

Football to Take On Colgate's Running Raiders

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The last time the football team took on Colgate, it marked the official beginning of the post-honeymoon portion of 2008. With

Cornell coming off a loss to Harvard, its first of the season, the Raiders treated Schoellkopf Field like their personal treadmill, logging 345 rushing yards despite losing their top running back in the second quarter. Colgate's dominance on the ground opened up the passing lanes for quarterback Greg Sullivan, who totaled 255 passing yards and a touchdown despite completing just 8-of-17 attempts. Sullivan, now

averaging 161 yards per game as a junior, also scrambled for a touchdown, but the real hero of the rushing game was Nate Eachus. Eachus was a freshman linebacker who had an impressive first quarter on the defensive side of the ball, with three tackles and a sack.

What he did on offense was even better. Eachus came in for Jordan Scott, then the leading rusher in the Football Championship Subdivision, and carried the ball 37 times for 241 yards and three touchdowns. Colgate won, 38-22, but it wasn't



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Big stop | Cornell's defense will have a tough task in stopping Colgate, which averages 421 yards per game.

nearly as close as the score made it seem. After the game, head coach Jim Knowles '87 called the effort "embarrassing."

But despite what transpired last year, defensive coordinator Clayton Carlin insisted that tomorrow's 1 p.m. kickoff in Hamilton, N.Y., carries no special significance for the Red, no circled date on a cal-

endar.

"We're so much different this year than last year in every way, shape and form," he said. "We don't circle any game. ... The focus is on us and how we can get better."

Cornell's (2-0, 1-0 Ivy) defense held Yale to 296 offensive yards this week, but Colgate is different from the Bulldogs in every way,

shape and form. The Raiders are 4-0, average 421 yards per game and score almost twice as much as their opponents (112-63). And if the Red defense thought it had caught a lucky break when Eachus went down with an injury on Sept. 5 in Colgate's season opener, it thought wrong. Sophomore tailback Jordan McCord has been a capable fill-in, to say the least. McCord has rushed for 444 yards, averaging 4.9 per carry, in his three games as the full-time starter. Sullivan is always a threat with the quarterback keeper, and Eachus may make his return this week.

"They're an excellent team," Knowles said in a teleconference. "They're strong and physical up front on both sides of the ball. It seems like it doesn't matter who they put in at running back, he gets over 200 yards."

Raider senior safety Frank Morand, one of the team's top run-stoppers, will miss his second game with a knee injury. Junior Anthony Ambrosi starred in his place last week, netting an interception that he ran back for the winning touchdown.

Cornell's own running backs will be hoping to stretch their legs out against Colgate after the Bulldogs held them to 46 yards last week. The Raiders have allowed just under 100 rushing yards per game this season. Senior Stephen Liuzza is the Red's

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Field Hockey Hoping for Crazy Eight

At 7-0, Red looks to keep on rolling

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The undefeated Red (7-0, 2-0 Ivy) will hope to extend its historic opening of the season against its third Ivy League opponent, Yale (5-3, 1-1 Ivy) during the Bulldogs' "Team Up to Fight Cancer" weekend. The team will be riding into New Haven on a wave of adrenaline tomorrow after a thrilling 2-1 double overtime win against Columbia last weekend.

Yale is also coming off a 2-1 victory, holding off a surging Hofstra team. The Bulldogs have been hot lately, winning four of their last five games. Senior forward Ashley McCauley has an impressive eight goals on the season in eight games. Teammate senior midfielder Katie Cantore has 10 assists on the season, four short of the single-season record and has the fourth-most assists per game in the country. Goalkeepers junior Katie Bolling and senior Charlotte Goins have been sharing the net with similar save percentage, 61.5 percent and 66.7 percent, respectively. Bolling has



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Fancy stickwork | Senior Kelley Kantarian duels with a Columbia Lion in the Red's 2-1 win last Saturday.

taken over the net solo in the last two games. The Bulldogs lead the country in penalty corners per game (1.75). Yale's backfield is also fearsome, featuring three of the team's top point-holders.

The Red has won 14 of its last 15 games, the first of the 14 trailing back to a 2-1 win at home against the Bulldogs. Top attacker senior Catie De Stio has an equal goal-to-game ratio as McCauley, scoring seven in seven; however, De Stio also has been exceptional at dishing off this season, increasing her point total to 18. Although Yale features two talented goalkeepers, the Red's senior goalkeeper Mel

Jue has an extraordinary .880 save percentage and a .71 GAA on the season.

The Red has been cutting it close recently, with each of its last four wins being by a single goal. The team has been working hard to preserve its stellar record.

Said senior co-captain Natalie Appleton, "We have been really focusing on little details like hitting and receiving and moving the ball well and hopefully by working on the basics we'll be able to put it all together for the game on Saturday."

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Fending Off ESPNthaca

In the food web of sports media, ESPN is something like a giant squid. There are networks that compete with The Worldwide Leader in Sports for big events, like the World Series and Super Bowl on Fox and the Master's golf tournament on CBS. Those

ering the more mundane, day-to-day sports happenings. Baseball pennant chases, athletes marrying Kardashians, T.O.'s weekly shenanigans — ESPN thrives by dramatizing and adding value to these various goings-on. Problem is, these smaller events used to be



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Effectively Wild

are like whale sharks to ESPN — way too big to engulf, but not really a threat. After all, ESPN provides hours of "secondhand coverage" of the Super Bowl — analysis, highlights and commentary — before and after the big game. Rather than struggling to digest these big-ticket events, ESPN nourishes itself by cov-

the dish of choice for the sperm whales in this marine analogy: the newspapers.

In April, when ESPN launched its Chicago-oriented website, ESPNChicago.com, it was a warning shot across the bow of sports sections of local newspapers. On Sept. 14,

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INSIDE SPORTS

V-Ball Ready for Rematch

The volleyball team will take on Columbia on its own turf, welcoming the Lions to Newman Arena.

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M. Soccer Opens Ivy Play

The men's soccer team will take on Penn in Philadelphia tomorrow, hoping for its first win over the Quakers since 2005.

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