

# Cornell Routs Columbia by 24-7

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ITHACA, N.Y., Nov. 10 — Columbia's football miseries continued today as the Lions committed six turnovers and managed only one touchdown in a 24-7 loss to Cornell before 6,000 fans at Schoellkopf Field.

The Lions got 149 yards of total offense, and scored their only touchdown with seven minutes remaining in the second quarter when Larry Biondi ran over the middle for 5 yards.

Biondi's score narrowed the Columbia deficit to 14-7, after Mike Tanner's 1-yard plunge and Dick Clasby's 7-yard run had given Cornell a 14-0 lead.

The big men for the Big Red were Steve Vago, who carried the ball 21 times for 131 yards, and Dwayne Downtin, who had 89 yards in 16 carries.

Vago, a junior college transfer from California, started his first game at tailback for Cornell, and proved a good replacement for Tom Weidenkopf, Cornell's primary threat on the ground. Weidenkopf separated his shoulder in a loss to Yale here last week and may miss next week's game as well.

Vago, who was tried at linebacker in the preseason and then as a defensive

back, did well at both positions. He did even better for the special teams, and was moved to tailback three weeks ago.

"There is nothing Steve Vago cannot do," said Coach Bob Blackman of Cornell. "Everywhere you put him he comes through."

Columbia possessed the ball only once in the third quarter and three times in the fourth. It prompted Bill Campbell, Columbia's coach, to say: "We needed more opportunities with the ball. We moved the ball when we had it, but we couldn't get the ball back from them enough times."

## Conroy Completes 9 of 22

Bob Conroy, who went all the way at quarterback, was intercepted three times and completed nine of 22 attempts for 92 yards. Biondi was the leading Lion rusher with only 33 yards.

Cornell took the opening kickoff in the second half and kept the ball for almost seven minutes, but Columbia's Clay Jones intercepted at the 1-yard line.

The Lions took over after Jones's interception, and kept the ball for five minutes but could not score. Columbia

was also unable to capitalize on Cornell's biggest mistake, when Mike Cobb mishandled a punt inside his 20.

Mike Ryan, who alternated directing the Cornell attack with Tanner, tossed an 11-yarder to Keith Seppesy to put the game out of reach, capping a 90-yard drive that lasted 14 plays.

The final scoring in the game, which raised Cornell's won-lost record to 5-3, came on a 33-yard field goal by Ron Rejda with 5:29 to play.

Columbia's setback was its seventh in eight games. The Lions end their season at Brown next week, while Cornell (5-3) will be at Princeton.

## Harvard 41, Penn 26

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Nov. 10 (UPI) — Burke St. John threw three touchdown passes to Rich Horner and ran for a fourth today to pace Harvard to a 41-26 triumph over Penn. The victory ended the Crimson's six-game losing streak. Penn has not won this season.

Horner's five receptions gave him a school-record 63 catches. The senior split end from San Diego grabbed scoring strikes of 22, 9 and 12 yards from St. John. Harvard (2-6) also scored on St. John's 7-yard run and touchdown bursts of 2 and 3 yards by running back Jon Hollingsworth.

## Lehigh 12, Maine 6

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Nov. 10 (AP) — Rich Andres completed 10 of 15 passes for 134 yards today to lead Lehigh to a 12-6 triumph over Maine.

Two of his tosses resulted in crucial first downs in the last minute of the game.

It was the fifth straight victory for Lehigh, which now is 8-2. Maine, a member of the Yankee Conference, is 2-8.

## Colgate 20, Bucknell 2

HAMILTON, N.Y., Nov. 10 (UPI) — John Marzo, a senior quarterback, completed 11 of 13 passes for 249 yards and three touchdowns today, enabling Colgate to beat Bucknell, 20-2, at Andy Kerr Stadium.

After a scoreless first half, Colgate tallied in the third quarter when Marzo threw a screen pass to his senior fullback, Angelo Colosimo. Colosimo ran 56 yards for the score. Colosimo scored on an identical play in the fourth period, this time taking the ball 45 yards into the end zone.

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