

COLUMBIA DOWNS PENN FIVE, 69-56

Lions Capture 2d Place in League in Final Game

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Columbia, an excellent man-to-man defense team, moved into a zone with 6½ minutes remaining last night in a maneuver that helped the lions beat Pennsylvania, 69-56. It was the season's final game for each team.

This was the battle for the runner-up spot in the Ivy league. Princeton beat Columbia and clinched the Ivy crown Friday night and now the Lions are second with Pennsylvania third.

Roger Walaszek and Bruce Metz played their final games for Columbia. Each of them drew a big round of applause from the crowd of 1,538 persons, at the tiny University Hall gym on Morningside Heights, when Coach Jack Rohan took them out near the end of the game.

Jim McMillian and Heyward Dotson were also well applauded for their season's efforts when Rohan substituted for them with a minute or so to go.

Lions Shift Tactics

Columbia and Penn battled closely throughout most of the game and the Lions gained a slim edge of 43-42 with 6½ minutes to go. A sudden shift from man-to-man to a zone defense broke the Quakers' stride. Walaszek stole the ball dribbled up court and passed to Dotson for a quick basket and an eventual 3-point play and a 46-42 advantage.

Columbia remained in the zone throughout the rest of the game and kept forcing Penn into errors that resulted in Columbia field goals.

Rohan said after the game, "one of the big reasons I moved them into the zone was because, playing their 24th game, they were just plain tired." A zone is less strenuous than a man-to-man defense.

The story of Columbia this year was the lack of a tall player such as Dave Newmark, who helped them win the title last year. Rare is a season when a team with 20 victories fails to make a post-season tournament. But Ivy League rules prevent Columbia, with a final won-lost record of 20-4, from playing in the National Invitation Tournament. The league allows the champion to play in the National Collegiate Athletic Association tourney.

COLUMBIA (69)				PENN. (57)			
	G.	F.	P.		G.	F.	P.
McMillian	6	3-5	15	Koller	1	1-1	3
Walaszek	1	8-8	10	Robbins	1	1-1	3
Starke	2	2-3	6	Wolf	4	6-7	14
Dotson	8	6-9	22	Bilsky	6	6-9	18
Metz	1	2-3	4	Wohi	3	3-4	9
Wolfe	0	0-0	0	Osowski	3	0-1	6
Schiller	1	0-0	2	Murphy	0	0-0	0
Gordon	1	3-4	5	Ulhorn	0	0-2	0
Bogman	0	0-1	0	Leeson	0	1-2	0
Armstrong	0	0-0	0	Coen	0	0-1	0
Fogel	2	1-1	5	Shannon	1	0-0	2
				Haney	0	0-0	0
				Hait	0	0-0	0
Total	22	25-34	69	Total	19	18-28	56

Half-time score—Columbia 30, Penn 25.
Fouled out—Ulhorn.
Attendance—1,538.

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