

Bakersfield Turns Tables on Tribe in 75-63 Victory

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Our president is said to be a great believer in the classic Greek idea of excellence. The notion that the very good of its kind can almost make its own rules.

I go along. And it does no good to tell me that excellence cannot exist in some of the minor occupations — making mobiles, giving a good shoe shine, exciting Freud on couches, hitting fungus in spring training, space grabbing. This last is sometimes called press-agentry, and even public relations.

Space grabbers usually do a newspaperman's work for him so effectively that the grateful fellow awards the grabber good white space for free, instead of at the dastardly rate charged by the ad department.

Sometimes I think we authors take too elevated a view of these helpful amanuenses. We run items they send us which even we would be ashamed to produce under our own names.

But space grabbing is an old and honored custom. Sometimes the dear grabbers give us a bottle of Scotch at Christmas for copy which would run some \$12,742.22 at advertising rates. And we're grateful for the Scotch. Which means we're naive, I guess. It's all a part of growing up.

For recent excellence in this honored dodge, I award the Phineas T. Barnum Memorial Gold Brick to the laddie who dragged a not altogether unwilling Mr. Kennedy into the free promotion of the next heavyweight championship fight. This will be between Floyd Patterson, incumbent, and his Mystery Opponent.

Up to now, Floyd's flacks have not scaled beyond the United States Senate, where they can always get a little free touting for a fistic fiesta from Estes Kefauver of Tennessee.

Mr. Kefauver would investigate Tristan and Isolde if it would swell the Election Day count in South Memphis. You pinch him, murmur morality and boxing, and you get a couple of yards of hearty old-time religion. This gives us all enlightening reading matter, and swells the gate.

The Senator, as they say in the trade, is a lead pipe cinch. The White House, you would think, is another matter. If so, you don't dig the grabber's mystique.

First, he gets his client impeccable credentials. Ties him up, for instance, with Big Brother Week. Despite his obviously beady eyes, the tie-in with big and little brothers makes our client Virtue Personified. Especially to a politician. There are a helluva lot of big and little brothers around.

Then our boy gets the President's press secretary into the act. Mr. Salinger used to be a press agent himself. Mr. Salinger digs. Boxing, big brothers, little brothers. And inter-racial, too, since the publicity man produces a white little brother and Floyd is a Negro.

The bit, you see, touches all bases. It's got everything but Billy Graham in it.

Floyd goes down to the White House to read his lines. The President, pursuing an old American folk custom, feels Floyd's right bicep. The President grins appreciatively. Cameras click.

Then the big pitch. Floyd lets the President in on his secret. Whispers it into the leader's ear. The name of the Mystery Opponent. Afterwards, outside the presidential office, Floyd sentimentally states, "I told him, but it's not for the press."

Floyd gets floods of ink without saying anything. And he will get more, as speculation mounts on who his strange foe may be. Then, with television watching and the wire services panting like an elephant in must, there will be the open confession of the tiger's name.

I hate to tell him there's someone else in on the act. Me.

I know, through my network of sources, who the Mystery Opponent is. His name is Sonny Liston. He has a long and distinguished criminal record and has served two jail terms. He's not the most savory of foes, but he's the only one around who can draw a \$1 million gate on closed-circuit television.

That, dear readers, is the name Floyd whispered into the President's ear. And if Floyd's sponsors, including that incomparable press agent, do not make that million, it won't be the White House's fault.

Visitors Collect Revenge

A steamed-up Bakersfield quintet, out to avenge a 56-54 trimming at the hands of the El Camino Warriors earlier in the season, carried off their plans Friday night in the Warrior gym, taking a 75-63 game from the locals.

In addition to getting a taste of revenge, the Renegades maintained a strong position in the Metropolitan Conference race, and virtually eliminated any Tribe hopes of a conference title.

Valley, which has been leading the race with a 7-1 record, fattened its chances at the title by stomping a hapless Santa Monica crew 88-68, giving the Santa Monica crew its 23rd straight defeat.

DESPITE THE strong scoring effort made by Keith Erickson Friday, who led the El Camino quintet at the nets with 15 points, the Renegades were able to take a 37-30 halftime lead and stretch it out to a 12-point bulge by the time the final horn sounded.

