

Princeton Five Wins, Clinching an Ivy Tie

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PRINCETON, N.J., March 4—Princeton played mediocre basketball for 20 minutes tonight and looked more like a team in the lower half of the Ivy League than the team that is now just 24 hours from its second straight Ivy championship.

The Tigers came to life on the center jump of the second half, ran off 11 straight points and moved easily to a 63-40 triumph over Brown to assure Princeton of at least a tie for the Ivy title. Since Pennsylvania also won tonight, Princeton must beat Yale tomorrow night, or Penn must lose to Brown, for the Tigers to gain the league championship. Princeton, with a 12-1 won-lost record in the league, is one game in front of the Quakers.

The chances are that Coach Pete Carril's Tigers will do the job themselves and whip Yale here at Jadwin Gym for the title Penn was expected to win way back when the season began.

Largely because of poor shooting on easy, short attempts in the first half and a failure to shoot when opportunities were there, Princeton walked off the court at halftime only tied with the Bruins, at 23. This would have been enough to excuse Carril for chewing out his players in the dressing room.

But after the game the little wise man of Princeton basketball said:

"What good does it do to yell? If you have to yell at a team this late in the season, then something is missing. I didn't yell at them. We just went over what was needed to win."

Then out came the Tigers, who put on a clinic-perfect show for 10 minutes, during which they outscored Brown by 23-7 and did what had been expected of them from the beginning before 2,800 people in Jadwin.

Sowinski Scores 21 Points

The quintet of Bob Slaughter, a senior and the team's captain; Bob Roma, a sophomore, and Bill Omeltchenko, Rich Rizzuto and Frank Sowinski, the junior starters, was at its best then. Sowinski had 8 of his 21 points in the 10-minute spurt. He connected on nine of 12 field-goal shots in the game and stands fourth in the nation in field-goal percentage.

Carril, whose best teams show the results of his schooling on defense and patient offense, said:

"The only way this team can have a great year is to win tomorrow. The word 'great' goes to this team if it wins that game. It's beaten some good teams down the line this season, and if it doesn't beat Yale tomorrow and has to play Penn in a playoff, then it's just a good team.

"This team wasn't picked to win the title, so it has come a long way and done great things if it wins tomorrow."

If Penn wins and Princeton loses tomorrow night in the final game of the regular season for each, there will be an Ivy League playoff Tuesday night at St. John's University in Jamaica, Queens, to see which team goes to the championship tournament of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. In that case, the Ivy would have co-champions. The playoff would be only for an N.C.A.A. berth and not for a League title decision.

Harvard 73, Columbia 71

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 4—Gary Ackerman, a junior forward, scored a career-high total of 21 points, including 4 in overtime, to help Harvard to a 73-71 upset of Columbia tonight.

Ackerman scored on 10 of 12 shots

from the field and also was the game's leader in rebounds, with 13.

Harvard outscored Columbia, 10-2, over the last 3 minutes 49 seconds of regulation time, and the Crimson's Bob Hooft tied the score at 65 with a layup with four seconds remaining, sending the game into overtime.

Ricky Free led the Lions with 20 points and 12 rebounds.

Penn 105, Yale 59

PHILADELPHIA, March 4 (AP)—Keven McDonald scored 19 points, raising his career total to 1,001, and paced the University of Pennsylvania to a 105-59 victory over Yale tonight.

The victory kept alive the Quakers' hopes for a tie for first place in the Ivy League, which would result if Yale beat Princeton and Penn beat Brown tomorrow.

The Quakers got 14 points tonight from Tim Smith and 13 from Stan Greene. Tim Jones's 12-point total was high for Yale.