

PENN TURNS BACK PRINCETON, 70-62

Opens Defense of Ivy Title With 9th Victory of Season

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PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 4—Penn, the defending Ivy League champion, opened defense of its title tonight in Jadwin Gymnasium by beating Princeton, 70-62, before a near-capacity crowd of 6,200. The triumph was Penn's 27th straight in regular-season play.

The victory, the ninth of the season for the Quakers, marked the best start for the school since the 1936-37 campaign when Penn also began with nine in a row.

The Tigers, shooting a poor percentage of 10 goals in 30 attempts in the opening half, went down to their sixth setback. The Tigers have won three games.

Princeton, unable to penetrate against the taller, more mobile Quakers in the opening 20 minutes, tried to shoot from outside, but the Tigers' accuracy was poor and so was their rebounding.

The Quakers, an experienced squad of seniors and juniors who learned poise in winning 14 successive league games a year ago, seldom took a bad shot and seldom made any errant passes—phases of the game in which Princeton was weak.

However, the Tigers rallied in the second half when Penn suddenly lost its poise and scoring punch. The Quakers went almost four minutes without a point, and the Tigers cut an 11-point deficit to 4.

But Penn righted itself on the floor leadership of Dave Wohl and Steve Bilsky, senior guards, and moved to a 10-point edge with four minutes remaining.

The Tigers, in foul trouble by then, were nearly helpless as Wohl, Bilsky and Corky Calhoun scored 13 points in one-and-one situations.

Wohl finished with 20 points. Bilsky got 19 and Calhoun had 18, but game-high honors went to Princeton's Brian Taylor with 24.

Penn also won the board battle, 37 to 29, and shot 52.4 per cent from the floor.

PENN (70)			PRINCETON (62)		
G.	F.	P.	G.	F.	P.
Wohl	5 10-10	20	Taylor	10 4-7	24
Bilsky	6 7-8	19	Manakas	5 1-2	11
Calhoun	6 6-8	18	Sickler	6 5-5	17
Morse	4 2-2	10	Kapler	3 1-1	7
Wolf	1 0-0	2	Daake	1 0-0	2
Hankinson	0 0-1	0	Duffy	0 1-2	1
Littlepage	0 1-1	1	Bird	0 0-0	0
			Sullivan	0 0-0	0
Total	22 26-30	70	Total	25 12-17	62

Fouled out—Bird, Manakas.
Half-time score—Penn 33, Princeton 24.
Attendance—6,200.