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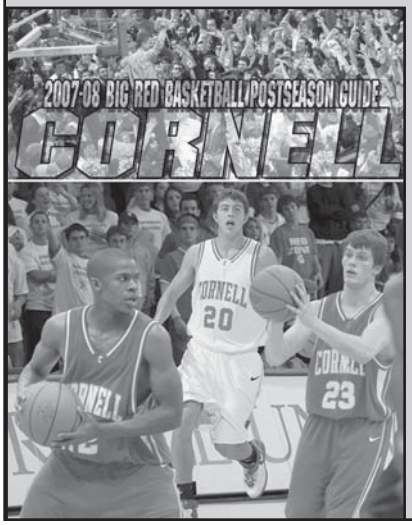

On The Front Cover

Top: Head coach Steve Donahue cuts the nets down to celebrate Cornell's first NCAA tournament bid in 20 years. Bottom (L-R) Sophomores Louis Dale and Ryan Wittman and junior Adam Gore.

On The Back Cover

The 2007-08 CornellTV and Radio Roster.

Quick Facts

University Information

Location ..... Ithaca, N.Y. 14853
Founded 1865
Enrollment 13,700
President ..... David J. Skorton
Athletic Director ..... J. Andrew Noel Jr.
Colors ..... Carnelian Red and White
Affiliation ..... NCAA I
Conference ..... Ivy League
Home Court ..... Newman Arena (4,473)

Coaching Staff

Head Coach ..... Steve Donahue (Ursinus '84)
Record at Cornell ..... 96-122 (eighth season)
Career Record ..... 96-122 (eighth season)
Office Phone ..... (607) 255-7331
Assistant Coaches ..... Zach Spiker (Ithaca '00)
Nat Graham (Penn '97)
Woody Kampmann (Hobart '05)
Office Phone ..... (607) 255-7331
Athletic Trainer ..... Marc Chamberlain
Strength & Conditioning Coach ..... Tom Howley

Men's Basketball Information

Team captains ..... Jason Battle '09, Adam Gore '09
2007-08 Record 22-5
Home/Away/Neutral 12-1/10-4/0-0
2007-08 Ivy Record/Finish 14-0/1st
Home/Away 7-0/7-0
Roster Breakdown (Sr./Jr./So./Fr.) 2/5/7/2
First Year of Men's Basketball 1898-99
All-Time Record 1,124-1,258
NCAA Appearances ..... 2 (0-3, .000)
Years 1954, 1988
NIT Appearances ..... none
Last Postseason Opponent ..... Arizona, 1988
Result ..... Lost, 90-50 (NCAA first round)

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2007-08 Cornell Men's Basketball Game Notes

CORNELL Big Red (22-5, 14-0 Ivy)
2007-08 Ivy League Champion
NCAA West Regional • Thursday, March 20
Honda Center (17,600) • Anaheim, Calif.

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Game Information

Game #28	Cornell vs. Stanford
Tip off	Thursday, March 20, at 2:00 p.m. PT
Site	Honda Center (17,600) Anaheim, Calif.
2007-08 Records	No. 14 Cornell (22-5, 14-0 Ivy) No. 3 Stanford (26-7, 13-5 Pac-10)
Series Record	Stanford leads 2-1
Last Meeting	Stanford won 67-55 Dec. 29, 1994 in Palo Alto, Calif.
Radio	1160 ESPN Radio, WPIE (Barry Leonard)
TV	CBS (Dick Enberg, Carter Blackburn, Jay Bilas)
Live Stats	Available at www.NCAASports.com
Live Video	Available at www.NCAASports.com
Tickets	Sold-out through Cornell Athletics

Head Coach Steve Donahue

Cornell head coach Steve Donahue is in his eighth season at Cornell (96-122, .440) ... Donahue became the fourth Robert E. Gallagher '44 Coach of Men's Basketball at Cornell on Sept. 6, 2000.

Men's Basketball Staff

Head Coach	Steve Donahue
Alma Mater	Ursinus '84
Record at Cornell/Yrs.	96-122/eighth season
Overall Record/Yrs.	96-122/eighth season
Assistant Coaches	Zach Spiker (Ithaca '00)
	Nat Graham (Penn '97)
	Woody Kampmann (Hobart '05)
Athletic Trainer	Marc Chamberlain
Strength Coach	Tom Howley
Student-Athlete Services	Chris Wlosinski

Basketball History

First Year of Basketball	1898-99
All-Time Record	1,124-1,258 (.472)
Ivy Record	309-417 (.426)
Newman Arena	132-101 (.567)
Ivy Titles	1 (1987-88)
NCAA Tournaments	2 (1953-54, 1987-88)
NIT Tournaments	None

Cornell Quick Facts

Location	Ithaca, N.Y. 14853
Founded	1865
Enrollment (undergraduate)	13,700
President	David J. Skorton
Athletic Director	J. Andrew Noel Jr.
Nickname	Big Red
Colors	Carnelian Red and White
Affiliation/Conference	NCAA Division I/Ivy League

Men's Hoops Opens NCAA Tournament Play vs. Stanford

Big Red eyes 17th straight win, chance to advance against nationally ranked Cardinal

ITHACA, N.Y. — The Ivy League champion Cornell men's basketball team will begin play in the 2007-08 NCAA tournament when it meets No. 3 seed Stanford on Thursday, March 20 at approximately 2 p.m. PT at the Honda Center in Anaheim, Calif. Cornell will open its third NCAA tournament in program history in a nationally televised game on CBS, while Barry Leonard will provide the call on 1160 ESPN Radio. Per NCAA regulations, live streaming audio will not be available as part of the RedCast subscription service, but live streaming video for all out of area games is available on March Madness on Demand at no charge on the NCAASports.com web site.

Cornell, which clinched its first Ivy League title in 20 years and became the first team in the country to earn an NCAA bid, enter the tournament on a 16-game win streak, the second-longest active mark in the country. The Big Red is the 13th team in league history to go unbeaten in Ivy play (14-0) and has posted a 10-4 road/neutral site record under the direction of eighth-year head coach Steve Donahue.

Sophomore Louis Dale (13.8 ppg., 5.0 apg., 4.4 rpg.), the Ivy League Player of the Year, and classmate Ryan Wittman (15.4 ppg., 4.3 rpg.) pace Cornell in scoring for the second straight year, and along with 2005-06 Ivy Rookie of the Year Adam Gore (10.1 ppg.), form one of the top perimeter scoring trios on the East Coast. The Big Red ranks among the top 10 teams nationally in 3-point field goal percentage (fifth, .414), field goal percentage (sixth, .492) and free-throw percentage.

A potential upset of Stanford would match the Big Red up with either No. 6 seed Marquette or No. 11 seed Kentucky.

2007-08 Schedule/Results (22-5, 14-0 Ivy League)

NOVEMBER			
10		LEHIGH	W, 87-83
17		at Ohio	L, 89-102
20		ARMY	W, 93-78
25		SIENA	W, 83-77
27		BINGHAMTON	W, 73-68
DECEMBER			
1		COLGATE	L, 73-76
19		at Bucknell	L, 75-88
22		at Syracuse	L, 64-80
29		at Stony Brook	W, 66-50
31		at Quinnipiac	W, 86-84 (OT)
JANUARY			
6		at No. 9/8 Duke	L, 67-81
10		ALVERNIA	W, 91-46
15		at NJIT	W, 64-33
19	*	COLUMBIA	W, 70-64
26	*	at Columbia	W, 72-54
FEBRUARY			
1	*	at Brown	W, 75-64
2	*	at Yale	W, 66-45
8	*	PRINCETON	W, 72-61
9	*	PENN	W, 87-74
15	*	at Harvard	W, 72-71
16	*	at Dartmouth	W, 73-63
22	*	YALE	W, 85-65
23	*	BROWN	W, 74-65
29	*	DARTMOUTH	W, 75-59
MARCH			
1	*	HARVARD	W, 86-53
7	*	at Penn	W, 94-92
8	*	at Princeton	W, 71-64
20	$	vs. No. 3 Stanford	2:00 p.m. PT
22	$	vs. No. 6 Marquette/No. 11 Kentucky	TBA

* - Ivy League game
Home games in CAPS
All Times Local
$ - NCAA First and Second Rounds (Anaheim, Calif.)

CORNELL ACTIVE ROSTER

				2007-08 Statistics			Player Notes
1		Jeff Foote	Jr., C, 7-0, 225	8.1 ppg.	6.4 rpg.	1.5 apg.	Second-team All-Ivy selection, has come off the bench in 21 games
4		Aaron Osgood	Fr., F, 6-9, 215	1.0 ppg.	0.4 rpg.	0.0 apg.	First collegiate points on a dunk vs. Alvernia
5		Jason Battle	Jr., G/F, 6-4, 200	2.0 ppg.	1.4 rpg.	0.8 apg.	Team co-captain, top defender off the bench
12	◆	Louis Dale	So., G, 5-11, 180	13.8 ppg.	4.4 rpg.	5.0 apg.	Ivy League Player of the Year, 3-time Ivy Player of the Week
13		Andre Wilkins	So., F, 6-5, 190	1.7 ppg.	1.2 rpg.	0.1 apg.	Career-high 11 points on 4-of-4 shooting vs. Harvard
15		Geoff Reeves	So., G, 6-5, 180	3.4 ppg.	1.4 rpg.	0.5 apg.	Was 5-of-5 shooting for 14 points in win over Brown
20	◆	Ryan Wittman	So., F, 6-6, 210	15.4 ppg.	4.3 rpg.	1.5 apg.	Unanimous first-team All-Ivy selection, leads league in 3-pointers
22		Conor Mullen	Jr., G/F, 6-5, 210	1.3 ppg.	0.5 rpg.	0.4 apg.	Eight points, two assists in seven minutes vs. Alvernia
23	◆	Adam Gore	Jr., G, 6-0, 180	10.1 ppg.	2.0 rpg.	1.5 apg.	Team co-captain, second-team All-Ivy, avg. 14.0 pts. in last 6 gms.
24		Adam Wire	Fr., F, 6-5, 205	0.6 ppg.	0.5 rpg.	0.2 apg.	Scored first career points on 3-pointer vs. Alvernia
25		Jon Jaques	So., F, 6-7, 215	0.8 ppg.	0.6 rpg.	0.0 apg.	Had six points, three rebounds vs. Alvernia
33	◆	Alex Tyler	So., F, 6-7, 235	8.2 ppg.	4.3 rpg.	0.9 apg.	Has started all 27 games in which he has played this year
34		Brian Kreefer	Jr., F/C, 6-7, 225	3.4 ppg.	1.5 rpg.	1.3 apg.	Has made 32-of-51 field goals this season (63 percent)
40		Pete Reynolds	So., F/C, 6-8, 210	0.2 ppg.	0.5 rpg.	0.2 apg.	Has five blocked shots in 32 minutes this season
44	◆	Jason Hartford	Sr., F/C, 6-9, 245	7.5 ppg.	4.2 rpg.	0.5 apg.	Fifth-year senior, shooting 68 percent in last 7 games (32-of-47)

◆ - Probable Starters

2007-08 Ivy Standings

(as of 3/20)	Ivy			Overall		
School	W	- L	Pct.	W	- L	Pct.
Cornell	**14**	**-0**	**1.000**	**22**	**- 5**	**.815**
Brown	11	-3	.786	19	- 9	.679
Penn	8	-6	.571	13	- 18	.419
Columbia	7	-7	.500	14	- 15	.483
Yale	7	-7	.500	13	- 15	.464
Dartmouth	3	-11	.214	10	- 18	.357
Harvard	3	-11	.214	8	- 22	.267
Princeton	3	-11	.214	6	- 23	.207

Ivy League Schedule/Results:

Saturday, March 1
Brown 75, *Penn* 43
Dartmouth 63, *Columbia* 48
Cornell 86, *Harvard* 53 (Cornell Clinches Ivy Title)
Yale 67, *Princeton* 59

Friday, March 7
Brown 78, *Harvard* 62
Yale 50, *Dartmouth* 48
Princeton 75, *Columbia* 64
Cornell 94, *Penn* 92

Saturday, March 8
Yale at *Harvard*, 7 p.m.
Brown at *Dartmouth*, 7 p.m.
Columbia at *Penn*, 7 p.m.
Cornell 71, *Princeton* 64

Tuesday, March 11
Penn 60, *Princeton* 47

Thursday, March 20
No. 14 Cornell vs. No. 3 Stanford, 2 p.m. PT (NCAA First Round)

Free Throws In The Final Five Minutes And Overtime

The Big Red was lights out in late-game situations from the free-throw line in its first game of the season, making 16-of-18 shots from the line in the final five minutes of the win over Lehigh. The Big Red has made 80 percent of its free throws in pressure situations this year, better than its season average of 76 percent. Here is how the Big Red is shooting in the final five minutes and overtime of games this season.

