

Cornell Cagers Upset Colgate In 82-76 Win

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Ray Zelek sank two foul shots but nobody seemed to care after Cornell's spectacular, 82-76, victory over a favored Colgate five last night at Barton Hall. The final whistle seemed to make the stands come alive with warhooping Cornellians.

On the court, Max Mattes and Phil Marriott slapped each other wildly on the back and Larry Pearson jumped around as if this was V-J day. Dick Meade shook hands with coach Royner Greene and exchanged silent looks of admiration. Barton Hall was in an uproar. And Ray Zelek calmly threw in his 10th free throw in 10 attempts from the penalty stripe.

Chuck Rolles, of course, was magnificent. The little redhead dribbled as if his hand was magnetized to the basketball, and poured in 25 points, including a pair of crucial last minute free throws.

But this was a team triumph. Sophomore Larry Pearson came off the bench midway in the second half, yet contributed 10 vital points to the Red effort besides some inspired rebounding. Zelek too was excellent off the boards, scored 18 points, and even stole the ball from one of the red-shirted opponents.

Dick Meade was up to his usual ball stealing tricks and sparkled with his playmaking and hard-driving lay ups. Phil Marriott, chipped in with some spirited defense and a couple of baskets. And the fine work exhibited in the first half by Mattes, the high leaping "Bo" Roberson and big men Kogan and Flip Calkin can not be passed over.

The first half saw the lead change hands several times, and was marked by hard-fought fast-moving yet often sloppy basketball. On the Cornell side, Chuck Rolles was the offensive standout, collecting 15 points. Colgate's watch-charm guards, Bob Giordano and Joe Stratton, displayed some accurate long range shooting. Giordano hit on five high arcing set shots, while Stratton was a persistent ballhawk and defensive star.

But as the second half got underway, it seemed for a while as if the visiting Red Raiders were going to run away with the ball game. Defensive lapses cost Cornell eight points on layups alone.

But with the inclusion of Meade, Pearson and Kogan into the lineup, the home team gradually seemed to find itself. Rolles went on a eight point spree, and the Red gradually pared down a lead, which was once 57-45.

At the twelve minute marker, Zelek returned to the contest and promptly accounted for four points. Meade sank a long set and the Red assumed a tenuous 68-67 lead. During the next three minutes Pearson took things into his own hands and scored eight crucial tallies. Zelek sank a lay up, making the score, 78-76, and Cornell called time out. Scarcely a minute was left to play.

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