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TREVOR MULLIN '27 MEN'S BASKETBALL

Facing Tigers, Team 153's seniors look to win one last game at Yale Bowl

FOOTBALL

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The Yale Bulldogs (4–4, 2–3 Ivy) are set to host the Princeton Tigers (6–2, 4–1 Ivy) on Saturday for the final home game of the 2026 season.

A week after losing to Brown, which effectively ended Team 153's chances of competing for an Ivy League championship and returning to the playoffs, the Bulldogs still have a chance to end the season on a high note with games against their two biggest rivals on the horizon.

"This season obviously hasn't gone exactly as we wanted it to," Joey Fortner '27 said. "But that's not going to stop us from controlling what we can control these final few weeks and leaving everything out on the field."

Not only will Saturday's game feature two of college football's most storied programs, with 33 total championships between the pair, but it will also be a celebration of Yale's 23-member senior class. Team 153 will honor its seniors in a ceremony before the game, closing out their Yale careers marked by two Ivy League championships and the Bulldogs' first-ever FCS Playoff appearance.



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After all but losing their shot to the Ivy League championship in a defeat against Brown last weekend, the Bulldogs will honor their 23-member senior class on Saturday as they host the Tigers for their final home game of the season.

Previewing Princeton

A standout of the Tiger offense is the two-quarterback system. Wyatt Becker and Ty Ciongoli have split reps throughout the season while putting up almost identical statistics. Becker has thrown for 815 yards and five touchdowns, while Ciongoli has thrown for 763 yards and five scores of his own.

Ciongoli has been slightly stronger in terms of completion percentage but has thrown four interceptions to Becker's two. As both quarterbacks have shown a knack for making big plays in crunch time, the Princeton coaching staff has decided to keep both on the playing field instead of limiting themselves with one definite starter.

Beyond the quarterbacks, nobody on the Tiger offense catches the eye on film or posts eye-popping statistics on the stat sheet, but the team's smart, efficient playstyle has proven successful throughout the season and has them squarely in the middle of a conference title race.

Although the Tigers average just over 20 points per game and rank second-to-last in total yardage, they currently have the least penalized offense, have given up the fewest sacks and have the least amount of turnovers in the Ivy League.

Scouting the defense, Princeton has been one of the stronger teams in the conference this year. While they rank right around the league average in sacks, interceptions and forced fumbles, the Tigers have allowed only 15 points per game over eight contests.

Similar to other great defenses in college football this season like Iowa, Georgia and Notre Dame, Princeton ranks inside the 10 in Division I in scoring defense due to their philosophy of "bend, don't break." While they have allowed teams to work downfield at times, the Tigers have been excellent once teams reach the red zone and have made it difficult to put up large sums on their defense.

Ending on a high note

While Yale's chances of winning their second consecutive Ivy League championship have all but fizzled out, Team 153 has every intention of ending the 2026 season on a high note.

The Bulldogs still have a chance to win the HYP championship, the annual informal competition between Harvard, Yale and Princeton.

With Princeton on the schedule this week for the final home game at the Yale Bowl and Harvard a week later at Fenway Park, there is no lack of motivation among the Bulldogs as they look to conquer their rivals.

Among the seniors playing their final home game this Saturday are a handful of Bulldogs that have animated the Yale faithful over the past four years. Defensive backs Abu Kamara '27 and Osize Daniyan '27 have for years terrorized opposing offenses with their physicality and ball-hawk skills. Linebacker Phoenix Grant '27, who has become the anchor of the defense over the past two seasons, will also be celebrating his final home as a Bulldog.

Following the senior day ceremony, the Bulldogs are set to kick off at noon on Saturday. The game will be streamed live on ESPN+.

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Bulldogs look to return to win column facing Northeastern and Emmanuel



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After dropping their second and third games of the season in the past week, the Bulldogs will travel to Boston for a Friday night matchup against the Northeastern Huskies before returning home to host Division III Emmanuel College.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

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The Yale Bulldogs (1–2, 0–0 Ivy) will be back in action this weekend with two games in three days, traveling to Boston on Friday to take on the Northeastern Huskies (1–2, 0–0 CAA) before returning to New Haven to host the Emmanuel Saints (2–0, 0–0 GNAC) on Sunday.