Mike Schrader came through with 12 more points for the Tribe but Dan Karavas, who went into the game with a 17.5 average, was held to six points.

PROVIDING THE big guns for the Bakersfield five were Don Wennihan, who poured in 27 points, and Robbie Knudson, who hit the hoop for 16.

In other Metropolitan Conference play, the Harbor Seahawks fell to the San Diego Knights, 81-64. Al Winfield hit for 27 points to lead the Harbor scorers, but San Diego's high-scoring pair, Nat Fathis and Tom Bell more than made up for it. Bell had 28 and Fathis 23 to lead Knight scoring.

EL CAMINO will travel to East Los Angeles Tuesday night to take on the Huskies who lost Friday to a revived Long Beach City College crew, 78-56.

East Los Angeles dropped the Tribe in a one-sided encounter earlier in the season, a loss which sent the El Camino crew into a slump. The Warriors followed the Huskie loss by blowing games to Valley and San Diego with only a decision over Long Beach to light the way.

Making a come-back in the second round, the Warriors beat out Harbor and Santa Monica, but stumbled again against Bakersfield.

METROPOLITAN CONFERENCE
 Harbor (64) F San Diego (81)
 Ryan (7) F Bell (28)
 Winfield (27) F Gilthro (9)
 Lee (13) C Mathis (23)
 Briscoe (2) G Yetta (12)
 Campbell (12) G Caplin (16)
 Halftime Score — San Diego, 36;
 Harbor, 34.
 Scoring subs: Harbor — Gravett, 2; Hawkins, 1; San Diego — Barkett, 2; Santa Monica (68) L.A. Valley (58)
 Ivey (20) F El Camino (63)
 Adams (24) F Smith (14)
 Burdin (5) C Shiro (13)
 Whitmore (7) G Williams (22)
 Cadir (8) G Carter (17)
 Halftime Score — Santa Monica, 35;
 L.A. Valley, 37.
 Scoring subs: Santa Monica — Coons, 14; Lloyd, 2; Phillips, 1; Bettin, 3; Brossan, 12; L.A. Valley — Pressman, 6; Roehrig, 4; Coleman, 2.
 Bakersfield (78) El Camino (63)
 Knudson (16) F Dinnel (8)
 Mills (4) F Ingelman (11)
 Thompson (11) C Erickson (15)
 Wennihan (27) G Karavas (6)
 McDonalds (5) G Sirt (1)
 El Camino, 30.
 Scoring subs: Bakersfield — Holden, 4; Lovelady, 4; Gragg, 4; El Camino — Brown, 6; Schrader, 12; Lewis, 2.

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Colt League Calls Meeting

A general meeting of the Tordena Colt League has been called for 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Edison Elementary School. Plans for the coming league season will be discussed at the meeting.



PLAYERS HONORED . . . Dennis Welch, John Appleby, and John Clark, Bishop Montgomery High School athletes, receive most valuable player awards from Joseph Platt, master of ceremonies, during Sports Night program presented by the Los Crusados Council, Knights of Columbus. Welch received trophy for baseball, Appleby for basketball, and Clark for football.

Warrior Shortstop Signs Kansas City 'A' Contract

Another feather was stuck in the El Camino College's baseball cap this week when the Kansas City A's announced the signing of EC shortstop, Herb Newman for a reported \$28,000.

Newman, a native of New Jersey, arrived at El Camino following a four-year stay with the U.S. Navy in Honolulu.

During his term of service in the newest state, Newman was named to the All-Service baseball team.

USC coach Rod Dedeaux, who first discovered the Navy

star, termed his ability as "fantastic."

NEWMAN'S contract with the American League team calls for the \$28,000 bonus plus full tuition to the college of his choice during the off-season.

Following spring training at Daytona Beach, Newman is expected to be assigned to one of KC's class A farm teams.

Other feathers in the EC cap to date include Joe Moeller, Dave Marsden, Mike Andrews, Dundee Jones and Bob Guy.

Alondra Park's Midget League Baseball Due

Sign-up dates for midget baseball leagues for boys 11 and 12 years of age have been set for Monday at Alondra Park at 7 p.m. in the activity building on Manhattan Beach Boulevard.