PLAYER	FT-FTA	FT%
Jason Battle	5-5	1.000
Jon Jaques	4-4	1.000
Louis Dale	46-51	.902
Adam Gore	19-22	.864
Alex Tyler	12-15	.769
Jason Hartford	3-5	.600
Ryan Wittman	17-23	.739
Jeff Foote	9-14	.643
Andre Wilkins	2-4	.500
Geoff Reeves	2-4	.500
Conor Mullen	3-7	.429
Pete Reynolds	0-1	.000
Others	10-10	1.000
Total	***132-165***	***.800***

Single-Season Wins At Cornell

No.	*Record*	*Season*	*Coach*
1.	***22-5***	***2007-08***	***Steve Donahue***
2.	20-5	1950-51	Royner Greene
3.	19-5	1966-67	Sam MacNeil
	19-5	1964-65	Sam MacNeil

Single-Season Home Wins

No.	*Record*	*Season*	*Coach*
1.	13-1	1949-50	Royner Greene
2.	***12-1***	***2007-08***	***Steve Donahue***
3.	12-2	1950-51	Royner Greene
	12-3	1953-54	Royner Greene
5.	11-0	1983-84	Tom Miller
	11-1	1966-67	Sam MacNeil
	11-2	1989-90	Mike Dement

ABOUT THE STANFORD CARDINAL:
Record: 26-7 (13-5)
Conference: Pacific-10
Head Coach: Trent Johnson (Boise State '83), fourth season
NCAA Bid: At-Large

Stanford finished second in the Pac-10 Conference with a 13-5 mark and reached the finals of the league tournament behind a stifling defense and a pair of 7-footers who caused havoc on opponents all season. The Cardinal enters the tournament as the No. 3 seed in the West with a 26-7 record overall under fourth-year head coach Trent Johnson. NBA prospect Brook Lopez (19.2 ppg., 8.5 rpg.) and twin brother Robin Lopez (10.0 ppg., 5.6 rpg.) lead an offense that is averaging 70.7 points per game, while also spearheading a defense that is giving up just 60.6 points on .394 shooting. Anthony Goods (10.4 ppg.), the team's top 3-point shooter, is the other double figure scorer, while Mitch Johnson paces the team in assists (159) and steals (26). The Cardinal swept three games from Washington State and also have wins over ranked teams from Arizona State and USC. Stanford posted 25 wins for the ninth time in school history, but takes a three-game NCAA losing streak into the contest.

CORNELL VS. THE PACIFIC 10 CONFERENCE: When the Big Red battles the Cardinal in the first round of the 2008 NCAA tournament, Cornell will bring a 2-7 all-time mark against teams currently comprising the Pacific-10 Conference, including a 1-2 mark against Stanford. Cornell has also faced Arizona (0-1), California (1-1), Oregon (0-1), Washington (0-1), UCLA (0-1), while never having met Arizona State, Oregon State, USC, Washignton State. It is first game against a Pac-10 foe this season and is the second time a Steve Donahue coached team will face a team from that league, after an 87-71 loss to then-No. 10 Washington on Jan. 2, 2006.

COMMON OPPONENTS: Cornell and Stanford had three common opponents this season, each meeting Siena, Harvard and Yale. Stanford went 2-1 against those teams (all at home), with wins over Harvard (111-56) and Yale (72-61), as well as a loss to Siena (79-67). The Big Red went 5-0 against those three teams, with conference sweeps of both the Crimson and the Bulldogs. Cornell won its five games by an average of 16.2 points, while the Cardinal had a net victory average of 18.0 points per game.

A WIN OVER STANFORD WOULD ...
- make Cornell 23-5 overall, extending a school record for wins in a season.
- be the school's first-ever NCAA tournament win in men's basketball (0-3).
- even the all-time series record at 2-2.
- give the Big Red 19 wins in its last 20 games.
- be the first NCAA tournament win by an Ivy League school since No. 5 seed Princeton topped No. 12 seed UNLV in the 1998 first round.
- give the program its first-ever 17-game win streak.
- extend Cornell's road/neutral game win streak to nine games.
- be the 1,125th in school history.

Cornell vs. the NCAA Field

American	Never Met
Arizona	0-1
Arkansas	1-0
Austin Peay	Never Met
Baylor	Never Met
Belmont	Never Met
Boise State	Never Met
Brigham Young	1-1
Butler	1-0
Cal State Fullerton	Never Met
Clemson	0-2
Connecticut	1-1
Coppin State	0-1
Davidson	Never Met
Drake	0-1
Duke	0-4
George Mason	Never Met
Georgetown	1-0
Georgia	0-1
Gonzaga	Never Met
Indiana	Never Met
Kansas	0-2
Kansas State	Never Met
Kent State	0-1
Kentucky	1-0
Louisville	Never Met
Marquette	0-1
Memphis	0-1
Miami (FL)	0-1
Michigan State	1-5
Mississippi State	Never Met
Mississippi Valley State	Never Met
Mount St. Mary's	Never Met
North Carolina	0-3
Notre Dame	1-7
Oklahoma	0-1
Oral Roberts	Never Met
Oregon	0-1
Pittsburgh	5-11
Portland State	Never Met
Purdue	0-1
Saint Joseph's	Never Met
Saint Mary's	Never Met
San Diego	Never Met
Siena	1-1
South Alabama	Never Met
Stanford	1-2
Temple	Never Met
Tennessee	Never Met
Texas	0-1
Texas A&M	Never Met
Texas-Arlington	Never Met
UCLA	0-1
UMBC	Never Met
UNLV	Never Met
USC	0-1
Vanderbilt	0-2
Villanova	2-2
Washington State	Never Met
West Virginia	3-3
Western Kentucky	1-0
Winthrop	1-1
Wisconsin	Never Met
Xavier	0-1

Last Time at the NCAA's — NO. 1 ARIZONA 90, NO. 16 CORNELL 50 MARCH 18, 1988 — PAULEY PAVILION

LOS ANGELES, Calif. - Cornell's Cinderella run to its first Ivy League championship and second NCAA tournament bid ended with a 90-50 loss in the first round to top-seeded Arizona at Pauley Pavilion. The Wildcats improved to 32-2 on the season behind 24 points, five rebounds and four steals from forward Anthony Cook. Sean Elliott added 17 points, while both Tom Tolbert and Jud Buechler had 10 points apiece. The Big Red got a team-best 10 points from Sam Jacobs and eight from Mike Millane in the loss. The Wildcats connected on 55 percent of their field goals, while limiting the Big Red to 37 percent shooting overall and forcing 27 turnovers. Arizona opened the game with nine consecutive points and were never threatened in advancing to the second round.

Cornell (17-10, 11-3 Ivy)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Wolfgang Florin, F	16	0-4	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	2	0
Dean Kartsonas, F	24	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	0	0
James Paul, C	16	2-5	0-0	2-2	0	0	3	4	6
Josh Wexler, G	29	2-7	0-2	0-0	0	3	3	0	4
Sam Jacobs, G	25	4-7	2-5	0-0	1	1	6	2	10
Mike Millane	16	4-5	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	2	8
Greg Gilda	18	3-6	0-0	0-0	5	0	2	4	6
Monte Boykin	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	0
Mike Pascal	13	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	1	2	2	0
Nate Grant	12	0-3	0-0	7-9	4	0	1	3	7
Steve Johnson	6	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	0	0
Len Breslow	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0
Bernard Jackson	6	3-7	0-0	0-2	7	0	0	0	6
Patrick Homer	5	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	0	1	0	1
Jon Halpern	2	0-1	0-0	2-2	1	0	1	0	2
TEAM					4		1		
Totals	**200**	**18-49**	**2-7**	**12-17**	**30**	**8**	**27**	**19**	**50**

Arizona (32-2, 17-1 Pac-10)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Sean Elliott, F	24	6-10	3-4	2-2	5	3	2	2	17
Anthony Cook, F	30	8-12	0-0	8-9	5	0	0	1	24
Tom Tolbert, C	15	5-7	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	10
Craig McMillan, G	20	2-3	0-1	1-1	2	5	2	2	5
Steve Kerr, G	29	2-5	1-2	0-0	3	3	1	0	5
Kenny Lofton	15	2-5	0-1	0-0	2	1	3	3	4
Joe Turner	22	2-4	0-0	2-2	3	0	1	2	6
Jud Buechler	16	3-6	0-1	4-4	4	1	2	3	10
Harvey Mason	18	2-3	0-0	5-6	2	2	1	0	9
Matt Muehlebach	8	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	0	0
Craig Bergman	3	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	2	0
TEAM					1				
Totals	**200**	**32-58**	**4-11**	**22-24**	**28**	**16**	**13**	**15**	**90**

Blocks: Cornell 1 (Gilda); Arizona 3 (Elliott 2, Turner). **Steals:** Cornell 3 (Jacobs 2, Johnson); Arizona 10 (Cook 4, Turner 3, Elliott, Kerr, Mason). **Halftime:** ARIZ 36, COR 19. **Officials:** Ruckor, Chauvin, Diaz. **Attendance:** 10,741.

THIRD TIME'S A CHARM?: Cornell is making its third NCAA tournament appearance and is 0-3 all-time. The Big Red participated in the 1953-54 tournament as the Eastern Intercollegiate Basketball League champion and lost a close contest to Navy (69-67) and before falling to No. 10 North Carolina State (65-54) in a consolation game in Philadelphia. The 1987-88 team also won an automatic bid from the Ivy League and was soundly beaten as a No. 16 seed by top-seeded Arizona (90-50) in Los Angeles, Calif.

WHAT SHOULD YOU KNOW ABOUT CORNELL?:

- The 2007-08 Ivy League champion (automatic bid).
- Posted 13th undefeated season in conference history (14-0).
- First title in 20 years, and first non-Penn or Princeton Ivy representative since Cornell in 1987-88.
- School record 22 wins (22-5).
- Enters tournament on school-record 16-game win streak (Second longest active streak in the country).
- Third NCAA tournament appearance in school history.
- Head coach Steve Donahue is the USBWA and NABC district Coach of the Year and is a finalist for collegeinsider.com's Hugh Durham Coaching Award as Mid-Major National Coach of the Year.
- Sophomore guard Louis Dale was named Ivy League Player of the Year and joined classmate Ryan Wittman (forward) as unanimous first-team All-Ivy selections.
- Juniors Jeff Foote (center) and Adam Gore (guard) are second-team All-Ivy picks.
- Cornell is the only school in the country that has matched or improved its win total overall and in conference in each of the last six seasons.
- The Big Red is the only school in the country to rank in the top 10 nationally in field goal, 3-point and free-throw percentages.
- Cornell leads the Ivy League in 14 of 22 team statistical categories.
- The Big Red joined Davidson (Southern Conference, 20-0) and Memphis (Conference USA, 16-0) as the only schools to finish league play with an unbeaten record.
- Cornell is ranked No. 18 in the collegeinsider.com Mid-Major poll and has received Associated Press top 25 votes each of the last four weeks.

First and Second Round Opponent Matchups
(2007-08 Stats)

Category	Cornell	Stanford	Marquette	Kentucky
Overall Record	22-5	26-7	24-9	18-12
Conference Record	14-0	13-5	11-7	12-4
Points	77.1	70.7	75.8	68.6
Opp. Points	68.1	60.6	64.3	65.3
Rebounds	33.9	38.8	36.6	33.7
Opp. Rebounds	32.7	30.8	34.2	31.9
Off. Rebounds	9.2	13.2	9.7	9.7
Opp. Off. Rebounds	10.9	10.4	12.1	12.1
Field Goal Pct.	.492	.449	.447	.469
Opp. Field Goal Pct.	.422	.394	.412	.394
3-Point Pct.	.414	.360	.353	.368
Opp. 3-Point Pct.	.358	.335	.291	.324
Free-Throw Pct.	.763	.696	.702	.734
Personal Fouls	18.3	17.2	18.8	18.8
Assists	15.6	14.2	14.8	12.7
Turnovers	13.7	12.3	13.2	15.9
Blocked Shots	3.1	5.2	3.8	4.8
Steals	6.0	4.4	9.6	6.7

CORNELL VS. RANKED OPPONENTS: When Cornell faces No. 11 Stanford, the Big Red will have a chance to do something it has rarely done — defeat a ranked team. The Big Red brings a 3-58 record (does not include one forfeit win) all-time against AP Top 25 teams and carries a 13-game losing streak in such games into the matchup. The Big Red's last win was a 74-54 triumph over another Pac-10 opponent, then-No. 19 California, at the 1992 Seton Hall/Meadowlands Tournament. That team featured Jason Kidd (who sat out the game) and former NBA player Lamond Murray. The Big Red's other wins came against then-No. 17 Syracuse in 1957 (60-54), then No. 3 Princeton in 1967 (62-56) and a win by forfeit against No. 15 Minnesota in a game vacated by the Gophers after using an ineligible player in 1976.

O'DEA CONNECTION: Cornell junior Conor Mullen and Stanford junior guard Mitch Johnson were high school teammates at Bishop O'Dea HS in Seattle Wash., where the duo led the team to a pair of large school state titles. Johnson was a two-time all-state selection and was state tournament MVP as a junior, while Mullen was a first-team all-state honoree as a senior and was MVP of the state tourney as a senior.

GENDER EQUITY: On the same day the Cornell men's basketball team found out it would be matching up with Stanford in the NCAA tournament first round, the Big Red women's team clinched the program's first-ever bid to the NCAA tournament. It is the first time in Ivy League history the NCAA tournament representatives for both the men's and women's teams will be from the same school.

SISTER SCHOOLS: In establishing the university, they traveled to many schools on the East coast to seek wisdom and ideas, including Harvard, MIT, Cornell, and Princeton. And when it was time to select a president, they asked A.D. White, Cornell's president to come west. White declined but recommended David Starr Jordan, a former student of his, who was at the University of Indiana. They did, and Jordan went on to loyally serve the university for several decades as both president and chancellor. Of the 15 original faculty members, seven hailed from Cornell. When Stanford celebrated in bicentennial in 1991, the Big Red football team travelled to its sister school from the West, falling 56-6.

20 LOVE: Cornell's only win in the short three-game series came on Dec. 28, 1950, a 59-56 Big Red triumph at Barton Hall. Ironically, that came in the only previous 20-win season for the Cornell basketball program (20-5).

