

Quakers Clinch Title Tie

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The University of Pennsylvania, sparked by the backcourt magic of Jeff Neuman and an ever-changing defense, walloped Columbia's Lions, 83-68, last night at University Gymnasium to clinch at least a tie for the Ivy League basketball championship.

The Quakers of Coach John McCloskey have a league mark of 11 victories and one loss. Penn can win the title tonight by defeating Cornell at Ithaca. Columbia and Princeton still have a mathematical chance to overhaul the Quakers. Columbia's record is 9-3, tying it for second place with Princeton, which defeated Cornell.

Before a capacity crowd of 2,959 that filled the small gym with deafening cheers, the Quakers moved to a 43-39 half-time edge. In the opening 20-minute session the score was tied five times and the lead changed hands 12 times.

Newmark Double-Teamed

Dave Newmark, Columbia's 7-foot sophomore center, was double-teamed by 6-9 Frank Burgess and 6-8 John Hellings and the Lion pivot was a tired, bruised youngster when the battle was over. Still he managed to score 32 points, 17 of them in the second half. Newmark also pulled down nine of the Lions' 26 rebounds.

But the Quakers had Neuman (28 points), Stan Pawlak (20) and Tom Mallison (15). The Quakers also used a variety of defenses—box and one, zone, man-to-man—that constantly shifted to upset the Lions' offense. And in Burgess, Hellings, and Mallison, Penn had a trio of giants who gave Penn board control despite Newmark's stout and unflinching efforts.

The Lions struggled to penetrate the Quakers stingy defenses, passing into Newmark under the basket or scoring not too frequently at long range with Stan Felsing or Ken Benoit doing the shooting.

An Alert Defense

But Penn never lost its unity, its speed, its alert defense. Twice the Lions pulled to within 2 points before the halfway mark of the second half. That was as close as Jack Rohan's charges came.

Penn played without both Hellings and Burgess over the final nine minutes. Both fouled out but Mallison and Bob Auchter still gave Penn the height to control the boards.

Neuman, a 6-1 senior guard, ran out valuable minutes in the closing stages with his marvelous dribbling and passing and floor direction. The Lions, attempting to break up Neuman's one-man freeze, fouled repeatedly and Neuman sank 6 of Penn's final 10 points from the free throw line.

The victory was Penn's second over the Lions this season and the 65th in the 127 games between the Ivy rivals since the series began in 1905.

PENN (83)				COLUMBIA (68)			
	G.	F.	P.		G.	F.	P.
Hellings	1	0-1	2	Hoffman	3	1-1	7
Pawlak	8	4-8	20	Ganzenm'r	0	5-5	5
Burgess	2	5-7	9	Newmark	10	12-17	32
Neuman	8	12-13	28	Felsing	5	2-4	12
Fitzgerald	2	3-4	7	Benoit	5	0-0	10
Mallison	5	5-6	15	Sprengle	0	0-0	0
Auchter	0	2-3	2	Dema	0	0-0	0
Lohmeyer	0	0-0	0	Davis	1	0-0	2
Northrup	0	0-0	0	Ames	0	0-0	0
Goldstein	0	0-0	0	Borger	0	0-0	0
Totals	26	31-42	83	Totals	24	20-27	68

Half-time score—Penn 43, Columbia 39.

Fouled out—Sprengle, Hellings, Burgess.

Attendance—2,959.

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