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PATRICK PISANO '26 MEN'S LACROSSE

Bulldogs edge out Harvard 14-13, securing Ivy League title

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

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The No. 10 Yale women's lacrosse team (12–2, 6–0) secured a one-goal victory over its rival, the Harvard Crimson (5–8, 1–5), on Saturday.

The Crimson put up more goals against Yale's second-ranked scoring defense than any opponent this season, but the Elis held strong and overpowered Harvard to pick up another win.

In the first two minutes of play, midfielder Kate Gould '29 notched an assist and goal to put the Bulldogs up 2-0. Gould went on to finish the day with five goals and two assists.

Harvard responded, tying the game at 3-3 midway through the opening quarter. Back-to-back goals from midfielder Meg Bohan '29 then gave Yale a 5-3 lead to close out the quarter.

Yale's fouls early in the second quarter proved costly, as Harvard capitalized with back-to-back free-position goals to even the score at 5-5.

The teams exchanged goals throughout the half, but back-to-back Harvard goals in the final four minutes gave the Crimson a 9-7 lead heading into halftime. Harvard finished the half with just nine shots on goal — a testament to its efficient shot selection and accuracy.

Five minutes into the second half, Harvard gained their largest lead of the game, up 12-8. A goal from midfielder Whitney Froeb '29, however, was the start of a 4-0 Bulldog run to close out the third quarter. The Bulldogs had tied it 12-12.

Less than two minutes into the final quarter, Harvard's Charlotte Hodgson sniped a shot from a difficult angle to give the Crimson a 13-12 lead.

With nine minutes remaining, Ashley Kiernan '27 found Gould, who buried a deep shot to tie the game at 13. That marked Keirnan's fourth assist of the afternoon.

With under six minutes to play, Yale had an initial shot attempt stopped, but attacker Kelly Holmes '28 rode the Harvard clear, applying persistent pressure to successfully check the Crimson player and force a turnover. Holmes then sprinted back to goal and fired a shot to put the Bulldogs ahead 14-13 with 5:05 remaining.



LIZA KAUFMAN / PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR
The women's lacrosse team secured the Ivy League regular season title on Senior Day with a 14-13 win over Harvard on Saturday.

From there, Yale's defense held strong under pressure, keeping the Crimson scoreless for the remainder of the game. The Bulldogs secured a 14-13 victory.

The win was followed by a Senior Day celebration at Reese Stadium, where attackers Megan Kitagawa '26 and Ashley Newman '26, along with defenders Jordan Messina '26, Emmy Pascal '26, Bella Saviano '26 and Sarah Waits '26, were honored.

The Elis will travel to Ithaca for their final regular season game against Cornell (8–6, 3–3) on Saturday. Yale will look to finish conference play undefeated. With Cornell currently sitting as the fourth seed and Yale as the first, the matchup could serve as a potential preview of an Ivy League tournament first-round game.

Face off will be at 3:30 p.m. in Ithaca.

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Bulldogs clobber UAlbany Great Danes, extending win streak to five

MEN'S LACROSSE

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The No. 12 Yale men's lacrosse team (8–4, 3–2 Ivy) delivered one of its most dominant defensive performances in recent years on Saturday afternoon. In the dog-on-dog battle at Reese Stadium, the Bulldogs came out on top, soundly defeating UAlbany (8–5, 5–0 AE) 15-2.

With an efficient offense that capitalized early and a dominant defense that held the Great Danes scoreless through the half and only allowed two goals, the Elis were in full control of the game from the opening faceoff. Saturday's victory extended the Bulldogs' win streak to five.

Prior to the game, the program honored its nine-member senior class for their contributions during their four years. Families joined seniors David Anderson '26, Nicolas Boudreau '26, Brody Coleman '26, Hugh Conrad '26, Konrad Miklaszewski '26, Eric Platten '26, Sam Riecken '26, William Sheehan '26 and captain Patrick Pisano '26 for a ceremony on the field.

"Senior Day meant a lot to me," Sheehan wrote in a text message to the News. "More than anything, it made me appreciate the guys I've gone through this with, especially my fellow seniors and the rest of the team. Sharing that day with them made it really special."

Pisano echoed Sheehan, noting that while the day was emotional for the senior class, it also highlighted the contributions of the entire team.

