



Princeton's John Berger trying to block a shot by Penn's Ron Haigler in Jadwin Gymnasium in Princeton, N.J. Associated Press

PENN FIVE DOWNS PRINCETON, 58-53

Quakers Lead Ivy League —Manakas Scores 23

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PRINCETON, N.J., Jan. 13— Pennsylvania took a hesitant step toward the Ivy League basketball title today by defeating Princeton, 58-53, in a regionally televised contest before 5,300 spectators in Jadwin Gymnasium.

The Quakers, now with an 8-3 over-all won-lost record, frittered away a 13-point, second-half lead and then coolly stifled a frantic Princeton rally to earn their 14th straight Ivy triumph. The victory gave Penn sole possession of first place with a league record of 3-0. Princeton, which entered the game with a 2-0 Ivy mark, is now 6-6 for the season.

The game developed into a battle between Princeton's superior guards and Pennsylvania's powerful front court, with the bigger Quakers prevailing.

The Penn front line of Phil Hankinson, John Jablonski, and Ron Haigler outrebounded their slower, awkward opponents, 31-18, and outscored them 35-14. Hankinson, a senior forward, was free for easy layups while Haigler made a career high of 16 rebounds, retrieving all of his missed shots.

Defensive Tactics Shifted

With its inside power Penn moved to a 26-22 half-time advantage and burst to a 39-26 lead with 14 minutes 32 seconds remaining in the contest. Held to only 4 points in the first 23 minutes, Ted Manakas, a 6-foot-2-inch guard, sank 11 points as Princeton engineered a 15-4 scoring burst to even the contest at 43-43, with 7:17 remaining.

The Penn coach, Chuck Daly, then instructed Hankinson to guard Manakas, and the defensive move ended the Tiger rally. "Phil intimidated Manakas and forced him to think about his shots," Daly said.

Manakas led all scorers with 23 points, but could not compensate for his team's lackluster shooting. The Tigers hit only 38 per cent of their field-goal attempts.

Penn's guards, who never seem to miss a foul shot under pressure, sealed the victory with several key free throws. John Beecroft, a sophomore, made 8 of Penn's final 15 points, including six free throws. Beecroft totaled 14 points and Hankinson added 18 to lead the Penn scoring effort. Hankinson played on an injured ankle and may miss the Quakers contest with Villanova on Wednesday.

PENN (58)				PRINCETON (53)			
	G.	F.	P.		G.	F.	P.
Fingers	2	1-2	5	Sloan	4	0-0	8
Varga	0	0-0	0	Manakas	9	5-8	23
Haigler	4	1-3	9	Flores	0	0-0	0
Hankinson	8	2-2	18	Kapler	1	0-0	2
Bigelow	1	0-0	2	Rimol	3	0-0	6
Littlepage	1	0-0	2	V.B.'mest'a	2	0-1	4
Beecroft	3	8-8	14	Vavricka	1	2-2	4
Jablonski	4	0-0	8	Berser	3	0-0	6

Total 23 12-15 58 Total 23 7-11 53
 Half-time score—Penn 26, Princeton 22.
 Attendance—5,300.

Indiana Downs Ohio State

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Jan. 13 (UPI)—Indiana, paced by Quinn Buckner, a freshman, pulled away in the second half for an 81-67 Big 10 victory over Ohio State today. Ohio State took an early lead but fell behind for good, 28-27, when Indiana's John Laskowski scored a tip-in with 3:55 left in the first half. Buckner scored 24 points.

Indiana is now 10-2 overall and 2-0 in the conference. Ohio State is 5-6 and 0-2.

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Jan. 13 (AP)—Jed Foster, who entered the game with less than three minutes to play, sank two free throws with 11 seconds remaining today and enabled Illinois to top Iowa, 80-78, in a Big Ten basketball game.

The lead changed hands several times during the game and was tied 45-45 at the half.

Illinois, led by Nick Weatherspoon's 22 points, held a 76-74 edge until Iowa's 7-foot Kevin Kunnert tapped in a layup with 4:05 to play. Illinois regained the lead but Iowa's Jim Collins tied it with 2:40 left.