The Cornell-Stanford Series

1950-51	H	W	59-56
1988-89	A	L	45-90
1994-95	A	L	55-67

Series Record: 1-2
Current Streak: Stanford, 2 games
Longest Cornell streak: 1 game
Longest Stanford streak: 2 games
In Ithaca: 1-0
In Palo Alto: 0-2
At Neutral Site: 0-0
In Overtime: 0-0

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS: The Big Red won its second Ivy League title in school history and its fifth conference title of any kind with an 86-53 win over Harvard on March 1. Cornell is the first team other than Penn or Princeton to win the outright title since the Big Red took the 1987-88 title.

TWO-TIME WINNERS: Only seven teams outside of perennial champions Penn and Princeton have won outright championships in the 53 years of Ivy basketball, with Cornell capturing the crown twice (1987-88 and 2007-08). Other non-P champions include the 1955-56 Dartmouth, 1956-57 Yale, 1957-58 Dartmouth, 1961-62 Yale and 1985-86 Brown squads.

HISTORIC RUN TO THE TITLE: Cornell became the 13th team in Ivy League history to post a perfect 14-0 Ancient Eight season, joining Penn (7) and Princeton (5) with undefeated squads. Here are the Ivy League's unbeaten teams.

Cornell (1 — 2007-08)
Penn (7 — 1969-70, 1970-71, 1992-1993, 1993-94, 1994-95, 1999-2000, 2002-03)
Princeton (5 — 1968-69, 1975-76, 1990-91, 1996-97, 1997-98)

20-20 VISION: The Big Red enters the NCAA tournament with a 22-5 record, joining the 1950-51 team (20-5) as the only Cornell squads to post a 20-win season.

STREAK OF THE WEEK: The Big Red is currently riding a 16-game win streak, which is the second-longest active streak in NCAA Division I. Only Davidson has more consecutive wins entering the tournament with 22 straight victories.

WE'RE GOING STREAKING: Cornell will be in search of its first-ever 17-game win streak. The previous record was 15 consecutive victories, set in 1964-65.

EVEN MORE STREAKING: Cornell's current 16-game win streak stands first all-time in Big Red history. Here are the top streaks in school history.

Games	Date Started-Ended	Streak Ended By
16	*1/10/08-present*	—
15	1/2/65-2/20/65	Yale (71-69)
11	1/13/67-2/25/67	Princeton (81-66)
11	1/23/88-3/4/88	Penn (85-79)

STANDINGS TALL: The Big Red was one of three men's basketball teams that sported a perfect conference record, joining Davidson (Southern Conference, 20-0) and Memphis (Conference USA, 16-0).

Cornell's Record When ...

	2007-08	Under Donahue
Outrebound its opponent	16-0	63-32
Get outrebounded	6-5	28-87
Rebounds are even	0-0	3-3
Outscore opponents' bench	12-4	42-44
Lead at halftime	16-2	69-33
Trail at halftime	3-3	21-86
Tied at halftime	3-0	6-3
Leading with 10:00 remaining	18-1	83-23
Trailing with 10:00 remaining	3-4	8-97
Tied with 10:00 remaining	1-0	5-2
Leading with 5:00 remaining	19-0	84-16
Trailing with 5:00 remaining	3-5	10-105
Tied with 5:00 remaining	0-0	2-1
Leading with 1:00 remaining	20-0	87-5
Trailing with 1:00 remaining	2-5	7-113
Tied with 1:00 remaining	0-0	2-4
Shoot better FG pct. than opponent	21-1	85-16
Shoot worse FG pct. than opponent	2-4	12-106
Shoot under 40 percent	0-2	9-71
Shoot 40 pct. or better	22-3	87-51
Shoot 45 pct. or better	20-3	71-28
Shoot 50 pct. or better	13-0	45-9
Opponent shoots under 40 pct.	8-0	44-10
Opponent shoots 40 pct. or better	14-5	52-112
Opponent shoots 45 pct. or better	8-4	22-73
Opponent shoots 50 pct. or better	2-2	7-48
Shoot more free throws	10-1	55-33
Shoot less free throws	11-4	39-84
Shoot same no. of free throws	0-0	1-6
Shoot at least 70 pct. from the line	16-2	59-55
Shoot at least 80 pct. from the line	9-1	32-20
Shoot at least 90 pct. from the line	2-0	11-5
Commit fewer turnovers	13-3	57-46
Commit more turnovers	9-2	36-64
Commit same number of turnovers	0-0	3-12
Committing 14 turnovers or less	11-3	55-57
Committing more than 14 turnovers	11-2	41-65
Forcing 14 turnovers or less	14-2	48-66
Forcing more than 14 turnovers	8-3	47-56
Credited with less than 14 assists	8-2	45-80
Credited with at least 14 assists	14-3	52-42
Making less than 10 steals	20-5	76-99
Making at least 10 steals	2-0	20-23
Blocking less than five shots	16-4	78-109
Blocking five shots or more	6-1	18-13
Game is decided by 3 points or less	3-1	14-20
Game is decided by 9 points or less	7-1	43-50
Game is decided by 10 or more points	13-4	50-72
CU places at least in 3 double figures	21-4	77-54
CU places at least 4 in double figures	12-3	33-18
CU places at least 5 in double figures	6-1	11-3
Winning the opening tip	12-2	51-32
Game goes to overtime	1-0	3-5

Cornell Statistics Year-By-Year Under Steve Donahue

				TOTAL			3-PTS						REBOUNDS										
Year	GP	Min	-Avg	FG	-FGA	Pct	3FG	-FGA	Pct	FT	-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2000-01 Cornell	27	5425	-40.2	578	-1487	.389	173	-585	.296	357	-535	.667	330	574	904	33.5	530	13	292	358	38	194	1686	62.4
2000-01 Opponents	27	5425	-40.2	628	-1357	.463	168	-484	.347	408	-582	.701	245	674	919	34.0	487	-	392	385	81	152	1832	67.9
2001-02 Cornell	27	5425	-40.2	549	-1445	.380	200	-640	.313	260	-375	.693	257	627	884	32.7	486	10	344	396	67	190	1558	57.7
2001-02 Opponents	27	5425	-40.2	613	-1431	.428	179	-520	.344	392	-555	.706	285	703	988	36.6	416	-	385	351	94	180	1797	66.6
2002-03 Cornell	27	5400	-40.0	581	-1357	.428	172	-505	.341	307	-488	.629	249	606	855	31.7	496	11	363	419	61	201	1641	60.8
2002-03 Opponents	27	5400	-40.0	648	-1466	.442	221	-597	.370	314	-485	.647	315	621	936	34.7	465	-	423	394	84	200	1831	67.8
2003-04 Cornell	27	5450	-40.4	659	-1553	.424	176	-535	.329	410	-598	.686	348	669	1017	37.7	495	8	349	401	88	236	1904	70.5
2003-04 Opponents	27	5450	-40.4	672	-1545	.435	167	-487	.343	374	-520	.719	293	664	957	35.4	517	-	372	418	100	180	1885	69.8
2004-05 Cornell	27	5450	-40.4	614	-1370	.448	184	-486	.379	321	-428	.750	255	556	811	30.0	462	6	354	389	82	179	1733	64.2
2004-05 Opponents	27	5450	-40.4	643	-1398	.460	171	-462	.370	331	-470	.704	286	569	855	31.7	468	-	354	383	83	180	1788	66.2
2005-06 Cornell	28	5650	-40.4	616	-1446	.426	196	-538	.364	334	-468	.714	267	634	901	32.2	507	5	358	392	72	199	1762	62.9
2005-06 Opponents	28	5650	-40.4	630	-1484	.425	155	-506	.306	361	-511	.706	318	640	958	34.2	467	-	337	398	103	193	1776	63.4
2006-07 Cornell	28	5625	-40.2	641	-1371	.468	198	-500	.396	376	-501	.751	244	637	881	31.5	485	10	367	413	89	161	1856	66.3
2006-07 Opponents	28	5625	-40.2	630	-1484	.425	180	-485	.336	352	-485	.726	296	557	853	30.5	507	-	348	378	91	198	1792	64.0
2007-08 Cornell	**27**	**5425**	**-40.2**	**740**	**-1503**	**.492**	**220**	**-532**	**.414**	**383**	**-502**	**.763**	**248**	**666**	**914**	**33.9**	**493**	**9**	**420**	**370**	**85**	**162**	**2083**	**77.1**
2007-08 Opponents	**27**	**5425**	**-40.2**	**642**	**-1521**	**.422**	**186**	**-519**	**.358**	**370**	**-531**	**.697**	**295**	**587**	**882**	**32.7**	**518**	**-**	**357**	**390**	**69**	**173**	**1840**	**68.1**

Season and Career Totals

Games With 10+ Points	2007-08	Career
Ryan Wittman	24	49
Louis Dale	22	44
Adam Gore	15	34
Jeff Foote	11	11
Alex Tyler	10	13
Jason Hartford	7	15
Collin Robinson	7	7
Brian Kreefer	2	10
Geoff Reeves	2	4
Andre Wilkins	1	1
Jason Battle	0	2
Khaliq Gant	0	1
Conor Mullen	0	1

Games With 20+ Points	2007-08	Career
Ryan Wittman	6	11
Louis Dale	5	9
Brian Kreefer	1	3
Collin Robinson	1	1
Adam Gore	0	5
Jason Battle	0	1
Jason Hartford	0	1

Games With 10+ Rebounds	2007-08	Career
Jeff Foote	4	4
Louis Dale	1	2
Jason Hartford	1	2
Alex Tyler	1	1
Ryan Wittman	1	1

Games With 10+ Assists	2007-08	Career
Louis Dale	1	1

Games With 4+ Steals	2007-08	Career
Louis Dale	2	2
Adam Gore	0	1

Games With 3+ Blocks	2007-08	Career
Jeff Foote	4	4
Jason Hartford	0	1

Games With 5+ 3-Point FGs	2007-08	Career
Ryan Wittman	6	9
Adam Gore	3	12
Louis Dale	0	1
Brian Kreefer	0	1

Double-Doubles	2007-08	Career
Jeff Foote	4	4
Louis Dale	2	3
Jason Hartford	1	2
Alex Tyler	1	1
Ryan Wittman	1	1

Dunks	2007-08	Career
Jeff Foote	10	10
Alex Tyler	3	5
Louis Dale	2	2
Aaron Osgood	1	1
Geoff Reeves	1	1
Collin Robinson	1	1
Andre Wilkins	1	1

Games leading Cornell in scoring in 2007-08* ...
Ryan Wittman (10), Louis Dale (8), Adam Gore (4), Jason Hartford (2), Jeff Foote (1), Brian Kreefer (1), Collin Robinson (1).

Games leading Cornell in rebounding in 2007-08* ...
Jeff Foote (10), Alex Tyler (6), Louis Dale (5), Ryan Wittman (5), Jason Hartford (4), Adam Gore (1), Geoff Reeves (1).

Games leading Cornell in assists in 2007-08* ...
Louis Dale (17), Collin Robinson (5), Ryan Wittman (4), Jeff Foote (2), Alex Tyler (2), Adam Gore (1).

Games leading Cornell in steals in 2007-08* ...
Louis Dale (13), Adam Gore (11), Ryan Wittman (9), Collin Robinson (4), Jason Battle (2), Jason Hartford (2), Geoff Reeves (2), Alex Tyler (2), Andre Wilkins (2), Jeff Foote (1), Jon Jaques (1), Brian Kreefer (1).

Games leading Cornell in blocks in 2007-08* ...
Jeff Foote (13), Alex Tyler (8), Louis Dale (7), Jason Hartford (3), Geoff Reeves (2), Pete Reynolds (2), Ryan Wittman (2), Brian Kreefer (1), Collin Robinson (1), Andre Wilkins (1).

First sub in* ...
Jeff Foote (16), Collin Robinson (8), Jason Battle (3), Jason Hartford (3), Brian Kreefer (2), Geoff Reeves (2), Andre Wilkins (2).

* In case of a tie, all players are credited with the game-high.

PURE SHOOTERS: As of the NCAA rankings through March 9, Cornell was the only school to rank among the top 10 teams nationally in field goal, 3-point field goal and free-throw percentages among the 341 Division I squads. The Big Red ranks fifth in 3-point field goal percentage (.414), sixth in field goal percentage (.492) and ninth from the free-throw line (.763).

A WIN IS A WIN: Cornell has guaranteed itself a second consecutive winning season overall, posting a 22-5 mark. The Big Red went 16-12 a season ago, giving the team consecutive winning campaigns for the first time since 1986-87 (15-11) and 1987-88 (17-10).

LAST IVY TITLE: Cornell is the last team other than Penn or Princeton to earn the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. The Big Red went 11-3 in Ivy League play and 17-10 overall during the 1987-88 season, running off 11 straight conference wins at one point during the year. Cornell faced Arizona in the first round of the national tourney, dropping a 90-50 decision. That team was on campus for men's basketball Alumni Weekend on its 20th anniversary of that special season.

BIGGER, FASTER, STRONGER: Head coach Steve Donahue has methodically built a program at Cornell, improving both the talent level and the results in each successive season beginning with his first recruiting class, which came in during his second season. Here is how each season has seen improvement. Cornell is the only school in the country to match or improve its win totals overall and in league play in each of the last six years.

