

Penn Subdues Cornell Five, 58-50, To Assure at Least Tie for Ivy Title

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PHILADELPHIA, March 7—Paced, as usual, by Ernie Beck, Pennsylvania's basketball team defeated Cornell, 58—50, before 5,702 tonight to assure itself of at least a tie for the Ivy League championship. The triumph also moved Penn a step nearer the N. C. A. A. tournament.

A victory for the Red and Blue in its only remaining game—at Harvard Monday—would give Penn the title, despite the outcome of runner-up Columbia's game at Princeton the same night.

Beck, battling Columbia's Jack Molinas for the league scoring crown, took a long stride toward his third straight title by scoring 26 points. That put him nine ahead of Molinas, 276—267, with each player having one game left.

Penn found Cornell's zone de-

fense difficult to solve in the first half, which ended in a 29-29 deadlock. However, Beck, with assistance from Bart Leach, Karl Hoagland and Dick Heylmun shoved Penn in front at the end of the third quarter, 47—42.

Some more scoring by Beck in the final quarter offset the fine shooting of Cornell's Lee Morton, who ended with 23 points to pace the losers.

Penn's league mark is now 9—2, and its over-all record is 20—4.

Cornell went nearly four minutes before it could puncture Penn's defense for a point at the outset. By then Penn had a 4-0 lead on baskets from far out by Heylmun and Hoagland.

Dave Bradfield's conversion at 3:55 broke the ice for the Big Red

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and they weren't long in taking the lead. By 5:16, Cornell was in front, 5-4, and the lead then switched back and forth the rest of the half which ended at 29-all.

Beck had a tough time getting started himself. He went three and a half minutes and five shots before caging a field goal. But once he got warmed up, he was rough on the Ithacans, despite their zone which clogged up the middle, Beck's favorite shooting spot.

By halftime, Beck had 12 points. Morton, with 14, did the best shooting for Cornell in that time and topped his work with a jump shot just before the end of the half to bring the tie.

This was the 100th meeting between the teams and the triumph made Penn a 61-39 leader in the series. Before the game, four living members from the Penn 1903-04 team and one from the Cornell squad of the same season, which

inaugurated the rivalry, were honored.

Between games, every player on both teams received trophies for participating in the game.

Morton's total of 23 points gave him a new seasonal record for a Cornell player. In 1947-48, Bob Gale scored 383. Morton surpassed that by five—388—with one game still to be played against Dartmouth at Ithaca.

EASTERN LEAGUE STANDING

	W.	L.		W.	L.
Penn	9	2	Dartmouth	4	6
Columbia	8	3	Princeton	4	7
Yale	5	5	Harvard	2	8
Cornell	5	6			

The Line-Up

PENN (58)					CORNELL (50)				
	G.	F.	P.	P.		G.	F.	P.	P.
Heylman, lf.	3	0	3	6	Morton, lf.	9	5	4	23
Leach, rf.	3	5	3	11	Sheehy, rf.	3	1	3	7
Vitetta	0	0	0	0	Buncom	0	0	0	0
Beck, c.	9	8	3	26	MacPhee	0	3	2	3
Lavin	0	0	0	0	Callahan, c.	0	0	0	0
Holt, lg.	2	0	3	4	Handlan, lg.	4	4	3	12
Hoagland, rg.	5	1	2	11	Bradfield, rg.	2	1	1	5
Harter	0	0	0	0	Jacobs	0	0	0	0
Lyons	0	0	0	0					
Total	22	14	14	58	Total	18	14	13	50

Penn11 18 18 11-58
Cornell14 15 13 8-50

Free throws missed—Morton 2, Sheehy, Handlan 2, Bradfield, Leach, Beck 5.

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