

YALE SURPRISES QUAKERS.

Eli Five Assumes Half-Game Lead
by a 27 to 23 Victory.

Intercollegiate League Standing.

	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Yale	5	1	.833
Princeton	4	1	.800
Pennsylvania	3	3	.500
Dartmouth	3	3	.500
Columbia	2	4	.333
Cornell	1	6	.143

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PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17. — Yale's sturdy basket ball team, a combination of clean-cut, clear-eyed, and steel-nerved chaps, whose cage work is as smooth and as machinelike as any quintet which has displayed its prowess on the chalked-off court of Weightman Hall, sprang out a half game in the lead in the Intercollegiate League and choked off championship ambitions of Pennsylvania by beating the Red and Blue tonight in the most exciting game this season. The score was 27 to 23.

It was not that Coach Jourdet's team was off form. Captain Eddie McNichol and his boys put up the best game they knew how. But Yale was better than the best that Penn could show. There, in a nutshell, lies the whys and wherefores of the rather unexpected defeat for the Quakers, who last year captured the intercollegiate title.

The victory enables the Blue to break the deadlock with Princeton for the league lead and to dash to the pace-setting by a scant half game. Yale now has won five contests and has had only one reverse.

The line-up:

Yale, (27.)	Position.	Penn, (23.)
Kinney	L. F.....	Martin
Olsen	R. F.....	Lavin
Garfield	C.	Jefford
Mallon	L. G.....	Emery
Taft	R. G.....	McNichol
Field goals—Martin, Lavin, 2; Jefford, 2; Emery, McNichol, 4; Kinney, 2; Olsen, 4; Taft, 4. Foul goals—McNichol, 3; Kinney, 7.		
Substitutions—Ebb for Jefford, Jefford for Lavin. Referee—Mr. J. O'Shea, St. John's College. Umpire—Mr. Henderson, Oberlin.		
Time of halves—Twenty minutes each.		

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