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ERIC LI '26 MEN'S TENNIS

Bulldogs beat Sacred Heart after winning Cornell series

BASEBALL

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The Yale Bulldogs (22–11, 11–4 Ivy) prevailed 14-5 in a Wednesday game against Sacred Heart University.

The win follows the team's fourth consecutive Ivy League series victory over the weekend, when it won two of three games against Cornell in Ithaca. That victory extended Yale's lead over Brown (9–4 Ivy) in the Ivy League standings by a full game.

In the first inning of Wednesday's game against Sacred Heart, the Bulldogs experienced a hiccup when their starter gave up four earned runs. However, Yale soon recovered.

Teo Spadaccini '27 joined in relief, throwing three strong scoreless innings. From there, the offense took it away. Jack Dauer '28 had a career day at the plate, crushing two homers and driving four runs, and Kaiden Dossa '27 and Colin Sloan '27 also went deep. It was the first game since 2022 in which the Bulldogs hit four taters.

The opener against Cornell on Friday appeared to be a rare off day for the Bulldogs. The starter, Daniel Cohen '26, who had been nearly immaculate over his last several appearances on the mound, allowed four earned runs in just 4.1 innings. Yale batters could only draw up three hits against the Cornell pitching staff, though with the help of two sacrifice flies and a hit by pitch with the bases loaded, they were able to scrape together three runs. The Big Red was able to hold its own in the late innings and pulled ahead to a 5-3 win.

Saturday's doubleheader was a different story for the Bulldogs on both sides of the diamond. In the first game, Jack Ohman '28 gave the Bulldogs a much-needed bounce-back start with a strong pitching performance through six innings.

The Bulldog offense also locked in. After scoring four runs in the first inning, Yale chalked up 16 runs on just 12 hits. Dossa reached base three times and had three runs batted in to extend his on-base streak to 25 games. Dauer also drove in three runs and he extended his runs batted in total to a team-leading 37. Thanks to the three scoreless innings performance by Ben Winslow '27, Yale closed out the game strong to take the win 16-5.

In the latter part of the day, Tate Evans '26 was on fire, throwing 109 pitches and allowing just three runs. Evans now leads the Ivy League with a 2.34 earned run average.

Throughout the series, Dossa and Garrett Larsen '27 were forces to be reckoned with. Larsen had two multi-hit games on Saturday and now heavily paces the Ivy League in both batting average, with a .389, and base percentage plus slugging percentage, with a .998. In the second game of the doubleheader, Dossa extended his on-base streak to 26 games.

Yale will soon head to New York to face off against Columbia (11–21, 6–8 Ivy). The Bulldogs and Lions are scheduled to play a doubleheader on Saturday and finish off with a noon rubber match on Sunday.



LIZA KAUFMAN / PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

In Ithaca, Yale's baseball team dropped its opener, then swept a Saturday doubleheader. The Bulldogs defeated Sacred Heart University in a midweek game, keeping

Last season, Columbia took the Ivy League tournament from Yale, even though the Bulldogs had won the regular season title. This year, however, Columbia has struggled, and has so far been unable to replicate its form from last year. The Lions sit near the bottom of the Ivy League, despite strong wins over powerful teams like Brown and Harvard.

The Bulldogs begin their three-game series against Columbia at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday. The game will be broadcast live on ESPN+.

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Following five straight wins, Bulldogs eye final Ivy tournament berth

MEN'S LACROSSE

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The No. 9 Yale men's lacrosse team (8–4, 3–2 Ivy) will travel to Providence to face Brown (6–6, 1–4 Ivy) in its final regular-season contest on Saturday afternoon.

With three other Ivies having already punched their tickets to the Ivy League tournament, only one berth remains. Yale currently sits in fourth in the standings with a 3-2 record in Ivy play, just ahead of Penn (6–6, 3–3 Ivy). A win on Saturday would clinch Yale's spot in the tournament.

