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"And all that I can see is just a yellow lemon tree"
LEMON TREE FOOL'S GARDEN

Yale earns first conference win

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runs, Yale finally had a second-and-short attempt on the Dartmouth nine. Reno took the snap and handed it to Djeumeni Kemeni, who bounced around to the right side and did his best Saquon Barkley impression as he hurdled the defender and waltzed into the endzone.

The Big Green offense, then down 7-0, took the field trying to even the score, but walked off just three plays later after another three-and-out forced by the Yale defense.

Yet again, the Bulldog offense gained possession and got right back to work. In just four plays, Reno moved the ball seventy yards down the field after a few big connections with Jaxton Santiago '28 and Lucius Anderson '29. Less than a minute later, Yale doubled its lead after Reno hit Santiago in the endzone for what would be the first of two times that day.

With Yale leading 14-0, Dartmouth finally started to show some signs of life and put together a scoring drive of its own to cut the deficit to seven.

From there, the scoring cooled off for a little. Yale's offense had a couple of drives reach into Dartmouth territory, but the Bulldogs were unable to convert them into any points.

Luckily, while the offense stalled, the Bulldog defense continued to excel, a welcome sight after some struggles in the season's first games. The defensive line kept wreaking havoc in the backfield, and the defensive backs limited big plays through the air, keeping the score at 14-7 at the close of the half.

As the second half kicked off, Yale was on the receiving end and started the third quarter with possession of the ball. With 282 yards of offense in the first half and just 14 points to show for it, Yale focused on converting the opportunities to put points on the board in the last 30 minutes of the contest.

It seemed as if the first drive of the half would stall out, but after punter Reese Keeney '28 was illegally hit, a roughing penalty kept the drive alive for the Bulldogs.

A few first downs later, Yale was knocking on the door of the red zone. That was where the drive ended, but a 43-yard field goal by Noah Piper '29 extended the lead to 17-7.

Both teams traded a few punts before Yale put together another promising drive thanks to several solid runs by Djeumeni Kemeni, but the Bulldogs left points on the field after turning the ball over on downs on the Dartmouth nineteen.

The defense continued to stand strong despite the offense's struggles to convert scoring opportunities, and Team 153 captain Abu Kamara '27 was able to tip a ball to himself for his first interception of the year.

Six consecutive runs by Djeumeni Kemeni later, Yale had another field goal attempt, which Piper drilled to put the Bulldogs up 20-7.

Sensing the window of opportunity closing quickly, the Big Green regained possession and finally showed signs of urgency. A big passing play set them up deep in Yale territory, but as they had all game, the Bulldogs bent but refused to break. Four downs later, the drive was over without any points added to Dartmouth's total.

With just under seven minutes left in the game, Reno hit a few of his receivers for big passing plays of their own, and the Bulldogs were set up with a first-and-goal.

Two plays later, Reno threw a fade to the back left corner of the end zone, and this time, Santiago was the one tipping it to himself to secure the ball for his second touchdown of the day. A two-point conversion later, and Yale was up 28-7 with just over three minutes to go.

With time running out, the Bulldog defense continued to overwhelm the Dartmouth offense, and a strip-sack by Cave, his fourth tackle-for-loss of the day, ended any last-second hopes the Big Green might have held. Two minutes later, the clock hit zero, and Team 153 had picked up its first Ivy League victory of the season.

Among the offensive stars of the day were Reno, who threw for 325 yards and two scores, Djeumeni Kemeni, who rushed for 174 yards and a touchdown and Santiago, who hauled in 13 catches for 147 yards and two touchdowns.

On defense, Cave led the way with two sacks and two TFLs. Kamara had the game's only turnover, as well as a TFL, and tackle Jaylin Tate '27 accumulated eight tackles and a TFL of his own.

"We're still building our identity, and Dartmouth's 2.4 yards per carry was a piece that we can take with us," Kamara said in a post-game press conference, according to Yale Athletics. "I think we pride ourselves on collective defense every day. We practice that way. We communicate that way. So when it happens out on the field, it's like second nature."

While the offense was able to put up 537 yards of offense and the defense held Dartmouth to only 225, it is equally important to recognize the success of the special teams unit.

"I was excited about how we played complementary football, which we had struggled with this season, and it was a good step forward for us for that," head coach Kevin Cahill told Yale Athletics. "We got some work to do in there, and we'll focus on that. But we'll enjoy the win tonight and move on to next week."

