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Relationship With God Needed In Lives, Dan Towler Tells Youth at FCA Last Session

Ashland – Need for a relationship and communication with Christ was emphasized by "Deacon" Dan Towler last night in the closing assembly of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes western conference at Southern Oregon college.

"God wants us to have a relationship with him," said the ex-Los Angeles Rams fullback who is now pastor of Lincoln Avenue Methodist church at Pasadena, Calif.

"As long as we have a spiritual quotient in our lives, our lives will be meaningful," declared Towler. "This relationship with Christ is the most meaningful thing you can have in your life."

He told the young athletes further, "We need to have communication with Christ so that our lives might grow."

Something More Needed

The ex-grid star developed his talk on the "problem of going home after a week like this." He said it is not a problem that can be taken as a matter of fact. "What are you going to tell? How are you going to Act?," he asked.

On communicating what has taken place, he told the youths, something more than words, memory and cliches are going to be needed. The matter of putting something in someone else's mind that has been in one's own mind a short time brings the question of "How far has it gotten into my life?" he pointed out. Then he advised trying to find some kind of communication with the source of the things that have come to be learned.

God is "not asking us to make touchdowns. He's not asking us to wow everybody . . . He's asking us to ackowledge him – just to let him come into our lives," Towler said.

Prayer Life

"I want you to have a prayer life . . . This is something you can begin with," the minister continued. "Relationship with God is a source of power in life . . . I can be more than a power, more than a champion because I am not alone."

Towler described what devotions day by day had meant to him. "You need sometime each day for an appointment with Christ and honor that appointment with your life," Towler counseled. "Find some place in your life for a quiet time," he said.

The ex-gridder brought out how people flock to see athletes in action, how athletes are given a "magnificent atmosphere" to live in, how people do "crazy things" to meet athletic stars and how this presents the opportunity for God to be glorified through the athlete.

Some 550 athletes, coaches and staff members left for their homes this morning after breakfast at the campus. The conference, which drew some of the playing and coaching greats of this country, opened last Sunday. Speakers included Donn Moomaw, Bob Richards, Jim Jeffrey, Ducky Drake and Towler.

The program included study, huddle sessions and athletic competition and clinics. Bob Feller, ex-Cleveland Indians hurler, conducted a clinic yesterday afternoon. He appeared with Jim Owens, University of Washington grid coach, and Ducky Drake, UCLA track coach, at the afternoon assembly.

The conference here was one of three this month. One was held Aug. 4-9 at Henderson Harbor, N. Y. The third will be conducted next week at Estes Park, Colo.

A number of trophies were presented last night. Among them were individual awards to members of the Honest Abes team which won the "Dogpatch Olympics." The Southern Oregon college staff received an appreciation trophy.

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Church League Final Slated

It will be Assembly of God against First Baptist on Monday in the Medford Church Softball league championship game.

The tussle will be at 6:30 p.m. at Jefferson school.

First Assembly beat First Nazarene 14 to 1 and First Baptist beat Zion Lutheran in semifinal games this week.

Baker May Get Chance In Vik Tilt

Orange, Calif. –(UPI)– Calm, self-assured Terry Baker, the most honored college football player in the nation last season, says he has a great feeling of curiosity on how he will react in his first pro football game.

And the 22-year-old Heisman Trophy winner and All America quarterback from Oregon State probably will get his chance to take his first dip into the pro football caldron Saturday night when the Los Angeles Rams meet the Minnesota Vikings.

"I have no idea how tough it is going to be until I try it," the articulate rookie quarterback said at the Rams' training camp. "But I am very anxious to find out what it's like working with top men in the pro ranks."

Baker, however, was quick to deny that he was worn out and underweight even before making his pro debut.

"I was a little tired and underweight after the basketball season ended," Baker agreed. "After all, I got a late start on the basketball team, because of the Liberty Bowl game, and then we were lucky enough to get into NCAA playoffs which extended the basketball season.

"But I've gotten some rest, even though I've been working hard since I came to camp, and I'm close to the weight I carried playing football last season, around 190 pounds or so."

Coach Harland Svare withheld Baker from the Rams' first exhibition game a week ago against the Dallas Cowboys because he felt that Roman Gabriel was handling the team well and Baker had been back with the club less than a week after the All-Star game at Chicago.

Final Arguments Begin In Wallace Butts' Suit; To Conclude on Monday

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Atlanta –(UPI)– Final arguments in Wallace Butts' $10 million libel suit against the Saturday Evening Post began today and are expected to run so long that a federal judge has set Monday for their conclusion.

Both sides have two hours each to make their summations in the suit that has seen dramatic confrontations of coaches and college presidents in a costly controversy over whether the Post was truthful and justified in reporting that Butts gave away vital football secrets to a rival coach.

