

Crimson Air Game Routs Penn, 34-15

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Nov. 5—Unpredictable Harvard, which had lost three games in Harvard Stadium this season and six over the last two years, scored four touchdowns in the second period and went on to defeat Pennsylvania, 34-15, this gray afternoon.

Before a Family Day crowd of 15,000, the Crimson ended a two-game losing streak—having bowed to Princeton and Brown—to post its fourth Ivy League victory of the campaign.

The victory thrust the Crimson smack into the middle of the Ivy championship race once again. Harvard is in second place, tied with Brown and Dartmouth, all with 4-2 won-lost marks. Yale, with its convincing triumph over Princeton, took over possession of first place in the league with a 5-1 record.

Brown's Day All the Way

Harvard, stumbling through much of the season, turned loose a highly successful aerial game today as Larry Brown, the junior quarterback from nearby Norwood, threw for three scores against a very porous Penn secondary.

Brown left the game early in the final period and a sophomore, Brian Buckley, took over.

But it was Brown's day, and he deserved most of the credit. He completed 15 of 22 passes for 349 yards, and he also picked up 26 yards more while lugging the ball. His passing yardage set a one-game Harvard record, breaking the 291 recorded by Jim Stoeckel,

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also against a Penn team in 1974.

And Brown's total of 375 yards broke the previous one-game mark of 310, set by Jim Kubacki in 1975 against Columbia.

Harvard's fortunes were dealt a severe blow when Tim Davenport, the No. 1 quarterback, was injured in the opening game and lost for the season.

Brown took over, and learned Coach Joe Restic's complicated multiflex offense. Now, coming up to the final game of the year against Yale in the Bowl next Saturday, it seems as though Brown and the Crimson have peaked at the right time.

Penn's vaunted wishbone offense, which had rolled solid yardage in its previous games, faltered against a Crimson defense that refused to yield substantial yardage in long, time-consuming drives.

Penn did get off to a 7-0 lead in the opening quarter, going 71 yards in three plays, the big gain of 63 yards coming on a scramble by Tom Roland, the quarterback who guides the wishbone. Kevin Blake capped the drive with a 2-yard plunge for the score. Ron Perilatein booted the conversion at 11:21 to put the Quakers in the lead for the first and only time of the game.

The Crimson took over the second 15 minutes of the game. Jim Curry caught a 51-yard pass from Brown to cap a one-play drive at 5:49 and Gary Bosnic booted the conversion to knot matters.

Then the Crimson went 55 yards in four plays with Ron Sigillito capping the drive on a 4-yard burst off left end. Harvard scored again at 12:26 as Rob Kinchen drove the final 2 yards off tackle to finish a five-play, 41-yard surge.

The Crimson was still not finished. Brown hit Larry Hodby with a 14-yard scoring pass at 14:37 to conclude a drive of 55 yards in six plays. These last three touchdowns were marked by substantial passing gains to Paul Sablock, Chris Doherty, Ralph Polillio and Kinchen and Hodby.

Curry caught his second scoring pass, a 79-yard bomb from Brown at the start of the third quarter, to give the Crimson a 34-7 edge, but Penn stormed right back, a four-play, 42-yard march capped by Denis Grosvenor's 1-yard thrust. Then Roland got the 2-point conversion on a pass to Tim Trautman at 5:22.

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