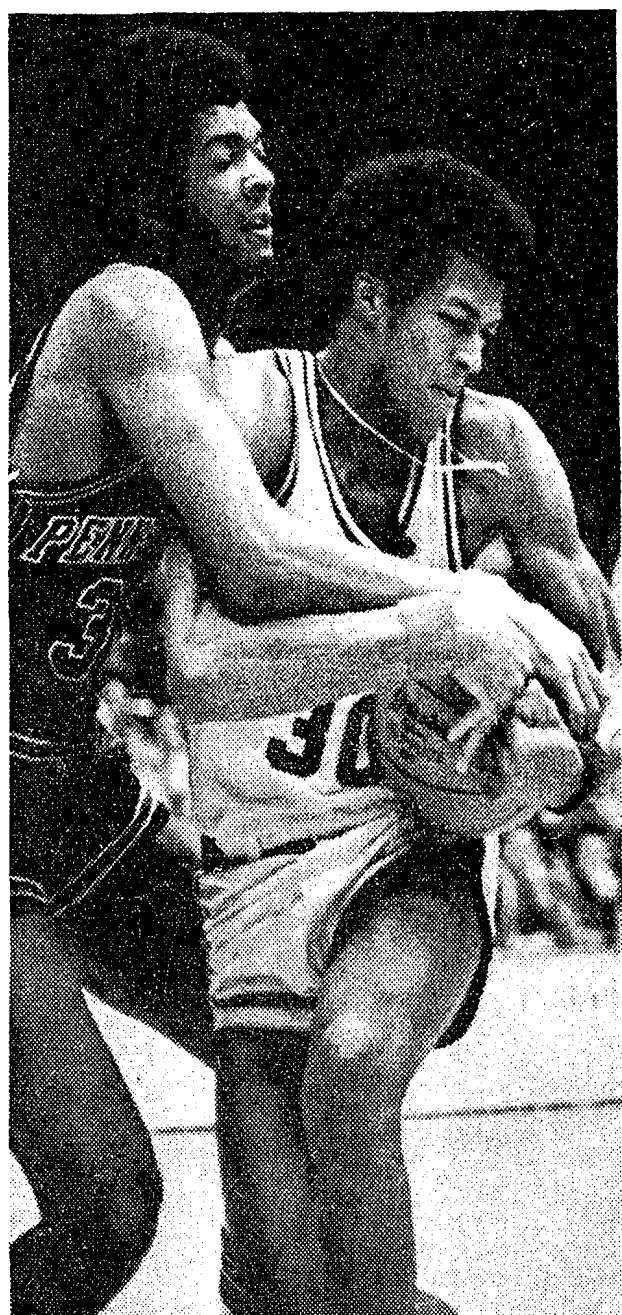


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 Nehru King, right, of Providence taking a rebound away from Craig Littlepage of Pennsylvania last night at Charlotte, N. C. Providence triumphed, 87-65.

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CHARLOTTE, N. C., March 15 ^{Special to The New York Times} — Providence and Maryland ex-Costello on Phil Hankinson of ploited the fast break for short Penn. Costello did well forcing spurts to beat Pennsylvania and Hankinson, Penn's leading scorer-Syracuse, respectively, tonight, into the middle where he and move to the East Regional got help from Barnes and final of the National Collegiate others.

Athletic Association basketball When Barnes got his third tournament. personal foul late in the first half, the Friars went to a zone, to take command in the first half and trounce Penn, the Ivy League champion, 87-65, in the Charlotte Coliseum. Then the Terrapins, runners-up in the Atlantic Coast Conference, broke things open in the second half of their game to whip Syracuse, 91-75, before 11,003 persons.

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Providence and Maryland play for the East title Saturday afternoon with the winner going to the N.C.A.A. semifinals at St. Louis, March 24.

Charles (Lefty) Driesell, coach of Maryland, said, "I don't know much about Providence, I ain't never seen them. But I ain't scared of them. Guess they'll be favored in this thing."

Barnes Scores 20

Providence established the pattern for its victory quite early by running and breaking fast enough so that the Quakers were unable to set their defenses. The result was Penn's worst defeat since an 87-65 loss to Villanova in the East Regional final of the 1971 N.C.A.A. tourney.

Ernie DiGregorio, the Friars' excellent guard and shooter, and Marvin Barnes, Providence's big man, who got 10 points in the early stages, helped the Friars take a 32-19 lead.

Barnes finished with 20, high for the game, and DiGregorio, who had 10 assists, scored 18, including 10 in the second half. Barnes hit all of his field goal attempts.