Year	Overall	Ivy	RPI	
2001-02	5-22	2-12	292	
2002-03	9-18	4-10	292	
2003-04	11-16	6-8	269	
2004-05	13-14	8-6	210	
2005-06	13-15	8-6	207	
2006-07	16-12	9-5	169	
2007-08*	22-5	14-0	68	(* - as of 3/12)

DONAHUE NAMED NABC AND USBWA DISTRICT 2 COACH OF THE YEAR

Cornell men's basketball coach Steve Donahue has been named the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) District II and the United States Basketball Writers Association (USBWA) Coach of the Year. Donahue was chosen in a vote by his peers by the NABC and is one of 16 coaches who will now be candidates for the NABC National Coach of the Year. The USBWA also named him the top coach and will be one of nine candidates for Coach of the Year. In his eighth season as head coach at Cornell, Donahue led the Big Red to a historic season, setting school records for most wins overall (22) and longest win streak (16), while posting the 13th undefeated Ivy League season in conference history. The Big Red earned the program's third NCAA tournament berth in 108 years of Cornell basketball by winning the Ancient Eight's regular season crown. Among the highlights were becoming the fourth school to sweep a Penn-Princeton road weekend in more than 50 years, taking eight straight road wins (the longest streak in 43 years) and improving its win total overall and in conference play for the sixth-straight season, the longest stretch in the country. Among the school records set in 2007-08 were most points in a season (2,083), most 3-point field goals in a season (220) and highest free-throw percentage (.763), while its 29 assists in a win over Alvernia also was a new record.

2008 DIVISION I ALL-DISTRICT COACHES

	NABC	USBWA
District 1:	Jim Calhoun, Connecticut	Jim Calhoun, Connecticut
District 2:	**Steve Donahue, Cornell**	**Steve Donahue, Cornell**
District 3:	Mike Rice, Robert Morris	Mike Krzyzewski, Duke
District 4:	John Thompson III, Georgetown	Bruce Pearl, Tennessee
District 5:	Bob McKillop, Davidson	Matt Painter, Purdue
District 6:	Ronnie Arrow, South Alabama	Keno Davis, Drake
District 7:	Kevin Stallings, Vanderbilt and Bruce Pearl, Tennessee	Scott Drew, Baylor
District 8:	Dave Dickerson, Tulane	Lon Kruger, UNLV
District 9:	Rick Barnes, Texas	Herb Sendek, Arizona State
District 10:	Sean Miller, Xavier	
District 11:	Bo Ryan, Wisconsin	
District 12:	Keno Davis, Drake	
District 13:	Greg Graham, Boise State	
District 14:	Trent Johnson, Stanford	
District 15:	Bob Burton, Cal State Fullerton	

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION: The Big Red is 16-1 since the calendar changed over to 2008, following a trend that began last year when Cornell finished the 2006-07 season with a 12-5 record beginning in January.

GETTING UP THERE: Cornell head coach Steve Donahue entered the 2007-08 campaign with the second-longest tenure at the helm of their current team in the Ivy League. Only James Jones at Yale (ninth year) has been at his current school longer than Donahue has directed the Big Red.

WITTMAN NAMED ALL-DISTRICT BY USBWA AND NABC: Sophomore Ryan Wittman was named to the USBWA All-District 2 team and to the NABC All-District 2 second-team. Wittman is the 10th player in school history to be honored by the NABC and the first since Ka'Ron Barnes was also a second-team pick in 2004.

USBWA All-District 2 Team
Antoine Agudio, Hofstra
Bryant Dunston, Fordham
Charron Fisher, Niagara
Jonny Flynn, Syracuse
Donte' Greene, Syracuse
Roy Hibbert, Georgetown
Brian Laing, Seton Hall
Jason Thompson, Rider
Edwin Ubiles, Siena
Ryan Wittman, Cornell

NABC All-District 2 Teams
First Team
Antoine Agudio, Hofstra
Bryant Dunston, Fordham
Charron Fisher, Niagara
Jonny Flynn, Syracuse
Donte' Greene, Syracuse

Second Team
Ryan Wittman, Cornell
Edwin Ubiles, Siena
Michael Lee, St. Bonaventure
Justin Burrell, St. John's
Kenny Hasbrouck, Siena

START OF SOMETHING GOOD: Even bigger things could be coming for a Big Red team that won its first Ivy championship in 20 years this season. Among the team's top eight scorers, only one is a senior in 2007-08 and all but two players will be able to suit up for the 2009-10 campaign.

% returning from 2007-08 team	2008-09	2009-10
Points (77.1 ppg. in 2007-08)	1,887 pts. (90.6%)	1,743 pts. (83.7%)
Rebounds (33.9 rpg. in 2007-08)	804 reb. (88.0%)	728 reb. (79.6%)
Assists (15.6 apg. in 2007-08)	414 ast. (96.7%)	351 (83.6%)
Steals (6.0 spg. in 2007-08)	154 (95.1%)	142 (87.7%)
Blocked Shots (3.2 bpg. in 2007-08)	78 (91.8%)	72 (84.7%)

SWEET SWEEP: Cornell swept a home-and-home series with Penn for the first time since the 1988-89 campaign. The Big Red also snapped a 19-game skid at the Palestra that had included eight straight double figure losses with a 94-92 victory over the Quakers on March 8.

218 AND COUNTING: Cornell head coach Steve Donahue will be on the sidelines for his 219th career game during the NCAA first round, moving into third on the school's all-time list. Donahue coached in his 200th career game when the Big Red defeated Stony Brook 66-50 on Dec. 29 and became the fourth Big Red head coach to reach that mark. Here is how Donahue ranks among all-time Big Red coaches in terms of games coached and wins.

Games Coached
316 Howard Ortner (1919-36)
313 Royner Greene (1946-59)
218 Steve Donahue (2000-pr.)
218 Sam MacNeil (1959-68)

Wins
168 Royner Greene (1946-59)
159 Howard Ortner (1919-36)
139 Sam MacNeil (1959-68)
96 Steve Donahue (2000-pr.)

Under Steve Donahue ...

	2007-08	under Donahue
Overall	**22-5**	**96-122**
at Home	12-1	52-45
on Road	10-4	41-72
Neutral Site	0-0	3-5
In Overtime	1-0	3-4
Ivy League Overall	**14-0**	**54-58**
at home	7-0	27-29
on road	7-0	27-29
By Month		
November	4-1	13-21
December	2-3	13-33
January	4-1	32-23
February	9-0	31-34
March	3-0	7-11
By Conference		
America East	2-0	4-11
Atlantic 10	0-0	1-4
Atlantic Coast	0-1	0-4
Big East	0-1	0-6
Big South	0-0	1-0
Big Ten	0-0	1-3
Big West	0-0	0-1
Colonial Athletic Assoc.	0-0	0-2
Independents	1-0	2-0
Metro Atlantic Athletic	1-0	1-3
Mid-American	0-1	1-2
Missouri Valley	0-0	0-1
Mountain West	0-0	0-2
Northeast	1-0	4-5
Pacific-10	0-0	0-1
Patriot League	2-2	19-19
Southern Conference	0-0	0-0
Non-Division I	1-0	8-0

2007-08 Record By Starting Lineups

G-Dale, Gore **C**-Tyler **F**-Hartford, Wittman
Games 1-5, 7, 15-27 ..... *16-3*
G-Dale, Gore **C**-Tyler **F**-Kreefer, Wittman
Games 6, 8-11, 13-14 ..... *5-2*
G-Dale, Gore **C**-Hartford **F**-Kreefer, Wittman
Game 12 ..... *1-0*

Consecutive Games	Consecutive Starts
Louis Dale (55)	Louis Dale (27)
Ryan Wittman (55)	Ryan Wittman (27)
Jason Battle (54)	Adam Gore (27)
Adam Gore (27)	Alex Tyler (15)
Jeff Foote (21)	Jason Hartford (13)
Jason Hartford (21)	
Geoff Reeves (17)	
Alex Tyler (15)	
Andre Wilkins (11)	
Jon Jaques (1)	
Brian Kreefer (1)	
Conor Mullen (1)	
Pete Reynolds (1)	

TALL IVY: Over the last four seasons, Cornell's 39-17 record is second-best among Ivy League teams in conference action. Penn claimed the previous three Ancient Eight titles and has posted a 43-13 mark in conference over the same span.

NON-LEAGUE SUCCESS: The Big Red guaranteed itself a second-consecutive non-conference season with at least a .500 record in its win over Alvernia and finished 8-5. The last time the Big Red at least broke even out of league play in consecutive seasons was in the 1983-84 (7-5) and 1984-85 (6-6) campaigns.

MORE NON-LEAGUE SUCCESS: Cornell won eight non-league contests this season, the most by a Big Red team in a single campaign since the 1996-97 squad also won eight games.

HOME SWEET HOME: Cornell finished the 2007-08 season with a 12-1 record at home, including seven straight triumphs in front of the Newman Nation crowd. The Big Red fans came out in droves to support the team, averaging 3,992 fans for conference games and posting crowds of more than 4,000 in four of the final five home games, including sell-outs for wins over Penn (2/9) and Harvard (3/1).

DEFENSE PICKING UP: If defense wins championships, Cornell has put itself in a position to do just that. The Big Red has done an improved job defensively over the last 19 contests (18-1), allowing opponents to shoot just .395 from the floor ,while scoring 62.5 ppg. during that span. The Big Red has limited opponents to .351 shooting from 3-point range at the same time. Cornell's masterpiece was during its 64-33 win over NJIT. The 33 points was the fewest allowed by a Big Red team since Princeton scored 30 in a 63-30 Cornell victory in 1984-85. The Highlanders hit on just 20 percent from the floor (8-of-40), the lowest mark since Princeton also shot 20 percent in that 1984-85 game (9-of-45).

	First 8 Games	Last 19 Games
Record	4-4	18-1
Opp. PPG	81.5	62.5
Opp. FG%	.478	.395
Opp. 3PT FG%	.375	.351
Reb. Margin	-3.6	+2.2

NATIONALLY RANKED: Cornell is ranked in several categories in the latest NCAA statistics (as of March 9). As a team, the Big Red is in the top 50 in eight categories, while Cornell individuals are listed in four categories.

Team	Individual
3- Point Field Goal Percentage (5th, .414)	Louis Dale (FT Pct., 7th, .906)
Field Goal Percentage (6th, .492)	Ryan Wittman (3-Ptr. Pct., 9th, .466)
Free-Throw Percentage (9th, .763)	Louis Dale (Assists, 55th, 5.0)
Won-Lost Percentage (15th, .815)	Ryan Wittman (3-Pts Per Game, 58th, 2.8)
Scoring Offense (38th, 77.1)	
Scoring Margin (39th, 9.0)	
3-Point Field Goals Per Game (45th, 8.1)	
Assists Per Game (46th, 15.6)	

BIG SCORE: Cornell set a school record for most points in a season in the finale against Princeton, as the team's 71 points pushed the 27-game total to 2,083, 29 points more than the previous record of 2,044 set during the 1965-66 season. Cornell's 77.1 points per game ranks sixth in a single season for the Big Red.

PERFECT MONTH?: The Big Red capped a perfect month with a 9-0 record in February after defeating Dartmouth on Feb. 29. It was the first undefeated month for the Big Red since a truncated November of 1996 when Cornell opened the season 2-0. The last time the Big Red went undefeated in a month with at least five games played was in February of 1988 when Cornell went 8-0 en route to capturing the Ivy League title.

GANT NAMED FINALIST FOR V FOUNDATION COMEBACK AWARD: Senior Khaliq Gant is one of eight finalists for the V Foundation Comeback Award. The award is presented by the V Foundation for Cancer Research and will be presented in conjunction with ESPN. The recipient will be announced during ESPN's basketball Final Four/NIT weekend coverage. The annual award is open to men and women collegiate basketball student-athletes in all divisions. It is awarded to an individual or a team who has accomplished a personal triumph in the face of true adversity, be it in health, life or moral dilemma. The award is presented in memory of Jim Valvano, the last basketball coach and ESPN commentator, whose personal battle with cancer inspired the creation of The V Foundation.

WIZARD OF OZ SERIES: For the second straight year, Cornell went 6-0 against Columbia (Lions), Princeton (Tigers) and Brown (Bears). Cornell had swept the six games against those three opponents for the first time in a single season in 2006-07.

