

Columbia Defeats Cornell

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A full-court pressing zone defense that worked hard from the opening tip-off rewarded the Columbia Lions with an 82-62 triumph over Cornell last night before an estimated crowd of 1,700 at Levien Gymnasium.

The victory was Columbia's ninth in 13 games and its second without a loss in Ivy League competition. The other league victory was also over the Cornell, by a 78-70 score nine days ago at Ithaca. Pennsylvania leads the league with a 3-0 record.

Cornell scored the first basket of last night's game on a jump shot by Mike Davis 13 seconds into the game. But the Lions ran off the next 13 points and held the Big Red without another point for almost five minutes to build 13-2 lead.

Balanced Attack

The constant pressure on Cornell forced a bevy of turnovers, which provided the Lions with numerous scoring opportunities. They made 60 percent of their shots (15 of 25) as they drew away to a 44-21 lead at halftime. Columbia's balanced attack allowed nine of its players to score in the half.

Columbia pushed its lead to 25 points, 66-41, midway through the second half before Coach Buddy Mahar began using his reserves extensively.

Alton Byrd, the 5-foot-8-inch senior playmaker who holds almost every Columbia assist record, showed he still has a scoring touch as he led the Lions with 18 points. Byrd also dished off six assists. Ricky Free contributed 17 points and was a dominant figure on the boards, hauling in 15 rebounds.

Cornell (9-5), was led by Davis, who tallied 21 points and grabbed 12 rebounds. Pete Call, a guard who was scoreless in the first half, made all five of his long jump shots in the second half for 10 points. He helped the Big Red rally mildly in the late going to pull within 16 points, 73-57, with four minutes left to play.

Free moved into ninth place on the Columbia career scoring list with 1,022 points. If the senior forward avoids injury and averages about 18 points the remainder of the season, he will probably wind up in third place on the list, behind Jim McMillian's 1,758 and Chet Forte's 1,611.

Georgetown 78, Penn 76

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 20 (AP) — Craig Shelton tossed in 21 points to spark Georgetown to a 78-76 victory over the University of Pennsylvania today at the Palestra.

Georgetown (14-2) trailed, 74-73, with 1:45 to play, but Tom Scates's stuff-shot and two free throws by John Duren gave the Hoyas a 77-74 edge.

Bob Willis scored for Penn with 10 seconds left, but Duren's foul toss with two seconds remaining provided the final score.

Georgetown led through most of the first half, but Penn (11-3) came back on 4 straight points by a freshman, Angelo Keynolds, to take a 32-29 lead at the intermission.

Wagner 70, F.D.U. 65

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RUTHERFORD, N.J., Jan. 20 — Mark DiDonna, a 6-foot-2-inch sophomore forward, scored 20 points tonight to lead Wagner to a 70-65 victory over Fairleigh Dickinson. It was the Seahawks' eighth triumph in their last nine games.

Hofstra 90, Delaware 72

NEWARK, Del., Jan. 20 (AP) — Henry Hollingsworth poured in 32 points to pace Hofstra to a 90-72 triumph over Delaware in an East Coast Conference game today.

The victory improved Hofstra's record to 7-9, while Delaware dropped to 2-11.

Hunter 88, Livingston 68

Hunter College scored a school-record 61 second-half points to defeat Livingston College, 88-68, last night at the winners' gym.

Army 98, Manhattan 84

Bob Brown, a sophomore, tallied a career-high 35 points to pace Army to a 98-84 victory over Manhattan College yesterday at the Jaspers' Draddy Gymnasium.

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