

Columbia Routs Dartmouth for 5-0 Ivy Record

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Tom Penders, Columbia's basketball coach, said: "We played in spurts. There wasn't much continuity on either the offense or the defense."

Penders's opinion was a fair summation of the Lions' efforts last night after they had walloped Dartmouth, 84-61, to remain at the top of the Ivy League standing with a 5-0 won-lost record.

Still, the Lions had enough concerted efforts to coast to their 13th victory in 17 games this season. Dartmouth, going through one of its worst seasons ever, fell to 1-14 over all and 0-4 in the league.

Dartmouth used a zone defense, but the Lions had little difficulty penetrating it.

Hot-Shooting Lions

Gary Walters, Dartmouth's unhappy coach, summed up the game this way: "Columbia is bigger, faster and stronger. They beat us in every phase of the game." None of the Dartmouth forwards scored a basket in the first 20 minutes, an indication of Dartmouth's troubles.

The only player in Green uniforms to play consistently were Sterling Edmonds, a 6-foot-8-inch junior from Chesapeake, Va., and Larry Cubas of Staten Island's Curtis High. Edmonds scored 20 points and Cubas tallied 16. None of the other six Dartmouth players managed double figures.

Meanwhile the Lions spread their scoring among 11 of the 14 who got into the game. Juan Mitchell, called the enforcer by Penders, hit for 22 points (9 of 16 from the floor) and Ricky Free added 19 points (8 of 10 from the floor).

Mitchell, who played against Alton Byrd, the Lions' playmaker, on the

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West Coast, is the sort of player who defends against the other team's best man. He is also an opportunist who can streak up the floor on the fast break, knowing that the little playmaker, Byrd, will get the ball to him.

Byrd fed Mitchell throughout the game. Mitchell also pulled down nine rebounds and Free chipped in with seven.

The Lions and the Big Green stayed fairly close for about the first 15 minutes. Then Columbia began its run-away, forging to a 46-28 lead at the half.

The Lions ripped off 6 straight points to open the second half and went up by 24 points.

Penders credited the right combination of Mitchell, Free, Byrd, Shane Cotner and Gene Bentz most responsible for breaking away in the last six minutes of the first half. After that Penders shuffled his players in and out to give all of them playing time as well as a rest from the pressure defense, which takes its toll.

Dartmouth's basketball troubles began long before this season. Two coaching changes between the 1972-73 and the 1974-75 seasons left the recruiting program in disarray. Walters took the job last season. Walters said: "I lost three regulars at the start of the season including the only experienced ball handler I had, John Lisowski, the captain. All three are finished for the season.

"We knew what we would have to go through. We knew it would be like this, but, believe me, it's tough on me and it's tougher on the kids.

"I really wouldn't blame them for quitting. But they haven't. They play as hard as they can, and I'm proud of them. But the fact is, we are still at least two years away from parity in the league."

Walters had only eight players on his squad to play Columbia.

This was the 131st game in a rivalry that began in 1905-06. The Lions still hold a narrow edge, 68-63. Dartmouth's loss was its 10th in succession. Columbia has won 10 of its last 11 and

five straight. It is Columbia's best Ivy start since 1970-71 when it won five straight.

C. W. Post 81, L. I. U. 67

C. W. Post ran its string to five victories last night as George Johnson, junior forward, scored a game-high 28 points to help the Pioneers beat Long Island University, 81-67, at the loser's court in Brooklyn.

The Pioneers shot 54 percent from the field. Kim Malcolm, a junior guard, scored 26 points for L.I.U. (4-13). The victory raised Post's record to 11-9.

Penn 69, Brown 59

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Feb. 4 (AP)—Kevin McDonald tied the score with two baskets in the final 90 seconds of regulation time tonight, and Tim Smith hit for 11 points in overtime, lifting Penn to a 69-59 Ivy League victory over Brown.

Smith topped all other scorers with 21 points, while McDonald finished with 16.

The Quakers' first road victory this season improved their record to 9-7, including 4-1 in the league.

Princeton 56, Yale 42

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NEW HAVEN, Feb. 4—Princeton held Yale to its lowest output of the season tonight, defeating the Elis, 56-42, in an Ivy League game. Frank Sowinski, a junior, and Bob Roma, a sophomore, scored 16 points apiece, and Bill Omelchenko chipped in with 11 as the Tigers improved their record to 12-4 over all and 4-1 in Ivy play.

Jim Yent had 9 points to lead Yale, which lost for the ninth straight time. The Elis, who trailed at halftime, 30-21, are 3-13 on the season and 1-3 in Ivy play.

Holy Cross 114, Colgate 82

WORCESTER, Mass., Feb. 4 (AP)—Chris Potter and Ron Perry combined for 52 points tonight as Holy Cross breezed to a 114-82 victory over Colgate. The victory was the 17th of the season, against two losses, for the Crusaders. Colgate is 9-7.

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