

2 Free Throws In Finale Give Bentley Win Over Plymouth

In most sports gatherings across the land, one would be led to believe the "game of the year" was played in Houston, Texas Saturday night when the Houston Rockets removed the unbeaten UCLA from the list of the undefeated, snapping a 47-game winning streak—but those who attended the Plymouth-Bentley High game Friday night will be the first to disagree. It may not have had the tremendous billing of the battle of the college cage giants but it will go down in annals as the most exciting played in colonial Plymouth since the time the Pilgrims landed in Plymouth—Mass., that is.

A keyed-up PHS team fought to the final second in quest of an upset that was denied by the coolness of Bentley's giant Center Ken Bollin. With Plymouth holding a 54-53 lead and 30 seconds showing on the clock, Bollin twice dropped in free throws to give his team a 55-54 edge.

THE ROCKS had a golden opportunity when they worked the ball under the hoop for a short shot that rolled around the rim and dropped out—much



HEMMED IN by three Plymouth players, after grabbing a rebound, in the closing moments of Friday's brilliant duel, is Bentley's Ken Bollin. It was his two free throws in the final 30 seconds that gave his team a 55-54 victory. The Plymouth players are: Don Jorck (32), Don Gulleckson (center) and Mike Kubik (34).

OBSERVING SPORTS By George Maskin

If you saw the National Hockey League All-Star game the other night, you observed Gordie Howe of the Wings slugging it out for a few seconds with a Toronto rival.

It didn't last long... and before the evening was over, Howe and his momentary enemy could be seen smiling at one another and kidding about the entire matter of fisticuffs.

Such "incidents" frequently pop up in sports in baseball, in football, in basketball... in hockey.

Away from sports, most of us who are married engage in squabbles with our partners. Usually, the bitterness passes over in a hurry, too.

But somehow peace seems to be a very eluding item in this world.

Who can remember when last there was a sustained period of time when two countries were not squaring off at each other?

The Germans have been mad at the French, the French at somebody else... the Americans at Germany, Russia at China, and so it goes.

own state, within our own community we have folks who are angry at other folks.

Some of us happen to be born the "wrong" religion, or the "wrong" color.

Or maybe some of us happen to have a few more bucks than the guy next door or across the so-called tracks.

And we have fights in still another way, like the one which has raged for many years between the college track coaches of our country and the Amateur Athletic Union, better known as the AAU.

Between them, the AAU and the college coaches have provoked a situation which can do only one thing—hurt the chances of our United States trackmen in the forthcoming Olympic Games in Mexico City.

Who's right? Who's wrong?

At times, we think both are right and both are wrong.

The latest controversy stems from the fact the coaches want to stage a meet in New York in February. They want no part of a sanction from the AAU.

The AAU says "okay... no sanction and we'll turn you in to the International Federation which in turn might bar all your competitors from the Olympics."

SO, WHO'LL REALLY suffer if both sides remain adamant? The trackmen, of course, and the country which faces the sending of a weakened contingent to Mexico City.

In addition, there already has been a great deal of name-calling.

The coaches cry out that the AAU is monopolistic. The AAU says it isn't... that it's been assigned the job of handling and certifying all U.S. athletes for international competition.

Innocent bystanders have tried to bring about a peaceful settlement. They have brought in "big" people like the President.

So far, nothing has happened.

Avery Brundage, kingpin of our Olympic group in the U.S., insists that the college athletes could be in danger if they don't get AAU sanctions.

Mr. Brundage cares not if our U.S. chances suffer. He's going by the rules... he says.

The entire mess needs straightening out... and soon.

But, who's to get the job done?

The coaches figure they have a point and are in the right. The AAU argues differently. Before we know it, spring and summer will be with us and the Games will be on hand.

Our nation's prestige has taken a lot of beatings... why have it that way in the Olympics... when it doesn't have to be?

Prep Schedule

BASKETBALL

FRIDAY
North Farmington at Groves
Claremont at Northville
Scripps at St. James
St. Joseph at St. Andrews
Plymouth at Trenton
Stevens at Princeton
Allen Park at Redford Union
Belleville at Westview

TUESDAY
Cherry Hill at Garden City West

WRESTLING

THURSDAY
Groves at North Farmington
Belleville at Claremont
Redford Union at Allen Park

FRIDAY
Pontiac Northern at Stevenson
Franklin at Clinton

TUESDAY
North Farmington at Groves
East Ford at Bentley
Romulus at Franklin

SWIMMING

THURSDAY
Garden City East at Claremont
Belleville at Allen Park
Bentley at Belleville

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