

Penn Routs Brown, 90-66, Nears Ivy League Title

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PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 18—It became a virtual impossibility to prevent Pennsylvania from winning its third straight Ivy League basketball championship after the Quakers swept aside their nearest league rival, Brown, 90-66, at the Palestra tonight.

With five games remaining, including one more with Brown, Penn seemed certain of that title and the resulting spot in the National Collegiate championship that opens March 11. Penn increased its Ivy won-lost mark to 8-1 as Brown slipped to 6-3. Princeton, the other team with a chance at the Ivy title, has no more games remaining with Penn so the Tigers' chances are quite slim.

Mike Moore, a junior, sank a 40-foot shot as the final buzzer sounded to give Manhattan a 77-76 victory over Penn Military Colleges in the second game of the Palestra double-header. Moore had 21 points as the Jaspers scored the sixth victory in their last seven games.

Pennsylvania did it the easy way before a crowd of 4,288, quickly running up a 26-point lead by fast-breaking through a Brown zone defense. The Quakers' early charge was aided by poor Brown shooting as the Bruins managed only two field goals in their first 27 floor shots.

There were some moments for Brown, however, as the Bruins came back to within 13 points. But that was the closest they got as Penn again rolled well in front to a 28-point second-half lead before the game ended.

Bob Morse, Penn's high-scoring senior, scored 22 points to become the fifth-highest scorer in Pennsylvania basketball history with a career total of 1,243. Alan Cotler, the smallest of these powerful Penn starters,

PENN (90)			BROWN (66)				
	G.	F.	P.	G.	F.	P.	
Hankinson	8	1-1	17	Cureton	2	0-0	4
Morse	9	4-6	22	Kolkmeier	2	1-2	5
Littlepage	2	0-0	4	Berman	8	11-16	27
Cotler	8	3-3	19	Burke	5	0-0	10
Calhoun	5	1-2	11	Flynn	1	0-0	2
Jablonski	1	0-0	2	Stiff	2	1-2	5
Billingslea	5	1-3	11	Tillery	6	0-0	12
Varon	0	0-0	0	Glass	0	1-2	1
Walters	0	1-2	1	Mead	0	0-0	0
Finger	0	1-3	1				
Hansen	0	1-2	1				
Sonenberg	0	0-0	0				
Batory	0	1-2	1				
Total 38 14-24 90			Total 26 14-27 66				
Half-time Score—Penn 43, Brown 30.							
Fouled out—Hankinson.							
Attendance—4,288.							

had an excellent night with 10 points. His season average was 8 points a game.

The guard did most of his damage on fast breaks and by popping the ball over Brown's zone.

Arnie Berman, the nation's best foul shooter with 78.3 per cent mark from the free-throw line, hit on 11 of 16 foul shots and also on 8 of 12 field goal shots for 27 points for Brown.

An Awesome Effort

Penn gave an overpowering performance, running through whatever defenses the Bruins presented, including a full-court press at times. But Brown had some problems from injuries. Down to nine players, Brown could not offer much more than Berman's work in rebounding (17), and their other big player, Roy Stiff, was suffering from a knee injury and limped about when he did play. Brown was the only Ivy team that compared with Penn in height this season.

Thus the Quakers easily gained their 17th victory of the season against only two losses, their 36th victory in their last 37 Ivy League games, and their 61st victory in their last 63 regular-season games.

Chuck Daly, the first-year Penn coach, said, "It was just one of those games. But I'm very relieved. We expected trouble."