

Cantabs Down Cagers, 81-59, In Ivy Opener

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Fifteen years of Cornell basketball invincibility over Harvard came to an abrupt end at Barton Hall Saturday night, as the Cantabs rolled to an overwhelming 81-59 win. Back-courtman Bob Hastings, an unheralded playmaker on the Harvard roster, scored 28 points while directing the visiting offense to the most one-sided triumph ever recorded by the Crimson over a Cornell cage team.

Cornell never threatened after the first 17 minutes. With the locals trailing by one point, 25-26, Hastings stole the ball twice to set up two baskets, boosting the Harvard margin to five points.

The first half was one of the worst exhibitions of basketball displayed by a Big Red team in recent seasons. The ball-handling was sloppy, the home team rebounders were continually outfought underneath both boards, and the offense was only able to score nine field goals.

Dick Canty, Phil Haughey, and Hastings were instrumental in exploiting the Cornell rebounding weakness. Hastings, a 6-1 junior from Austin, Minn., proved that playmaking and scoring were not his only specialties as he pulled down six rebounds during the initial stanza.

For that matter, however, the Big Red looked little better in the last eight minutes of the contest, as they were again outscored 23-8. Trailing by only seven points at this juncture, Cornell saw Hastings turn what might have been a close game into a rout.

Driving by the entire Cornell team, Hastings bucketed two lay-ups. When the Cornell defense started to press, the Cantab back-courtman calmly waited for an opening and passed underneath to reserve Lew Lowenfels for two setups, bolstering the Crimson advantage to 13 points.

Harvard's offense came to life during the second half. Netting 15 out of 31 field goals, the visitors completely dominated the last 20 minutes of play.

It was a tough blow for the locals. After an impressive victory Wednesday over Colgate, Cornell was a heavy favorite to open the Ivy League season on an impressive note.

Mainstays Chuck Rolles and Ray Zelek along with senior Don Hughes played adequately for the Big Red. Rolles dropped seven out of 13 shots from the field in scoring a total of 17 points, and also made six assists. Zelek made five

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