

# Columbia Rallies to Beat Dartmouth, 45-40

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One Columbia faculty member at Levien Gym last night said at intermission, "Columbia looks like it doesn't have an offense or, for that matter, a defense." At the time the Lions were trailing Dartmouth, 31-17.

But Columbia changed its defense, became aggressive on offense and rallied to beat Dartmouth, 45-40, in an Ivy League basketball game.

The victory, before 1,450 fans, snapped a three-game losing streak for the Lions, who suffered two Ivy League defeats in that string.

Dartmouth is not a national power, but Coach Gary Walters's Big Green does lead the country in defense — a position they maintained last night — giving up 56.3 points a game. That Columbia managed to rally from a 16-point deficit to beat the nation's top defensive team was a major achievement, even on Columbia's home court.

## Not an Artistic Game

Columbia's players finally got hold of themselves in the second half, doing what their coach, Buddy Mahar, has claimed they can do most of the time.

"We've been called dead," the first-year coach said. "But if we play like that second half the rest of the season, we can be very tough."

Columbia and Dartmouth both employed zone defenses the entire first half. Walters said he did so because his team could not compete with Columbia's quickness. Columbia used a zone the first half because Mahar had not been satisfied with the Lions' man-to-man play in recent games.

During the first 20 minutes, Columbia could neither score nor penetrate against the Dartmouth zone. Columbia hit only 36 percent of its field-goal attempts in the first half. Dartmouth, meanwhile, scored over Columbia's zone easily. During one stretch of 7½ minutes in the first half, the Big Green ran off 14 straight points, with Mark Gautier hitting on three long baskets and one drive.

## Byrd Leads Resurgence

Then Alton Byrd took charge in the second half. The little Columbia senior led a resurgence by stealing the ball regularly, forcing other turnovers and scoring 13 of his game-high 15 points.

Columbia's defense excelled in the first 17 minutes of the second half, allowing Dartmouth only 5 points.

Columbia made up most of the 16-point deficit early in the second half when it held Dartmouth scoreless for 5½ minutes. The Lions went in front, 37-35, when Byrd hit a short jump shot after Shane Cotner stole the ball from Dartmouth in the backcourt. That play came 13 seconds after Juan Mitchell had tied the game with a long set shot over the zone.

Dartmouth never again pulled even as Columbia gained its third Ivy

League victory against two defeats. Dartmouth is 1-3 in league play, its only Ivy triumph coming against Princeton.

## Penn 72, Brown 60

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PROVIDENCE, R.I., Feb. 2 — Tony Price and Matt White scored 17 points each tonight to lead Penn over Brown, 72-60. The Quakers raised their overall record to 12-3 and 4-0 in the Ivy League. Brown dropped to 5-10 and 3-1.

Brown sputtered to a quick 5-0 advantage, but Penn took over the lead mid-

way through the first half, 18-17, and never relinquished it. The Quakers' size and quickness began to wear the Bruins down as the game progressed, and Penn led by 11, 38-27, at the half. When play resumed, Penn scored 17 of the next 19 points to open a 22-point margin at 57-35.

## N.C. State 97, Virginia Tech 88

CHARLOTTE, N.C., Feb. 2 (AP) — Charles (Hawkeye) Whitney scored 27 points, Clyde Austin added 17 and Tony Warren had 16 as North Carolina State defeated Virginia Tech, 97-88, tonight.