However, even with the added pressure of Saturday's matchup, the Bulldogs are well-positioned to return to New Haven victorious.

After picking up a 16-9 victory at Hofstra University (4–9, 2–3 CAA) last Tuesday and a 15-2 win over the University of Albany (8–5, 5–0 AE) on Senior Day over the weekend, the Elis extended their win streak to five.

By triumphing over the Great Danes, Yale snapped the University of Albany's six-game win streak just after the Great Danes secured the America East regular-season title. Yale also moved up three spots in the Inside Lacrosse KANE Men's Division I Media Poll and now sits just ahead of No. 10 Harvard.

The Bulldogs are ranked among the top 10 teams in the nation for the first time this season, which puts them in a good position to earn an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament at the end of May.

While the Elis will enter Saturday's contest on a hot streak, the Brown Bears will be recovering from a bitter double-overtime 11-12 loss to the Penn Quakers.

Despite Brown's jump to an early 4-2 lead in the first quarter, Penn knotted the game at the end of the half and then took a one-goal lead at the end of the third quarter. Four unanswered Brown goals in the fourth quarter sent the game into overtime. Neither team scored in the first overtime period, but a Penn sudden-death goal in the second period handed the Quakers a victory on the Bears' home turf.

While the Bears will be hungry to secure their second conference win of the season after last weekend's loss, they are already out of the running for the postseason, sitting sixth in the Ivy League standings.

The Bears opened the season with three wins in their first four non-conference games against Fairfield University (4–9, 1–4 CAA), Providence College (6–8, 2–2 Big East) and Bryant University (6–5, 3–2 AE), but they have struggled to find consistency this season, holding 3-3 records both at home and on the road.

Brown started Ivy play in Ithaca with a 9-18 loss to then-No. 11 Cornell (9–3, 4–1 Ivy). The Bears then rebounded with two non-conference wins over the University of Massachusetts Lowell (2–9, 0–5 AE) and St. John's University (2–11, 0–4 Big East) before dropping their Ivy home opener to Princeton (10–2, 4–1 Ivy) 14-20.

The Bears showed major signs of improvement when they nearly served Harvard (9–3, 3–2 Ivy) its first Ivy loss of the season in Cambridge, a task which Yale later accomplished when they upset the then-No. 5 Crimson 15-9. Following the Brown-Harvard game, the Bears edged out Dartmouth (4–8, 0–5 Ivy) 17-16, a team Yale steamrolled 18-7, before falling to Penn last weekend.

Yale's offense has surged in recent games, tallying at least 15 goals in each of the last four games. Midfielder William Sheehan '26 potted four in the 18-7 victory over Dartmouth, while midfielder Cole Cashion '27 led the attack against Harvard, netting five goals.

In last week's games against Hofstra and the University of Albany, attackman Sean Grogan '29, the team's leading scorer, recorded a combined seven goals and three assists, while attackman Connor Gately '28, who leads the squad in points, potted three goals and recorded seven assists.

The goals just kept rolling against the Great Danes as Yale took a 9-0 lead at the half and the man-up unit converted on all three opportunities. Yale's man-up scoring percentage, 0.609, is second in the Ivy League and beats out Brown's 0.459. Additionally, Yale has the nation's second-best man-up offense at 0.652.

While Brown's Jeremy Hopsicker is second in the conference and 13th nationally in goals per game, averaging 2.83, Grogan follows closely with 2.17. In assists per game, Gately also leads the conference and is ranked 10th nationally.

On the other end of the field, Yale holds a defensive advantage over the Bears.

Despite the University of Albany holding a slightly better penalty-kill percentage than Yale, the Bulldogs held the Great Danes to one-for-six on man-up opportunities and only two goals, giving up the fewest goals since 2014.

This time around, Yale's penalty kill percentage of 0.591 edges out Brown's of 0.575. Additionally, Patrick Pisano '26 and Luke Michalik '27 are second and fifth, respectively, in the Ivy League in caused turnovers per game.

