

Niagara, Bonnies Gain in Tourney

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PRINCETON, N. J., March 7—Niagara University's first appearance in a National Collegiate basketball tournament was spectacular tonight as the unranked Purple Eagles, led by Calvin Murphy, rallied to upset Pennsylvania, 79-69, in an opening-round game.

Less than two weeks ago Coach Frank Layden said he would prefer taking his team to the National Invitation tournament. Minutes after his Eagles surprised the tall Ivy League champions Layden was all smiles as he looked forward to meeting Villanova in the next round at Columbia, S. C., Thurs-

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A concerned St. Bonaventure team, forced to stage comebacks nine times, suddenly broke open a close game last night and defeated Davidson, 85-72, in the first round of the National Collegiate Athletic Association basketball championships at St. John's University.

The victory, the 23d for the Bonnies, whose only loss was to Villanova 11 games ago, advanced them to the Eastern regional championship next Thursday night at Columbia, S. C. St. Bonaventure will be paired with the Atlantic Coast Conference winner, North Carolina State.

It was the first time since

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BONNIES ADVANCE ON 85-72 VICTORY

Niagara Upsets Penn by 79-69 In First-Round N.C.A.A. Game

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1966 that Davidson, the Southern Conference champion, was beaten in the first round. The Wildcats eliminated Rhode Island in an N.C.A.A. appearance in 1966, beat St. John's two seasons later and topped Villanova last March.

With 14½ minutes of play remaining, Davidson moved ahead, 47-40, the biggest lead by either team to that point. It was here that Larry Weise, the Bonnies' coach, sent his team into a pressing man-to-man defense that turned the tide of the game.

Almost five minutes later, Bob Lanier's jump shot tied the game at 54-all and Davidson never was able to come back, although the Wildcats did keep it close until four minutes remained.

"I knew from our scouting reports," Weise said, "that a press might upset them. But I knew that we couldn't keep it up for the entire game, so I decided to use it when I thought it was most opportune."

"After we were down by 7 or 8 points, I became concerned and tried it. It didn't cause any Davidson turnovers, but it did force them to rush their shots."

The 6-foot-11-inch, 265-pound Lanier, who had 28 points and 15 rebounds, picked up his fourth personal foul and that again changed the Weise strategy. In order to protect their scoring ace, the Bonnies switched to a zone press, which turned out to be even more effective. Lanier fouled out with 50 seconds remaining, but the Bonnies had a 79-70 lead.

Lanier's soft left-handed jumpers from round the key and his rebounding, which enabled the Bonnies to control the boards, 44-32, were not enough to match Brian Adrian's 28 points, the 15 by Doug Cook and the 13 by Mike Maloy.

The Bonnies needed someone to get hot and that someone turned out to be Billy Kalbaugh, their 5-10 co-captain and floor general. Kalbaugh, who sparked the Bonnies' defense and passed off for nine baskets, collected all 17 of his points in the second half, 10 of them after St. Bonaventure tied the game at 54-54.

"Davidson seemed to lay off on him," Weiser said, "and you can't do this to a guy like him. He's a good outside shooter and I guess this was his best scoring night. It came at the right time."

Much of the Wildcat strategy was to double- and triple-team Lanier. Maloy was chosen to guard him, with Cook and Jerry Kroll helping out in front and back. It didn't help much.

"I'm used to the double and triple-teaming," said the Bonnies' strongman, "but that Maloy was harassing me all night with his elbow."

Weise thought his team was a little nervous and tight at the start.

"They're kids and this is the big time," said Weise. "It took them a little while to realize that this was something more than a regular scheduled game. That 7-point Davidson lead might have shocked them into realizing that the season could have been all over with a loss tonight."

Kalbaugh, standing by his coach, said: "You know we're a second-half hall club. We're either tied, ahead or down by a few points at half-time. Very

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day night. Murphy did most of the damage to Penn, particularly in the second half when he counted 23 of his 35 points. He also helped the attack with excellent passes and manipulated the stall in the late stages when Niagara sat on its big lead long enough to finish any Quaker hopes.

