

Eagles' Kissane Gets Rid of Ball in Time

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Boston College's basketball team beat Providence College by a point and a second Saturday night. The Eagles came within one second of giving up the ball in their own zone while enjoying an 83-82 lead with 12 seconds on the clock.

Jim Kissane took the ball into play and was trapped in the corner. He had 10 seconds to get the ball over mid-court. He couldn't move it as the Friars pressed like five little tailors.

Then, after nine seconds, court and that was it. The buzzer went off and B.C. won.

"I just couldn't believe it," said B.C. coach Bob Cousy. "I thought he'd lose it. What a feeling!"

After the game while the players talked about a bid to the N.C.A.A. tournament, which seems a cinch now, Kissane talked to Cousy. Kissane he hurled the ball over half joked, "coach, I was thinking of giving them some of that between the legs dribble stuff but thought better of it. I looked at you and the clock. Some pressure."

Cousy just looked up and half grinned. If Kissane had goofed, the friars might have stolen it.

Providence coach Joe Mullaney thought 10 seconds had elapsed before Kissane got rid of the ball. "Guess I was just excited," said Mullaney. "That's why I checked with the officials. It took nine sec-

onds and everything was legal."

High scorer for B.C. was Steve Abelan with 31—Jimmie Walker had 33 and was the game's high man. Adelan cracked his head on the floor in the late stages.

Adelan said, "what a win. I don't care how many points I got even care about this 2bump on my head."

Cousy said, "that was the first time this year we went with four big men (Willie Wolters), Adelan, Terry Driscoll, Jim iKssane) at the same time. We practiced it a couple of times the last few days. It was effective and we built up a good lead. But we pulled the horses too soon and they caught up.

"That first half was the best we played all year. We did a good job double teaming Walker the first half (11 point). But in the second he kept hitting from deeper and deeper. That's had to defend against.

"Another thing we did well for a change was to hit from the foul line. We were lousy on free throws the last two games. This time we did all right.

"Well, that makes me one for five against Joe (Mullaney). He owed me one after the two he took last year. Four more to go to even things up."

Mullaney said; "They had just too much height for us. I was a little surprised the way our kids bounced back. They really had us down. Losing Koski (fouls) really hurt us. He's our big guy and he was missed.

"Adelman's shootin and Evans' ball handling really made the bid difference. Besides, they had the height and the bench. We just don't have a bench.

"We should have hustled more in the first half. If we'd played that first half as well as we did the second it could have been a different game, huh?

"We haven't faced a tougher team this year. San Francisco chopped us up a lot, but still they're not tougher than B. C."

Late in the second half Walker took a shot that went around the rim several times before it popped out.

"I thought that one was in there," said Mullaney. "What a difference that would have been. No sense talking about it. They beat us and it's the final score that counts."

Now look for B.C. to get a bid to the N.C.A.A. and Providence to get a bid to the N.I.T.