

Penn Beats Princeton, 56-48, and Wins Ivy Title; Cornell Tops Columbia

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Penn Gains First Ivy Title in 13 Years but Dispute Imperils N.C.A.A. Bid

Team	W.	L.	Team	W.	L.
Pennsylvania	12	2	Harvard	6	8
Columbia	10	4	Yale	6	8
Cornell	10	4	Brown	3	11
Princeton	9	5	Dartmouth	0	14

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PHILADELPHIA, March 1— Pennsylvania won its first Ivy League basketball championship in 13 years tonight but found itself in the position of possibly being like the pretty girl who was all dressed up with nowhere to go.

The Quakers defeated Princeton, the league champion for the last three years, 56-48, before 6,038 persons in the Palestra. This gave Coach Jack McCloskey's Penn team the title on the final night of the Ivy season. But since the league dispute with the National Collegiate Athletic Association wasn't resolved as of tonight, it wasn't certain whether Penn would receive an automatic bid to the N.C.A.A. tournament that starts next Monday.

The Ivy winner has gone to the N.C.A.A. tournament since its inception in 1939. Now Penn must await the outcome of policy-level arrangements between the Ivy presidents and N.C.A.A. officials.

Academics is Issue

The squabble centers on the academic floor rule of the N.C.A.A. Under this rule no college may enter N.C.A.A. championship events unless it complies with a regulation that states no student-athlete is to receive scholarship aid if he doesn't prove he can do 1.6 work based on 4.0 as perfect. A mark of 1.6 is equal to a C minus.

Penn was declared ineligible for these championships last week along with Yale, another Ivy college, for refusing to comply with the rule.

If the issue is settled in Penn's favor in the next day or two, the Quakers will meet Syracuse in the opening round of the basketball tournament at the Virginia Tech Field House in Blacksburg, Va., Monday night.

On the court, the Quakers settled the issue rather handily, with the last few minutes containing what little excitement the game provided. The big men of the Quakers—John Hellings, Frank Burgess and Tom Mallison—were too good inside for Princeton. And the shooting of Jeff Neuman and Chuck Fitzgerald of Penn carried the load in the scoring department.

Neuman, the little man who led the Quakers in scoring, made 18 points while Fitzgerald had 15.

Penn Starts Fast

Off to a fast start, Penn built a 12-point lead at half-time and increased this to 17 early in the second half. Then the Tigers began to chip away and got within 6 points with two minutes to go. But it was too late as Penn could hold the ball and stall for the big Ivy title the Quakers last held in 1953.

Penn finished its regular season with a 12-2 won-lost record in the Ivy League, two games ahead of Cornell and Columbia, which tied for second. The Quakers' over-all season mark was 19-6, which equaled the Penn record of 1963, the best previous mark Penn had under McCloskey. This ended the coach's 10th season with the Quakers.

Stan Pawlak, the little fellow who averaged 23.8 per game for Penn prior to tonight, managed 8 points in his last regular-season game. Unless Stan plays in the N.C.A.A. tournament, he ends his three varsity seasons with 1,502 points, the second best in Penn history. Ernie Beck made 1,827 in a career that ended for Penn in 1953.

Coach Bill Van Breda Kolff's Princeton Tigers were in the thick of the Ivy battle until last week. But they fell to fourth, losing the league crown they had held in 1963, '64 and '65. During those seasons Bill Bradley, one of the best college basketball players in history, led the Tigers of Nassau to the titles.

PENN (56)				PRINCETON (48)			
G.	F.	P.	A.	G.	F.	P.	A.
Pawlak	4	0-3	8	R. Harlow	3	0-1	6
Hellings	0	0-0	0	Hummer	3	2-4	12
Burgess	4	1-1	9	Brown	3	2-4	9
Neuman	6	6-8	18	Rodenb'gh	2	0-0	4
Fitzgerald	6	3-3	15	Walters	1	1-1	3
Mallison	1	4-4	6	Heiser	3	2-2	8
Totals	21	14-19	56	J. Harlow	3	0-1	6
				Totals	20	8-13	48

Halftime score: Penn 31, Princeton 19.
Attendance—6,039.