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ULRIK PHARO LOHNE '27, MEN'S HEAVYWEIGHT CREW

Bulldogs sweep Tigers and Quakers on the road, extend win streak to three

VOLLEYBALL

BY TANNER BATTLE,
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After a trip down to Princeton and Philadelphia, the Bulldogs (10–3, 4–1 Ivy) returned to New Haven having completed a weekend sweep.

The Bulldogs beat the Princeton Tigers (5–8, 3–2 Ivy) 3-0 on Friday and then rode the momentum into Saturday, where they also defeated the University of Pennsylvania Quakers (10–5, 2–3 Ivy) 3-0. After an unexpected 2-3 loss to Harvard (12–2, 3–2 Ivy) last weekend, the Elis have since swept all three Ivy League teams they have faced, including Dartmouth, to improve to 4–1 in conference play.

"Away trips are challenging, but I think we stayed composed and competed well this weekend," Ava Poinsett '29 wrote in a text message to the News. "We stayed aggressive and did a great job of playing as a team and making adjustments when needed."

After jumping out to early leads in both matches, the Bulldogs left no hope of a comeback for either team. They beat Princeton by at least five points in each set and Penn by at least eight.

Yale's mindset going into the weekend focused on their play rather than the outcomes, which proved successful.

"We are feeling good about this weekend," Betsy Goodenow '27 wrote in a text message to the News before their successful weekend. "We are excited to get better."

Across the two matches, Goodenow contributed on offense, recording 22 kills, complemented by Poinsett, who made 16 kills against Penn.

The Elis' three consecutive conference wins have given them strong momentum as they head into the backend of the season and prepare for a post-season run.

They now return home and set their sights on extending the streak to five.

The Bulldogs will host the Columbia Lions (7–7, 1–4 Ivy) at 6 p.m. on Friday and then take on the Cornell Big Red (9–5, 5–0 Ivy) at 5 p.m. on Saturday at John J. Lee Amphitheater.

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Despite not having home-court advantage, Yale crushed Princeton and Penn, taking both matches in straight sets. The weekend improved their conference play record to 4–1.

Yale beats Brown in kickoff regatta, gearing up for Head of Charles

CREW

BY AUDREY KIM
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The Yale heavyweight crew team placed boats first and third on Saturday at the Head of the Housatonic, its first regatta of the school year.

The Bulldogs raced four boats. Yale's 1V boat finished with a time of 12:51.299, while Brown's 1V came in second with a time of 12:59.566. The Bulldogs' 2V trailed close behind Brown and finished with a time of 13:04.719 to claim third, trailing the Bears by only five seconds. The 3V and 4V boats also finished eighth and 11th.

"The team is very pleased with the results from the Head of the Housatonic," captain Ulrik Pharo Lohne '27 in an email to the News. "The results are a testament that the work we have been putting in every day is paying off, and that's a great feeling to carry forward."

The team's success at its debut home race shows that the Bulldogs have made good use of their offseason, as Brown outranked Yale in the final ICRA/IRA Men's Varsity 8+ Poll in May 2026.

"I am very pleased with the progress the team has made these first five weeks and the enthusiasm they have brought to each session," head coach Mike Gennaro told Yale Athletics. "The performance of our crews today was great. It is an indication that what we are doing is working, but there is still work to be done and improvements to be made. We are looking forward to the next steps in the process."

This weekend, Yale will travel to Cambridge, for the Head of the Charles, the largest three-day regatta in the world. The event, from Friday to Sunday, will feature a range of competitors, from community organizations to the top Division I programs in the nation.

The strong performance at the Head of the Housatonic has allowed the Elis to start their season with a burst of momentum that they will be looking to carry into next week when they race on the Charles River.

