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THE PLAYERS' PLAYER

Sweet swinging Calvin Peete put another notch on his irons Sunday as he strode off the 18th hole at the Players Club at Sawgrass in Ponte Verda, Florida. Peete won the Tournament Players Championship with a record setting performance of 14-under par, 274 total. The victory put \$162,000 big ones in Calvin's treasure chest and gives him \$269,585 in earnings for the season. That total puts Calvin in second place on the money list behind Curtis Strange.

Sunday's round was a thing of beauty as Calvin held off all challenges and kept the pressure on with some monster putts on the back nine. His blistering 32 on the backside all but clinched this prestigious win against the champions from last season.

Brother Calvin started the day's play in a tie for the lead with D.A. Weibring and two-time U.S. Open champion Hale Irwin. Peete set the tone with a birdie-birdie start and let the field know that they were in for an interesting afternoon. From then on it was just fairways and greens as the straight hitter from Florida brought the course to its knees.

When Calvin reached the 12th hole he decided to put some distance between himself and his competition and promptly birdied the 12th, 13th and 14th holes. When Peete reached the 17th, a 140-yard par-3 surrounded by water, he hit a nine iron stoney, birdied the hole and split. During Saturday's round, Peete hit one that got wet on the 17th. A routine par on the final hole broke the course record, held by Fred Couples, by 3 shots.

SOUR GRAPES

Brad Smith, girls basketball coach at Oregon City and president of the girls high school basketball coaches association, says that his colleagues are quite angry. You won't believe what they're angry about. St. Mary's back-to-back basketball championships have the coaches upset because they feel the Blues are taking advantage of the transfer rules for student athletes.

"The coaches can rationalize in their minds that private schools have to recruit, not just athletes but anybody, to stay alive," Smith said.

But it's tough to count on a kid for three years, put a lot of time and energy into her, then the kid is going to a competing school. In some places, a transfer like that isn't just letting

down the coach or the school, but the whole community."

It absolutely amazes me that loyalty to school and community is forever placed on the shoulders of the student athletes. When these angry coaches get a better offer to take their talents elsewhere, they will not be encumbered by such things as community loyalty and transfer rules.

This fuss has come about because St. Mary's won both the state basketball and volleyball titles with athletes that transferred from public high schools in the Metro area. St. Mary's officials insist they would not resist any rule changes. "That would be fine with us," said Leann Leaverton, athletic director at St. Mary's Academy. "We've always followed the rules."



BROWN

CINDY'S HOME

All-American Cindy Brown was home this week for spring vacation and chatting with her was truly my pleasure. Long Beach State was knocked out of the NCAA semifinals by Georgia and Cindy and I watched the tape of the game together. Watching this young lady mature as a player and individual makes me feel good.

As we watched the game, Cindy was making comments that were so knowledgeable about the game it

surprised me. When her hoop days are behind her, the lady can have a coaching career ahead of her. That's far in the future because there are some great playing days in her future.

When the tape was over, Cindy headed out for the courts to let the kids know that her game was back in town. The boys over at Irving Park must hate to see her coming. Check out the related story on this page to see how her career at Cal State has been going. One day soon, Cindy Brown will be the topic of conversation in women's basketball in this country. The lady can flat-out play.

CHAMPIONSHIP BOX SCORE

| | | Villanova 66 | | | | | | |
|---------------|-----|--------------|-------|----|----|----|-----|--|
| | M | PG | PT | R | A | F | Fts | |
| Pressley..... | 40 | 4-6 | 3-4 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 11 | |
| McClain..... | 40 | 5-7 | 7-8 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 17 | |
| Pinckney..... | 37 | 5-7 | 6-7 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 16 | |
| Wilbur..... | 5 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| McClain..... | 40 | 3-3 | 2-2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 8 | |
| Jensen..... | 34 | 5-5 | 4-5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 14 | |
| Flansky..... | 1 | 0-0 | 0-1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | |
| Everson..... | 3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Totals | 200 | 22-28 | 22-27 | 19 | 14 | 12 | 66 | |

| | | Georgetown 64 | | | | | | |
|---------------|-----|---------------|-----|----|----|----|-----|--|
| | M | PG | PT | R | A | F | Fts | |
| Martin..... | 37 | 4-6 | 2-2 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 10 | |
| Williams..... | 29 | 5-9 | 0-2 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 10 | |
| Ewing..... | 39 | 7-13 | 0-0 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 14 | |
| Jackson..... | 37 | 4-7 | 0-0 | 0 | 9 | 4 | 8 | |
| Wingate..... | 39 | 8-14 | 0-0 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 16 | |
| McDonald..... | 2 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Broadnax..... | 13 | 1-2 | 2-2 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 4 | |
| Dalton..... | 4 | 0-1 | 2-2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | |
| Totals | 200 | 29-53 | 6-8 | 27 | 18 | 22 | 64 | |

Wildcats bushwack Hoyas for NCAA title

When you play a team that only misses 6 shots in the game and you lose by 2 points, there's no need to hang your head. That seemed to be the philosophy that John Thompson took Monday night as his Hoyas were stopped in their bid to repeat as NCAA champions.

In the last four years the Hoyas had their chances and lost two championships by a total of three points, and they won one. If the Wildcats of Villanova had played the Celtics and shot 79 percent from the field, they could've won the NBA championship.

Credit Coach Massimino for a solid game plan. Villanova completely shut down the Hoyas inside game in the second half and nullified Patrick Ewing.

I won't go into the details of the game because if you're a fan you saw it and if you're not you wouldn't be reading this column. Does that sound as if I lost a bet?

