

# Columbia Collapses: Penn Wins, 81-58

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PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 4—It might have been asking too much of the Columbia team to win two in a row. The Lions, who surprised Princeton, 38-36, last night, could have turned the Ivy League race into a chase tonight. Instead, they were routed, 81-58, by Penn and the Quakers now have a clear shot at the title.

Penn took a firm grip on the Ivy championships with a 6-0 record. The Lions, who could have thrown the race into a tie with a victory dipped to 2 in the league. Penn has a 13-4 overall record and the Lions are 7-10.

Columbia held a 19-14 lead midway through the first half, before Penn turned the game completely around. The Quakers reeled off a 19-2 spurt that helped them to a 33-21 lead at the half.

## Another Burst

The Quakers didn't stop there. They started the second half with a burst of 16 straight and the lead soared to 49-21. Columbia went 18 minutes, 54 seconds from the middle of the first half to the middle of the second half before Ricky Free ended the famine.

Columbia, unable to shoot over Penn's taller performers, had to try to work the ball inside for layups. That worked for a while, then Penn began to tighten its defense with man-to-man and a 2-3 that shut off Columbia's closeup maneuvers.

Tom Penders, Columbia's coach, was not offering any excuses. "They are a good, strong team, and they just wore us down with their strength and speed."

Bob Weinhauser, the Penn coach, was pleasant enough in victory, but there was a certain smugness to his manner. "There was no way we were going to let them stand around and hold the ball."

Weinhauser added, "That 17 minutes was the best basketball I've ever seen." He was alluding to Penn's two spurts. And he credited James Salters and Tom Crowley with setting the team in motion.

Penders drew a technical foul in each half because of disagreements with the officials, Steve Honzo and Ed Carotto. But, more probably, it was the 15 turnovers that Columbia committed in the opening 20 minutes that upset the Columbia coach.

Kevin McDonald finished with 25 points, 19 in the second half. He is Penn's leading scorer with a 20.6 average. Tony Price and Bobby Willis each scored 11 and Salters finished with 10.

Juan Mitchell and Ricky Free each scored 12 to lead the Lions.

Penn shot 48 percent from the floor, Columbia, 39 percent.

All-America candidate Michael Brooks scored 31 points and La Salle came back from a 7-point deficit at the half to defeat St. Joseph's, 82-75, in the second game.