

Princeton Beats Penn Again On Way to Ivy Title, 69-52

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PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 27—Princeton probably won the Ivy League basketball title tonight when the Tigers beat Pennsylvania, 69-52, even though the Men of Old Nassau have played only four of their 14 Ivy games.

What appears to make the Ivy championship a Princeton certainty is that tonight's victory was the Tigers' second over Penn, which put the Quakers, the defending champions, two games back in the loss column without another chance at Princeton.

Also, the way in which Coach Pete Carril's forces handled Penn so easily at the Palestra, Penn's home court, left little doubt that the Tigers could handle whatever the other Ivy teams have to offer.

Tom Penders, Columbia's coach, who was scouting both teams, said, "It's all over."

Chuck Daly, Penn's coach, said that all that remained was "hope."

Princeton has now won seven straight and is 4-0 in the Ivy League. The Tigers last won the title in 1969 and then Penn captured the last six championships.

Daly gave the impression of a man who just saw his trophy stolen from the living-room shelf. He sounded almost in awe of a Princeton team that leads the nation in defense against scoring while winning 12 games and losing three this season.

"You have to put the cards on the table," Daly said. "You're not just dealing with a good team here. A team that handles the ball this well, shoots like they do, beats Alabama, St. John's and others, is a very excellent team.

"They're a great shooting team. Their game is predicated on the backdoor but they shoot so well."

In the first 10 minutes, Princeton built a 14-8 lead and then came in "the backdoor" by drives along the baseline for 6 straight points.

This 20-8 lead showed where the game was heading and Princeton's defense, so tight and effective, contained the Quakers, who never really threatened

throughout the 40 minutes. Princeton led by 26 points late in the game.

Armond Hill, Princeton's all-purpose guard, scored 26 points. He had 8 of Princeton's first 20 points.

When Penn had the ball, Hill, Mickey Steuerer and Bill Oneltchenko cut off the Penn guards, holding the Quakers' two starting guards to a total of 4 points and preventing them from getting the ball inside to the

big men—John Engles and Kevin McDonald.

It was a repeat of the performance at Princeton last month when the Tigers beat the Quakers, 63-39.

The victory was the second straight major success for the Tigers, who upset nationally ranked St. John's by 3 points in overtime last Saturday. Next on the Princeton agenda is undefeated Rutgers on Monday night.

However, St. John's and Rutgers are not Ivy League opponents so the outcomes have no bearing on Princeton getting into the National Collegiate tournament, a privilege granted to the Ivy League champion.

Carril said: "I was a bit apprehensive that Saturday we had won the wrong game. This was the more important game against Penn."

PRINCETON (69)

Sowinski 4 0-0 8, Slaughter 8 1-1 17, Hautsuhler 5 2-5 12, Steuerer 0 0-0 0, Hill 9 8-8 26, Oneltchenko 1 2-2 4, Kleinert 0 2-2 2, Molloy 0 0-0 0. Totals: 27 15-18.

PENN (52)

Jones 5 3-3 13, McDonald 6 3-7 15, Eagles 7 0-1 14, Lonello 0 2-2 2, Enoch 1 0-0 2, Greene 0 0-0 0, Crowley 2 2-6 6, Stefanski 0 0-0 0, Missimer 0 0-0 0. Totals 21 10-19.

Halftime: Princeton 34, Penn 18. Total Fouls: Princeton 18, Penn 23. Fouled Out: none. A: 5,790.

Dartmouth 58, Hofstra 56

HANOVER, N. H., Jan. 27 —Sterling Edmonds with 20 points and nine rebounds, led Dartmouth to a 58-56 victory over Hofstra tonight.

Ken Rood hit 18 and John Irving 12 in a losing cause for Hofstra. The victory gave Dartmouth a 9-5 won-lost record while the Flying Dutchmen dropped to 10-10.

Cornell 82, Niagara 60

ITHACA, N.Y., Jan. 27 (AP) —Abby Lucas sank all eight of his field-goal attempts tonight and sparked Cornell to an 82-60 victory over Niagara.

Niagara lost its first game after eight victories and fell to an 11-6 record. Niagara led, 38-36, at the half.

Army 57, Colgate 44

WEST POINT, N.Y., Jan. 27 (AP)—Gary Winton scored 21 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to lead Army to a 57-44 victory over Colgate tonight.

Winton scored 8 of his points in a 24-4 game-breaking stretch for Army in the first half. The victory was Army's eighth in 16 decisions and ended the Red Raiders four-game winning streak.

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