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ROBERT BROWNING

Bulldogs look to steady the ship in upcoming series against Princeton

BASEBALL

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The Yale Bulldogs (13–9, 4–2 Ivy) have been on a rollercoaster through their first month of Ivy League play.

Last weekend, the Bulldogs bounced back after a tough series against Brown (11–11, 5–1 Ivy) with a sweep against Penn (8–14, 3–3 Ivy), but just two days later, Yale fell to Fairfield (12–11, 7–2 MAAC) 9-6 midweek.

The Bulldogs will next take on Princeton (7–16, 2–4 Ivy) this weekend in a road series.

Against Fairfield, Yale led 6-5 through seven innings, but the Stags tallied a three-run home run to take the game away and break Yale's four-game win streak. Bright spots for the Elis included Garrett Larsen '27 and his three hits, as well as the first homer for rookie Bryce Miller '29. Additionally, Kaiden Dossa '27 hit a double to stretch his on-base streak to 15 games. The trio of Miller, Dossa and Larsen has shown consistent offensive prowess through the first month of Yale's season.

While the Fairfield loss diminished a bit of momentum that came after the sweep over Penn, the mood heading into the Princeton series is still positive, according to Dossa.

"After this weekend I think that we have really found our identity as a team on both sides of the ball and seeing what we do best," Dossa wrote to the News. "We are all feeling confident and excited to take what we have learned from this past weekend into this coming Princeton series."

The team's deep, aggressive lineup has reached double-digit run totals more than five times this year. Jack Dauer '28 leads the team with 24 RBIs, and Yale has seven players with more than 10 RBIs.

"With our deep lineup, I like to focus on doing everything I can to find a way to get on base and then let our offense do what we do best," he wrote. "It's all about passing the baton, doing your job, and then staying on the attack."

Heading into the Princeton series, the big question is the rotation. Jack Ohman '28, Yale's ace and the reigning Ivy League Pitcher of the Year, has struggled in back-to-back starts, allowing 14 runs in his past two outings against Brown and Penn.

"Everyone on the team knows that Ohman will bounce back and we are going to do everything we can to have his back," Dossa wrote to the News. "It was really cool to have two of our seniors, Dan Cohen and Tate Evans, step up with two amazing starts putting us in a spot to win those games even when Jack didn't have his best stuff the day before."


LIZA KAUFMAN / PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
After a series of ups and downs, the Yale baseball team hopes to take down in-conference rival Princeton this weekend to secure its position as a contender for the Ivy League title.

Daniel Cohen '26 earned the honor of Ivy League Pitcher of the Week after a complete-game shutout against Penn. Tate Evans '26 struck out nine in his first collegiate start and gave Yale some needed rotation depth in a weekend when Ohman got pulled from the mound in the third inning of his start. Also, Teo Spadaccini '27 provided a solid relief appearance in the doubleheader against Penn, and has posted a 1.76 ERA through the first month of the season.

This Yale team, which was originally picked to place second in the Ivy League preseason poll, still has a lot to prove. A series win against Princeton this weekend would help reinforce the Bulldogs as an Ivy title contender.

So far in Ivy play, the Tigers have beaten Cornell (4–16, 2–4 Ivy) in a series and lost to Brown, like Yale did.

Yale and Princeton will play a doubleheader on Saturday, and the final game of the series is set for Sunday.

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Bulldogs fall short against Army for second loss of the season

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

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Despite outscoring Army (9–2, 4–0 Patriot) in the second half, the Yale Bulldogs (9–2, 3–0 Ivy) could not overcome an early deficit, falling 12-8 to the Black Knights after Army opened the game with a decisive 5-0 run.

The Bulldogs entered the matchup ranked No. 5 in the nation. After the loss to Army West Point on Tuesday at Reese Stadium, however, Yale dropped to No. 19.


YALE ATHLETICS
The Yale women's lacrosse team suffered a rare loss on Tuesday, falling 12-8 against Army West Point.