The little fellow (5 feet 10 inches) from Norwalk, Conn., has been a one-man show for three seasons at Niagara. Much of that time he had little help. But tonight he got enough assistance to gain a victory against the eight-ranked Penn team that entered the tournament with an 18-game winning streak.

Fast breaking and cutting off Penn's inside attack, Niagara rallied from 9 points behind with four minutes remaining in the first half before the capacity crowd of 7,500 at Princeton's Jadwin Gymnasium.

Penn, a team primarily of sophomores and juniors, had troubles it never ran into during a 25-1 won-lost regular season.

Once inside with the ball, the Quakers failed to connect too often on their first, second and even third attempts.

Shooting Average Lowest

Forced to shoot from outside most of the second half, the Quakers couldn't connect that way very well either and finished the game by hitting only 32.5 per cent of their field-goal attempts, their lowest figure of the season.

Surprisingly, Niagara settled down to get its fair share of the rebounds, even though Penn is a much taller team up front. Much of that work was done by Bob Churchwell and Steve Schafer.

Even Murphy managed five rebounds, although going against men 6-8.

The teams stuttered at the start, managing to produce only

seldom have we had any big leads."

Davidson led, 36-34, at half-time. The Wildcats missed their first five shots in the second half before Maloy hit after more than two minutes of play. From then on, Davidson's outside shooting forced the Bonnies to make comebacks.

ST. BONA. (85)			DAVIDSON (72)				
G.	F.	P.	G.	F.	P.		
Lanier	13	2-3	28	Adrian	12	4-5	28
Kalbaugh	8	1-1	17	Cook	6	3-6	15
Gantt	8	3-4	19	Maloy	5	3-6	13
Hoffman	1	3-4	5	Kroll	4	4-5	12
Gary	4	5-5	13	Kirley	0	2-2	2
Kull	1	1-1	3	Minkler	1	0-2	2
				Stelzer	0	0-0	0
Total	35	15-18	85	Total	28	16-26	72

Half-time score—Davidson 36, St. Bonaventure 34.

Fouled out—Lanier.
Attendance—5,320.

NIAGARA (79)			PENN (69)				
G.	F.	P.	G.	F.	P.		
Wingate	2	1-4	5	Wohl	5	1-1	11
Murphy	13	9-10	35	Bilsky	7	8-9	22
Schafer	3	1-3	7	Calnoun	5	5-7	15
Samuel	4	1-1	9	Morse	5	0-0	10
Churchwell	6	2-3	14	Wolf	1	1-4	3
Brown	0	6-7	6	Murphy	0	0-0	0
Jones	1	1-2	3	Robbins	0	1-3	1
				Cotler	3	1-1	7
Total	29	21-30	79	Total	26	17-25	69

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Fouled out—Schafer, Wohl.

Attendance—7,500.

a 5-5 tie after some fast action that resulted in a lot of missed shots. Then the Quakers took control with Bonb Morse, Jim Wolf and Dave Calhoun, the tall men, leading a drive toward a 23-14 lead midway through the first half.

That 9-point advantage remained until 33-24 with four minutes left in the half. Suddenly the game turned around and never again was Penn in charge.

Eagles Spurt Ahead

Niagara ran off the last 6 points to cut Penn's lead to 35-34 at intermission. Then the Eagles spurted to a 49-42 lead within six minutes of the second half.

Penn had problems penetrating the Niagara zone, stopping the fast break, led so often by Murphy and Mike Brown, and getting the ball inside. Even when the Quakers got in close, the shots were missed on easy layups.

Coach Dick Harter of Penn began shifting personnel and changed his defense from man-to-man to a zone. Nothing worked as Murphy kept dazzling the Penn players and the fans.

Niagara showed none of the signs of injuries that had hampered the Eagles during a season in which they won 20 games and lost five. They ran at Penn and beat the slower team.

The winner of the Niagara-Villanova game will advance to the Eastern regional final Saturday against St. Bonaventure or North Carolina State, the Atlantic Coast Conference champion.