

# Men's Hockey Splits Road Weekend vs. Yale, Brown

## Red slips into ECAC playoffs with No. 2 seed

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On Friday night, Yale demonstrated why it is the top team in the ECAC, repelling Cornell's spirited comeback bid with a 4-2 victory. On Saturday evening, Brown illustrated why it is the weakest team in the ECAC, in leaving the door open for Cornell to stage an impressive come-from-behind 3-2 overtime victory. Cornell's win, coupled with a pair of Princeton losses this weekend, enable the Red to leapfrog the Tigers in the final conference standings, garnering the No. 2 seed for the postseason.

After failing to score in the first two periods, Cornell (18-7-4, 13-6-3 ECAC Hockey) sliced Yale's lead to 3-2 with two power play goals in the third period. However, the comeback was short-circuited as freshman forward Brian O'Neil netted his second goal of the evening with 45 seconds remaining in regulation to stake the Bulldogs to a 4-2 victory.

"We made some mistakes early on," said head coach Mike Schafer '86. "Give [Yale] credit. They came out with a lot of intensity. We didn't come out with desperation right off the bat. I am happy our guys didn't quit [when it was 3-0], kept pushing for it and tried to get the tying goal. But, I'm also disappointed because we can't give up the goal that we gave up in the beginning of the game."

No. 12 Yale broke the scoreless tie midway through the first period as junior forward Sean Backman registered his 15th goal of the season. Junior goaltender Ben Scrivens streaked from his crease to play the puck on his blue line. Scrivens speed did not let him down as he was first to reach

the puck. However, an unfortunate bounce on his clearing attempt proved costly.

Scrivens' puck handling mishap resulted in the puck ricocheting off of Backman's leg and heading toward the vacated Cornell goal. As the puck bounced back towards the Cornell net, Backman recovered in time to score the Bulldogs seventh short-handed goal of the season before Scrivens could scamper back to his crease.

"Against good teams on the road, you can't give up that kind of goal and win the game, but give Ben [Scrivens] credit," Schafer said. "He made a couple of big saves on breakaways, but we didn't execute our game plan in the first 10-15 minutes. We gave up two great plays to stay above those guys, but that short-handed goal was hard to take."

"We had a lot of pressure on ourselves because of how big a game it was," said junior defenseman Brandon Nash. "We had to come prepared to play in a big game. [Scrivens] hit one of the two guys there with the puck and it kind of went right to [Yale]."

The 11th ranked Red seemed to settle down as

 CORNELL	3
 BROWN	2

<b>Game:</b>	<b>1ST</b>	<b>2ND</b>	<b>3RD</b>	<b>OT</b>	<b>Tot</b>
Cornell	0	0	1	1	3
Brown	0	1	1	0	2

