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ISAAC CELISCAR '28 BASKETBALL

Bulldogs to face Clarkson and St. Lawrence in New York

MEN'S HOCKEY

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The Yale men's hockey team (8-17-1, 7-10-1 ECAC) will travel to upstate New York to play Clarkson (12-15-3, 6-9-3 ECAC) and St. Lawrence (5-22-3, 4-13-1 ECAC) in their penultimate weekend slate of the regular season.

The Bulldogs will take a 6-hour drive to Potsdam, New York, to face the Golden Knights on Friday night, before making the quick 20-minute trip to Canton for their matchup with the Saints on Saturday night.

Following last weekend's success, when the Bulldogs took the then No. 12 Dartmouth Big Green (17-7-2, 11-5-2 ECAC) into an overtime shootout and nosed out the Harvard Crimson (13-11-2, 10-7-1 ECAC) 3-2 in overtime, the Elis will look to ride the momentum into their final road trip of the regular season.

Rhys Bentham's '27 strong two-way performance last weekend earned him recognition as ECAC Defender of the Week. On offense, Bentham netted the game-tying goal both nights to send the contests into overtime. He was equally impactful in the defensive zone, finishing with a +4.

When the Elis hosted the Saints and Golden Knights at Ingalls Rink in early January for their first homestand of 2026, Yale steamrolled St. Lawrence 8-1 and narrowly fell 2-3 to the Golden Knights.

After a scoreless first period against the Saints, the Bulldogs set the tone in the second frame with a four-goal offensive surge. Hudson Miller '29 got Yale on the board at 3:45, but less than 30 seconds later, the Saints equalized the score. Midway through the period, Micah

Berger '28 and Will Richter '27 tallied goals to give Yale a two-goal lead. Bentham's goal at the end of the period put the game out of reach for the bottom team in the ECAC.

In the final frame, Tom Molson '29 and Ronan O'Donnell '28 each netted two goals, and the Saints lost any lingering hope of making a comeback. Molson opened and closed the period, while O'Donnell notched two back-to-back. The impressive eight-goal performance marked Yale's first since 2012.

The following night, the Bulldogs sought to complete the weekend sweep but came up short in a heartbreaker in the final minutes.

After the Golden Knights took the lead late in the first frame, Iisai Pesonen '27 equalized the score. A David Andreychuk '27 one-timer gave Yale the lead in the second frame. Neither team was able to find the back of the net for the majority of the final frame, and it looked like the Bulldogs were going to get their first 2026 weekend sweep at home. However, Clarkson capitalized on a power play to equalize the score with three minutes remaining and then netted the game-winning goal at the 19 second mark.

With both teams tied at 21 points in the ECAC standings, Yale will look to defeat Clarkson in the rematch at Cheel Arena.

Clarkson will enter Friday's game after a split weekend at home. The Golden Knights fell 3-4 to the lower-ranked Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Engineers (8-21-1, 5-12-1 ECAC) before mounting an 8-7 overtime comeback the following night against the Union Garnet Chargers (18-10-2, 8-9-1 ECAC). Despite edging the Garnet Chargers in overtime, the Golden Knights have had mixed success on home ice



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In their final road trip of the regular season, the Elis will seek to build on last weekend's success.

this season, with a 6-6-2 record, which the Bulldogs will look to exploit this weekend.

When the Elis arrive at Appleton Arena on Saturday night to face the Saints, a team that had a 10-game losing streak from November to January and has consistently sat at the bottom of the ECAC, Yale will seek to replicate its earlier eight-goal per-

formance. St. Lawrence secured its fifth victory of the entire season last weekend against RPI after falling to Union the night before. Although the Saints have shown signs of improvement, picking up one win in each of the last three weekends, Yale will look to replicate its earlier success on St. Lawrence's home ice.

With only two weeks to go in the regular season, victories this weekend will be even more crucial for post-season standings.

Puck drop is slated for 7 p.m. both nights, and the games can be streamed on ESPN+.

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Against Penn this weekend, Bulldogs could secure Ivy tournament bid

MEN'S BASKETBALL

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The Yale men's basketball team (20-4, 8-2 Ivy) is set to host Penn (13-10, 6-4 Ivy) on Saturday in a

battle between the Ivy League's first- and third-place teams.

A week removed from toppling the Harvard Crimson in overtime, the Bulldogs could punch their ticket to Ivy Madness with a win over the Quakers this weekend.

This is the second meeting between the two schools, with the

last contest resulting in a 77-60 victory for the Bulldogs at The Palestra, commonly referred to as the Cathedral of College Basketball.

In that game, Nick Townsend '26 and Trevor Mullin '27 led the way for Yale, each putting up 17 points. However, the Bulldogs will be without Townsend this time around after he suffered a concussion on a blow to

the face in last weekend's game, per the ESPNU broadcasting crew.

To overcome the Quakers, the Bulldogs will need their bench to step up and fill the hole left behind by their captain. Townsend, who is seventh in the league in scoring and second in both rebounding and assists, has been impressive this season in his ability to domi-

nate down low while also being one of the highest-percentage shooters from beyond the arc.

Mullin has been red-hot shooting the ball as of late, having shot 57.1 percent from three in his last six games. Casey Simmons '26 and Jordan Brathwaite '28 have shown signs of hitting their stride as of late, with both of them coming off their best games of the season, where they scored 16 and 17, respectively.

That being said, the X factor in this matchup looks to be Isaac Celiscar '28, who put the team on his back last weekend to pull out the overtime win. After a Braithwaite missed three, Celiscar secured the rebound amid a herd of Crimson defenders and was sent to the line after being fouled. Although it looked as if he had injured his hand during the previous play, Celiscar calmly nailed the pair of free throws to secure the victory.

Celiscar has regularly stepped up where the team has needed him, whether that be for scoring, lockdown defense or crwashing the boards. This weekend, Celiscar may be called upon once more as the Bulldogs look to replace the efforts of their leading scorer.

“It's always next man up,” Celiscar said. “We all believe in each other to go out there and get it done, and that mentality is clear to see on the court every week.”

Yale tips off against Penn at 2 p.m. on Saturday at John J. Lee Amphitheater.

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Yale will host Penn on Saturday and could be the first team to clinch a spot in the Ivy League tournament.

STAT OF THE DAY

THE MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM'S EIGHT-GOAL PERFORMANCE IN THEIR WIN AGAINST ST. LAWRENCE MARKED THE MOST BY THE TEAM SINCE 2012.