"Looking past the raw times, the crews were very pleased with how they executed their pieces, and we are excited to keep building on this momentum," Pharo Lohne wrote. "Having the lower boats pushing the higher boats is also very valuable, as it keeps the pressure from the bottom and up, so everyone has to bring their absolute best day in, day out. Even tougher competition awaits us at the Charles, so we must keep our heads down and get ready for that."

Both Yale and Brown will compete at the Head of the Charles this weekend.

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COURTESY OF YALE ATHLETICS

The heavyweight crew team outraced Brown on Saturday at the Head of the Housatonic regatta, hosted on the same river that Yale's Gilder Boathouse sits on. The Bulldogs walked away with both the first and third place titles.

Yale falls to Brown despite second-half comeback attempt

WOMEN'S SOCCER

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The Yale women's soccer team (5–7–0, 0–3–0 Ivy) lost 3-2 in dramatic fashion to Brown University (8–2–2, 2–0–1 Ivy) on Saturday in Providence.

Three unexpected screamers for Brown left Yale with their third defeat of conference play ahead of a crucial matchup with rivals Harvard (8–3–1, 2–1–0 Ivy) this weekend. While seniors Alex Chang '27 and Anita Thorvaldsdottir '27 found the back of the net in the second half, the Bears controlled the match intensity despite being a player down.

"Disappointing to not get a result on Saturday against Brown," Head Coach Sarah Martinez wrote in an email to the News. "Having another starter scratched pregame with an injury didn't help our day, but we certainly had plenty of opportunities to earn a result."

Yale has been forced to rotate their lineup significantly in recent weeks. Sophomores Tana Sands '29, JoJo DeNegri '29 and Avery Johnson '29, who all contributed significant minutes in the opening matches of the season, have been out with injury. Defender Alicia So '28, who returned from injury earlier this season, was the most recent addition to the Bulldogs' injury list.

Still, it was the Bears who faced the biggest on-field setback at the start of the match. Only two minutes into the match, Brown attacker Corine Gregory was sent off for an elbow to the face of Yale's Andie Miller '27.

That did not stop the Bears from breaking the deadlock in the 30th minute. Brown's Jael-Marie Guy scored straight off of a corner kick with a rare variety of goal called an olimpico.

Remarkably, the Bulldogs rallied to respond with an olimpico goal of their own in the 53rd minute, courtesy of set-piece specialist and defensive stalwart Chang.

In yet another unexpected turn of events, the goal was soon followed up by a second olympico for Brown's Jael-Marie Guy, who received Ivy League Offensive Player of the Week honors for her two-goal contribution. It was a wake-up call for the Bulldogs' typically staunch defense.

"We need to clean up the goals we gave up and find a way to be on the front foot more and playing into our advantages," Martinez wrote.

Brown found a third goal in the 75th minute from forward Joy Okonye. However, Yale responded only two minutes later when star attacker Thorvaldsdottir capitalized on a loose ball at the edge of the 18-yard box. With some nifty footwork, she found an opening to shoot the ball into the back of the net.

Unfortunately for the Bulldogs, Brown was able to hold onto their 3-2 lead for their seventh win at home this season. Now first in the conference standings, the Bears remain undefeated at Stevenson-Pincince Field in Providence.

The Bulldogs have dropped to last in the Ivy League standings and will be eager to regain their winning ways as they approach the final stretch of conference play. With four matches left, every result matters if they want to reach an elusive top-four playoff position for the first time since the postseason Ivy League Tournament was reestablished in 2023.

Yale will look to take that crucial first step towards the postseason in their next game, a rivalry match against the Harvard Crimson. Martinez wrote that the Bulldogs "need to stay disciplined defensively and hungry in the attack."

The Bulldogs will face the Crimson this Saturday at 1 p.m. in Cambridge.

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ALYSSA CHANG / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

In a match that saw red cards and goals straight off of corner kicks, the Bulldogs ultimately fell to a Brown University team that is still undefeated at home. Yale will look to learn from defensive errors to challenge for a playoff position.

STAT OF THE DAY

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