Boys signing up for the season are required to present birth certificates and an insurance fee of \$1. Limit for the league will be 90 boys in this age group, park officials say. Times for the try-out will be announced at the time of sign-up Monday.

The league will be operated under the sponsorship of the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation.

Recreation Basketball Standings

MONDAY LEAGUE
 Palos Verdes Bombers 11 13 11 24-61
 Green Bull 12 10 14 13-50
 Top scorers: Joey Moeller, Palos Verdes Bombers (24); Charles Thomaszek, Green Bull (15).
 Shell Chemical Jets . . . 17 14 13 15-59
 Dave Murphy 13 15 12 26-72
 Top scorers: Dean Starkey, Shell Chemical Jets (20); Sam Edwards, Dave Murphy's (25).
 Bernie's Lawndale . . . 12 16 10 21-59
 Bryant's (20) 15 21 26 38-100
 Top scorers: Max Anderson, Bernie's Lawndale (24); Rex Hughes, Bryant's (36).

FIRST ROUND STANDINGS
 Won Lost
 Bryant's 4 1
 Palos Verdes Bombers . . . 4 1
 Dave Murphy 3 2
 Bernie's Lawndale 1 4
 Green Bull 1 4
 Shell Chemical Jets 1 4

TUESDAY LEAGUE
 Poppy Trail 13 8 12 12-45
 Williamson Plastering 8 11 18 15-53
 Top scorers: Bob Niemever, Poppy Trail (17); Bill Roemert, Williamson Plastering Co. (19).
 Tor. First Baptist . . . 7 12 18 15-52
 Harvey Aluminum Co. 13 14 10 11-48
 Top scorers: Torrance First Baptist (20); Ron Waller, Harvey Aluminum Co. (13).
 Clowns 6 10 9 7-32
 Saints 7 9 11 11-40
 Top scorers: LARRY BILLOU and Vern Smutz, Clowns (7); Ray Vanderpool and Russ Vanderpool, Saints (10).

THURSDAY LEAGUE
 Ryan Aeres 10 11 13 35-49
 Blue Daisy Red-Mix 8 10 16 9-43
 Top scorers: Bill Jackson, Ryan Aeres (25); Bob Connick, Blue Daisy (21).
 Killosearch 2 3 5 10-30
 Aeronca Mfg. Co. 12 7 13 12-45
 Top scorers: Arnie Ikel, Aeronca (14); Ron Temple, Aeronca (14).
 Party House defeated Continental Aflines 2-0, forfeit score.

Saxon, Spartan Quintet Lose

The Saxon and Spartans, battling giants of the Bay League, failed to measure up to the task assigned them Friday night, losing to Mira Costa and Santa Monica respectively.

The Saxon quintet, led by Sparky Davidson's 22-point barrage, fell behind the Mira Costa crew in the second quarter, and could never regain the ground. They were outscored in all quarters as the Michi squad piled up a 73-55 victory.

In the other Bay League game, the Santa Monica five outdistanced the Spartans after trailing in the early frames of the contest, and went on to lay down a 65-43

defeat over the locals.

In other League games, the Leuzinger quintet fell before Inglewood 45-57, and the Hawthorne five fell to Redondo Beach 54-60.

BAY LEAGUE
 Leuzinger (45) F Inglewood (57)
 Balz (4) F Dunn (10)
 Gilliland (14) F Crane (5)
 Dillard (6) C Stillman (9)
 Lee (5) G Maggolis (1)
 Hiles (3) G Kaiser (12)

SCORE BY QUARTERS
 Leuzinger 12 13 14 14-45
 Inglewood 15 14 14 12-47
 Scoring subs: Leuzinger — Warner, 2; Hannan, 7; Mobley, 4; Inglewood — Winslow, 12; Dennis, 4; Padrick, 5.

Hawthorne (54) F Redondo (60)
 Mykkanen (22) F Mancoske (20)
 Vickers (7) F Fowler (8)
 Graves (6) C Stroof (14)
 Penn (10) G Willis (9)
 Peterson (6) G Cammerling (9)

SCORE BY QUARTERS
 Hawthorne 12 13 15 22-60
 Redondo 11 16 23 13-60
 Scoring subs: Hawthorne — Davis, 3; Beckwith, 1; Redondo — Clifton, 9.