Butts, who served as football coach and then athletic director at the University of Georgia for nearly 25 years, sued the Post after the magazine reported in its March 23rd issue that he disclosed vital plays to Alabama coach Paul (Bear) Bryant nine days prior to the 1962 Alabama-Georgia game in which Alabama defeated Georgia 35 to 0. Alabama had been favored by 17 points in the season-opening contest.

Contends Conversation Heard

The Post contends that an Atlanta insuranceman, George Burnett, overheard the telephone conversation through an electronic error.

Both Butts and Bryant have denied the Post story and Butts got on the witness stand for the third time Thursday to swear he is telling the truth.

Federal Judge Lewis R. Morgan said each side will have an hour to argue its side in today's session.

Then he will recess court until Monday when the arguments will be concluded and he will give his charge to the 12-man jury which for two weeks has heard testimony from a score of witnesses who have diagrammed plays on a blackboard and even took to the courtroom floor to explain such football maneuvers as the "pro set" and the "slot."

Butts was the final witness in his suit.

Resigned Last February

The roly poly little man who resigned last February as athletic director at Georgia prior to the publication of the magazine article was grim-faced as he faced the packed courtroom.

William Schroder, Butts' attorney, asked: "Is everything you have testified so far in this case true, so help you God?"

"Yes sir," Butts answered.

Other testimony in the windup of the trial put Dr. Frank Rose, president of the University of Alabama, on the stand and included the reading of a deposition by Chicago beer distributor Frank Scoby.

Rose said his investigation of the reported telephone conversation between Butts and Bryant showed Bryant received no helpful information from Butts.

Wes Ellis Paces Open

Hartford, Conn.–(UPI)– Wes Ellis Jr., of West Caldwell, N.J., a one-time pre-med student, who still wields his putter as if it were a surgeon's scalpel, took a one-stroke lead into the second round of the $40,000 Insurance City Open golf tournament today.

Ellis, who completed his studies at Texas university but gave up medicine for the pro tour, registered five birdies Thursday and compiled a five-under-par 66 on the 6,551-yard Wethersfield Country Club course.

Billy Casper, of Apple Valley, Calif., who has been seeing a doctor of his own for treatment of a hand injury, shot a 67 to mark his return to competition.

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Teen-Age Natators Set Marks

High Point, N. C. – (UPI) – Women swimmers from across the nation were ready today to erase any old records left standing following a climactic second round of the 1963 National AAU senior women's swimming and diving championships.

Three national meet marks were toppled Thursday by three teen-agers from the east, midwest and western United States. Among the pacesetters was a 16-year-old whiz from Summit, N. J., who also added an American record to her collection.

The girl to watch today is Carolyn House, 16, of the Los Angeles Athletic club who defends her 400 meter freestyle championship against more than a score of ambitious challengers.

DeVarona Defends

Donna DeVarona, 16, of the Santa Clara, Calif., Swim club, will be defending the 1962 title she won in the 200-meter individual medley. She splashed to a new national meet record in the 400-meter individual medley Thursday, turning in a time of 5:24.5.

Robyn Johnson, 17, of the Northern Virginia Aquatic club in Arlington, Va., also collected a national meet record in the 100-meter freestyle. She was clocked in 1:01.5.

But the girl who amazed them all was brunette Ginnie Duenkel of the Summit, N. J., YMCA, who successfully defended her national championship in the 200-meter backstroke and set both an American and national meet record in the process.

Ginnie finished the backstroke distance Thursday in 2:30.8. That was 1.3 seconds better than the national and American marks she set in Chicago last year.

Bowling

ROLLING PIN LEAGUE

Rolling Pin bowling league will hold its first meeting of the season on Tuesday, Aug. 20, at 11:30 a.m. in the nursery at Roxy Ann Lanes. This league will bowl at 10 a.m. Anyone interested may attend.

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Pin Shy (17-7) 2, G. Harrison 451; Double Trouble (16-8) 2, Julie Smith 493.

Four Spots (16-8) 4, M. Oreskovic 535; Lindfords (11-13) 0, John Sanford 433.

Tired Tigers (15-9) 4, Doug Fosbury 527; Bowl-A-Knots (11-13) 0, Darrel Linker 390.

Holley Hawks (13-11) 3, Ed Holley 567; Speed Shifters (10-14) 1, Toni Pasckeale 422.

Two D's (9-15) 2, Dick Torrey 464; Pin Pals (7-17) 2, Walt Bernarde 526.

Four Gems (12-12) 2, Ed Bigham 562; Cherry Pickers (12-2) 2, Carl Walter 543.

Lane Burners (10-14) 3, Dick Finnel 484; Four Squares (9-15) 1, Bud Tungate 509.

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