

BECK SHOWS WAY IN 59-45 TRIUMPH

Penn Star Gets 20 Points and Passes Molinas in Race for Ivy League Scoring Lead

QUAKER DEFENSE STRONG

Visitors Hold Columbia's Ace to 12 Tallies, Using Triple-Teaming in Second Half

EASTERN LEAGUE STANDING			
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Penn	7	2	Yale
Columbia	7	3	Princeton
Cornell	5	4	Harvard
Dartmouth	4	5	

By LOUIS EFFRAT

The big one got away from Columbia's aspirants for the Eastern League basketball championship last night. Lu Rossini's Lions could not possibly have picked a worse time for their weakest performance of the year, as they dropped a 59-45 decision to the University of Pennsylvania.

It was a bitter, costly defeat the Light Blue suffered on its home floor before an overflow turnout of 3,500 fans, Penn ending its tie with Columbia and taking undisputed possession of the Ivy League lead.

It was generally acknowledged before the contest, which both quintets started with identical 7-2 records in league competition, that the survivor would enjoy virtually a clear path toward the title.

Since each side now has only two remaining games on its schedule, Penn by winning one, would sew up at least a tie for the crown. The Quakers face Cornell at the Palestra Saturday night and Harvard at Cambridge on Monday night. Columbia will be host to Cornell tomorrow night and will play Princeton Monday night.

Lions' Chances Fade

Those close to the situation concede that the Lions still have a chance, but that it is merely mathematical. Certainly, off last night's exhibition, Howie Dallmar's Red and Blue aggregation is the superior team.

The visitors outsped, outfought and outsmarted the home side. They were the better ball-handlers and had the right answers for every problem that arose.

The Quakers also had Ernie Beck, who enjoyed a tremendous night, scoring 20 points, that catapulted him ahead of Columbia's Jack Molinas in the race for individual scoring laurels in the loop. Molinas, limited to 12 points, has 249 tallies, as against 250 for Beck.

Penn was in trouble early, even though the first fifteen minutes found the teams deadlocked, 22—all. Within the opening six minutes, Beck had been charged with two fouls and any reasonable amount of driving by the Lions in general and by Molinas in particular might have succeeded in fouling out the Penn star.

Losers Lack Drive

But the Lions did not drive at all. Nor did they plant Molinas in the keyhole, where he would be in position to draw fouls from Beck. So Dallmar had his team drop back and invite outside shooting by the home side, which did little clicking. The Quakers, counting the last 6 points before the buzzer, had a 28-23 advantage at the half.

When play was resumed, Molinas was in the bucket, but his mates were unable to feed the ball to him. The defense sloughed off around Jack, who found himself triple-teamed and stymied at all times. Beck, in the meantime, had committed two more infractions and was within one of banishment at 7:10 in the third quarter. Columbia never drew the fifth foul on Ernie, who played all except ninety seconds of the game.

The statistics show that Beck, seeking his third straight scoring title, connected with eight of twenty-two shots. Molinas made four of sixteen. Over-all, the visitors outshot the Lions, twenty-one of fifty-one against fifteen of sixty-nine.

Dick Heylum netted 13 points for Penn and did some fine rebounding. Tom Holt bobbed up with eight Quaker assists.

