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Man with the Broken Arm

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When Bill Stansfield swished a 10-foot jump shot to beat Kent State Saturday, the crowd gave him a typical tumultuous cheer that accompanies all exciting last-second victories. However, Stansfield didn't turn somersaults or raise his hand in jubilation. Instead, he breathed an "it's about time" sigh of relief. The basket was a fitting climax to an otherwise nightmarish year.

Stansfield's troubles all started even before the season began, during one of the team's early practice scrimmages. The 6-8, 235-pound center came down with a rebound, and during the ensuing scuffle under the boards, he swung his forearm around and accidentally smashed a teammate's cranium. Something snapped, and when they discovered that the dazed defender still had his head and his senses, they knew the sound must have come from Big Bill.

John Egli gritted his teeth when doctors told him it was broken, but no one was more disappointed than Stansfield. A year ago, as a sophomore, he had been second only to Jeff Persson in scoring with 15.9 points per game, hitting a team-leading 45.5 per cent of his shots. He had also grabbed 187 rebounds. This was to be his year.

Instead, when the buzzer sounded to begin the opening game against Maryland a month ago, Stansfield was sitting high up off the court, at the end of press row. He had a cast on his right arm, and he fidgeted with a movie camera as he watched the tap.

Throughout the game he was up and down off his chair, yelling encouragement, like "Go

crazy, Galen," whenever soph Galen Godbey sank a corner shot. He soon became more emotionally involved than anyone in Rec Hall.

Finally the Lions spurred from behind to take a tight lead, and the Terps called time out, late in the game. Stansfield went wild. He stood up above the crowd and screamed, "Give me an 'S,'" and a handful of students yelled "S."

"Give me a 'T,'" Bill shouted, his face red with excitement. "T," returned about a dozen more fans. But the big guy just got too wrapped up in his yell. "Give me a 'T,'" he repeated. The crowd laughed, and Stansfield returned to his seat. His cheerleading days were over.

But the cast still didn't come off, even after the anticipated unveiling date. He had hoped to be ready to play at Madison Square Garden in the Holiday Festival tournament, but doctors suggested he go home to North Palm Beach, Fla., for the holidays. Maybe he could make the trip to New York later.

Sunny Florida is hardly the place to get basketball players to play at Penn State, especially a 6-8 player who in high school twice made the all-Florida scholastic squad, averaging 25.5 a game. However, it took hardly any recruiting to get him to University Park.

You see, Stansfield was born in Hershey, where his father, H. W. Stansfield, was a ju jitsu instructor for the Hershey State Police. However, Dad's job as district manager for Airlift International moved Bill and family to the South. Bill's sister decided to come to Penn State and is now teaching in Pennsylvania.

Meanwhile, the high school star matured, and as he grew so did the basketball offers. About 44 colleges contacted him, including powers like Duke, Utah, Tennessee, Michigan, South Carolina and all the Florida schools. But, as Bill put it, "I just liked Penn State better."

The cast was finally removed and about a week before Christmas, Stansfield started diligent practice sessions again. However, he had eaten well during the rest period, and because of

gained weight and lost wind, Egli saw he needed a lot of conditioning.

Bill dressed for the first tournament game against Boston College, heavy foam pad on his right arm, but he didn't expect to see much action. When Bill Young picked up three quick personal fouls in the first half, Egli pulled the big guy off the bench. No one was more surprised than Stansfield.

Getting into his first competition of the year, he was perceptibly rusty and being naturally right handed, he had to rely on the unorthodox left handed shots or hooks to score his points. The wrist of his injured arm wouldn't bend without causing pain. It also caused him embarrassment and grief.

Stansfield missed two easy layups in the first half, and a crowd of about 5,000 at the Garden felt sorry for him. However, in the midst of a four-on-one break, Stansfield blew the easiest one of his career. The crowd's pitious sighs turned to boos. Bill started to fight himself on the foul line, and the fans turned to laughter. Finally, near the end of the game, he took the ball in the pivot and underhanded it in from about seven feet. Though he said it was the only shot he had, Stansfield had been apparently tired of missing and simply had to try something different.

Egli knows how important it is to have a healthy Bill Stansfield. "We could probably be close to undefeated now if we had had him all season," the coach said. "I know we would have beaten Syracuse both times."

"He's not going for the second and third efforts yet, but he's getting better," Egli commented after the Kent State win, in which Stansfield had 13 points. And as soon as he gets down to playing weight and is able to go hard for a whole ball game, big Bill may turn into what Egli predicted: "One of the better big men we've had at Penn State."

