



John Jablonski of the University of Pennsylvania cutting between Steve Pellino and a second Columbia defender, partly visible, in Philadelphia game last night.

# PENN FIVE BEATS COLUMBIA, 74-59

Stays in Tie for Ivy Lead as Haigler Scores 33

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PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 9 — When Pennsylvania and Columbia went through the first three minutes of their Ivy League game tonight without scoring a point, one woman in the crowd of 6,544 at the Palestra said, "That's what happens when you let scholars play the game."

But Ron Haigler broke the ice 17 seconds later with a 10-foot jump shot and he was on the way to leading Penn to a 74-59 victory, that kept the Quakers in a tie with Princeton for the league lead.

It was never a runaway for Penn, which is much taller, more talented and faster than the Lions. But then Coach Jack Rohan's Columbia teams are rarely trounced, though they should be.

Rohan said, "We played well. They played well. I'm proud. But what it was that beat us was Haigler overpowering us inside."

### Career High for Haigler

That's just what Haigler did. The 6-foot-8-inch Brooklyn sophomore, who played at Madison High School, scored 33 points for a career high in his first varsity season. Haigler wasn't the only front man for Penn who overpowered the Lions. The Quakers' forward line of Haigler, Phil Hankinson (16) and Craig Littlepage (12) accounted for 61 points, enough to beat Columbia.

Haigler was exceptionally effective in the second half when he hit on all of his nine field-goal attempts. He made 12 of 15 for the game.

Meanwhile, Penn's defense was strong as usual. The defending Ivy League champion, second in the nation in defense, held Columbia to 20 points in the first half and held Bob Evans, the league's leading scorer to 16. Evans finished with 20 points, most of which came much too late.

The strength of Penn's defense was its height advantage. Many times Columbia shot only to have the ball batted back by the Quakers. The Lions connected on only 27 field goals in 63 attempts.

Also, Penn defended so well that the Quakers committed only 12 personal fouls and Columbia took only eight free throws, making five. Columbia rarely had the chance to drive inside to draw the usual inside-action fouls.

As a result, Penn gained its 47th victory in its last 49 Ivy games over a four-season period. The two defeats were by Princeton, once this season and once last season.

In the second game of the double-header, De Paul defeated Villanova, 89-80, as Greg Boyd, a 5-8 sophomore, paced the victors with 32 points.

|                                       | PENN (74) |       |    | COLUMBIA (59) |    |     |    |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-------|----|---------------|----|-----|----|
|                                       | G.        | F.    | P. | G.            | F. | P.  |    |
| Haigler                               | 12        | 9-10  | 33 | Evans         | 8  | 4-6 | 20 |
| Hankinson                             | 7         | 2-2   | 16 | Downing       | 4  | 0-0 | 6  |
| Jablonski                             | 0         | 1-2   | 1  | Pellino       | 2  | 1-1 | 5  |
| Finger                                | 0         | 0-0   | 0  | McAulliffe    | 2  | 0-0 | 4  |
| Beecroft                              | 1         | 4-4   | 6  | Byrnes        | 4  | 0-0 | 8  |
| Littlepage                            | 6         | 0-0   | 12 | Hardaway      | 5  | 0-0 | 10 |
| Bigelow                               | 0         | 0-0   | 0  | Jones         | 1  | 0-0 | 2  |
| Varga                                 | 0         | 0-0   | 0  | Casey         | 0  | 0-0 | 0  |
| Lenis                                 | 0         | 0-0   | 0  | Murray        | 1  | 0-1 | 2  |
| Batory                                | 1         | 0-0   | 2  |               |    |     |    |
| Frank                                 | 1         | 0-0   | 2  |               |    |     |    |
| Hansen                                | 0         | 2-2   | 2  |               |    |     |    |
| Total                                 | 28        | 18-20 | 74 | Total         | 27 | 5-8 | 59 |
| Half-time score—Penn 32, Columbia 20. |           |       |    |               |    |     |    |
| Fouled out—Pellino.                   |           |       |    |               |    |     |    |
| Attendance—6,544.                     |           |       |    |               |    |     |    |