 CORNELL	2
 YALE	4

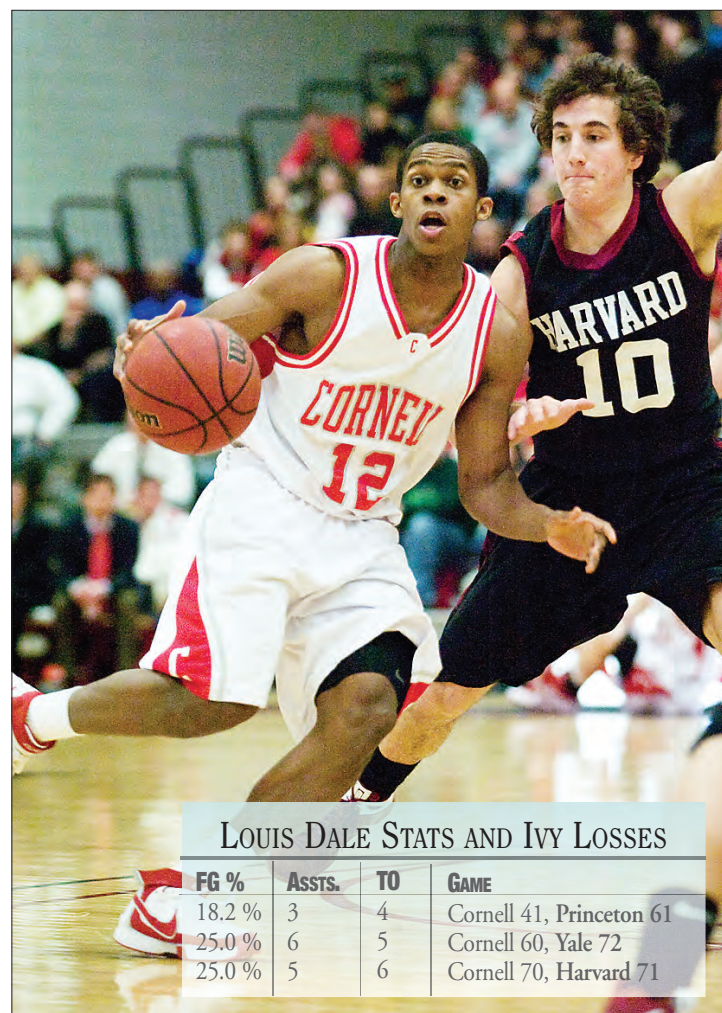
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Cornell	0	0	2	2
Yale	1	2	1	4

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**At the ready** | Junior forward Colin Greening awaits the puck during the Red's 4-2 loss to Harvard on Feb. 14. Greening scored his 14th goal of the season against Brown on Saturday.



LOUIS DALE STATS AND IVY LOSSES

FG %	ASSTS.	TO	GAME
18.2 %	3	4	Cornell 41, Princeton 61
25.0 %	6	5	Cornell 60, Yale 72
25.0 %	5	6	Cornell 70, Harvard 71

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**Losing with Louis** | Junior guard Louis Dale (12) dribbles towards a Harvard defender during the Red's 71-70 loss Saturday.

# M. Basketball Loses Harvard Heartbreaker

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The men's basketball team missed its chance to clinch at least a share of the Ivy League title Saturday night, falling 71-70 to Harvard. For the third straight year, the Red's trip to Lavietes Pavilion came down to the last minute and unlike last year, Harvard came out on top. Junior Ryan Wittman lead all scorers with 24. The Crimson's Jeremy Lin and Drew Housman both scored 20 points and helped the winning squad to shooting 52 percent from the field.

In last year's dramatic game, junior Alex Tyler scored a layup to give the team a comeback win after being down by 5 with 30 seconds on the clock. This year with the game on the line, junior Louis Dale penetrated to the lane but wasn't able to connect. "I came off a double screen," Wittman said. "After that, Louis was the second option. He got the ball and made a play. And it didn't go our way."

With a win, the Red could have clinched at least a share of the Ivy League title. In a good twist, the loss sets up an exciting weekend for Newman Nation. The Red can win the league title outright next weekend with a win over Penn and a Princeton loss, or two wins.

"We just got to work hard this last week in practice," Dale said. "Make sure we win these last two games coming up and win the Ivy League championship."

The game was different from the first affair between the two squads at Newman Arena weeks earlier.

Harvard standout Jeremy Lin redeemed himself from his eight-turnover performance by scoring 20 points and helping to shut down Wittman after he went on a scoring spree in the second half.

"He played well tonight," Wittman said. "You don't expect him to have eight turnovers like he did the last game. We knew he was going to come out and be ready to play."

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 HARVARD	71

<b>Game:</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Tot</b>
Cornell	33	37	70
Harvard	30	41	71

### CORNELL-HARVARD STATS

	CORNELL	HARVARD
Rebounds	29	25
Assists	17	12
Turnovers	13	11
FG %	47.4	52.3
3-point %	46.7	33.3

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The men's lacrosse team pulled out a 9-8 victory on Saturday after a last-minute goal from Max Seibald.

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