

Columbia Tops Penn In Overtime

Columbia, plagued by poor foul shooting and an inability to win close games in recent weeks, was almost perfect from the foul line last night in upsetting Pennsylvania, 55-51, in overtime at Levien Gym.

It was Penn's second overtime loss this week and prevented the Quakers from clinching a tie for their third straight Ivy League basketball championship. Now Penn goes into its final game, tonight at Cornell, tied for first with Princeton, which plays at Columbia. Both contenders have 10-3 league won-lost records, with Penn 14-11 over all.

The heroes for Columbia (5-8 and 10-15), which broke a nine-game losing streak, were two freshmen, Richie Gordon, who played for Brooklyn's Boys High, and Darren Burnett, from Columbus High in the Bronx.

Gordon forced the game into overtime with an 18-foot jump shot from the top of the key at the end of regulation time. The basket, which tied the score at 41-41, came seven seconds after James Salters, the Quaker captain, had made two foul shots.

Salters gave the visitors another 2-point advantage when he hit a jump shot from the top of the key with 3 minutes 25 seconds left in overtime, but the Lions ran off 8 straight points, 4 each by Gordon and Burnett, to open a 49-43 lead with 1:27 remaining.

Cornell 67, Princeton 47

ITHACA, N.Y., Feb. 29 (AP) — Mike Davis's 21 points and nine rebounds sparked Cornell to a 67-47 upset of Ivy League co-leader Princeton here tonight.

The loss dropped Princeton to 10-3 in the league, 14-14 over all, but the Tigers remained tied for the league lead with Penn, which lost to Columbia tonight.

Cornell, now 3-10 in the league and 5-18 over all, got 13 points from Mike Allen and 12 from Larry Oding.

Cornell trailed 11-6 midway through the first half but rallied to hold a 25-23 advantage at the intermission. The Big Red started fast in the second half, outscoring Princeton 13-2 in the first four minutes to build a 38-25 lead.

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