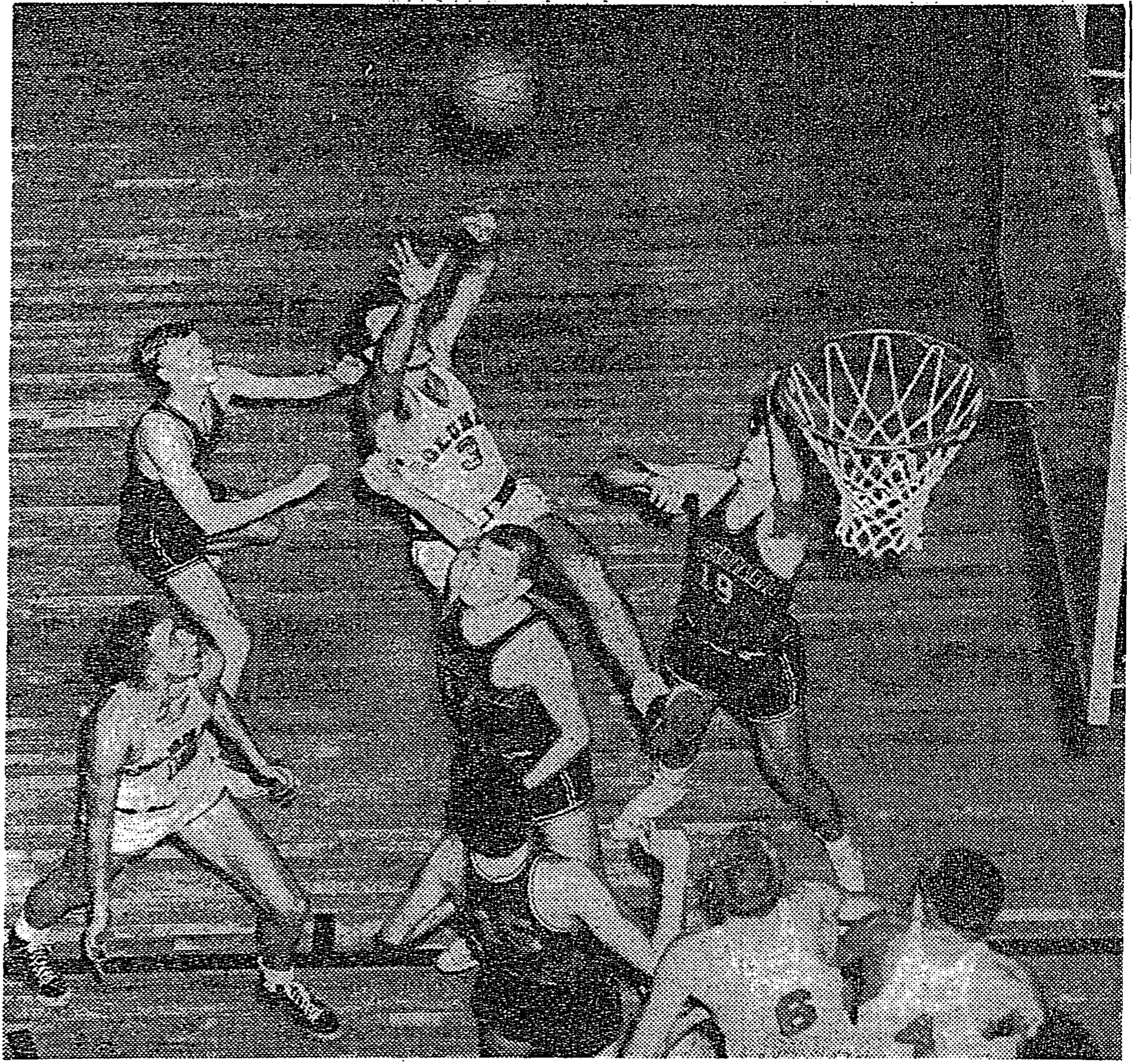
By repeating last month's victory at Philadelphia, Penn drew closer to Columbia in the court rivalry that began in 1902. In 102 games, Columbia has won fifty-four and Penn forty-eight.

In the preliminary game the Penn freshmen defeated the Columbia cubs 65-49. It was the second setback of the season for the young Lions, who have won eight games.

The varsity line-up:

C.F.F.F.P.		COLUMBIA (45)	
	G.F.F.F.P.		G.F.F.F.P.
Heylum, fr. 4	5 2 13	Brandt, fr. 3	2 3 8
Leach, c. 2	5 3 9	Gordon, fr. 0	0 1 0
Beck, c. 8	4 4 20	Johnson, fr. 2	2 2 6
Lavin, c. 0	0 1 0	Maratos, c. 3	3 0 9
Holt, lg. 3	1 3 7	Molinas, c. 4	4 2 12
Gramigna, fr. 0	1 0 1	Mittar, lg. 1	1 2 3
Hoagland, fr. 4	1 2 9	Wilkov, fr. 1	2 2 4
Total	21 17 59	Fleissen, fr. 1	1 3 3
		Rohan, fr. 0	0 1 0
		Total	15 15 45
Penn	15	13	14
Columbia	14	9	14

Free Throws Missed—Heylum, Leach 2, Holt, Gramigna, Hoagland 3, Johnson 2, Maratos, Molinas 3, Wilkov 2.
Officials—Hagan Andersen and Charles Eckman.



TWO POINTS FOR COLUMBIA: Stanley Maratos (3) making field goal in third quarter against Penn at Lions' gymnasium last night. There was some close-order work under the basket.