Mira Costa (73) North Torrance (55)
 King (15) F Kinsch (11)
 Sutherland (19) F Stramel (4)
 Ellison (12) F Davidson (22)
 MacDonald (2) G Van Camp (9)
 Malpee (19) G Hubert (10)

SCORE BY QUARTERS
 Mira Costa 23 18 15 27-73
 North Torrance 12 12 12 19-55
 Scoring subs: Mira Costa: Claxton, 2; Carti, 2; Cox, 4.
 JV score: Mira Costa, 63; North Torrance, 49.

Santa Monica (65) South Torrance (48)
 Dunlap (24) F Kinsch (11)
 Delacorte (15) F Connelly (16)
 Quercio (10) C Harris (15)
 MacDonal (2) G Van Camp (9)
 Karas (5) G West (9)

SCORE BY QUARTERS
 Santa Monica 17 19 20 29-65
 South Torrance 14 8 12 14-48
 Scoring subs: Santa Monica: McMahon, 4.

PIONEER LEAGUE
 Lawndale (51) Palos Verdes (68)
 Snavely (13) F Silkins (14)
 Rontoria (7) F De Jones (9)
 Howell (14) C Cox (2)
 Hughes (4) C Mosker (10)
 Anderson (12) G Medow (14)

SCORE BY QUARTERS
 Lawndale 12 13 12 20-57
 Palos Verdes 22 16 14 14-68
 Scoring subs: Palos Verdes — Margrave, 5; Hogan, 8; Hattick, 2; Smith, 4.
 JV SCORE — Lawndale, 41; Palos Verdes, 50.

Beverly Hills (48) Culver City (54)
 Moore (8) F Ryle (6)
 McNeil (6) F Peterson (5)
 Fay (5) G Warburton (5)
 Galloway (16) G Kingsley (8)

SCORE BY QUARTERS
 Beverly Hills 7 15 12 14-48
 Culver City 14 16 11 13-54
 Scoring subs: Beverly Hills — Ryan, 2; Culver City — Porter, 12; Sorwin, 2.
 JV SCORE — Culver City, 54; Beverly Hills, 15.

Santa Anita Will Present Woolf Award

Prove it, making his debut after a long layoff in Saturday's \$50,000-added San Antonio Handicap at 1 1/2 miles, and the public ceremony of the annual George Woolf Memorial Jockey Award, along with the \$25,000 San Luis Rey 'Cap on the grass for the Lincoln's Birthday holiday Monday racing, will be among the headline attractions to draw the crowds to Santa Anita Park.

Rex C. Ellsworth's sensational Cal-bred that won The Maturity and the Big 'Cap' last season is picking no easy spot for his comeback. All the top contenders, with the lone exception of Four-and-Twenty, for the \$145,000-guaranteed Santa Anita Handicap on Feb. 24, are likely starters in the San Antonio.

Then for the holiday Monday, in the Santa Anita paddock walking ring at 12:15 p.m., veteran Steve Brooks, flying out from Florida, will receive the riding honor with all the jockeys in their colorful silks as an escort line-up. The racing attraction will be top grass runners going in the 1 1/2 miles of the San Luis Rey 'Cap.'

RECREATION STANDINGS

AMBLE BASKETBALL RESULTS
 MONDAY LEAGUE
 Teppa Keggas defeated South Bay Church of God, 12-9, 9-8, 9-0.
 Christ the King Lutheran Church defeated Gas Baga, 4-12, 4-2, 11-4.
 Madrona Square defeated Gasparis 12-8, 12-8, 15-10.
 FIRST ROUND STANDINGS
 Won Lost
 Teppa Keggas 4 1
 Madrona Square 4 1
 Gas Baga 2 3
 South Bay Church of God . . . 2 3
 Christ the King Lutheran . . . 1 4
 Gasparis 1 4
 WEDNESDAY LEAGUE
 Flavian defeated Ryan Aeronautical 15-2, 16-11, 12-16.
 Rambing Wrecks defeated Hot Shots 10-6, 16-10, 12-16.
 Dead Heads defeated Torrance High Faculty 16-8, 16-2, 15-4.



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