Top Marks Under Steve Donahue

Most Points Scored (Game)
99 vs. VMI 12/1/06
Most Points Scored (Half)
56 at Harvard 1/30/04
Most Field Goals Made
36 vs. VMI 12/1/06
Most Field Goals Attempted
74 vs. Yale 2/5/05
Highest Field Goal Percentage
.600 at Buffalo (30-of-50) 11/22/02
Most Free-Throws Made
31 vs. Army 11/20/07
Most Free-Throws Attempted
42 at Harvard 2/15/03
Highest Free-Throw Percentage
1.000 at Brown (15-of-15) 2/6/04
Most 3-Point Field Goals Made
15 at Syracuse 12/20/04
Most 3-Point Field Goals Attempted
36 at Georgia Tech 1/2/02
Highest 3-Point Field Goal Percentage
.625 at Syracuse (15-of-24) 12/20/04
Most Defensive Rebounds
39 vs. Dartmouth 2/20/04
Most Offensive Rebounds
23 vs. Bucknell 12/9/00
23 vs. Yale 2/24/01
Most Rebounds
59 vs. Dartmouth 2/20/04
Biggest Rebound Margin
+29 vs. Dartmouth (59-30) 2/20/04
Most Assists
28 vs. Alvernia 1/10/08
Most Turnovers
29 at Long Beach State 12/30/05
Fewest Turnovers
4 vs. Yale 2/22/08
Most Blocked Shots
10 vs. Harvard 2/4/06
Most Steals
15 vs. VMI 12/1/06

Most Points Allowed
102 at Ohio 11/17/07
Fewest Points Allowed
33 at NJIT 1/15/08
Most Field Goals Allowed
37 at Michigan State 11/24/00
Most Field Goals Attempted
77 vs. VMI 12/1/06
Lowest Field Goal Percentage Allowed
.200 at NJIT (8-of-40) 1/25/08
Most 3-Point Field Goals Allowed
19 vs. VMI 12/1/06
Most 30-Point Field Goals Attempted
54 vs. VMI 12/1/06
Lowest 3-Point Field Goal Percentage Allowed
.000 vs. Ithaca College (0-of-14) 12/3/01
Most Turnovers Forced
26 at NJIT 1/15/08
Fewest Turnovers Forced
5 at Michigan State 11/24/00
5 vs. Penn 1/12/07

Cornell Rankings (as of 3/12/08)

CORNELL TEAM - Overall	Stat	Ivy Rank	NCAA
3PT Field Goal Percentage	.414	1st	5th
Field Goal Percentage	.492	1st	6th
Free Throw Percentage	.763	1st	9th
Won-Loss Percentage	.815	1st	15th
Scoring Offense	77.1	1st	38th
Scoring Margin	+9.0	1st	39th
3PT Field Goals Made	8.15	1st	45th
Assists	15.56	1st	46th
Assist/Turnover Ratio	1.14	1st	53rd
FG Percentage Defense	.422	1st	100th
Turnovers Per Game	13.7	1st	117th
Rebounding Margin	+1.2	1st	137th
Defensive Rebounds	24.67	1st	—
Turnover Margin	+0.74	1st	—
Rebounding Offense	33.9	2nd	—
Personal Fouls Per Game	18.3	3rd	143rd
Scoring Defense	68.1	4th	149th
Blocked Shots	3.15	4th	173rd
Steals	6.00	5th	240th
3PT FG Percentage Defense	.358	5th	—
Rebounding Defense	32.7	5th	—
Offensive Rebounds	9.19	6th	—

CORNELL INDIVIDUALS - Overall

Category	Avg.	Name	Ivy	NCAA
Scoring	15.4	Ryan Wittman	4th	—
	13.8	Louis Dale	6th	—
Rebounding	6.4	Jeff Foote	4th	—
Assists	5.04	Louis Dale	1st	55th
FG Pct.	.475	Ryan Wittman	4th	—
	.458	Louis Dale	7th	—
FT Pct.	.929	Adam Gore	1st	—
	.906	Louis Dale	2nd	7th
Steals	1.26	Louis Dale	10th	—
3Pt FG Pct.	.466	Ryan Wittman	3rd	9th
	.416	Adam Gore	5th	—
3Pt FG Made	2.81	Ryan Wittman	1st	58th
	2.11	Adam Gore	5th	—
Blocked Shots	1.43	Jeff Foote	2nd	—
	0.62	Alex Tyler	10th	—
A/TO Ratio	1.64	Louis Dale	2nd	—
Off. Rebounds	1.71	Jeff Foote	5th	—
Def. Rebounds	4.67	Jeff Foote	3rd	—

CORNELL TEAM - Ivy Only	Stat	Ivy Rank
Scoring Offense	76.6	1st
Scoring Margin	+12.7	1st
Field Goal Percentage	.503	1st
FG Percentage Defense	.403	1st
3PT Field Goals Made	7.21	1st
Free Throw Percentage	.785	1st
Assists	13.79	1st
Assist/Turnover Ratio	1.14	1st
Rebounding Offense	35.1	1st
Rebounding Defense	29.3	2nd
Rebounding Margin	+5.9	1st
Defensive Rebounds	25.71	1st
3PT Field Goal Percentage	.396	2nd
Scoring Defense	63.9	3rd
Turnover Margin	+0.57	3rd
Blocked Shots	3.14	3rd
Offensive Rebounds	9.43	5th
3PT FG Percentage Defense	.370	7th
Steals	4.79	7th

CORNELL INDIVIDUALS - OVERALL

Category	Avg.	Name	Ivy
Scoring	16.4	Ryan Wittman	3rd
	14.4	Louis Dale	5th
	12.1	Adam Gore	10th
Rebounding	6.9	Jeff Foote	5th
Assists	5.00	Louis Dale	1st
FG Pct.	.491	Ryan Wittman	5th
	.462	Louis Dale	7th
FT Pct.	.932	Adam Gore	2nd
	.895	Ryan Wittman	4th
	.887	Louis Dale	5th
Steals	1.14	Louis Dale	10th
3Pt FG Pct.	.459	Adam Gore	2nd
	.438	Ryan Wittman	5th
3Pt FG Made	2.50	Ryan Wittman	1st
	2.43	Adam Gore	2nd
Blocked Shots	1.43	Jeff Foote	3rd
A/TO Ratio	1.63	Louis Dale	2nd
Off. Rebounds	2.00	Jason Hartford	3rd
	1.64	Jeff Foote	7th
Def. Rebounds	5.29	Jeff Foote	5th
	4.14	Ryan Wittman	9th

DYNAMIC DUO: First-team All-Ivy League selections Ryan Wittman and Louis Dale proved quickly they would be a formidable duo. As freshmen in 2006-07, the tandem combined to win 12 Ivy League Rookie of the Week Awards (Wittman 6, Dale 6), with Wittman edging Dale out for conference Rookie of the Year. This year, Dale won three Ivy Player of the Week awards to Wittman's one. Wittman and Dale ranked third among freshman scoring duos a season ago at 28.8 ppg., behind only Kevin Durant and D.J. Augustin of Texas (40.2 ppg.) and Davidson's Stephen Curry and William Archambault (29.1 ppg.).

TREY BIEN: The Big Red has hit at least one 3-pointer in 532 straight games entering the NCAA tournament. Cornell surpassed the 500-game plateau when the Big Red connected on six treys at Princeton on Feb. 16, 2007. The last time Cornell did not hit a 3-pointer was against Denison in the 1988-89 season opener (0-for-2). Since the 3-point shot came into effect in NCAA play during the 1986-87 season, Cornell has hit at least one shot behind the arc in 583 of 587 games, connecting on 3,371 treys, an average of 5.74 per game. The Big Red has hit a 3-pointer in all 218 games coached by Steve Donahue.

TREY BIEN, MERCI: The Big Red opened the season with four consecutive games in which it has hit at least 10 3-pointers, the longest stretch in school history. Cornell had never previously gone more than two consecutive games with 10 or more treys. The Big Red has reached double figures in 3-point field goals in 11 games this year with a season-high of 14 against Alvernia, just one shy of the school record.

BOMBS AWAY: Cornell has hit 220 shots from beyond the arc in 27 games so far this season to set a school record for most treys in a single-season. The previous record of 200 was set in 2001-02.

BIG RED EARNS VOTES IN AP POLL

The Big Red received three votes in the March 10 edition of the Associated Press Top 25 poll, giving the team votes for four straight weeks. Cornell is one of 14 teams in the also receiving votes category.

Associated Press Top 25 Poll

No.	Team	Rec.	Pts.	Prev.
1.	North Carolina (52)	29-2	1,776	1
2.	Memphis (13)	30-1	1,693	2
3.	UCLA (5)	28-3	1,646	3
4.	Tennessee (2)	28-3	1,626	4
5.	Kansas	28-3	1,517	5
6.	Texas	26-5	1,360	9
7.	Duke	26-4	1,316	6
8.	Wisconsin	26-4	1,309	10
9.	Georgetown	25-4	1,300	11
10.	Xavier	26-5	1,043	8
11.	Stanford	24-6	1,036	7
12.	Butler	28-3	976	14
13.	Louisville	24-7	959	12
14.	Notre Dame	24-6	802	19
15.	Connecticut	24-7	767	13
16.	Drake	28-4	672	20
17.	Purdue	24-7	646	15
18.	Vanderbilt	25-6	565	16
19.	Michigan State	24-7	497	17
20.	Gonzaga	25-7	474	22
21.	Washington State	23-7	375	23
22.	Indiana	25-6	357	18
23.	Davidson	26-6	181	25
24.	Brigham Young	25-6	154	NR
25.	Marquette	22-8	128	21

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: Clemson (64), USC (57), South Alabama (43), Mississippi State (21), Kent State (11), Baylor (7), Pittsburgh (6), Oklahoma (4), ***Cornell (3)***, Kentucky (3), West Virginia (3), Kansas State (1), Saint Mary's (1), Western Kentucky (1).

CRUISING AT 80: The Big Red scored at least 80 points in four straight games to open the year, the first time it had reached that mark consecutively since the 1966-67 squad had five straight under head coach Sam MacNeil (110 vs. Pitt, 80 vs. Yale, 81 vs. Brown, 86 at Dartmouth, 85 at Harvard). The Big Red has reached 80 points in 10 different games this season.

LINE IT UP: The Big Red got to the free throw line 38 times in the win over Army, making 31 attempts from the charity stripe. It was the most makes in a single game for Cornell since hitting 31 at Harvard during the 1992-93 season. For the year, Cornell is connecting on 76 percent of its shots from the free-throw line, with Adam Gore leading the way at 93 percent (65-of-70). In all, three different players (Gore, Louis Dale - .906, Ryan Wittman - .862) are shooting better than 86 percent.

MORE TIME ON THE LINE: Cornell is shooting .763 from the free-throw line this season, a mark that would establish a school record. The current record is .759, set during the 1962-63 campaign.

LAST MINUTE HEROICS: The tandem of Adam Gore and Louis Dale have provided daggers to their competition in the final five minutes of games this season. Dale has hit on 21-of-31 field goals (.677), including 7-of-8 from 3-point range (.875) in the final five minutes of games, while also connecting on 46-of-51 free throws (.902). Gore has hit on 53 percent of his shots overall (.526), including 8-of-13 from 3-point range (.615). The junior co-captain has also made 19-of-22 free throws (.864).

NCAA Record Book

Sophomore Ryan Wittman rankw among the all-time NCAA leaders in two 3-point categories. Below is where he would rank if the season ended today on the career charts.

3-Point FG Percentage - Career

1.	Tony Bennett, Wisconsin-Green Bay	.497
2.	Stephen Sir, San Diego St./N. Arizona	.469
3.	David Olson, Eastern Illinois	.466
4.	Ross Land, Northern Arizona	.464
5.	Dan Dickau, Washington/Gonzaga	.462
6.	Steve Novak, Marquette	.461
7.	Sean Jackson, Ohio/Princeton	.460
	Bary Booker, Vanderbilt	.460
9.	Kevin Booth, Mt. St. Mary's	.459
	Dave Calloway, Monmouth	.459
11.	Tony Ross, San Diego State	.458
	Salim Stoudamire, Arizona	.458
13.	Jason Matthews, Pittsburgh	.457
14.	Corey Reed, Radford	.455
	Jim Barton, Dartmouth	.455
	Shawn Respert, Michigan State	.455
17.	Kyle Korver, Creighton	.453
18.	Carlton Becton, North Carolina A&T	.452
19.	Eric Channging, New Mexico State	.451
20.	Ray Allen, Connecticut	.448
	Curtis Shelton, Southeast Missouri St.	.448
22.	Jeff McCool, New Mexico State	.447
23.	**Ryan Wittman, Cornell**	**.446**
	Jason Kapono, UCLA	.446
25.	Pat Carroll, St. Joseph's	.445

3-Point FG Per Game - Career

1.	Timothy Pollard, Mississippi Valley St.	4.57
2.	Sidney Grider, Louisiana-Lafayette	4.36
3.	Brian Merriweather, UT-Pan American	3.95
4.	Josh Heard, Tennessee Tech	3.82
5.	Kareem Townes, La Salle	3.70
6.	Keydren Clark, St. Peter's	3.69
7.	Keith Veney, Lamar/Marshall	3.68
8.	Dave Mooney, Coastal Carolina	3.61
9.	Dennis Scott, Georgia Tech	3.55
10.	Mark Alberts, Akron	3.50
11.	Doug Day, Radford	3.43
12.	Curtis Staples, Virginia	3.39
13.	Ronnie Schmitz, UMKC	3.38
14.	Michael Watson, UMKC	3.34
15.	J.J. Redick, Duke	3.29
16.	Jeff Fryer, Loyola Marymount	3.24
17.	Keddric Mays, Chattanooga	3.22
18.	Dana Barros, Boston College	3.20
19.	Tony Ross, San Diego State	3.18
	Will Whittington, Marist	3.18
21.	Randy Woods, La Salle	3.16
22.	Dominick Young, Fresno State	3.13
	Wally Lancaster, Virginia Tech	3.13
	David Sivulich, St. Mary's (CA)	3.13
---	**Ryan Wittman, Cornell**	**3.07**

CORNELL CAPTURES FOUR IVY LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE WEEK AWARDS:

LOUIS DALE (Nov. 26): Dale helped Cornell to wins over Army and Siena, averaging 18.5 points, 6.5 assists and 6.5 rebounds in the two games. He shot 48 percent from the floor, 55 percent from 3-point range and on 9-of-11 free throws (82 percent). Dale opened the week with 17 points, seven assists and four rebounds in a 93-78 win over the Black Knights. The 5-11 guard was even better as Cornell topped the preseason Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference favorite Saints, going for a season-high 20 points and nine rebounds, along with six assists in the 83-77 victory. Dale scored 15 of his points in the second half, ending the evening 4-of-6 on 3-pointers.

RYAN WITTMAN (Feb. 11): Wittman spearheaded the Big Red's first weekend sweep of Princeton and Penn since the 1987-88 Ivy championship year by averaging 22.5 points, 7.0 rebounds, 1.5 assists and 1.0 steals. The sophomore shot 65 percent from the floor, hit on nine-of-13 three-pointers and made all six of his free throws with just two turnovers in 72 total minutes. Against Princeton on Friday, Wittman hit 7-of-10 shots, including 4-of-5 from three-point range and added eight rebounds in a 72-61 win over the Tigers. He was even better against the Quakers, scoring a career-high 25 points in helping Cornell snap an 18-game losing streak to Penn.