In the cage, Yale's Ben Friedman '28 holds a statistical advantage. He ranks second in the conference and ninth nationally with a save percentage of 0.567, while Brown's Connor Foley is ranked 34th nationally with a percentage of 0.519. Friedman is also first in the Ivy League and 10th nationally in saves per game, averaging 13.09 to Foley's 11.42.

The Bulldogs will look to exploit the Bears' struggles at home and return to New Haven with a ticket to the postseason in hand.

Faceoff is slated for 12 p.m. on Saturday at Stevenson-Pincince Field.

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Yale falls to Princeton and Penn, finishing regular season at 16-9

MEN'S TENNIS

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The Yale men's tennis season wrapped up its regular season campaign on Saturday and Sunday against Princeton and Penn. The Bulldogs finished with a record of 16-9.

Coming off of the win against Dartmouth and a loss versus Harvard last weekend, the Elis hit the road to finish up the string of Ivy matches that began on March 28.

The team started the weekend matchups in Princeton, squaring off against the Tigers at the Lenz Tennis Center. In the doubles, it was Vignesh Gogineni '26 and Edward Liao '28, Jason Shuler '27 and Dylan Tsoi '27, and Eric Li '26 and Ethan Chung '29 teaming up. In singles, Gogineni, Liao, Shuler, Li, Jim Ji '27 and Tsoi hit the court.

Princeton started the matches off hot, seizing the doubles point with two wins out of three doubles matches played. Gogineni and Liao, and Li and Chung were defeated 3-6 and 4-6, respectively; Shuler and Tsoi's match went unfinished.

In singles, Yale put up a valiant fight, taking four out of the six matches to three sets, but ultimately could not top Princeton's momentum. Gogineni fell 3-6, 6-2, 3-6, Liao 2-6, 4-6, and Li 3-6, 6-4, 1-6. Shuler and Ji's matches went unfinished with final scores of 4-6, 6-4, 3-4 and 6-3, 4-6, 5-6, respectively. Tsoi took the solitary win of the day with a straight-sets 6-4, 6-3 win. The final points tally for the day was 1-4, with Princeton the victor.

"There was never a moment within the match where we were completely out of it," Liao told the News. "Every single match was super close and each person had chances and it shows with the close scores. It showed that we were missing the small edge over the team where they were ultimately slightly better."

The following day, the Bulldogs headed down to Philadelphia to square off against the University of Pennsylvania at its home turf. The lineup remained the same from the previous day.

Penn opened up similarly to Princeton, taking the doubles point with two wins out of a total of three matches played. Shuler and Tsoi, and Liand Chung lost 6-2 and 6-0; Gogineni and Liao's match was called early while Yale led 4-3, being declared unfinished.

In the singles, Penn closed the door on the Elis, picking up the three necessary wins for the victory. Gogineni, Shuler and Chung were defeated, and Liao, Li and Tsoi had their matches called early, going unfinished. The final score against Penn was 0-4, Penn victorious.

"I think starting well is something to really strengthen," Shuler said. "I think they got off to an early lead on some courts and were able to carry that momentum throughout. I think another thing is dealing with adversity. There were a lot more external factors this match than what we were used to, and I think that distracted some of us from performing our best on the tennis court."

With those last matchups complete, the Bulldog regular season came to a close with a 16-9 record, the best record the men's tennis team has achieved since the 2016-17 season, when they also went 16-9.

"The team is super close, we are always there for each other on and off the court, and it shows as we've been able to get through close matches," team captain Li told the News, reflecting on this past season's successes. "Also, we practice everyday like we are playing a match, and that has significantly raised our intensity and overall level and has led to significant improvements for many of the guys."

The NCAA tournament will begin May 1 and last until May 23. The teams that have made the tournament will be announced on April 27 at 4 p.m

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STAT OF THE DAY

THE MEN'S LACROSSE TEAM HAVE WON THEIR LAST FIVE GAMES IN A ROW.