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N.C.A.A. Basketball	
UNIVERSITY DIVISION	
EAST REGIONALS	
At Charlotte N.C.	
Maryland 91	Syracuse 75
Providence 87	Penn 65
MID-EAST REGIONALS	
At Nashville, Tenn.	
Indiana 75	Marquette 69
Kentucky 106	(n.f.) Austin Peay 100
MID-WEST REGIONALS	
At Houston, Tex.	
Kansas St. 66	Southwestern La. 63
Memphis St. 90	So. Carolina 75
WEST REGIONALS	
At Los Angeles	
U. San Francisco 77	Long Beach St. 67
U.C.L.A. 98	Arizona St. 81

Providence Routs Penn; Maryland Also in Final

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which they played most of the remainder of the game. Penn, playing catch-up, was unable to hit well over that defense. The poor shooting by the Ivy League champions was a big factor in their elimination.

During the first half, Penn hit only 12 of 44 field goal attempts for 27.3 per cent while Providence connected on 60 per cent of its floor shots. The Quakers didn't improve much against the zone and were 33.7 per cent for the game. The on-target Friars hit 65.6 per cent.

During the second half, with Barnes playing carefully with the three personal fouls, DiGregorio began to hit regularly from 25 feet.

Dave Gavitt, the Providence coach, said, "Ernie had a fine game though not with his usual quickness." Penn players didn't feel there was a thing slow about DiGregorio, who passed long, short, behind his back and through his legs setting up baskets.

Maryland Forms a Habit

Maryland is making a habit of beating Syracuse. Driesell's Terps defeated the Orange on the way to the National Invitation Tournament title a year ago and then beat Syracuse, 90-76, last December.

Coach Roy Danforth of Syracuse said, "We're well conditioned but not as deep as Maryland and there just isn't any way you can play seven runs against 14 giants and run with them."

That was just about it as Syracuse kept with the Terps in the first half when the lead changed hands 11 times. Maryland led at halftime 35-34. Then,

The Box Scores

PENN (65)				PROVIDENCE (87)			
	G.	F.	P.		G.	F.	P.
Becroft	1	0-0	2	DiGregorio	9	0-0	18
Hankler	7	4-4	18	Stacom	7	2-2	16
Haiginson	9	1-3	19	Barnes	10	0-0	20
Bigelow	5	0-0	10	King	7	4-4	18
Littlepage	1	0-0	2	Costello	1	0-0	2
Jabloski	0	0-0	0	Bellow	0	0-0	0
Finger	0	0-0	0	Modest	0	0-0	0
Batori	0	0-0	0	Anderson	0	0-0	0
Varga	5	0-0	10	Crawford	6	0-0	12
Fields	0	0-0	0	Baker	0	0-0	0
Lewis	1	0-0	2	Dunphy	0	1-2	1
Hanson	1	0-0	2				
Frank	0	0-0	0	Total	40	7-8	87

Total 30 5-7 65
 Half-time score—Providence 36, Penn 39.
 Attendance—11,400.

SYRACUSE (75)				MARYLAND (91)			
	G.	F.	P.		G.	F.	P.
Duval	11	0-0	22	Lucas	9	3-4	21
Wadach	3	2-2	8	Bodell	5	2-2	12
McLee	8	1-2	17	Elmore	5	0-0	10
Hackett	4	1-3	9	McMillen	8	2-2	18
Dooms'	3	0-0	6	O'Brien	8	6-7	22
J. Lee	3	3-4	9	O. Brown	0	0-0	0
Stundis	0	0-0	0	Roy	0	0-0	0
Saprunwcz	1	0-0	2	Howard	1	0-0	2
Stanieton	0	0-1	0	Porac	0	0-0	0
Shaw	0	0-0	0	Hahn	0	0-0	0
Begner	1	0-0	2	D. Brown	3	0-1	6
Wickman	0	0-0	0				
Brthlmw	0	0-0	0	Total	39	13-16	91

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taking the first nine rebounds of the second half, Maryland took charge. From the 3:15 mark to the 6:03 point, the Terps ran 12 points to go in front, 55-41. That was done primarily by fast-breaking away from the tired, though normally fast, Orange.

Syracuse used a zone to start with and did well keeping the ball away from Tom McMillen, the 6-foot 11-inch Maryland center. He scored only 4 points in the first half. But McMillen is not Maryland's real strength. Len Elmore, tall and husky, is the important giant. The New Yorker showed it with 14 rebounds.

Jim O'Brien, the tall Maryland guard was quick and on target and led the fast break. He had 22 points, as did Dennis DuVal of Syracuse.