LOUIS DALE (March 3): Dale was named Ivy League Men's Basketball Player of the Week for the second time this season after a pair of dominating performances for Cornell, helping the Big Red to its first Ivy League title in 20 years. The 5-11 guard averaged 17.0 points, 7.0 assists, 6.5 rebounds and 1.0 steals in leading the Big Red to a pair of easy weekend wins over Dartmouth and Harvard. Dale shot 58 percent from the floor, 40 percent from 3-point range and hit both free throw attempts while turning the ball over just four times. The sophomore opened the weekend with a dominant 22-point, 11-rebound, six-assist double-double in a 75-59 triumph over Dartmouth. Dale hit 9-of-14 shots and set a new career high in rebounds. He responded with 12 points, nine assists and two rebounds in Cornell's NCAA tournament-clinching 86-53 victory over Harvard the following night.

LOUIS DALE (March 10): Dale was again outstanding in helping the Big Red become the 13th team in conference history to record a perfect season (14-0) and the fourth team to sweep a Penn-Princeton road weekend in 50 years. The sophomore averaged 22.5 points, 5.5 assists, 3.5 rebounds and 1.5 steals, while making 62 percent of his field goals and 50 percent from beyond the 3-point arc in the two games. Dale opened the weekend with 24 points, seven assists, four rebounds, two steals and a blocked shot in the Big Red's 94-92 win over Penn at the Palestra, helping Cornell snap a 19-game losing skid at the historic gym. On Saturday evening, Dale put together another outstanding second half in crunch time. After trailing at the break, Dale scored 17 points and had two assists without a turnover, connecting on 6-of-8 shots and all three of his 3-point attempts as Cornell sealed its unbeaten season. He ended the night with 21 points, four assists and three rebounds.

UP TO NO. 18 IN MID-MAJOR POLL

Cornell has been ranked in the Collegeinsider.com Mid-Major poll the last three weeks and moved up from No. 22 to No. 18 in the March 10 poll. Also in the poll is former Big Red opponent Siena at No. 22, while Ohio and Brown are on the list of teams also receiving votes.

CollegeInsider.com Mid-Major Top 25 Poll

No.	Team	Rec.	Pts.	Prev.
1.	Butler (24)	28-3	763	1
2.	Davidson (1)	25-6	728	2
3.	Drake (1)	28-4	707	4
4.	Gonzaga (2)	25-6	699	3
5.	Kent State	25-6	632	7
6.	South Alabama	26-5	605	6
7.	Western Kentucky	25-6	573	8
8.	VCU	24-7	551	5
9.	Stephen F. Austin	25-4	531	9
10.	UC Santa Barbara	23-7	491	15
11.	St. Mary's	25-6	460	10
12.	Cal State Fullerton	21-8	371	13
13.	George Mason	22-10	272	16
14.	IUPUI	25-6	267	14
15.	Illinois State	24-9	262	11
16.	Belmont	25-8	255	17
17.	Morgan State	20-9	224	19
18.	***Cornell***	***22-5***	***222***	***22***
19.	Rider	22-9	214	21
20.	Robert Morris	26-7	208	12
21.	Akron	21-9	131	18
22.	*Siena*	*21-10*	*130*	*NR*
23.	Oral Roberts	23-8	126	NR
24.	Cal State Northridge	20-9	121	20
25.	Cleveland State	21-11	65	NR

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: San Diego 58, Western Michigan 57, Austin Peay 55, UMBC 47, UNC Asheville 41, American 38, *Ohio 35*, Southern Illinois 18, Sam Houston 17, Portland State 16, Wright State 15, Creighton 13, William & Mary 12, Miami (Ohio) 10, Valparaiso 8, Pacific 7, *Brown 3*, Hartford 3, Sacred Heart 3, Lamar 2, Wagner 2, Mount St. Mary's 1.

WITTMAN A PRESEASON MID-MAJOR ALL-AMERICAN: Sophomore Ryan Wittman was named a preseason Mid-Major All-American by collegeinsider.com. He was the only sophomore and one of just three underclassmen on the 25-man squad. Wittman is also the only Ivy League representative.

Freshmen Starting Season Openers

George Hall ..... 1980-81 at Clemson ..... L, 50-48
24 min., 3-4 FG, 2 REB, 1 AST, 5 TO, 1 STL, 6 PTS

Drew Martin ..... 1982-83 vs. Bowling Green ..... L, 50-48
27 min., 2-4 FG, 1-2 FT, 2 REB, 2 AST, 2 TO, 5 PTS

John Bajusz ..... 1983-84 at Syracuse ..... L, 84-55
34 min., 2-7 FG, 1-1 FT, 1 REB, 3 AST, 6 TO, 1 STL, 5 PTS

Brian Kopf..... 1992-93 at Syracuse ..... L, 97-65
22 min., 3-7 FG, 7 REB, 1 AST, 0 TO, 6 PTS

DeShawn Standard.. 1994-95 at Lehigh ..... L, 105-89
23 min., 3-7 FG, 1-2 3-PT FG, 3 REB, 5 AST, 0 TO, 4 STL, 7 PTS

Dan Wendt..... 1994-95 at Lehigh ..... L, 105-89
17 min., 3-7 FG, 3-7 3-PT FG, 2 REB, 2 AST, 2 TO, 9 PTS

Jeffrion Aubry ..... 1995-96 at Lafayette ..... L, 78-69
9 min., 0-1 FG, 2-3 FT, 2 REB, 1 BLK, 2 PTS

Kevin Cuttica ..... 1997-98 at Lafayette ..... L, 69-53
29 min., 2-7 FG, 6 REB, 4 AST, 5 TOs, 5 PTS

Wallace Prather..... 1998-99 vs. Buffalo ..... L, 64-63
35 min., 2-7 FG, 6 REB, 4 AST, 5 TOs, 2 STL, 7 PTS

Chris Vandenberg .... 2001-02 at Canisius ..... L, 65-48
28 min., 2-5 FG, 7 REB, 1 AST, 3 TOs, 7 BLK, 6 PTS

Cody Toppert..... 2001-02 at Canisius ..... L, 65-48
32 min., 4-13 FG, 2-11 3-Pt FG, 5 REB, 1 AST, 1 TOs, 12 PTS

Adam Gore .....2005-06 vs. Saint Francis (Pa.) .....W, 75-54
34 min., 4-11 FG, 2-6 3-Pt FG, 4 REB, 2 AST, 0 TOs, 11 PTS

Louis Dale .....2006-07 at Northwestern .....W, 64-61
20 min., 2-2 FG, 1-1 3-Pt FG, 2-2 FT, 3 REB, 2 AST, 5 TOs, 7 PTS

Ryan Wittman.....2006-07 at Northwestern .....W, 64-61
40 min., 6-15 FG, 3-11 3-Pt FG, 3-4 FT, 3 REB, 2 AST, 2 TOs, 1 STL, 18 PTS

The Preseason Breakdown

Organization	Preseason Prediction
Athlon	First
Basketball-U.com	First
Ivy League Media	First
Lindy's	First
Street & Smith's/Sporting News	First

Head coach Steve Donahue
Coach of the Year (Street & Smith's)

Ryan Wittman
Preseason first-team All-Ivy (Athlon, CBSSportsline.com, Lindy's, Street & Smith's)
Ivy League' Best Shooter (Lindy's)
Ivy League's Best NBA Prospect (Lindy's)

Adam Gore
Preseason second-team All-Ivy (Lindy's)

Louis Dale
Preseason second-team All-Ivy (Lindy's)
Ivy League's best playmaker (Lindy's)

2007-08 CAPTAINS: The Big Red men's basketball team will be led by a pair of junior captains. Jason Battle and Adam Gore will represent Cornell as captains for the 2007-08 season.

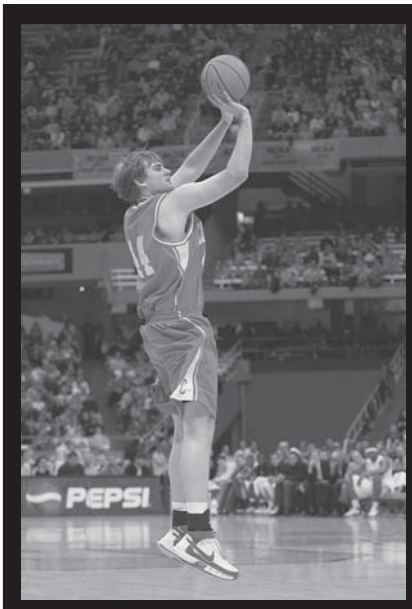
BIG RED PICKED FIRST IN PRESEASON POLL: If the Ivy League media are right, the Cornell men's basketball team will be the conference's representative when the 2007-08 NCAA basketball tournament comes around, as head coach Steve Donahue's team opens the season sitting atop the Ivy League media preseason poll which was released by the league office. The Big Red is the first team other than Penn or Princeton to sit atop the preseason poll since Dartmouth was predicted to win the 1988-89 campaign 19 years ago. The Big Red received 10 of 16 first-place votes and outdistanced projected runner-up Yale, 119-104. Three-time defending league champion Penn, with 97 points, finished third, while Columbia (80), Brown (70), Harvard (43), Princeton (40) and Dartmouth (23) rounded out the eight-team field. Yale was the top team on three ballots, while Penn, Columbia and Brown each received one first-place vote.

2007-08 Ivy League Weekly Award Winners

PLAYER OF THE WEEK
Nov. 21 — Matt Kyle (Yale)
Nov. 28 — Louis Dale (Cornell)
Dec. 3 — Evan Harris (Harvard)
Dec. 10 — Mark McAndrew (Brown)
Dec. 17 — Ben Nwachukwu (Columbia)
Dec. 24 — Chris Skrelja (Brown)
Jan. 7 — Damon Huffman (Brown)
Jan. 14 — Alex Barnett (Dartmouth)
Jan. 21 — Ross Morin (Yale)
Jan. 28 — Damon Huffman (Brown)
Feb. 3 — John Baumann (Columbia)
Feb. 10 — Ryan Wittman (Cornell)
Feb. 17 — John Baumann (Columbia)
Feb. 24 — Jeremy Lin (Harvard)
March 3 — Louis Dale (Cornell)
March 10 — Louis Dale (Cornell)

ROOKIE OF THE WEEK
Nov. 21 — Jack Eggleston (Penn)
Nov. 28 — Peter Sullivan (Brown)/Harrison Gaines (Penn)
Dec. 3 — Tyler Bernadini (Penn)
Dec. 10 — Tyler Bernadini (Penn)
Dec. 17 — None
Dec. 24 — Tyler Bernadini (Penn)
Jan. 7 — Kareem Maddox (Princeton)
Jan. 14 — Peter Sullivan (Brown)
Jan. 21 — Tyler Bernadini (Penn)
Jan. 28 — Adrian Williams (Brown)
Feb. 3 — Jack Eggleston (Penn)
Feb. 10 — Harrison Gaines (Penn)
Feb. 17 — Peter Sullivan (Brown)
Feb. 24 — Asenso Ampim (Columbia)
March 3 — Peter Sullivan (Brown)
March 10 — Tyler Bernadini (Penn)

No.	School	Points (1st)
1.	**Cornell**	**119 (10)**
2.	Yale	104 (3)
3.	Penn	97 (1)
4.	Columbia	80 (1)
5.	Brown	70 (1)
6.	Harvard	43
7.	Princeton	40
8.	Dartmouth	23



Jason Hartford • Sr. * F * Tillamook, Ore.
Hartford has been a productive post player in his two seasons on the court with the Big Red and his three seasons with the Cornell program despite a rash of injuries. His ability to step away from the basket, to pass and rebound have set the Big Red up for postseason play. This season, Hartford is averaging 7.5 points and 4.2 rebounds while shooting 58 percent from the floor. He has started 20 games this season, helping Cornell to a 17-3 record in those games. He ranks third on the school's career field goal percentage list at .569.

CORNELL HONORS HARTFORD: Senior Jason Hartford was honored prior to his final appearance at home in front of the Newman Nation crowd against Harvard on March 1. Additionally, senior Khaliq Gant will spend one more year on campus while finishing his degree in communication. To the left is a brief bio.

ASSORTED NOTES:
• Seven members of this year's squad earned first-team all-state recognition in high school. Senior Jason Hartford (Oregon), juniors Brian Kreefer (Ohio) and Conor Mullen (Washington) and sophomores Louis Dale (Alabama), Geoff Reeves (Kansas), Pete Reynolds (Nebraska) and Ryan Wittman (Minnesota) were placed among the very top players in their respective states as seniors.
• Hartford was named Oregon's Class 3A Player of the Year as a senior, while Wittman was one of five finalists for Mr. Basketball in Minnesota.
• Junior Geoff Reeves is a triplet along with sisters Erica and Alyssa.
• Junior Ryan Wittman is the son of Minnesota Timberwolves head coach Randy Wittman. Randy was a part of Indiana University's 1981 NCAA championship team, was Big Ten Player of the Year in 1983, and played in the NBA.
• Junior Jeff Foote's father, Don, played college basketball at Niagara (1976-79).
• Junior Louis Dale speaks fluent French.
• Senior Khaliq Gant has been doing an online journal recapping his neck injury at www.thecampusword.com.
• Cornell's road trip to Harvard-Dartmouth was chronicled by *New York Times* writer Pete Thamel and photographer Josh Haner. Their blog, story and photo gallery can be found on www.CornellBigRed.com or in the clips section.

UP NEXT: The Big Red will continue in the single-elimination NCAA tournament until it loses, then returns in October when it will attempt to capture a second-straight Ivy title.

