

Providence Ousts Penn Again, 84-69

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Because Marvin Barnes woke up in the second half last night, Penn went back to Philadelphia and Providence booked a trip to Raleigh, N. C., for the National Collegiate Athletic Association Eastern Regionals.

Barnes, the Friars' 6-foot-9-inch strngman and the nation's leading rebounder, scored 18 of his 26 points in the second half. That turned a close game into an 84-69 rout of the Ivy League champions in a first-round game at St. John's University in Queens. Last year Providence eliminated Penn, 87-65.

Providence's 27th victory in 30 games came seconds before North Carolina State defeated Maryland, 103-100, in overtime in the Atlantic Coast Conference final. That paired Providence with the nation's No. 1-ranked team next Thursday night in an East semifinal.

"Get the warm weather clothes out," said Dave Gavitt, the Providence coach, to his wife, Julie. "I hear it's warm in North Carolina."

Barnes, playing primarily inside during the first half, didn't get his first basket until 15 minutes had elapsed. He finished the half with 8 points and five rebounds. He wound up with 17 rebounds.

"I had a feeling at the

half," said Gavitt, "that Marv was saving himself for the second half. Ron Haigler and whoever else Penn used on him played him tough. We had a feeling that would happen, but hoped that Marv would come alive."

He did. Barnes moved to the outside in the second half and began hitting on 15-18-foot jumpers. Occasionally he bulled his way inside. In the first five minutes of the second half Barnes turned a 39-34 half-time lead into a 55-43 spread with 10 of his team's 16 points.

"I came out loose for the second half," said Barnes. "It was just like another scrimmage. When I'm doing it, we're going to win, everything just falls in place."

"I even started to bring the ball upcourt and dribble between my legs, and when I do that the other team is in trouble."

Barnes also managed four steals and blocked four shots.

At Loss for Praise

When the Providence coach was asked if that was a typical Barnes performance he said:

"My immediate reaction was to say it was an exceptional performance for Marvin. But I've seen him do it so many times, I'm tempted to say it was typical. But, no it was incredible."

Kevin Stacom, who figures to be Providence's other first-round draft pick with Barnes, agreed.

"Even when he isn't scoring and rebounding," said Stacom, who scored 16 points, "he is doing so many things out there that the the middle, passing off, setting picks. He had a great game tonight, but it was typical for him."

The expected matchup between Barnes and Haigler, who had 19 points, never really camoe off. Eeach pick-ed up two quick fouls and they negated each other through most of the first half.

Penn, Ivy champion for the last five seasons, kept the game close for the first half. The Quakers were able to cut down on Providence's running game, and John Engles was outstanding.

Engles Scores 27

Engles, a sophomore from St. Peter's Prep in Staten Island, was the game's high scorer with 27 points. The 6-7 muscleman overpowered Bob Cooper, the Friar who had to guard him. Engles shot 12 for 21 from the floor and grabbed 10 rebounds, tops for the Quakers, who were outrebounded, 51-34.

"The CooperEngles match-

up was the one we worried about," said Gavitt. "Bob is only a freshman, he never played high school ball. He came to us after four years in the Coast Guard. He gave us a big lift offensively, especially in the first half."

Cooper scored 10 of his 14 points in the first half.

The Providence-North Carolina State matchup will bring together old friends. Barnes and Stacom will be facing Tom Burleson and David Thompson. They all spent part of last summer in Moscow playing for the United States team that won the World University Games.

"We knew all about Maryland," said Gavitt, "but I guess I'll hear plenty about Burleson and Thompson from Marvin and Kevin."

PENN. (69)—Engles 12, 3-4, 27; Bilelow 2, 0-0, 4; Haigler 8, 3-4, 19; Varga 4, 0-0, 8; Beecroft 1, 2-2, 4; Jablonski 1, 0-1, 2; Stesanski 1, 0-0, 2; Johnson 1, 0-0, 2; Jones 0, 1-2, 1. Total—30, 9-13.

PROVIDENCE (84)—Stacom 8, 0-0, 16; Cooper 7, 0-0, 4; Barnes 11, 4-4, 26; Bello 6, 5-5, 17; McAndrew 1, 0-0, 2; Baker 2, 2-2, 6; Santos 1, 0-0, 2; Dunphy 0, 1-2, 1. Total—36, 12-13, 84. Half-time score—Providence 39, Penn 34. Attendance—5,683.

DENVER (96)—Keye 0 0-0 0; Long 4 2-2 10; Robisch 1 0-0 2; Smith 8 5-5 22; Jones 8 3-4 20; McFarland 0 0-0 0; Green 6 2-2 14; Beck 10 0-0 20; Simpson 4 0-0 8. Totals —41 12-13.

SAN DIEGO (100)—Johnson 13 2-2 29; Grant 9 2-2 20; Jones 7 1-1 15; Lamar 10 3-5 24; Shepherd 2 1-2 5; Adams 0 0-0 0; O'Brien 2 0-0 5; Bassett 1 0-0 2. Totals—44 9-12.

Denver 26 32 14 24—96
San Diego 35 22 24 19—100
Total fouls—Denver 22, San Diego 14.
Technicals—None. Three-point plays—Denver, Smith, Jones; San Diego, Johnson, Lamar, O'Brien. Attendance—1,020.