

PENN BOWS, 31-17

Stetson Directs Green to Uphill Victory and 4th Crown in Row

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PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 25 — Dartmouth won the Ivy League football championship with a thrilling 31-17 uphill victory over Pennsylvania on the final day of the league season today at Franklin Field.

It was the fourth straight time the Big Green had won or shared the crown and the ninth time since the league's formal round-robin began in 1956. Dartmouth was co-champion with Cornell a year ago, champion alone in 1970 and tri-champion with Yale and Princeton in 1969. This was its fifth outright title.

Nothing was easy in the victory as Dartmouth came back from an early 14-0 deficit. It was primarily the calm and wily direction of Steve Stetson, the senior quarterback, that put the Green alone atop the grand old league of college football.

Surprise of the League

Penn, the surprise of the league, took off as if it would upset all the selections and win its first championship since 1959. The Quakers worked their two-touchdown lead during the first 20 minutes.

Most of the 42,422 persons at Penn's ancient home stadium were having visions of ringing the Liberty Bell in celebration. But those thoughts faded as the Big Green drove for a 14-14 tie at half-time and then went

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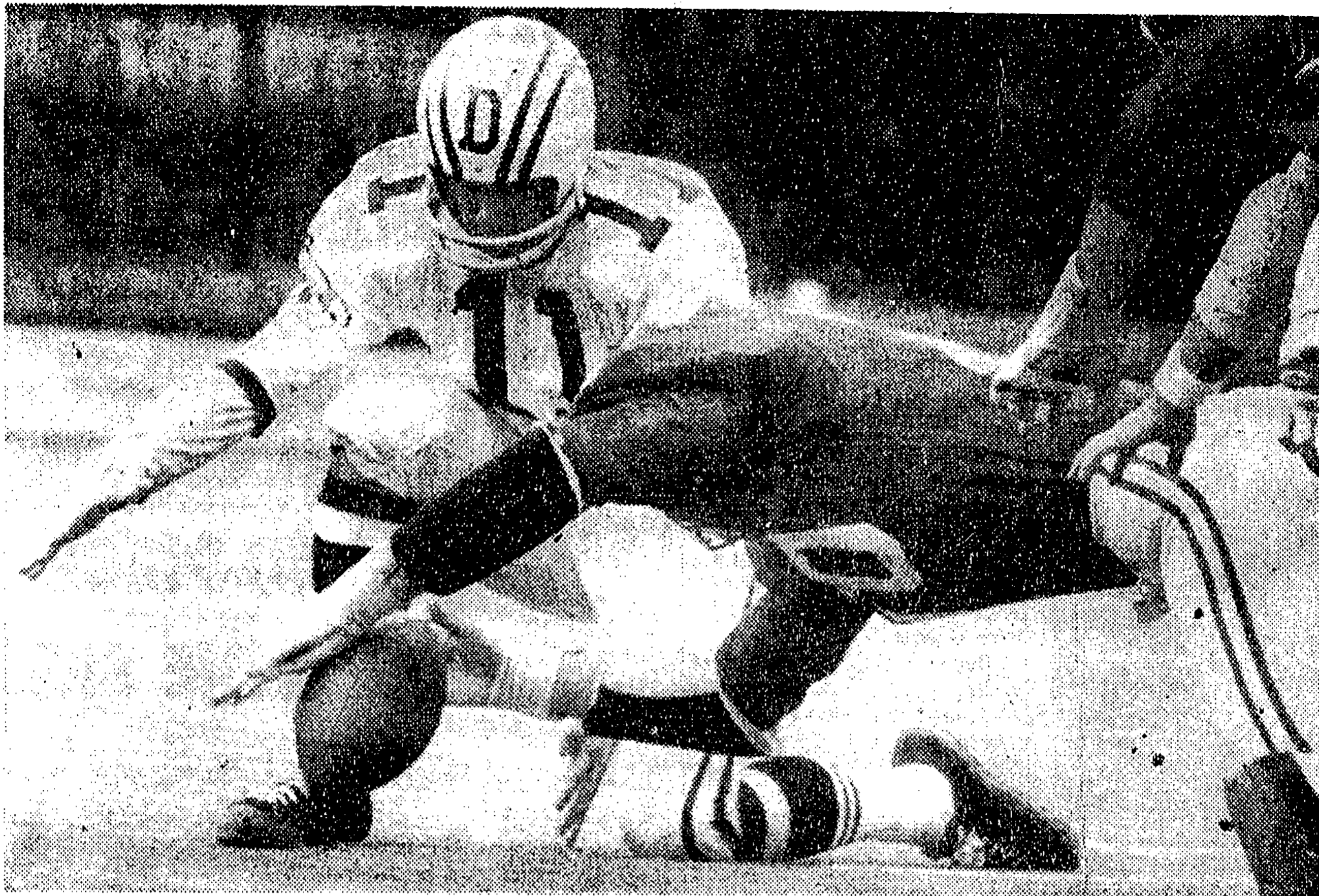
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Dartmouth	5	1	1	Harvard	3	3	1
Yale	5	2	0	Columbia	2	4	1
Cornell	4	3	0	Princeton	2	4	1
Penn	4	3	0	Brown	1	6	0

on to score the winning touchdown in the last few minutes of the exciting game.