Yale will be back in action for its final nonconference game of the year against the University of Rhode Island (3–3, 1–2 CAA).

Kickoff is slated for noon on Saturday at the Yale Bowl.

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Liza Kaufman / Photography Editor
Team 153 outgained the Big Green by nearly 350 yards en route to a 28-7 victory on Saturday and Yale's first Ivy League win of the season.

McInnis has said she regrets remarks



Jolynda Wang / Contributing Photographer
McInnis pictured at a Friday event. Several students said McInnis' hot-mic characterization on Saturday of a student organizer as "one of those students who shows up pissed off" reflects a dismissive attitude toward student concerns.

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hear their ideas, concerns, and aspirations for our university," she said. "And I'm committed to continue working with my colleagues to steer the university we all love through this moment of unique uncertainty for higher education."

McInnis' remarks were unsurprising to Maya Evans '27, who said she found the comments to be a "pretty gross dismissal" of the student body's widespread frustration about Yale's attempts to strike a deal with the Trump administration.

Other students argued that the comments raised questions about her willingness to engage with student activists.

Isabel Matos '28, a student organizer with the Endowment Justice Collective, contrasted McInnis' characterization of the student with her claims to being committed to listening to students.

"For as long as I've been at Yale, McInnis has insisted that she is committed to dialogue and takes student concerns seriously, and she has done nothing but host 'listening sessions' and scripted 'Q&As' to prove it," Matos wrote in an email to the News. "It comes as no surprise to me that she hasn't actually been listening."

Ethan Schroyer '28 said McInnis' complaint about the student reflected a broader disconnect between University leadership and student activists. Schroyer called on McInnis and other senior administrators to engage more frequently with students across the political spectrum, including through public discussions and informal conversations on campus.

Avi Rao '27 wrote in an email to the News that he wasn't "particularly bothered" by the comments but hoped that McInnis and Lewis would be more precise in how they discussed the negotiations.

"If someone is necessarily hostile to the administration and assumes bad faith on their part, I get how it can feel like an ambush," Rao wrote. "I think so many of the issues that have come up around them are semantic and could be easily solved."

During their Saturday conversation, McInnis also complained to Lewis about meeting with the University's trustees, calling them "exhausting."

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Trump announced flurry of visa curbs

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they were still worried about their summer plans.

The junior told the News that "a lot of international students in the session were asking about how to do jobs outside the U.S." The Friday event was held off-the-record.

Last year, the Trump administration tried to add a $100,000 fee for processing H1-B visas, which allow select foreigners with a U.S. job offer to come to work. In June 2026, a federal court halted the plan.

Later that summer, Immigrations and Customs Enforcement sent two messages announcing tighter enforcement on approving Curricular Practical Training — a work authorization often used for summer internships — unless the training is required for all students to complete their studies. Under federal regulations, Curricular Practical Training can only be approved if it is directly related to a student's major area of study and an integral part of their curriculum. On Oct. 5, the Association of American Universities filed a lawsuit to block ICE's new enforcement of the Curricular Practical Training rule.

On Oct. 7, the Department of Homeland Security announced a new $70,000 fee for Optional Practical Training, a program that allows students to work summer internships related to a student's major but not required for graduation. OPT can also be completed after graduation while CPT cannot.

One sophomore international student said he was already considering backup plans for the summer in the case that he cannot get Curricular Practical Training or Optional Practical Training.

"I'm worried that employers will put my application to the side, not because I'm not qualified but just because they don't know whether I can get approval," the sophomore said.

Yale's international students office has published statements tracking the policy changes and providing advice to international students for handling summer work. Following the DHS' Optional Practical Training announcement, the office encouraged students not to make "abrupt decisions" about "studies, travel, or job plans" in an Oct. 8 update. It also provided a link to submit public comments, a required step in the rulemaking process for federal agencies, on the Optional Practical Training rule.

"Yale is reviewing the proposal and will work with peer institutions and associations to preserve students' access to OPT," the update reads.

The Yale webpage gives information on how and when to apply for Optional Practical Training. The students who spoke with the News said they usually do not submit applications until later in the first semester or during the second semester.

One first-year student said he plans to ask the Office of International Students & Scholars more about the fee for Optional Practical Training. First years are generally not eligible because CPT recipients must be enrolled in an academic program for over a year.

"But if it's too complicated this year, I'll do what a bunch of people will do and go work back home," the student said. "Things are changing, but I think I've got time."

The comment period on the $70,000 fee on Optional Practical Training ends Nov. 9.

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