

DURING THE 1974 BASKETBALL SEASON DICK AND I WERE OFFICIATING A GAME IN VIRGINIA BETWEEN AVERETT COLLEGE AND VIRGINIA COLLEGE. IN THE FIRST MINUTES OF THE GAME WE CALLED A PERSONAL FOUL. WE, IN TURN, CALLED A TECHNICAL FOUL FOR UNSPORTSMAN CONDUCT. UNBEKNOWING TO US THE STAR PLAYER, HARRY, RECEIVED THE TECHNICAL FOUL AND WAS DISCIPLINED BY THE COACH AND DID NOT PLAY ANYMORE.. HARRY WAS AVERAGING TWENTY FIVE POINTS A GAME. WE WERE UNAWARE, HARRY, WENT TO THE DRESSING ROOM, DONNED HIS STREET CLOTHES AND SAT AT MID COURT. THE GAME CONTINUED WITH VIRGINIA COLLEGE WINNING BY A LARGE MARGIN. ON THE LAST SHOT OF THE GAME I WAS THE OFFICIAL TO RETRIEVE THE BALL. AFTER DOING SO, AS I TURNED TO GO TO THE DRESSING ROOM, I SAW DICK LYING ON THE FLOOR AT MID COURT. I DID NOT SEE THE BLOW, HOWEVER, HARRY HAD STRUCK DICK FROM THE BLIND SIDE. I IMMEDIATELY RAN TOWARD DICK AS HARRY WAS STANDING OVER HIM IN A COMBATIVE POSITION. MY FIRST THOUGHT WAS TO GO BETWEEN, HOWEVER, MY REACTION RESULTED IN MY STRIKING HARRY KNOCKING HIM DOWN. SECONDS LATER I WAS STRUCK A GLANCING BLOW KNOCKING ME INTO THE BLEACHERS. FORTUNATELY WE KNEW A COUPLE OF THE PLAYERS AND THEY BROKE UP THE MELEE. DICK AND I WERE TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL BY POLICE CRUISER. I SUSTAINED A BROKEN HAND AND DICK A STRAINED NECK. I LEFT WITH A CAST ON MY HAND AND DICK WORE A THOMAS COLLAR. WE TRAVELED TO THE POLICE STATION AND TOOK OUT A WARRANT FOR HARRY'S ARREST. THE TEAM BUS WAS STOPPED AND THE WARRANT SERVED. A WEEK LATER WE TESTIFIED IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT. I NOTICED A FEMALE ACCOMPANIED HARRY TO THE COURT ROOM AND SHE WAS CARRYING A BIBLE. HARRY TESTIFIED ERRONIOUSLY STATING HE WAS THRILLED OF HIS TEAM'S VICTORY HE WAS WAVING HIS ARMS AND ACCIDENTLY STRUCK DICK. HARRY WAS FOUND GUILTY, FINED 100 DOLLARS AND GIVEN 90 DAYS SUSPENDED. HE WAS IRATE AND IT TOOK FIVE OFFICERS TO ARREST HIM AFTER HE CALLED THE JUDGE A NAME. HE APPEALED OUR CASE AND WAS TRIED IN HIGHER COURT. HE WAS FOUND GUILTY AND FINED \$50. AS HE LEFT THE COURT ROOM HE MOCKED US AS IF HE HAD WON. THREE YEARS LATER AT LIBERTY UNIVERSITY DICK WAS PREPARING TO CALL A GAME. DURING WARMUPS HE NOTICED HARRY ON THE LIBERTY TEAM. HE SUMMONS THE COACH TO VERIFY WHO HE THOUGHT WAS HARRY. THE COACH EXPLAINED HARRY HAD COME TO KNOW THE LORD AND WAS THEIR SIXTH MAN. DICK DESCRIBED THE INCIDENT OF 1974. THE LIBERTY COACH ADVISED HE WOULD NOT PLAY HARRY IF IT WOULD BOTHER DICK. BOTH AGREED THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM. DURING THE FIRST HALF HARRY CAME INTO THE GAME AND PLAYED TERRIBLE. AT HALF TIME THE COACH TOLD DICK HE HAD NEVER SEEN HARRY PLAY SO POORLY AND SUGGESTED HARRY MAY KNOW WHO DICK WAS FROM THE 1974 AFFAIR. HARRY PLAYED POORLY IN THE SECOND HALF, ALSO. AS DICK WAS DRESSING TO GO HOME, THE MANAGER FOR LIBERTY ADVISED HARRY WISHED TO SEE DICK. DICK APPROVED THE MEETING. AFTER DRESSING DICK SAW THE MANAGER AND ADVISED HE HAD TO GO AND IF HARRY WISHED TO SEE HIM TO MAKE IT QUICK. THE MANAGER TOLD DICK, HARRY WANTED TO SEE HIM IN THE LIBERTY DRESSING ROOM. DICK ENTERED THE DRESSING ROOM AND FOUND HARRY SITTING BY HIS LOCKER WITH HIS HEAD IN HANDS. DICK ASKED IF HARRY WISHED TO SEE HIM AND IN RESPONSE HARRY LOOKED UP AND STATED "I LOVE YOU LIKE A BROTHER." END OF THE STORY. DICK AND I AS ATHLETES WERE "GET EVEN

GUYS, HOWEVER, WE LEARNED VENEGEANCE DID NOT BELONG TO US BUT THE LORD. IT CHANGED OUR LIVES. DO NOT GET EVEN, THE LORD WILL TAKE CARE OF ALL SITUATIONS. IN THIS CASE HE TOOK CARE OF IT IN A POSITIVE WAY. I STILL REMEMBER THE WOMAN CARRYING THE BIBLE INTO THAT COURT ROOM. HER PRAYERS WERE ANSWERED.

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