Stetson's ability to make the big plays on third down was the most important part of the resurgence that gave the Big Green its fifth league victory against one defeat and a tie. Penn, tied with Yale as the day began, finished third with a 4-3 record while the Eli were runners-up with a 5-2 mark, a half-game behind Dartmouth.

The big thrill of the game came after the score had been tied, 17-17, at 6:25 of the final period on a 25-yard field goal by Penn's Tim Martin. His kick matched a third quarter field

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Robert Thomson of Penn grabbing a fumble by Steve Stetson, Dartmouth quarterback, in the first quarter of the Philadelphia game yesterday. Dartmouth defeated Pennsylvania to capture the Ivy League title, 31 to 17. United Press International

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goal by Dartmouth's Ted Perry, a 37-yarder.

Dartmouth took the ensuing kickoff, and with third down and 10 on its 30-yard line, Stetson connected with Jack Thomas for a spectacular 45-yard pass.

Thomas ran across the AstroTurf from right to left in front of Tom Welsh, a defensive back, who was standing and waiting for what he thought would be an interception. Thomas leaped and stole the ball.

Seven plays later, as Penn could not stop or even delay the relentless Big Green, Steve Webster scored. The fullback was given a huge hole for an easy 1-yard thrust into the end zone. Perry converted for the third time and the lead was 24-17.

Penn lost all chances for an upset and the title three plays after the next kickoff when Tom Pinto, the quarterback, collided with a halfback, Ralph McGee, and dropped the ball. Wyman Simmons, a Dartmouth linebacker, fell on it at the 50 and the Big Green seemed home free with less than two minutes remaining.

To assure the victory, Dartmouth's spectacular runner, Rick Klupchak, broke over his right side and went 50 yards for a touchdown.

Klupchak was also the man who scored the touchdown late in the first half that tied the game at 14-14. That play was another of Stetson's fine third-down efforts—a 10-yard pass on which the quarterback rolled out waiting for someone to get free. He spotted Klupchak in the clear and hit him with the pass.

Penn opened the game with all the vim and vigor of an underdog intent on killing the giant and making a great season for a young, exciting team.

Coach Harry Gamble started Pinto at quarterback. But as the Quakers made their first drive after the opening kickoff by Dartmouth, Gamble switched midway. His tactic worked as Pinto, who had made two big gains, was replaced by Marc Mandel.

Mandel eventually became the first scorer as he scooted

Statistics of the Game

	Dart.	Penn.
First downs	18	12
Rushing yardage	47-207	55-268
Passing yardage	179	189
Passes	9-16	10-17
Interceptions by	2	1
Punts	3-31	4-33
Fumbles lost	3	2
Yards penalized	15	40

8 yards into the end zone to cap the drive.

Mandel was at the controls again when Johnny Sheffield scored Penn's second touchdown at 5:09 of the second period. Pinto had gone in between the scoring drives.

Penn might have made the results quite different in the first quarter if it had capitalized on Dartmouth's fumbles. Twice the Penn defense fell on Stetson fumbles after the first touchdown. Each recovery was inside the Big Green's 35. But Pinto was intercepted once and another drive stalled when Martin missed a 32-yard field-goal attempt.

Dartmouth's defense settled down for a strong finish that was nearly as important as Stetson's offensive effort. Little Adolph Bellizeare, the 5-foot-9-inch sophomore tailback, was picking up a lot of ground with Webster in the early going and handoffs were working wonders against the Big Green.

But Dartmouth stopped trying to rush the line and was content to stay back and move laterally. Dartmouth also waiting for the initial move forward by Penn before committing the defensive lunge. As a result Wyman Simmons and Doug Jaeger, linebackers, led a fine charging defense.

Klupchak was the game's leading runner with 143 yards. Bellizeare had 126 for the Quakers. Both these fine runners will return next season.

Stetson will be missed by Dartmouth and its coach, Jake Crouthamel, a former Dartmouth halfback who has shown his ability by winning or sharing the Ivy title in the two seasons he has been at the helm. He took over from Bob Blackman when that successful Ivy coach left for Illinois, where he has not found things so easy in the Big Ten. Gamble is also in his second year at Penn.

A tie, coupled with Yale's victory over Harvard, would have given the Big Green another shared crown. But it was obvious that the visitors were having nothing of that co-equal thing today.

Penn could not have won the title or shared it with a tie. Its only hope was to have shared the crown with Yale by beating Dartmouth as the Eli won. The Quakers finished with a 6-3 over-all record for only its fourth winning season since 1952. Dartmouth had a 7-1-1 mark.

Dartmouth	0	14	3	14-31
Pennsylvania	7	7	0	3-17

Penn.—Mandel, 6, run (Martin, kick).
 Penn.—Sheffield, 2, run (Martin, kick).
 Dart.—Stetson, 3, run (Perry, kick).
 Dart.—Klupchak, 10, pass from Stetson (Perry kick).
 Dart.—F.G., Perry, 37.
 Penn.—F.G., Martin, 25.
 Dart.—Webster, 1, run (Perry, kick).
 Dart.—Klupchak, 50, run (Perry, kick).
 Attendance—42,422.