

COLUMBIA LOSES TO PENN, 91 TO 81

**Lions Suffer 2d Defeat in
Row—35 for Bilsky**

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PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 8—It was a lost weekend for Columbia's defending Ivy League basketball champions.

Knocked out of first place in a battle of unbeaten last night at Princeton, the Lions bowed to Penn in the Palestra tonight, 91-81.

Key baskets by Ed Czezesny helped seventh-ranked LaSalle pull away to a 74-67 victory over eighth-ranked Villanova in the second game of the double-header.

Columbia got as close as 4 points with four minutes left, but the Quakers took advantage of the Lions' foul difficulties, cementing the victory by scoring 10 of their last 12 points from the free-throw line.

Steve Bilsky, a sophomore from Roslyn, L. I., was the architect of the Quakers' triumph. The 5-foot-10-inch guard poured in 35 points, 22 in the second half. He got 17 from the foul line.

Columbia, as usual, had to rely on Jim McMillian. The lanky forward hit 32 points and it was his second-half effort

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that kept Columbia in the game.

But there was no stopping Bilsky and his backcourt partner, Dave Wohl. Those two guided a fast-breaking offense throughout the game.

Wohl, with 14 points in the first half, finished with 22, but had to play cautiously over the last 12 minutes when he drew his fourth personal foul.

Trailing by 6 at the half, Columbia put in three guards at the start of the second session—Hayward Dotson, Bruce Metz and Elliott Wolfe—in a move to tighten the defense. But Penn was not deterred.

The Quakers ripped off 8 successive points to move to a 51-39 margin, and forced the Lions into a catch-up game. Then a string of 5 gave Penn its largest margin, 15 points, and it seemed the Lions were through. But Dotson, Metz, Roger Walaszek and McMillian led a charge that brought Columbia back to within 8.

Personal fouls took their toll, however. Penn lost one of its big men, Carl Robbins, a 6-6 center, and Walaszek soon followed him to the sideline. The Lions' backcourt had been crippled earlier when Metz departed with 14 minutes to go.

Robbins and Jim Wolf played tight defensive ball, taking the middle away and forcing the Lions outside. McMillian was the only one who could hit consistently. Walaszek made good on only four of 12 shots and finished with 12 points.

Penn shot 50.9 per cent from the floor and a nifty 82.2 from the foul line.

The defeat dropped Columbia into a tie for second place in the league with Penn. Both have 6-2 records. It was Columbia's fifth defeat in its last six Palestra appearances.

PENN (91)				COLUMBIA (81)			
	G	F	P		G	F	P
Koller	5	7	17	McMillian	9	14	32
Oswski	0	0	0	Walaszek	4	4	12
Wolf	2	4	8	Schulter	0	0	0
Wohl	8	6	22	Dotson	6	8	20
Bilsky	9	17	35	Wolfe	3	0	4
Robbins	3	3	9	Metz	2	0	4
Uhlmann	0	0	0	Williams	2	1	5
Lesser	0	0	0	Gordon	1	0	2
Cohen	0	0	0	Husser	0	0	0
Hart	0	0	0				
Murphy	0	0	0	Total	27	27	36
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Penn 91
Columbia 81
Half time score—Penn 41, Columbia 35.
Fouled out—Walaszek, Dotson, Metz, Robbins, Wolf.
Attendance—9,200.

LASALLE (74)				VILLANOVA (67)			
	G	F	P		G	F	P
Williams	8	2	18	Line	7	7	21
Taylor	3	3	9	Porter	5	11	21
Durrell	7	6	20	Sims	1	1	3
Cannon	5	1	13	Giles	2	2	6
Whitely	1	0	2	O'Hanlon	5	1	11
Dunphy	1	0	2	Melchona	1	0	2
Szczepny	6	0	12	McIntosh	1	1	3
Total	31	13	74	Total	22	23	27

Half time score—Lasalle 34, Villanova 33.
Fouled out—Wlaszczyk, Taylor.
Attendance—9,248.