

LIONS WIN BY 68-50 FOR 20TH STRAIGHT

Two-Season Streak Equals a 40-Year Mark as Columbia Topples Penn Quintet

MOLINAS GETS 23 POINTS

Sets Pace for Victors, Who Start Slowly and Spurt to 30-21 Half-Time Lead

EASTERN LEAGUE STANDING

	W.	L.		W.	L.
Columbia	4	0	Harvard	1	2
Penn	3	1	Yale	1	3
Cornell	3	1	Dartmouth	0	3
Princeton	1	1			

By LOUIS EFFRAT

Columbia's eye-catching quintet outsped Pennsylvania, 68-50, last night at Morningside Heights. Lu Rossini's undefeated Lions made it eleven straight for the current campaign and twenty in a row over two seasons, matching a forty-year record. Not since 1911 had a Columbia court squad put together so long a string.

Howie Dallmar's charges were eager enough in their efforts to upset the favored home team but, aside from Ernie Beck, their industrious sophomore, the Quakers did not have sufficient strength to harass the Lions after the first ten minutes. The visitors could not boast of a Jack Molinas or a John Azary or a Bob Reiss, to mention only three.

More and more it appears that Columbia, with its speed, height, drive and balance, is the class of the Eastern League. The Lions went into the clash tied for first place with Penn, each with 3-and-0 in league competition. They emerged, after a somewhat shaky start, with undivided possession of the lead and there were many among the 3,500 fans who insisted that Rossini's men will not be dislodged all campaign.

Molinas Finds Range

Like his mates, Molinas, the 6-foot 4½-inch sophomore ace, wasted a half-dozen minutes getting warmed to the task. However, once Molinas started to click, whatever slim chances Penn had for a reversal faded. Columbia scored its first field goal after the game was five minutes old. Some six minutes later, the Lions still trailed, 14-11, but it became evident that the favorites were headed in the right direction.

Resorting to a fast-breaking attack, and with Molinas replacing Azary in the bucket, Columbia clicked for nine consecutive points. That was it. Thereafter it was Columbia all the way. Half-time found the Lions on top, 30-21. Not only was the Light Blue stronger on the attack, but its defense was clearly superior.

Azary, in particular, did an outstanding job, guarding the dangerous Beck, who was limited to 12 points, Pennsylvania's best. Beck, on the other hand, was assigned to play against Molinas and the latter, hooking, driving and rebounding brilliantly, accounted for 23 points, the year's top for a Lion.

Between Molinas and Azary alone, forty-two rebounds went to Columbia, with Molinas getting twenty-five. Also, Molinas found time to lend six assists. With two and a half minutes remaining Rossini removed Molinas and the spectators accorded the youngster a tremendous ovation.

Reiss, Stein Star

Columbia, in holding the Red and Blue to its lowest point-production of the season, had other stars. Reiss, Tom Powers and Alan Stein came in for their share of applause. For Penn, suffering its fourth setback, Bob Brooks flashed from time to time.

In the freshman preliminary game, Columbia defeated Penn, 77-69, a five-minute overtime struggle, in which both sides forfeited big leads. Penn led by 37-27 at half-time, and Columbia enjoyed an 11-point edge with only five minutes of regulation time remaining. It was 62-all when the clock ran out the first time:

The varsity line-up:

COLUMBIA (68)

	FG	ST	F	FT	Pts.	A.	PF
Azary, lf	0	7	2	3	2	5	4
Brandt	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Rosenfeld	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reiss, rf	4	21	2	3	10	2	4
Maratos	0	0	1	2	1	0	0
Molinas, c	8	19	7	11	23	6	2
Lewis	1	4	1	2	3	0	0
Powers, lg	7	11	0	0	14	1	4
Rohan	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Stein, rg	4	15	1	1	9	3	3
Sullivan	3	5	0	2	6	0	4
Total	27	83	14	24	68	18	22

