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GREAT CATCH DAZZLES MERCY BOWL FANS

A brilliant over-the-shoulder catch of a pass thrown by QB Beau Carter, good for a pass-run total of 47 yards and a touchdown, was made by Fresno

State's Jan Barrett at Coliseum yesterday. Grover Morris (24) rushed up to put block on Bowling Green's Arch Tunnell (11).

Impartial at Mercy Bowl

Cal Poly Survivors Root for Both Sides

By JACK DISNEY

It's not often that you find men rooting for both teams at a football game.

"Don't you have a preference?" I asked the husky, crew-cut fellow sitting next to me on the Coliseum bench.

"I'd like to see both of 'em win," he replied in a tone that defied doubt.

"I'm from California," he continued. "So I've got to root for Fresno State."

"But those Bowling Green guys were so wonderful to us after the crash, I have to cheer them too."

Ted Tollner—captain and quarterback of Cal Poly's 1961 football team—had good reason to be impartial.

He had many close friends on the field. Even though some attended an Ohio school and others a California college.

"I know the Fresno guys from having played against them," Tollner explained.

"And those fellows from Ohio—well, how can I ever forget them?"

The captain spoke for 16 buddies who sat—attired in street clothes—on both benches at yesterday's Mercy Bowl.

To the man, they were pulling for both teams.

And if the 17 seemed to be cheering doubly hard—perhaps it was for their 17 former teammates who could not be there.

That was the number killed in last year's Cal Poly air disaster—fateful cause of the Mercy Bowl.

Tollner and a few other fortunate survivors were able

to play football again.

Nonetheless, all of yesterday's sidelined survivors viewed the game as football players.

"Who's that No. 86 for Fresno State?" Bob Johnson shouted at Bill Dauphin. "Boy, he really hits."

"I'll bet they try that hook pass on this play," Fred Brown insisted while nudging Fred Brown.

And after a quarterback on the field muffed a handoff, someone yelled at Tollner:

"Hey, Ted, go suit up. Looks like they need a quarterback."

Tollner turned to see Russ Woods, who had risen from the bench, take his seat next to a pair of crutches.

The sidelined gridders were introduced to a standing ovation at the first quarter's conclusion.

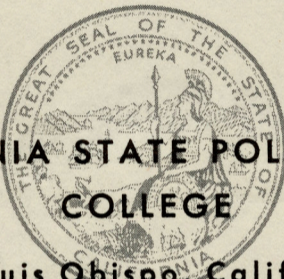
And at final gun, the scoreboard read: Fresno State 36; Bowling Green 6.

But indeed Cal Poly had been the winner.

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Dear Roy:

Congratulations on the important part that you played in the recent Mercy Bowl project. I know the many hours of work that you gave to this cause and rest assured that the entire Cal Poly staff and student body in addition to the families involved appreciate all you have done.

Cordially,

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