

# PENN ELIMINATES PROVIDENCE, 76-60

## Wins 15th In Row and Earns Spot Against Villanova in Eastern Semifinals

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Penn turned from a sloppy first half to a superb second half last night and overwhelmed Providence, 76-60, in the first round of the National Collegiate Athletic Association basketball tournament at St. John's University in Jamaica, Queens.

It was the 15th straight victory for the Quakers, the Ivy League champions the last three seasons, and their 25th triumph in 27 games this season.

Penn will oppose Villanova, a Philadelphia rival, in the semifinal round of the Eastern regionals next Thursday night at Morgantown, W. Va.

Providence, which gained one of the three Eastern-at-large berths after a 21-6 won-lost record, received little inside scoring help from Marv Barnes, its 6-foot-8-inch sophomore, who entered the game with a 22.2-point average.

### Hankinson Does Job

Phil Hankinson, the Penn center, held Barnes to 7 points and shut him off almost completely inside, his strongest scoring point. By the same token, Corky Calhoun, the 6-7 Quaker backcourt man, gave Ernie DiGregorio, the 6-0 Providence floor general, trouble.

DiGregorio scored 17 points, close to his season average of 17.7, but 11 were tallied after Penn had clinched the victory.

Although Penn led throughout the first half and held a 27-16 edge with four minutes remaining, its half-time margin was cut to 31-27, when it had trouble handling the Providence press.

The first half appeared to be Bobby Morse against the entire Friar team. Providence used switching 2-3, 1-3-1, and 3-2 and match-up zone defenses, and the 6-8 Morse was able to get free on the switches. He scored 13 of his 19 points in the first half on 6-for-9 floor shooting.

In the second half, the entire Penn team joined in and Providence never had a chance. The Quakers built their lead to 71-50 with 2½ minutes remaining.

Penn played a man-to-man defense the entire first half, but came out for the second half in 2-3 zone and that turned the game around.

"Penn is the best team we have played all season," said Dave Gavitt, the Providence coach. "Their maturity shows on the job that Hankinson did on stopping Barnes."

Chuck Daly, Penn's first-season coach, admitted that the switching zone defenses had troubled his team in the first half.

"Their different zones kept the pressure on us all the time," said Daly. "It forced us to spread out and kept us from our normal shooting area and into numerous turnovers."

PENN (76)				PROVIDENCE (60)			
	G.	F.	P.		G.	F.	P.
Calhoun	8	3-6	19	DiGregorio	8	1-2	17
Hankinson	6	2-2	14	Barnes	3	1-2	7
Morse	9	1-1	19	Crawford	2	1-1	5
Cotler	9	0-0	6	Lewis	4	0-0	8
Litlespage	4	3-4	11	King	1	0-0	2
Jablonski	1	0-1	2	Costello	8	4-5	20
Billingslea	2	0-0	4	Kelvirris	0	1-3	1
Finger	0	1-2	1	Baker	0	0-0	0
Sonnenb's	0	0-0	0	Wilkins	0	0-0	0
Varga	0	0-0	0	Ollquist	0	0-0	0
Batory	0	0-0	0	Twalters	0	0-0	0
Flelds	0	0-0	0				
Hansen	0	0-0	0	Totals	26	8-12	60
Walters	0	0-0	0				

Totals 33 10-16 75  
 Half-time score—Penn 32, Providence 27.  
 Attendance—6,007.