2007-08 Final Ivy League Standings

	Ivy League					Overall					
	W	-L	Pct.	H	A	W	-L	Pct.	H	A	N
Cornell	**14**	**-0**	**1.000**	**7-0**	**7-0**	**22**	**-5**	**.815**	**12-1**	**10-4**	**0-0**
Brown	11	-3	.785	6-1	5-2	19	-9	.679	9-3	10-6	0-0
Penn	8	-6	.571	5-2	3-4	13	-18	.419	9-8	4-10	0-0
Columbia	7	-7	.500	4-3	3-4	14	-15	.483	7-6	6-9	1-0
Yale	7	-7	.500	4-3	3-4	13	-15	.464	8-5	5-10	0-0
Dartmouth	3	-11	.214	2-5	1-6	10	-18	.357	6-6	3-12	1-0
Harvard	3	-11	.214	3-4	0-7	8	-22	.267	7-6	0-15	1-1
Princeton	3	-11	.214	3-4	0-7	6	-23	.207	6-7	0-13	0-3

2007-08 All-Ivy Men's Basketball Team

Player of the Year
Louis Dale, Cornell (So., G)

Rookie of the Year
Tyler Bernardini, Penn (Fr., F)

First Team
*Louis Dale, Cornell (So., G)
*Ryan Wittman, Cornell (So., F)
*Mark McAndrew, Brown (Sr., G)
John Baumann, Columbia (Sr., F)
Damon Huffman, Brown (Sr., G)

Second Team
Jeff Foote, Cornell (Jr., C)
Adam Gore, Cornell (Jr., G)
Chris Skrelja, Brown (Jr., F)
Alex Barnett, Dartmouth (Sr., F)
Jeremy Lin, Harvard (So., G)
Brian Grandieri, Penn (Sr., G/F)
Noah Savage, Princeton (Sr., F)
Ross Morin, Yale (Jr., F)
Travis Pinick, Yale (So., F)

Honorable Mention
Tyler Bernardini, Penn (Fr., F)

Dale Named Ivy Player of the Year, Joins Wittman On All-Ivy First Team

ITHACA, N.Y. -- Sophomore Louis Dale became the second Cornell men's basketball player to earn Ivy League Player of the Year honors and joined classmate Ryan Wittman as unanimous member of the All-Ivy first team when the awards were announced on March 12. The Big Red also placed juniors Jeff Foote and Adam Gore on the second team in voting done by the league's eight head coaches.

Dale became just the second sophomore to capture the Ancient Eight's top individual award, joining Penn's Jerome Allen in 1992-93, and is the second Cornell player to earn the honor, joining Ken Bantum in 1984-85. The four All-Ivy players in one year is also the most since the 1987-88 team had five All-Ivy players, with Sam Jacobs earning first-team honors, Mike Millane being recognized on the second team and Wolfgang Florin, Greg Gilda and James Paul capturing honorable mention honors. It is also just the third time in school history that the Cornell men's basketball team placed two players on the All-Ivy first team (1964-65 and 1984-85).

Dale ranked second on the team and sixth in the Ivy League in scoring (13.8 ppg.) and led the Ancient Eight in assists (5.0 apg.), good enough for 55th nationally. The sophomore started all 27 games, ranking among the team leaders in rebounding (second, 4.4 rpg.), steals (first, 34) and free-throw percentage (second, .906). The three-time Ivy League Player of the Week also ranked among the Ivy leaders in field goal percentage (seventh, .458) and assist/turnover ratio (second, 1.64). In league play, Dale was even better, posting averages of 14.4 ppg., 5.0 apg. and 4.6 rpg. The Birmingham, Ala. native led the nation in free-throw percentage for much of the year (currently seventh in Division I) and made a school record 52 consecutive shots from the charity stripe. His 12-of-12 effort at Bucknell tied the school record for most free throws in a game without a miss and also tied a single-game high in Division I.

The 5-11 guard scored in double figures in 21 games and led the team in scoring in seven contests and was the leader in assists 16 times. He tied his career scoring high with 24 points in both wins over three-time defending league champion Penn and notched a career-best 10 assists in the season-opening win over Lehigh. His 22-point, 11-rebound, six-assist effort in a win over Dartmouth helped Cornell clinch at least a share of the Ivy title. Against NCAA qualifier and Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference champion Siena, Dale had a dominant 20-point, nine-rebound, six-assist effort in a win. He ranks sixth on the school's single-season assist list (136).

Wittman was named to the NABC and USBWA All-District teams and, like Dale, makes his first first-team All-Ivy showing. The team's leading scorer throughout the season, Wittman ranked fourth in the Ancient Eight (15.4 ppg.) and field goal percentage (.475), paced the Ancient Eight in 3-point field goals made for the second straight year (2.81) and was third in 3-point percentage (.466). He also set a career-high in rebounding (4.3 rpg.). In league play, Wittman stepped up his game to average 16.4 ppg. (third) while shooting .491 (fifth) overall and .438 from beyond the arc (fifth). Additionally, he led the circuit in 3-pointers made per game (2.50). His free-throw percentage (fourth, .895) and defensive rebounding totals (ninth, 4.14) also ranked among the top 10 in conference action.

An Ivy League Player of the Week pick earlier this year, Wittman hit for double figures in 24 of the team's 27 games and scored 20 or more points six times during the season. Wittman led the team in scoring in 10 contests and was the leading rebounder in five games. The 6-6 forward scored a career-high 25 points in a win over Penn at home and notched a 14-point, 11-rebound double-double in the win over Siena to establish a career rebounding high. He netted consecutive games of 23 points at Stony Brook and 22 points at Quinnipiac to collect road wins. Hiis 76 3-pointers this season ranks fifth on the school's season list, while his 169 treys for his career is fourth all-time in just two seasons.

Gore, a second-team pick as a freshman, returned to the second team after posting an outstanding comeback season after missing a majority of 2006-07 with a knee injury. Gore averaged 10.1 points, 2.0 rebounds and 1.5 assists while shooting .929 from the free-throw line to rank first in the Ivy League. Gore really found his legs in Ivy play, Boosting his scoring totals to 12.1 ppg. (10th) and ranking among the leaders in 3-point field goal percentage (second, .459) and 3-pointers made (second, 2.43). The junior guard had a season-best 19 points in the win at Penn, helping Cornell snap a 19-game losing skid at the Palestra, and added 18 points in back-to-back contests at home against Yale and Brown. Gore ended the season with 15 games in double figures and led the team in scoring five times and in steals in 10 games.

Foote emerged quietly as a force to be reckoned with in the post this season after not playing basketball in two and a half years. The 7-0 center ended the season averaging 8.1 points, 6.4 rebounds and 1.4 blocked shots per game while playing in 21 games off the bench. He shot 57 percent from the floor in 21.2 minutes per game. Foote ranked fourth in the Ivy League in rebounding and second in blocked shots overall and was third in defensive rebounding (4.67) and fifth in offensive rebounding (1.71). He ended the season with 11 double figure scoring and four double figure rebounding games to go along with four double-doubles. He paced the team in rebounding in 10 of his 21 contests. The junior had a career-best 18 points in a win over Princeton and notched double-doubles in Ivy play against Yale, Penn and Dartmouth. Foote opened his career in fine fashion, posting 10 points, 11 rebounds, four blocks and two steals in a loss at Bucknell.

The Big Red men's basketball team finished its season with a 22-5 record and completed an unbeaten Ivy League season (14-0). Cornell won the league's automatic bid to the NCAA tournament and will enter the championship with a 16-game win streak, the second-longest active stretch in Division I.

Cornell Visits France (May 23-June 1, 2007)

Entering a season many feel could be a breakthrough campaign for the Big Red men's basketball program, head coach Steve Donahue and his Cornell squad embarked on a 10-day trip to France for team bonding, cultural sharing and competition. By the end of the trip the seeds for a championship run had been planted.

Cornell's second foreign trip in program history was a successful one, as a party of 12 players, coaches and support staff competed in three games and took in some of the most beautiful and historic sights in the world.

Cornell saw action against three French teams, as well as the Luxembourg national squad, during its time in Europe, providing the young Big Red team some much-needed extra experience. Cornell traveled with a roster of 12 that includes two seniors (Khaliq Gant, Jason Hartford), four juniors (Adam Gore, Brian Kreefer, Conor Mullen, Collin Robinson) and six sophomores (Louis Dale, Jon Jaques, Geoff Reeves, Pete Reynolds, Alex Tyler and Ryan Wittman). Dale (groin), Gant (neck), Gore (knee) and Hartford (foot) did not play in the games as they continued to recover from various injuries, but were still able to enjoy the visit overseas. Unfortunately, juniors Jason Battle and Jeff Foote were unable to make the trip. Battle found out the morning of the trip that he would not be able to travel due to sickness, while Foote was forced to stay back due to transfer ineligibility with the NCAA. Both players worked out with the team in the week prior to taking the transatlantic flight.

"This trip will be a tremendous experience for all involved," said head coach Steve Donahue prior to leaving. "Not only does it give us a chance to enjoy each other without the pressures of school and work that will allow us to continue to build chemistry, but it also gives us a chance to take the court for additional practice and game situations. It allows everyone to play and gain experience. We have had such young players in key roles for us the past two years that many forget we are still a very young team. I think this trip will go a long ways in helping us continue our learning curve."

The trip began with an overnight flight from John F. Kennedy Airport in New York City on the evening of May 23, landing in Paris at approximately 10 a.m. local time the following day. The Big Red had a chance to relax and explore the "City of Light" before a team Welcome Dinner. The Cornell team spent day two sightseeing, with a bus tour and an extended visit to the Louvre. The group also split up with various people hitting Notre Dame Cathedral, the Eiffel Tower and the Champs d'Elysees.

That evening, Cornell had its first chance to hit the hardwood, dropping a 77-76 contest to the Paris Under-20 team. Rising sophomore Ryan Wittman had 19 points and classmate Geoff Reeves had 18, but Paris scored with 4.8 seconds remaining and a last-second Cornell jumper rimmed out as time expired.

Day four (May 26) gave the Big Red a chance for more competition. After an afternoon to again explore Paris, Cornell picked up its first win of the trip, topping Eveil Sportif D'Ormes of the French N2 league by a 94-79 margin. Six players reached double figures with Wittman leading the way with 25 points. Cornell shot 55 percent in the first half while stepping up in competition against a French "A" National league team, a third division professional team. Wittman made 10-of-21 shots from the floor and 5-of-12 3-pointers. Junior Collin Robinson added 16 points, six assists, four rebounds and three steals for his second consecutive strong effort running the point. Rising sophomore Alex Tyler had 12 points and eight rebounds despite battling foul trouble, while Pete Reynolds had 11 points, seven rebounds and two steals.

Cornell headed from Paris to Lyon, France's third-largest city, on May 27. The following day, the group continued south for Aix-en-Provence, heading through the French countryside en route. Once there, Donahue's squad used a strong defensive effort in the first half and showed off its offensive prowess after halftime in a 98-91 victory over Sapela Basket 13. Robinson dominated on both ends for the Big Red with a trip-best 28 points and seven assists. Wittman had 18 points, six assists and four rebounds and Brian Kreefer notched 17 points and eight rebounds.

The eighth day of the trip featured a swing down the coast to Nice on the French Riviera. A day there to rejuvenate and practice, as well as a dip in the Mediterranean Sea, led to the final game on Thursday, May 31, closing the month with a contest against the Luxembourg National Team. In a physical, tightly contested game throughout, Luxembourg defeated Cornell, 94-85. The Big Red, playing with just eight student-athletes, was in foul trouble throughout the game and couldn't overcome a 17-point first half deficit in the loss. Robinson ended the game with a team-best 22 points and seven assists and added six rebounds in the loss, while Wittman netted 20 points and had two steals. Conor Mullen had seven rebounds and four steals in the loss.

The trip ended the following day as Cornell flew from Nice to Paris and then on to New York City.

NCAA rules limit member schools to one foreign trip every four years, allowing schools to gain not only a competitive opportunity, but also a chance for a cultural opportunity the student-athletes may never otherwise experience.

This won't be the last foreign trip for the Big Red men's basketball program. Donahue, along with help from former coach Scott Thompson and the athletic alumni affairs and development office, have secured funds to endow the trip, meaning that every four years Cornell basketball players will be circling the globe.