In the past week, Yale dropped their second and third games of the season to the University of Central Florida team, which rallied a second-half comeback, and Baylor, which included former teammate Isaac Celiscar. Now, back in New England, Yale is seeking to return to its winning ways as it takes on the Huskies and Saints.

"The last couple of games have been a challenge for us," captain Trevor Mullin '27 said. "It's been a great learning experience for our team because we have a few guys that are seeing significant playing time for the first time in their Yale career. Come March, I think we're going to look back and be glad that we faced the challenge head-on and grew from it."

Previewing Northeastern

The Huskies' lone win of the year came against their local Ivy League school, as they beat the Crimson 74-70 in overtime. Prior to that, they had been winless, losing to both Boston University and No. 6 Virginia.

Looking at the Northeastern roster, the Huskies have four guards that play the majority of the minutes, with all of them averaging over 35 minutes per game. Beyond that, another guard and two bigs split the rest of the minutes, though none of them average more than 20 MPG, as head coach Bill Coen has preferred to primarily use a small-ball lineup through their first three games.

Leading the way, Rashad King has averaged 20 points per contest along with six rebounds. Louis Bond has been a nice complementary piece, averaging 17 points per game with over four boards, and Mike Loughnane and Dorian Grosber have put up 13 and 11 points per game, respectively.

As a team, the Huskies have struggled both with ball security and shooting. Thus far, they have had a negative assist-to-turnover ratio while shooting less than 30 percent from downtown.

The Bulldogs will seek to turn up the heat defensively and keep forcing Northeastern to make mistakes.

Previewing Emmanuel

Emmanuel has been victorious in its first two games, beating fellow Division III schools Clarkson and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Two solid scorers, Noah Beaudet and Mahari Guerrier, guards who both hail from Massachusetts, have led the way.

Beaudet has been very efficient in two games, averaging over 23 points per game while shooting 55 percent from deep, and picking up a pair of steals in each contest.

Guerrier, a 6'4 guard, has also been excellent offensively. He has shot over 50 percent from the field while making over 40 percent of his three-point attempts.

Overall, the Saints have been great at shooting the ball this season, but their lack of size could prove to be too big a disadvantage against the Bulldogs, as the tallest guy in the Emmanuel rotation tops out at 6'5, compared to Yale's 6'11 Jack Sullivan '29.

A fresh start for Yale

Following two difficult power-conference road games, the Bulldogs' schedule will become significantly less challenging for the remainder of the non-conference slate. After this weekend's games, Yale will face a handful of solid mid-major squads, hosting Vermont next week before heading back down to Florida for the ESPN Events Invitational.

As expected, Yale's guard play, no matter the opponent, has been stellar through three games and has given Bulldog fans a reason to be excited about their odds of a deep March run.

Riley Fox '28, who was recently named the Ivy League Player of the Week after his 19-point performance against Howard, has averaged nearly 19 points per game while shooting 45 percent from three. He has shown an ability to catch and shoot as well as create his own shot in traffic when needed.

Guards Mullin and Jordan Brathwaite '28 have also been impressive, both averaging around 13 points per contest while serving as the primary ball-handlers. Even against a suffocating Baylor press, both guards managed to score effectively, and their play should only improve as they move into the heart of non-conference play.

Courtney Wallace '29 and Daniel Ogunyemi '29 have received tangible playing time despite this year being their first on the team. Wallace, who averaged 13.5 points against the two Big XII opponents, has demonstrated an ability to use his freakish athleticism to get downhill and create good looks for himself.

On the other hand, Ogunyemi has shown flashes similar to what Bulldog legend Nick Townsend '26 showed early in his career. Using his strong frame, Ogunyemi has been a force to be reckoned with on the boards, averaging almost nine per game. Working with center Sullivan, the duo's consistency while rebounding the ball continues to create second- and third-chance looks for the Bulldogs offense.

Yale will tip off at Northeastern at 7 p.m. on Friday before returning home for a 2 p.m. tip with Emmanuel on Sunday.

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STAT OF THE DAY

RILEY FOX '28 HAS AVERAGED NEARLY 19 POINTS PER GAME WHILE SHOOTING 45 PERCENT FROM THREE.