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One of a kind

Death of former Cardinal star Boyer brings memories

Clete Boyer loved his older brother, Ken. He had the type of love for Ken that transcends description.

Knowing Ken didn't have long to live because of cancer, Clete, who coaches third base for the Oakland A's, got permission last week from Manager Billy Martin to leave the club so he could spend the last few days with him.

"If I hadn't known him, I wouldn't have recognized him," Clete said of Ken, 51, who died Tuesday in St. Louis after having spent 15 years in the major

leagues, 11 of them with the Cardinals, for whom he played third base so brilliantly that he was named to seven All-Star teams and awarded five Gold Gloves.

"You know how he played at around 205 pounds?" Clete said. "He was down to 120. His mind was wandering so much, I'm not even sure he knew who I was."

Ken was being treated at the Mari De Villa nursing home in suburban St. Louis. A room was provided for Clete and he shared it with Ken's oldest son, David. Suzie Hartwig, Ken's oldest daughter, came to see her father every day and his two other children, Danny and Janie, also were frequent visitors.

"The nurses told me Ken never complained one time," Clete said. "The night before last, his nurse said they tried to take his blood count but couldn't get a reading. She told us when we woke up Monday he'd probably be gone."

Ken made it through Labor Day, however. The night was a particularly bad one.

Hal Lanier, one of Boyer's many friends who played against him with the San Francisco Giants, visited him Monday and stayed with him past midnight, while Clete, almost out on his feet, tried to get a little sleep.

Ken's nurse, Doris Fangman, came into Clete's room at about 7 in the morning.

"I hate to wake you up and have to tell you this, but your brother is gone," she said. She told him the time of death was 6:15 a.m.

"Knowing all that Ken went through these past few months, all the pain and suffering he endured without ever bitching or feeling sorry for himself, I'm relieved now," Clete said Tuesday while helping with arrangements for a visitation by many of his brother's friends at the Schrader Funeral Home in Ballwin, Mo., Wednesday and Thursday.

"I feel good that at last Ken is resting," Clete said. "I'm so proud of him, the type of player he was, the type of brother he

was. He was a super athlete and a super brother. I idolized him so much."

There were seven Boyer brothers in all but Ken and Clete, who is 45, were the closest. Cloyd Boyer once pitched for the Cardinals, and four others, Ron, Len, Lewis, and Wayne, all played minor-league ball.

Ken was the most talented of all five. He was the National League's Most Valuable Player in 1964, the year the Cardinals beat the Yankees in the World Series and played against Clete in that Series.

"We had so much fun in that Series," Clete recalled. "Both of us wanted our clubs to win but we were still pulling for each

other. We wrote me another the whole time. Nobody enjoyed it more than I did."

In the seventh game, Ken got three hits, including a homer and a double, scored three runs to help the Cardinals win the World Series.

Bob Gibson was the pitcher in that game in Atlanta, where he's now with the Braves, the Boyer's death depressed him. "I remember him in an argument once, somebody had said something about me," Gibson said. "Gibson said, 'fended me and I knew that.'"

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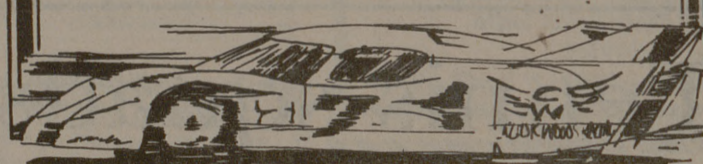
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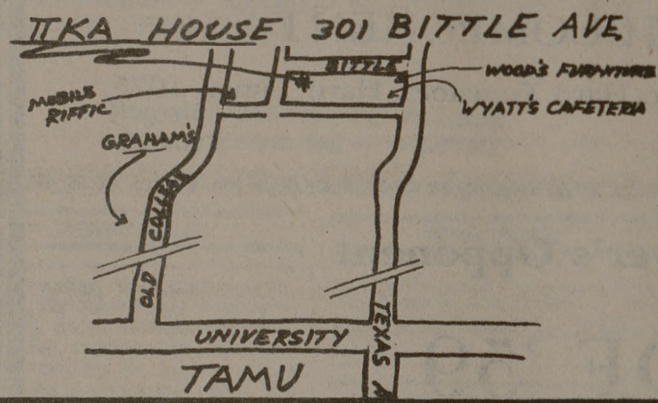
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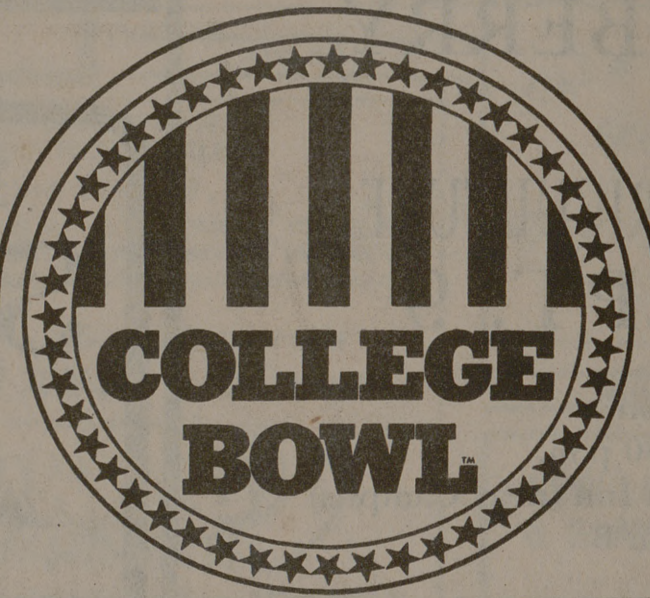
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Two NFL backup QBs earn starting positions

United Press International
In the quarterback lotteries in Chicago and Seattle, Bob Avellini and Dave Krieg drew winning tickets Tuesday.

Avellini, relegated to backup duty after losing his job to Vince Evans after the 1978 season, and Krieg, who spent three years as Jim Zorn's understudy in Seattle, were named starters when the NFL season is scheduled to open Sunday.

"We felt Dave was more consistent overall," Patera said in

announcing Krieg's promotion for the season-opener against Cleveland in the Kingdom.

"Zorn will come in if the situation calls for it, but we won't be changing quarterbacks every quarter or half, as in preseason."

In Chicago, Coach Mike Ditka selected Avellini over Evans and top draft-pick Jim McMahon as his starter in the Bears' opener against the Lions in Detroit.

"It was a tough decision," said Ditka, the Bears' first-year coach. "All three of them are starters. At this time, Bob is a little more advanced with what we're trying to do with the offense."

In other news:
— Detroit running back Billy Sims said he has ended his contract holdout after meeting with owner William Clay Ford. The Detroit Free Press said Sims and Ford met Tuesday for about 45 minutes. "It's my future, and I'm well satisfied with what took place," the paper quoted Sims.
— Seattle cut eight veterans,

including wide receiver McCullum, the club's representative, who has believed he was cut because of his activities in the players' strike.

— Cincinnati cut wide receiver Jauron, who missed last year with a knee injury.

— Pittsburgh waived Larry Anderson and Dave Trout.

— The New England Patriots put running back Sam Ham on injured reserve to end Dave Young.

— St. Louis cut center Brahaney, who was star 10th year with the Cardinals also drafted by Dallas defensive end Thornton.

— San Diego cut wide receiver Harold Jackson, Ed S. George Roberts, lineball, As Staci Johnson's assistant worked 1981-8.

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