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No. 18 Bulldogs to face Big Green

MEN'S LACROSSE

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The Yale men's lacrosse team (4–4, 1–2 Ivy) will travel to Hanover to face off against the Dartmouth Big Green (4–5, 0–2 Ivy) on Saturday afternoon.

After upsetting defending national champion Cornell (5–3, 2–1 Ivy) 13-12 last weekend in Ithaca to clinch the squad's first conference win of the season, Yale climbed to No. 18 in the national rankings.

"It was definitely good to get a top 10 win under our belts, but I think our confidence in our ability has remained unshaken," first-year long stick midfielder Gaetano Cicotello '29 wrote in a text message to the News. "We always have known what we are capable of, Saturday's game was just everyone else getting to see it."

A four-goal performance from attackman Peter Moynihan '27, including the game-tying and game-winning goals, and 20 saves in net from Ben Friedman '28, notably a save on Cornell's attempt at a game-tying goal at the five-second mark, earned the two Bulldogs Ivy accolades. Moynihan was named Ivy League Offensive Player of the Week, and Friedman claimed Ivy League Defensive Player of the Week. Following last weekend's performance, Friedman is now second in the conference and sixth nationally in saves per game.

The Bulldogs will now look to ride that momentum as they travel to Hanover to face the Big Green, the bottom-ranked team in the Ivy League.

Dartmouth has struggled to find consistency in both non-conference and Ivy League play this season. In their season opener, the Big Green suffered a devastating 5-13 loss to Boston University (5–4, 3–1 Patriot) but then bounced back in New Hampshire with three consecutive wins over Vermont (4–4, 2–1 AEC), Merrimack (3–8, 2–3 MAAC) and Siena (8–2, 4–0 MAAC). However, a trip out west to Salt Lake City resulted in a 10-17 loss to Utah (6–3, 1–0 ASUN). Back on the East Coast, Dartmouth defeated Fairfield (4–6, 1–2 CAA) 16-10 before its Ivy opener.

In their first in-conference matchup at Harvard (8–1, 2–0 Ivy), the Big Green led the then-undefeated Crimson by one at the half, but a Harvard 10-goal second half sealed the victory for the Crimson. The team suffered another loss in a quick trip down to Charlottesville, Virginia, where it fell 7-18 to UVA (6–4, 1–0 ACC).

Last weekend, in its Ivy home opener, Dartmouth came out hot, jumping out to an early 4-0 lead over Penn (5–4, 2–1 Ivy). However, the Quakers responded with four of their own to level the score. In the second quarter, the Big Green found the back of the net four more times, while holding the Quakers scoreless. Dartmouth led 14-9 at the close of the third, but a Penn seven-goal fourth-quarter run powered the Quakers to a 16-14 victory.

With the loss last weekend, Dartmouth will enter Saturday's matchup on a three-game losing streak. On the other sideline, Yale will come in with some momentum, having defeated the defending NCAA champions, Cornell, last weekend in Ithaca.

The Bulldogs also have history on their side. Yale has won 14 of the two squads' last 15 meetings since 2009, going a perfect 7-0 on the road in Hanover. In 2022, Yale won by its largest margin, 23-6.

Last year, when the Elis hosted the Big Green at Reese Stadium on Yale's senior day, the seniors helped extend the win streak to 14 with a 21-12 victory. The Bulldogs jumped to an early 4-0 lead and never looked back. Chris Lyons '25 scored a game-high six goals, while Leo Johnson '25 recorded four goals and four assists and Johnny Keib '25 notched a hat trick. After steamrolling Dartmouth, Yale punched its ticket to the 2025 Ivy League tournament.

Now, the Bulldogs will look to keep up the streak and secure their second conference victory, but that will not be an easy task. Although the Big Green are 0-2 in the Ivy League, they nearly upset the Quakers last weekend, to whom the Bulldogs fell two weeks ago.

Yale can be certain that Dartmouth is hungry for its first Ivy win of the year.

"Going into Dartmouth, our coaches have made sure to let us know how much of a battle we are in for on Saturday," Cicotello wrote. "Dartmouth was up big on Penn, a team that we lost to, so no one is taking this game lightly at all, we are all well aware of the implications this game has on postseason play."

Faceoff is slated for 12 p.m. at Scully-Fahey Field, and the game will be streamed on ESPN+.

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The men's lacrosse team moved up to No. 18 in the national rankings after beating Cornell, the defending national champions. The Elis hope to build on last weekend's success with another road conference win

Bulldogs to take on Northeastern teams at UConn meet

TRACK AND FIELD

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The Yale track and field team will head to the George J. Sherman Family Sports Complex in Storrs, Connecticut, this weekend for the annual UConn Dog Fight Invite.

This meet, which marks the third weekend of outdoor competition this spring, comes at a key point in the season for the team, with the Bulldogs looking to build momentum as they enter into a busy month of April. So far this spring, Yale has already racked up multiple podium finishes, including a school record, in opening season meets.

"The start of outdoor season has been solid for us," women's captain Makayla White '26 wrote to the News. "There's been a lot of focus on getting quality reps in, especially coming off indoor."

As winter fades and temperatures rise, the transition to outdoor racing hasn't been without its challenges. Athletes must adjust not only to new events but also to the unpredictability of the elements.

"We've had to deal with some tough conditions," White added. "But the mindset has stayed consistent: take advantage of every opportunity to compete and keep building."

The outdoor season also expands opportunities across the roster. With events like the 10,000-meter, 1,500-meter, 100-meter, 3,000-meter steeplechase, 110-meter hurdles, 400-meter hurdles, hammer throw, javelin, discus and heptathlon, which are exclusive to outdoor competition, more Bulldogs are getting chances to compete.

The wider range of events has already led to further success for the Bulldogs, especially in the throws. At last weekend's UMass Flagship First meet, four of Yale's 12 podium finishes came in throwing events.

"I'm feeling really excited and energized about how the team has performed so far," junior Chu Anueyiagu '27 wrote to the News.

Anueyiagu won the hammer throw for Yale last Saturday and is looking forward to what's in store for the coming weeks, he said.

"As for the rest of the outdoor season, I think you should expect to see some more big throws coming soon," he said.

Last year's Dog Fight Invite featured several programs including Northeastern, Dartmouth and Boston College. Out of the seven competing programs, the Bulldogs finished third on the women's side and sixth on the men's.

This weekend, Yale will look to keep their positive spring trajectory going and improve on last year's results.

The UConn Dog Fight Invite is a one-day meet, with events beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

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On Saturday, the Bulldogs will match up against the University of Connecticut Huskies and other teams from around the Northeast.

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