That sigh Bill let out after scoring the winning basket Saturday should mean Stansfield's awakening from a bad nightmare. Get him into shape and we can all sleep better.



SWEDISH PRE-DENTAL student Christer Jonsson will be one of the Scandinavian gymnasts competing in Friday night's international gymnastics meet. Jonsson was the 1966 Swedish champion.

Coed Gymnasts To Compete

The women's gymnastics team will open the 1968 season at 2 p.m. Saturday with a dual meet against Springfield College in the White Hall gym.

According to Coach Kathy Corrigan, the Penn State team came close to defeating the Maroons last year. "This season," she said, "our teams are very evenly matched." The Springfield team is one of the top teams in the nation, she said.

Among those competing for the Lionesses this Saturday will be co-captain Linda Harkle-road as all-around, Colleen Vlachos and Ginger Hettema. Because of a knee injury, veteran co-captain Colleen will be unable to compete in the side horse vault, Miss Corrigan said.

Ginger is one of several freshmen who will compete in the Saturday meet. Miss Corrigan said she also expects to enter Betty Jo Spangler, Carol Feldman, Joan York, Susan Duvall, Becky Yeagley, Connie Jacobs, Judy Spatz and Gail Tart in the competition.

Women's gymnastics is judged on a basis similar to men's although no strength movements are included in women's routines.

Francis Hit for \$200 More

MONTREAL (AP)—Clarence Campbell, National Hockey League president, handed General Manager Coach Emile Francis of the New York Rangers an additional \$200 fine yesterday for an infraction which occurred in Madison Square Garden Dec. 30. Francis took to the ice during a game against the Chicago Black Hawks in pursuit of referee Bill Friday to protest a judgment call by the official. By leaving the bench and stepping on the ice, Francis incurred an automatic \$50 levy, bringing his total assessment for his journey to \$250.

Top Two Keep Rolling, as Do Newest Pros

UCLA, Houston on Top; ABA Sets Star Tilt

By The Associated Press
Two unbeaten teams, UCLA and Houston, remain one-two while two other unbeaten, St. Bonaventure and New Mexico, advanced slightly yesterday in The Associated Press' major college basketball poll.

UCLA, 10-0, again drew all but one first-place vote and amassed a total of 389 points for the No. 1 spot in the Top Ten. Houston, 15-0, got the other first-place vote and compiled 351 points for second.

St. Bonaventure ran its record to 11-0 with two victories last week and climbed from ninth to seventh. New Mexico, 13-0 after a pair of victories last week, moved from 10th to ninth.

Slipping into 10th was Columbia, which

overwhelmed two Ivy League opponents during the weekend for a 9-3 record.

To make room for the Lions, the board of sports writers and sportscasters dropped Oklahoma City from the eighth spot. The Chiefs lost twice last week, 94-92 to Nevada Southern and 74-63 to Portland.

North Carolina, 9-1, remained No. 3, but Vanderbilt, 10-2, tumbled from fourth to eighth after losing to Kentucky 94-78. Kentucky, 8-1, fifth last week, replaced Vandy in fourth while Tennessee, 7-1, moved from sixth to fifth and Utah 11-1, seventh to sixth.

The Top Ten as of Jan. 7, with first-place votes in parentheses, and total points

on a 10-9-8 etc. basis:

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| 1. UCLA (38) | 389 |
| 2. Houston (1) | 351 |
| 3. North Carolina | 301 |
| 4. Kentucky | 256 |
| 5. Tennessee | 183 |
| 6. Utah | 159 |
| 7. St. Bonaventure | 135 |
| 8. Vanderbilt | 114 |
| 9. New Mexico | 89 |
| 10. Columbia | 44 |

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (AP) — Coaches Jim Pollard and Babe McCarthy, who have captured the early inside tracks in their divisions, match East and West teams here tonight in the first American Basketball

Association All-Star game.

More than 12,000 tickets have been sold for the game which will be played in the 14,900-seat Hinkle Fieldhouse at Butler University. The game will be televised in color to the league's other 10 cities, plus New York and Los Angeles. Indiana will be blacked out.

Pollard is best known for his All-Pro days with Minneapolis when he teamed with ABA Commissioner George Mikan to lead the Lakers to six championships in the National Basketball Association.

McCarthy earned his name in coaching by directing Mississippi State to four Southern Conference titles and three straight from 1961 to 1963.

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