This game was a prime example of what can happen in college hoops without a shot clock. With a shot clock forcing the action, I'm sure that the Wildcats could not have shot such a torrid percentage from the field. I'm whipping a dead horse and I know it but it will be a tragedy to see the college game go the way of the pros.

My hat is off to Coach Thompson, win or lose. His teams have won with style, and they lost the same way. You can't win them all!

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Cindy Brown

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During the latter part of the 1983-84 season, basketball fans around the country got a pretty strong indication as to what kind of player Cindy Brown really was.

As a freshman coming off the bench for the nationally-ranked California State University Long Beach women's basketball team, a role she felt comfortable in, the former prep All-American was off and on early in the year. She had a few strong outings, such as an 18-point effort vs. Illinois State, while scoring 14 against Arizona and 13 vs. UCLA, but it wasn't until a rash of injuries hit the Forty Niner squad in February that Brown became really noticed. She scored 23 points against Utah State, 16 against Utah and finished the season with seven more double figure scoring contests.

Showing she was a big performer in the big games, Brown excelled in the NCAA Western Regional's, getting 25 points and eight rebounds vs. San Diego State in the first round and then coming back with 19 points and five rebounds against USC in the finals.

"We knew when we recruited her that she was a great player," said Forty Niner Head Coach Joan Bonvicini. "but after the way she ended her freshman season we couldn't wait for this year to begin."

And so it did, and Brown didn't disappoint, becoming the top statistical performer for the 49ers nationally ranked teams.

During the 1984-85 season, Brown scored in double figures in all but two games in which she had nine. She was Most Valuable Player of the Detroit Classic in November, clinching it with a 27-point, nine-rebound effort in the championship game.

A January weekend in Arizona saw her hit new heights. Against the University of Arizona she had a career-high 32 points while grabbing 11 rebounds. The following evening against Arizona State she bettered those marks, scoring 35 points and pulling down a dozen boards. In the latter contest she also had eight steals, five assists and four blocked shots.

That was one of the best pair of all-around games anyone has ever had here at Long Beach, said Bonvicini. "She completely dominated those games from baseline to baseline."

A consistent performer throughout the year, Brown's shooting percentage from the floor is a remarkable .577, many of those baskets coming with a great deal of pressure from opponents. She also is the team leader in blocked shot and steals.

In her first two years at Long Beach, the 49ers have won 50 games, while losing just eight. "Cindy Brown has proven to me that she is an All-American," said Bonvicini. "She does everything an All-American should do... and more."



Opposing Coaches' Viewpoints

"Cindy is one of the finest young basketball players playing today. She is one of the most improved from her freshman to sophomore years that I have ever seen, and that is a credit to her and her school. She possesses great quickness and that is hard to find in women's athletics."

— Leon Barmore,
Co-Head Coach
Louisiana Tech

"Cindy has developed into a truly 'complete' basketball player. She is one of the most 'explosive' young players to come along in a long, long time."

— Marianne Stanley,
Head Coach
Old Dominion

"Cindy Brown is one of the most explosive players in the country. She is great on offense and defense."

— Sharon Chatman,
Head Coach
San Jose State

"Definitely the difference in Cal State Long Beach being a good team and an outstanding team. Her quickness, rebounding and ability to take the ball from endline to endline creates a new dimension for them."

— Earnest Riggins,
Head Coach
San Diego State

Brown's Career Statistics

| | G | FG-FGA | PCT. | FT-FTA | PCT. | REB | AVG | PTS | AVG |
|-----------------|----|---------|------|---------|------|-----|------|-----|------|
| Fr. (1983-84) | 30 | 134-242 | .554 | 50-79 | .633 | 199 | 6.6 | 318 | 10.6 |
| * So. (1984-85) | 23 | 177-307 | .577 | 116-168 | .690 | 234 | 10.2 | 470 | 20.4 |
| TOTALS | 53 | 311-549 | .567 | 166-247 | .672 | 433 | 8.2 | 788 | 14.9 |

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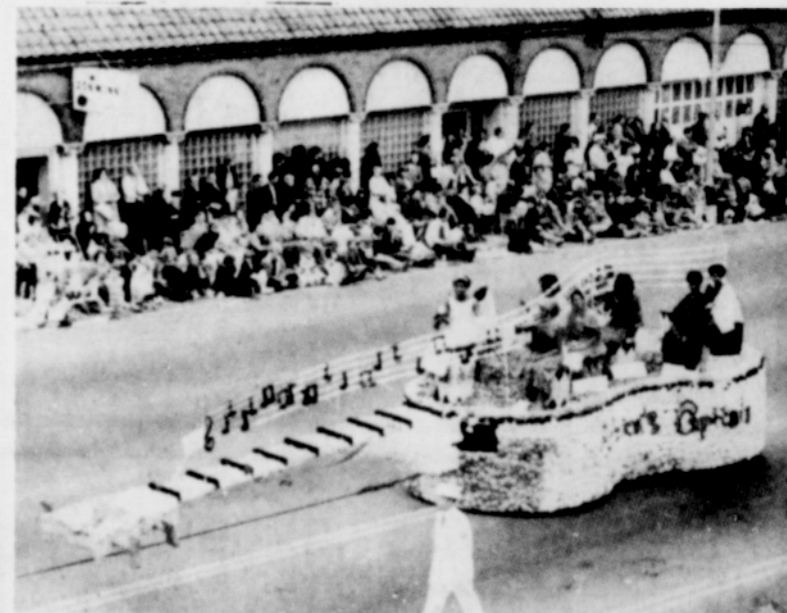
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