"It was very emotional to potentially play our last ever home game as a senior class, but it was also very nice to see every senior on the field at some point during the game," Pisano wrote in a text message to the News. "Overall, an amazing senior day and all of the younger guys played their hearts out which means so much to us."

After honoring the seniors, the Bulldogs got straight to work. Yale came out firing from the opening whistle.

"You could feel it from the start, and I think that gave us a lot of momentum," Sheehan wrote.

Offensively, eight different Bulldogs found the back of the net. First-year attackman Sean Grogan '29 led the offensive unit with four goals and two assists, followed by senior attackman Anderson, who notched a hat trick. Midfielders Cole Cashion '27 and Cole Jackson '27 each potted two goals. Attackman Connor Gately '28 recorded a four-point performance with a goal and three assists, while Sheehan had a goal and assist of his own. Luke Pascal '28 and Flynn Leonard '29 rounded out the unit, each scoring one goal.

Yale's offensive unit also went a perfect three for three on man-up opportunities and was extremely efficient, converting 34 shots into 15 goals.

On defense, the Bulldogs set the tone early, holding the Great Danes scoreless for the first 30 minutes. The first half shutout was Yale's first since 2016 at Fairfield, and the two goals given up marked the fewest in a single game since Yale played Lehigh in 2014. Yale's penalty kill held UAlbany to only one for six on man-up opportunities.

The Elis came out hot and took care of business straight away to jump out to an early five-goal lead. Cashion sparked the offense with two unassisted back-to-back goals at 14:00 and 9:36 to open the scoring. From there, the goals just kept rolling in. Gately found Grogan to extend Yale's lead to 3-0, and then, at 1:43, goalie Ben Friedman '28 assisted Sheehan to cushion Yale's lead. But the Bulldogs weren't done yet. At the 13-second mark, Pascal potted a goal of his own to close out Yale's dominant first-quarter performance, up 5-0.

In the second quarter, the Yale offense was once again all gas, no brakes, putting up another four unanswered goals, while the defense continued to turn away UAlbany's chances of getting on the board. Jackson netted his first of the day at 9:27. Then, the Gately-to-Grogan connection struck again, putting Yale up 7-0. First year Dylan Blekicki '29 recorded an assist on Anderson's man-up goal, and then Grogan assisted Leonard to score his second career goal. As the buzzer sounded, the Bulldogs went back into the locker room leading 9-0.

The Great Danes struck first in the third quarter to finally get on the board. However, the Bulldogs answered right back with three of their own. The Gately-to-Grogan connection proved unstoppable for a third time, as Gately found Grogan on the doorstep for a hat trick and restored Yale's nine-goal lead.

Thirty seconds later, Blekicki recorded his second assist as Grogan capitalized on a man-up opportunity to push Yale's lead to 11-1. Gately rounded out the three-goal run with an assisted goal of his own. At 3:32, the Great Danes found themselves with a man-up opportunity and capitalized to net their second and last goal of the game, but they stood no chance against the Yale squad. At the close of the quarter, Yale led 12-2.

In the final 15-minute stretch, the Elis added another three unanswered goals to finish off a game that was all but over in the first 15 minutes. Anderson shined, scoring twice back to back. On the first, Grogan assisted Anderson on a man-up goal. Then, the seniors got it done as Sheehan found Anderson for a behind-the-back shot to give Yale a 12-goal lead. At 9:53, Jackson recorded his second of the day to cap off Yale's offensive surge. As the clock ran down, the team rushed the field to celebrate Yale's 15-2 Senior Day victory.

Having sent the seniors out right in their final home game at Reese Stadium, the Bulldogs will now gear up for their final regular season game at Brown (6–6, 1–4 Ivy). With only one bid remaining for the post-season Ivy League tournament, a win next weekend is crucial. Riding a five-game win streak, the Bulldogs are well positioned to return to New Haven with an Ivy playoff berth.

"I think this win streak is one we should continue to ride heading into Brown, but we cannot let our preparation or effort waiver as we go through this week," Pisano wrote.

Faceoff is slated for 12 p.m. on Saturday at Stevenson-Pincince Field in Providence, and the game will be live-streamed on ESPN+.

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After scoring five goals in the first quarter and holding UAlbany scoreless in the first half, the No. 12 Yale men's lacrosse team rolled to a 15-2 Senior Day victory.

Stat of the Day

THE MEN'S LACROSSE CONCEDED THE FEWEST GOALS IN A SINGLE GAME SINCE 2014.