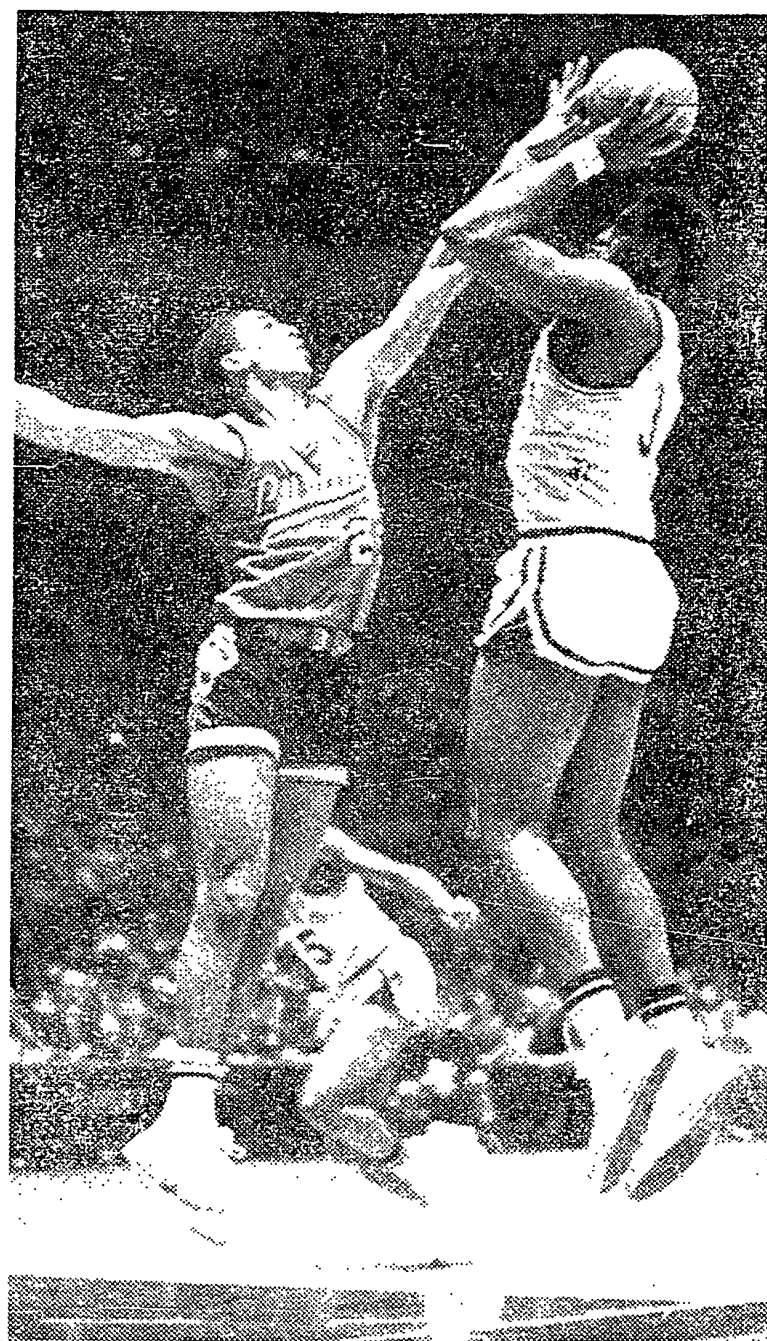
But, despite Lanier's 28 first-half points on 11-for-13 shooting, an inspired Purdue matched the Bonnies almost basket for basket during the 42-all deadlock. There were eight ties and eight lead changes.

The Boilermakers were able to keep it close for the first five minutes of the second half, but with St. Bonaventure ahead, 53-52, Purdue just seemed to buckle under. The Bonnies came up with 5 straight points and Purdue never recovered.

For the 11 games in the tournament the margin of victory was 21.3 points with the 11 winning teams shooting 53.8 percent. Lanier, more than any one else, helped increase that average. He shot 80 per cent, 44 for 55 as the Bonnies collected 294 points, a three-game tournament record.

In the consolation games, Penn earned third place by overwhelming St. Joseph's, 88-69, and Cincinnati routed Boston College, 85-70, in the contest for fifth place.

Penn, beaten by Purdue in the semi-final of the championship tournament for its first loss of the season, won its eighth game on a second-half surge that was sparked by Bob Morse. The 6-foot-8-inch sopho-



UP IN THE AIR, Bob Lanier of St. Bonaventure shoots while Bill Franklin of Purdue tries to defend during the first half of the Holiday Festival at the Garden.



The New York Times (by Larry Morris) ON THE GROUND, but high with joy, Lanier holds up his valuable player award.

Garden Line-Ups

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME						
ST. BONAVENTURE (91)			PURDUE (75)			
G	F	P	G	F	P	
Gent	0	2	12	0	2	1
Lanier	11	5	10	10	4	2
Kaufman	1	5	4	4	2	1
H. Franklin	1	3	1	3	0	0
K. T.	0	2	1	0	0	0
Total	35	22	61	31	16	7

Half-time score—St. Bonaventure 42, Purdue 42.

Fouled out—Lanier, Kaufman. Attendance—15,497.

THIRD-PLACE GAME

PENN. (68)			ST. JOSEPH'S (69)			
G	F	P	G	F	P	
Calhoun	5	8	15	2	3	7
Morse	11	6	27	4	3	10
Wolf	1	2	3	4	3	11
Stisky	3	5	9	9	7	23
Whit	2	0	10	2	0	4
Roussin	0	0	0	1	3	3
Cotter	0	1	0	1	0	2
Keller	4	2	10	1	0	2
Murphy	2	1	5	1	1	3
Walters	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cohn	0	0	0	0	0	1
Billingslea	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	35	18	73	25	17	49

Half-time score—Penn 43, St. Joseph's 39.

Fouled out—Stisky, Cotter, Paul. Officials—Walker, Kohn and Hal Grossman.

FIFTH-PLACE GAME

CINCINNATI (85)			BOSTON COLLEGE (70)			
G	F	P	G	F	P	
Stinky	10	4	2	0	1	1
Walters	4	5	12	3	1	2
Smith	6	7	19	1	3	23
Wendler	8	1	17	8	4	16
Schmidt	1	4	4	6	2	14
Schneider	2	0	4	0	0	0
Gosse	0	0	0	0	0	0
Barrett	0	0	0	0	2	2
Ferone	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	33	19	65	23	12	70

Half-time score—Cincinnati 42, Boston College 36.

Officials—Bill Kelly and Marie Kaplan.

more scored 27 points, 18 in the second half.

Jim O'Brien, Boston College's smooth ballhandler, established a three-game tournament assist record of 27. He bettered the 26 set by Ed White of the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1964. O'Brien, who had made a tournament record of 16 assists in his team's victory over Manhattan, had seven assists last night. He also scored 20 points.

Cincinnati's board strength was too much for Boston College, led by Jim Ard, the 6-8 center, who grabbed 18 rebounds, the Bearcats won the battle of rebounds, 44-22. John Fraley, Cincinnati's heralded sophomore, tallied 28 points, 20 in the second half on 9-for-11 floor shooting as his team triumphed for the seventh time in nine games.