

# FORDHAM CHECKS VILLANOVA, 71-66

Rallies to Win Philadelphia  
Game—Penn Tops Yale Five  
in League Opener, 81-55

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PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5—Fordham's basketball team overcame a 6-point first-half deficit, then staved off a late Villanova rally to defeat the Wildcats, 71—66, at the Palestra tonight before 6,103.

In the second game of the double-header, Penn topped Yale, 81—55, for its eighth victory in eleven games. The contest marked the opening of the Eastern Intercollegiate League's Golden Jubilee season.

After fighting its way to a 39-38 lead at the outset of the third period, Fordham weathered a nip and tuck exchange of points to pull away in the final four minutes.

For Coach Johnny Bach's Ram quintet, it was the eighth victory in ten starts, while Villanova suffered its third reverse against six triumphs.

Capt. Fred Christ and Reserve Center Ed Conlin sparked the Rams' winning drive, which saw them rally after Villanova led, 36—30, at half time.

Christ poured in 18 points on five field goals and eight fouls, while Condon notched 14 of his 17 tallies after the intermission. Larry Hennessey and Nick Maguire led the Wildcats with 15 each.

With the score tied eight times and the lead changing hands on six occasions, Fordham finally went out in front, 64—63, on Conlon's jump shot with four minutes remaining.

Villanova got as close as 66—64 thereafter, but successive goals by Conlin and Christ made it 70—64

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and the Rams were out of danger.

Although Fordham's field goal margin was only 27—25, the winners converted seventeen of twenty-five foul shots, while Villanova connected on fourteen of its twenty-three charity tosses.

Ernie Beck, a 6-foot-4 junior and last year's Ivy League scoring champion, led the Quakers in the opener with 19 points. Penn, ahead from the start, took a 42-31 half-time lead.

Four other Quakers hit for double figures. Tom Holt and Dick Heylmun tallied 15 each, followed by Bob Brooks, 12, and Capt. Don Scanlon, 10. Yale's leader was John Weber, with 12.

Penn had no trouble solving Yale's zone defense. Dave Sears, who made 11 points, kept the losers in the game in the first half, but after the first quarter it was no contest. The line-ups:

FORDHAM (71)					VILLANOVA (66)				
	G.	F.	P.F.	P.		G.	F.	P.F.	P.
Christ, lf...	5	8	4	18	Hennessey, lf...	6	3	2	15
Lyons, rf.....	2	0	4	4	Mooney, rf...	6	1	4	13
Carlson, c ..	1	1	1	3	Brennan .....	5	1	4	11
Parchinski ..	4	3	5	11	Schafer, c....	0	1	3	1
Larkin .....	4	0	1	8	Devine .....	0	0	1	0
G. Rooney, lg.	0	0	0	0	Glassmire, lg.	3	5	3	11
Conlin, rg....	7	3	2	17	Maguire, rg...	6	3	4	15
Keane .....	4	1	2	9					
J. Rooney ...	0	1	2	1	Total .....	26	14	21	66

Total .....27 17 21 71

Half-time score—Villanova 36, Fordham 30.

Free throws missed—Christ 2, Conlin 2, Parchinski, Carlson 2, J. Rooney, Glassmire, Mooney 2, Maguire, Brennan, Schafer 2.

PENN (81)					YALE (55)				
	G.	F.	P.F.	P.		G.	F.	P.F.	P.
Heylmun, lf...	7	1	4	15	Savard, lf ...	0	0	1	0
Brooks, rf....	5	2	0	12	Dishnow .....	1	2	4	4
Harter .....	1	3	2	5	McHugh, rf...	2	1	4	5
Beck, c .....	7	5	3	19	Labriola .....	2	0	2	4
Cummings ...	1	1	1	3	Demcak, c ..	1	1	0	3
Scanlon, lg...	4	2	1	10	Sears .....	5	1	2	11
Holt, rg .....	6	3	4	15	Treat .....	0	1	1	1
Jaffurs .....	1	0	0	2	Plecas .....	1	0	0	2
					Leroy, lg....	0	0	2	0
					Schnaltter ..	4	3	5	11
					Weber, rg ...	4	4	3	12
					Harding ....	1	0	1	2

Total .....32 17 15 81

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Half-time score—Penn 42, Yale 31.

Free throws missed—McHugh 4, Harding 2, Weber, Leroy, Treat, Holt 3, Scanlon, Brooks, Heylmun, Beck 2, Harter, Cummings 2.

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