

B.C. Outlasts Providence, 83-82



MATTER OF HEIGHT—B.C.'s Jim Kissane, 6 feet 8 inches, grabs rebound against Providence's Donal Henderson (23), 6-1. No. 53 for Providence is Tony

Koski. Steve Adelman of B.C. (44) is behind Henderson. (Danny Goshtigian Photo)

Walker (33 Pts.) Leads Late Surge for Friars

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"Goodby, Bob Cousy," yelled the Providence fans before the show got under way. And what a goodbye it turned out to be at Roberts Center Saturday night for the B.C. coach. Amid the wild scene, Cousy was carried off the court when the Eagles beat Providence College, 83 to 82, for the school's greatest roundball victory.

It might have been so easy for Cousy but for that superstar of basketball, Jimmy Walker of Providence. Cousy had made a fine strategic move early in the game, taking a little guy out of the play and swapping him for a big man. The move all but broke the Providence team's back.

Everything was sailing along so smoothly, with the Eagles leading by 17 points in the third period. But then Walker, who had been having to play practically a spectator role, while Boston College's Steve Adelman was throwing the thing in from everywhere but the dressing room, came to life as though he had a basketball all his own.

The early move by Cousy came at the 7-minute mark of the first half. He yanked little Jackie Kvantz and sent in big Terry Driscoll. The Providence club led by a point at the time, and the game had been tied six times. But Driscoll and big Willie Wolters stood feet, it seemed,

under the boards and pretty soon the game looked as though it would be a complete rout.

Adelman wound up with 21 points in the half and Walker had only 11. But it's too tough keeping what may be the finest basketball player in the land nailed down—and the game isn't that easy for Walker since he never gets a soft basket underneath.

The game reached the six-minute mark of the second half when Walker, who hadn't made a point in the half, finally flipped one from the left corner, after having missed six times.

There still didn't seem to be too much to worry ahead for the Eagles. But Driscoll fouled out, and he had been a big guy under the basket and had poured in seven points in that opening half surge. For the next four minutes, though, the Eagles seemed to have lost all their poise.

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Adelman and Wolters weren't having any luck, their shots falling short of the baskets and finally, with 7:02 left in the game, Walker picked up a three-pointer and the Providence team trailed by only four points.

From there to the finish the place was whacky, and the 4000 finally drew a deep breath when Jim Kissane killed eight seconds in the backcourt and finally flung the ball downcourt as time ran out and Cousy was lugged off the floor.

Those final minutes went like this.

At 14:13, Walker tied the game at 71-71 from the left corner on a jump shot. Less than 30 seconds later, Providence lost its big center Tony Koski when he fouled Wolters underneath and Willie got both shots to put the Eagles ahead.

But at 16:12, Reardon flipped in a beauty from 20 feet to tie the game and Walker put the Friars ahead by three when he was flicked by Doug Hice and still made a 25-footer from the right. And when the foul shot went through, the Friar fans were losing their noodles fast.

Walker wound up with 33 points and Adelman had two less. Walker certainly has to be the best to play around here since Cousy. He never drives in a game, never gets tough or pushes off and made a couple of beautiful passes in that wild surge by the Friars.

Maybe it was a good thing for the Eagles to waste that lead and still win. It could have been an easier game had they been a little more careful once they got that big lead on the friars. But coming back to beat a good club may mean that B.C. is scheduled to go a long way.

	BOSTON COLL.			PROVIDENCE			
	G	F	P	G	F	P	
Kiscane	5	4	14	Haves	7	2	16
Halion	0	0	0	McLaughlin	1	0	2
Evans	3	1	7	Henderson	0	2	2
Hice	1	0	2	Walker	14	5	33
Kvancz	0	3	3	Schessler	1	0	2
Adelman	13	5	31	Koski	7	3	17
Driscoll	4	3	11	Riordan	5	0	10
Wolters	4	7	15				
Totals	30	23	83	Totals	35	12	82