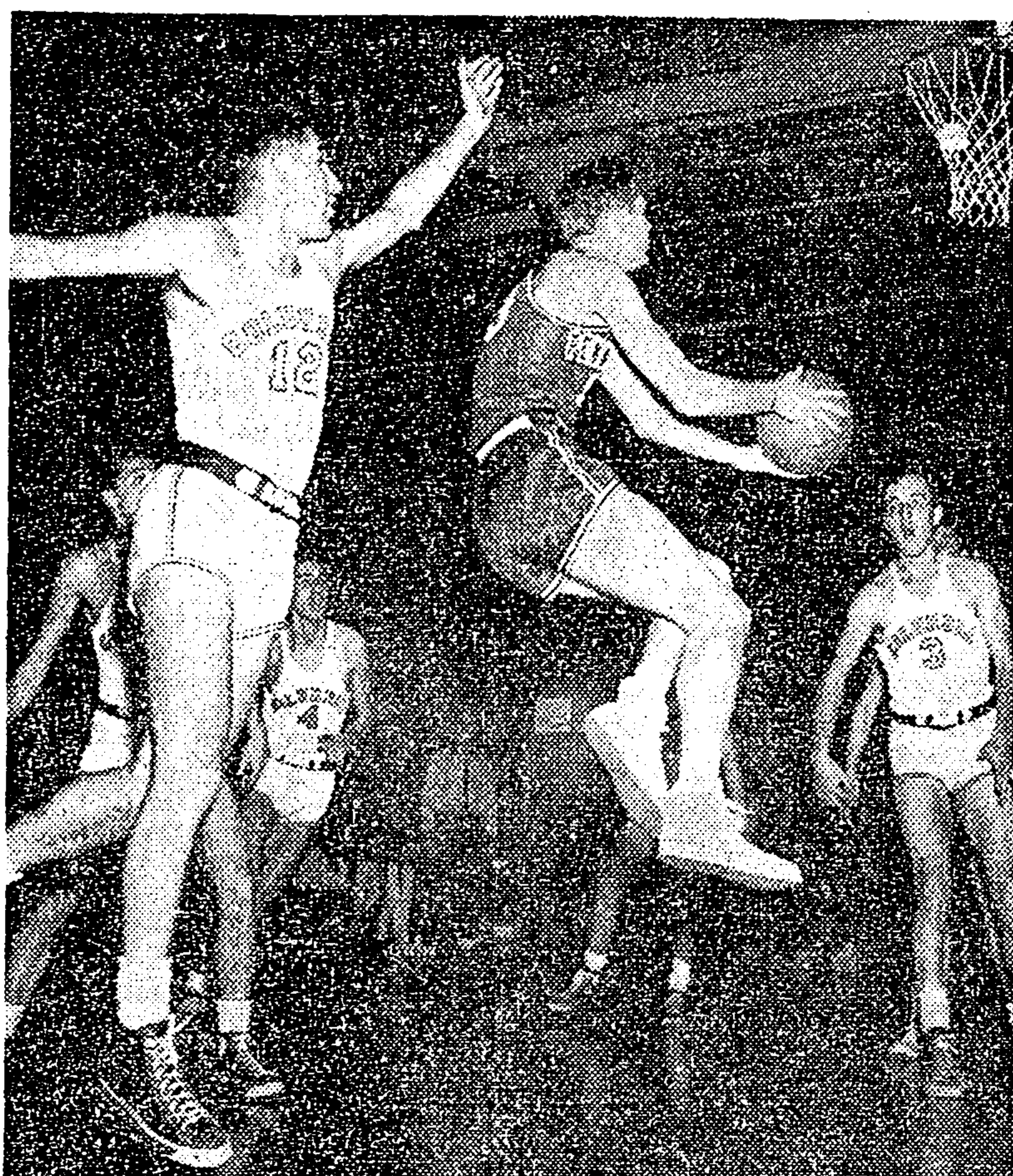
PENN (50)

	FG	ST	F	FT	Pts.	A.	PF
Davis, lf	0	9	2	2	2	0	4
Brooks, rf	4	17	2	3	10	4	3
Jeffries	1	9	1	1	3	1	1
Beck, c	3	13	6	8	12	1	4
Harter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dougherty, lg	2	8	0	1	4	4	4
Holt	3	7	3	5	9	1	2
Scanlon, rk	4	12	1	3	9	2	2
Jaffurs	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
Blaety	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	17	77	16	24	50	14	21

Half-time score—Columbia 30, Penn 21.

KEY: FG, field goals; ST, shots taken; F, fouls; FT, free throws; Pts., points; A, assists; PF, personal fouls.

DURING FIRST HALF AT MORNINGSIDE HEIGHTS



Tom Davis of Pennsylvania leaps in an unsuccessful try for a goal, as Bob Reiss (12) of the Lions attempts to stop him. Moving in on the play are John Azary (3) and Jack Molinas (4) of Columbia.

Associated Press