

Quakers Down Harvard

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Pennsylvania moved within one victory of its fourth straight Ivy League basketball championship tonight and was assured of at least a tie for the crown by defeating Harvard, 86-75, at the Palestra.

A Penn triumph over Dartmouth in the regular-season finale tomorrow night at the Palestra will clinch that championship and a berth in the National Collegiate tournament.

While Princeton, which trails Penn by a game in the Ivy race, was beating Dartmouth, Penn had its hands full with a Harvard team that was conceding nothing. The Crimson players are some of the best in the East but they have rarely worked well together. Teamwork has not been their strong suit.

But they teamed up to stop Penn's strong front just a bit tonight, giving the 5,082 fans an exciting contest. It wasn't until midway in the second half that the Quakers broke open the game by moving from a 60-59 lead to a 77-65 advantage during a 5-minute stretch.

Haigler Sparks Drive

Ron Haigler, a sophomore from Madison High School in Brooklyn, scored 6 straight points in that pull-away that clinched the game. While Penn was outscoring Harvard, 17-6, Haigler had 8 points and Phil Hankinson had 4.

But there were long periods during which the Crimson controlled Hankinson and Haigler, the team's leading scorers. Penn, however, countered with a happy show of scoring strength, particularly by John Beecroft. The Philadelphia sophomore counted 17 points in the second half for his season high game of 20 points.

Hankinson finished with 24 points and Haigler had 21. Haigler's total enabled him to become the third sophomore in Penn history to score over 400 points. He has 403. Penn played with four sophomores and one senior, Hankinson, most of the game.

Brown Is Harvard Star

James Brown and Floyd Lewis were at their best for Harvard. These two seniors had been counted on to lead the Crimson to an Ivy League title at least once during their college careers. They never made it.

Brown was an all-round hero for Harvard tonight. He scored 18 points and led all others in rebounds with 13. He grabbed six offensive rebounds in the first half while Penn was gaining only a 5-point edge at 46-41 at intermission. Brown blocked shots also but fouled out with a little over five minutes to play when Penn had the game in hand.

The Crimson crept up on Penn early in the second half and passed the Quakers at 53-52 after five minutes of play in that period. But shortly after that Penn went on a 17-6 spurt.

HARVARD (75)				PENN (86)			
	G.	F.	P.		G.	F.	P.
Sanders	0	0-0	0	Beecroft	6	8-9	20
Brown	8	2-3	18	Bigelow	4	0-0	8
Lewis	6	2-6	14	Finger	0	0-0	0
Wolfe	5	2-2	12	Haigler	9	3-4	21
Fitzsim's	5	1-2	11	Hankinson	8	8-9	24
Smith	0	0-0	0	Jabinski	0	0-0	0
Fox	0	0-0	0	Lewis	3	0-0	6
Silver	1	1-2	3	Lit'page	2	1-3	5
Wheat	0	0-0	0	Varga	1	0-0	2
Jenkins	5	3-4	13				
Wilkinson	1	2-2	4	Total	33	20-25	86

Total 31 13-21 75

Halftime score—Penn 46, Harvard 41.

Fouled out—Brown.

Attendance—5,082.

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