With under two minutes to go in the opening quarter, the Bulldogs finally broke through. Finding her way to the eight-meter mark, attacker Lily Spinner '27 scored to put Yale on the board and cut the deficit to 5-1. Shortly after, attacker Kelly Holmes '28 converted on another free-position opportunity, narrowing the gap to 5-2 heading into the second quarter.

Back-to-back goals from attacker Ashley Newman '26 then brought Yale within one at 5-4.

However, Army responded with a 4-0 run to close out the half and extend its lead to 9-4.

Back-to-back goals from the Black Knights to open up the second half put Yale in its biggest deficit of the game, down 11-4. Two goals from Holmes and Ashley Kiernan '27 cut the Army lead to five to close out the third quarter 11-6.

Two-time Ivy Offensive Player of the Week Kate Gould '29 had her first and only goal of the game less than six minutes into the fourth quarter. At that point, the Bulldogs were only down four with nine minutes left on the clock, so they were still within striking distance.

With a little over four minutes to go in the game, Newman potted her third goal of the game to bring the Bulldogs within three. Newman's hat trick of goals was the most of any Bulldog player on Tuesday afternoon.

Despite the push in the second half, the Bulldogs ran out of time and fell to the Black Knights 12-8.

Head coach Erica Bamford credited Army's performance while expressing confidence in her team's ability to respond.

"First, credit to Army for coming out and playing an exceptional game today," Bamford wrote in a text message to the News. "While our performance and the outcome weren't what we wanted today, I am confident we have a great team who will be ready for Saturday."

The Bulldogs remain undefeated in Ivy League play and will look to bounce back this weekend.

They will travel to Hanover to face Dartmouth on Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

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Yale splits doubleheader, looks ahead to road series against Penn

SOFTBALL

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The Yale softball team (10–20, 3–6 Ivy) split a doubleheader against Rhode Island (8–15) on Tuesday, battling through extra innings in a 2-4 loss before earning the victory in a 9-6 win at the DeWitt Family Stadium.

To open Tuesday's action, Yale struck first with Grace Westmoreland '28 delivering a two-run single to give the Bulldogs an early 2-0 advantage. But Rhode Island fought back to tie the game 2-2, eventually sending the game into extra innings.

In the eighth, the Rams capitalized on small ball, using a sacrifice fly to take the lead before adding another run on a single to left. Rhode Island held Yale scoreless in the bottom half, and the game ended in a 2-4 loss for the Bulldogs.

Yale showed resilience and turned the page in the second game. After falling behind 2-5 in the top of the third inning, the Bulldogs responded immediately. Elena Ohe '27 and Jane Littleton '29 each reached base to start the bottom of the third and then Isabella Fortini '27 brought home two runs. The Bulldogs kept the pressure on to retake a 6-5 lead.

Rhode Island briefly tied the game in the fourth inning, but Yale delivered the decisive blow in the fifth. Ella Cross '28 drove in a single, and the Bulldogs tacked on two more runs to close out a 9-6 win.

In the circle, Meredith Henderson '27 earned her first win of the season with four innings of pitching.

The split provides some momentum as Yale heads into its first Ivy League series on the road — but the challenge ahead looks to be steeper than last season's matchup.

In the 2025 season, Yale won all three of their games against Penn, but last year's Quakers squad also limped to a measly 1–20 Ivy record. This spring, however, Penn (12–15, 3–3 Ivy) looks much improved, and is currently tied for second place in conference standings alongside Harvard (11–14–1, 3–3 Ivy), Brown (10–14, 3–3 Ivy) and Dartmouth (5–13, 3–3 Ivy).


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The softball team will face off against the University of Pennsylvania this weekend after splitting a doubleheader against Rhode Island on Tuesday.

The Bulldogs enter the weekend at the bottom of the Ivy table but hope to continue Tuesday's offensive surge against conference pitching. With multiple teams clustered near the top, the series presents a midseason opportunity for Yale to climb the Ivy standings.

In Philadelphia, first pitches are slated for 12:30 p.m. on Saturday and 12:30 p.m. on Sunday.

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