

# Penn Turns Back Yale Five by 73-68

By PARTON KEESE

Special to The New York Times

NEW HAVEN, Feb. 15 — Yale's dream of capturing its first Ivy League basketball championship in 19 years may have come to an end tonight when Penn defeated the Eli, 73-68, at Payne Whitney Gym. The Quakers ran their Ivy won-lost record to 8-0, while the Elis dropped to 6-3.

Having won 10 of their previous 11 games, Yale's plan was to upend Penn tonight, beat Princeton tomorrow and hope Princeton could top Penn later. If tonight's contest had ended about a minute sooner, Yale would have successfully completed the first part.

Playing catch-up ball most of the night and trailing by as many as 9 points midway through the second half, Yale put on a surge that gave the Bulldogs a 3-point lead with 4 minutes 44 seconds to go. Six of Tim Daaleman's 14 points led this rally.

## 2 Missed Layups

But Penn, the taller team, battled back and led, 68-68, with 55 seconds to play. At that stage, Yale made its best effort of the game, stealing the ball twice from Penn's Jim Salters, but failing to connect on the resulting layups. First, Frank Zigarelli took the ball away, raced down the floor and missed his shot, followed seconds later by a similar steal and missed layup by Regis O'Keefe.

Though the 6-foot-5-inch Paul Little led the victors with 15 points and the 6-foot Steve Leonidis tied the 6-8 Daaleman as Yale's high scorer with 14, the most dangerous players on the floor were the smallest ones, Yale's Zigarelli at 5-9 and Penn's Salters at 5-10.

Though Zigarelli scored only 2 points, he led both teams in assists with 14, tying his own Yale record. Salters, weighing only 150 pounds, not only directed Penn on offense with his deft ball-handling, but he also scored 14 points.

"We had taken control of the game in

the second half," said Penn's coach, Bob Weinbauer, "and we were doing exactly what we wanted to around the boards. The only catch was, we couldn't score and they did. You have to give Yale credit for refusing to fold. But then we didn't fold, either, when they shot past us."

## Quickness Was Difference

Ray Carazo, Yale's coach, said the difference between "two good teams that went after each other" was Penn's quickness on defense.

"They also hurt us in rebounding, too," he added, "with 50 to our 38, but we hurt ourselves in foul shooting. Imagine, our stealing the ball twice from their best ballplayer and not getting a point out of it. And our best foul shooter at the line missing two at the end. That was the big surprise."

Penn, which has won the Ivy championship eight of the last 10 years and which advanced to the semifinals of last season's National Collegiate tournament, seems to beat most other Ivy teams on reputation alone. Though they lost, the Bulldogs nearly kicked the habit tonight.

The New York Times

Published: February 16, 1980

Copyright © The New York Times