2007 Cornell Men's Basketball Statistics & Results (Trip To France)

				TOTAL		3-PTS				REBOUNDS										
No.	Player	GP -GS	Min -Avg	FG -FGA	Pct	3FG -FGA	Pct	FT -FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
3	Collin Robinson	4 -4	140 -35.0	31 -63	.492	7 -17	.412	13 -18	.722	3	15	18	4.5	14	0	26	12	2	12	82	20.5
20	Ryan Wittman	4 -3	140 -35.0	29 -69	.420	16 -42	.381	8 -9	.889	2	7	9	2.3	9	0	19	10	2	7	82	20.5
15	Geoff Reeves	4 -4	131 -32.8	24 -55	.436	7 -22	.318	11 -18	.611	3	11	14	3.5	9	0	6	14	0	9	66	16.5
34	Brian Kreefer	4 -3	105 -26.3	16 -33	.485	7 -17	.412	6 -8	.750	9	17	26	6.5	10	1	8	4	0	4	45	11.3
33	Alex Tyler	4 -1	79 -19.8	11 -21	.524	0 -0	.000	15 -20	.750	13	11	24	6.0	17	2	3	3	3	4	37	9.3
40	Pete Reynolds	4 -3	62 -15.5	5 -6	.833	0 -0	.000	6 -7	.857	2	12	14	3.5	15	0	1	3	0	3	16	4.0
25	Jon Jaques	4 -1	63 -15.8	5 -16	.313	1 -7	.143	2 -6	.333	3	10	13	3.3	14	0	2	4	0	3	13	3.3
22	Conor Mullen	4 -1	80 -20.0	2 -21	.095	0 -9	.000	8 -15	.533	6	11	17	4.3	6	0	6	4	1	5	12	3.0
	TEAM									2	10	12	3.0				5				
Cornell Totals		***4***	***800 -40.0***	***123 -284***	***.433***	***38 -114***	***.333***	***69 -101***	***.683***	***43***	***104***	***147***	***36.8***	***94***	***3***	***71***	***59***	***8***	***47***	***353***	***88.2***
Opponent Totals		***4***	***800 -40.0***	***122 -254***	***.480***	***25 -76***	***.329***	***72 -115***	***.626***	***47***	***119***	***166***	***41.5***	***77***	***-***	***51***	***85***	***9***	***21***	***341***	***85.2***

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT		SCORE		HIGH POINTS	HIGH REBOUNDS
5/25/07	7:30 p.m.	at Paris Under-20 Team		76-77	L	(19)Ryan Wittman	(7)Collin Robinson
5/27/07	8:15 p.m.	at Eveil Sportif D'Ormes	W	94-79		(25)Ryan Wittman	(8)Alex Tyler
5/29/07	8:15 p.m.	at Sapela Basket 13	W	98-91		(28)Collin Robinson	(10)Alex Tyler
5/31/07	8:00 p.m.	vs. Luxembourg National Team		85-94	L	(22)Collin Robinson	(9)Brian Kreefer

THE 1953-54 IVY CHAMPIONSHIP & NCAA TOURNAMENT TEAM

The 1953-1954 Cornell Big Red basketball, seeking its first Eastern Intercollegiate Basketball League (EIBL) title in 30 years, needed to defeat Princeton in a one game playoff to claim the title. Princeton had swept the Big Red in both contests this season, including a four-point win the previous night. However, because the EIBL did not have a tie-breaker, Cornell and Princeton played a one-game playoff at the Palestra, Penn's home floor.

Despite having lost two close game to Princeton during the season, and being swamped with numerous injuries, Cornell was motivated to claim its first EIBL title in 30 years. With the score tied at 44-44 and time running down, seldom-used Henry Buncom (who had just entered the game) grabbed a loose ball with only seconds to play. The junior from Ithaca made the game-winning shot (his only points of the game) as the clock expired, sending Cornell to the NCAA tournament.

In the NCAA tournament, Cornell competed hard, losing two close games to Navy (69-67) and No. 10 North Carolina State (65-54). Senior Lee Morton was named to the first team All-NCAA Eastern Regional, and was also named co-MVP of the Eastern Regional. He had 34 points vs. Navy, a mark that stands first among Cornell players in the NCAA tournament.

The 1953-1954 season was a memorable one for the Big Red and its coach Royner Greene. Other than two close losses to Syracuse (77-81, 69-71), the Big Red went undefeated through the months of December and January. Cornell finished strong, winning seven of its final eight games (including the one game playoff over Princeton) after losing three straight games to begin the month of February. The 18 wins that the team accumulated matched the second most wins in a season at the time.

1953-54 CORNELL MEN'S BASKETBALL STATISTICS & RESULTS

No.	Player	GP	FG -FGA	Pct	FT -FTA	Pct	Reb.	Avg	PF	A	Pts	Avg
	Lee Morton	26	154 -375	.411	129 -169	.763	127	4.9	86	91	437	16.8
	John Sheehy	16	83 -179	.464	86 -156	.551	243	15.2	55	45	252	15.8
	Charles Rolles	26	120 -300	.400	84 -122	.689	95	3.7	39	121	324	12.5
	Raymond Zelek	26	95 -285	.333	72 -110	.655	274	10.5	99	33	262	10.1
	David Bradfield	26	73 -152	.480	79 -105	.752	84	3.2	71	150	225	8.7
	Wendell MacPhee	21	35 -100	.350	33 -51	.647	77	3.7	40	18	103	4.9
	Donald Jacobs	14	13 -44	.295	16 -21	.762	26	1.9	36	10	42	3.0
	Henry Buncom	23	20 -60	.333	21 -29	.724	87	3.8	37	16	61	2.7
	Max Mettes	22	12 -42	.286	26 -36	.722	43	2.0	48	8	50	2.3
	Martin Wilens	18	10 -29	.345	8 -16	.500	22	1.2	18	14	28	1.6
	Alfred Hahn	2	0 -2	.000	3 -4	.750	3	1.5	1	0	3	1.5
	Richard Coddington	5	2 -4	.500	3 -4	.750	3	0.6	1	0	7	1.4
	Richard Meade	18	9 -24	.375	5 -17	.294	10	0.6	8	12	23	1.3
	Franklin Leddy	2	1 -3	.333	0 -0	.000	0	0.0	0	0	2	1.0
	John McHargue	2	0 -2	.000	2 -6	.333	1	0.5	1	0	2	1.0
	Allan Weissglass	3	0 -1	.000	2 -4	.500	1	0.3	2	0	2	0.7
	William Knerr	6	1 -1	1.000	0 -2	.000	3	0.5	3	4	2	0.3
	Richard Jackson	1	0 -1	.000	0 -0	.000	1	1.0	1	0	0	0.0
Cornell Totals		***26***	***628 -1604***	***.392***	***569 -852***	***.668***	***1394***	***53.6***	***549***	***524***	***1825***	***70.2***
Opponent Totals		***26***	***512 -1631***	***.314***	***562 -873***	***.644***	***1295***	***49.8***	***544***	***409***	***1586***	***61.0***

DATE		OPPONENT		SCORE	
12/5/53		HOBART	W	89-49	
12/9/53		CLARKSON	W	92-37	
12/12/53		COLGATE	W	70-58	
12/16/53	*	HARVARD	W	64-53	
12/18/53	*	YALE	W	85-69	
12/30/53		SYRACUSE		77-81	L-OT
1/2/54		NAVY	W	73-61	
1/5/54	*	COLUMBIA	W-OT	81-73	
1/9/54	*	BROWN	W	72-54	
1/13/54		at Syracuse		69-71	L
1/16/54	*	DARTMOUTH	W	79-58	
1/20/54		SAMPSON AIR FORCE BASE	W	79-72	
1/23/54		COLGATE	W	73-70	
2/3/54		at Sampson Air Force Base		71-84	L
2/6/54	*	PENN		46-61	L
2/13/54	*	PRINCETON		68-71	L
2/19/54	*	at Yale	W	76-59	
2/20/54	*	at Columbia	W	66-57	
2/26/54	*	at Brown	W	69-53	
2/27/54	*	at Harvard	W	85-60	
3/1/54	*	at Dartmouth	W	73-53	
3/6/54	*	at Penn	W-OT	57-56	
3/8/54	*	at Princeton		44-48	L
3'9/54		PRINCETON	W	46-44	
3/12/54	$	vs. Navy		67-69	L
3/13/54	$	vs. North Carolina State		54-65	L

* - Eastern Intercollegiate Basketball League game; $ - NCAA Tournament (Philadelphia, Pa.)

20th Anniversary of the 1987-88 Ivy Championship & NCAA Tournament Team

With apologies to Charles Dickens, it was a tale of three seasons for the 1987-88 Cornell men's basketball team.

At the start of the season, the Big Red opened 4-1. After the holiday's, Cornell struggled, losing six of its next nine contests. But after a near-disastrous loss at Lafayette, Cornell reeled off 11 consecutive wins to streak to its first Ivy League championship in 34 years.

Talent. This team had it. Experience. The Big Red had seven seniors who knew what it would take to capture an Ancient Eight crown. Perseverance and character. The two ingredients that this team found, making it a championship season.

After struggling through the mid-portion of its season, Cornell opened Ivy league play with a 97-83 loss to preseason favorite Dartmouth. A win over Harvard the following night at home set up what would be the turning point of the season — an 84-43 defeat at Lafayette. Not only was the 41-point loss the worst for Cornell in seven years, but it looked as if the wheels had completely fallen off.

To steal a football phrase, it was now "gut-check time" for Cornell. It all started with a 73-60 triumph over Columbia, setting up a six-week win fest that included 11 consecutive victories. Included among the wins were at Columbia for just the second time in 18 years, a sweep of Princeton and Penn at home and a 101-85 triumph at Dartmouth in a showdown of the first and second place teams in the Ivy League.

Despite losses in its final two regular season games, a Dartmouth loss to Yale gave an 11-3 Big Red squad a spot in the NCAA tournament - collegiate sports' biggest showcase. And the excitement grew even more when the pairings were announced - Cornell vs. Arizona in Los Angeles.

Pauley Pavilion on the campus of UCLA. To most of the team members, this conjured up memories of playing on the same floor that John Wooden made legendary. A chance to play in a basketball shrine.

It came as no surprise to anyone that the Big Red fell to an Arizona team, an eventual Final Four squad led by future NBA star Sean Elliott, 90-50. But the Big Red represented the Ivy League well that day, both on and off the court.

Perseverance and character.

That will be the lasting memory of the 1987-88 Big Red. When given the chance to fold up their tents, this team reached back for that something extra. It dared to dream and was rewarded for its efforts. It was the Ivy League champion.

1987-88 Cornell Men's Basketball Statistics & Results

				TOTAL		3-PTS					REBOUNDS										
No.	Player	GP -GS	Min -Avg	FG -FGA	Pct	3FG -FGA	Pct	FT -FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
40	Sam Jacobs	27 -27	927 -34.3	141 -304	.464	45 -111	.405	92 -109	.844	—	—	87	3.2	66	1	105	73	8	36	419	15.5
52	Greg Gilda	27 -7	591 -21.9	82 -163	.503	0 -0	.000	119 -158	.753	—	—	135	5.0	80	4	15	47	8	20	283	10.5
53	James Paul	27 -27	626 -23.2	98 -181	.541	0 -1	.000	68 -81	.840	—	—	91	3.4	69	3	34	51	5	12	264	9.8
44	Wolfgang Florin	27 -24	600 -22.2	100 -195	.513	6 -28	.214	40 -61	.656	—	—	138	5.1	84	4	32	45	6	25	246	9.1
23	Mike Millane	27 -9	555 -20.6	87 -152	.572	0 -1	.000	60 -86	.698	—	—	165	6.1	79	2	40	66	8	33	234	8.7
50	Josh Wexler	23 -22	701 -30.5	65 -156	.417	13 -54	.241	38 -51	.745	—	—	50	2.2	50	2	110	52	1	20	181	7.9
30	Dean Kartsonas	27 -14	467 -17.3	60 -124	.484	0 -4	.000	10 -20	.500	—	—	79	2.9	36	0	23	27	2	16	130	4.8
45	Mike Pascal	27 -0	292 -10.8	43 -77	.558	3 -10	.300	5 -16	.313	—	—	61	2.3	31	0	12	28	1	7	94	3.5
21	Steve Johnson	20 -3	190 -9.5	13 -41	.317	9 -25	.360	25 -30	.833	—	—	16	0.8	14	0	8	16	0	8	60	3.0
10	Monte Boykin	21 -1	216 -10.3	15 -32	.469	0 -0	.000	15 -24	.625	—	—	14	0.7	13	0	13	19	1	5	45	2.1
12	Jon Halpern	4 -0	7 -1.8	2 -3	.667	1 -1	1.000	3 -4	.750	—	—	1	0.3	0	0	1	1	0	0	8	2.0
14	Ike Ayers	3 -0	10 -3.3	2 -5	.400	0 -0	.000	2 -4	.500	—	—	2	0.7	3	0	1	1	0	1	6	2.0
31	Bernard Jackson	12 -0	41 -3.4	8 -18	.444	0 -0	.000	2 -6	.333	—	—	17	1.4	6	0	1	4	0	0	18	1.5
42	Nate Grant	13 -0	51 -3.9	3 -16	.188	0 -0	.000	11 -14	.786	—	—	13	1.0	10	0	1	6	1	0	17	1.3
34	Paul McRae	6 -0	14 -2.3	3 -5	.600	0 -0	.000	0 -2	.000	—	—	4	0.7	1	0	0	5	1	0	6	1.0
24	Patrick Homer	14 -0	58 -4.1	5 -15	.333	1 -4	.250	1 -3	.333	—	—	5	0.4	8	0	3	4	0	2	12	0.9
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Cornell Totals		***27***	***5400 -40.0***	***728 -1497***	***.486***	***78 -241***	***.324***	***499 -681***	***.733***	***—***	***—***	***961***	***35.6***	***558***	***16***	***403***	***457***	***42***	***188***	***2033***	***75.3***
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DATE	TIME		OPPONENT		SCORE			HIGH POINTS	HIGH REBOUNDS
11/29/87	7:30 p.m.		CASTLETON STATE	W	81-53		500	(16)Gilda	(6)Florin, Kartsonas
12/2/87	7:30 p.m.		at Canisius	W	94-89		1,318	(16)Gilda, Jacobs	(8)Pascal
12/7/87	8:00 p.m.		at No. 3 Syracuse		59-95	L	25,742	(16)Wexler	(7)Millane
12/12/87	7:30 p.m.		ST. BONAVENTURE	W	61-57		1,500	(13)Jacobs, Florin	(9)Millane
12/28/87	7:00 p.m.	#	vs. Miami (Ohio)	W	77-71		7,189	(18)Jacobs	(8)Millane
12/29/87	9:00 p.m.	#	at Vanderbilt		79-95	L	13,304	(23)Jacobs	(10)Millane
1/3/88	2:00 p.m.		at North Carolina State		72-95	L	8,100	(17)Gilda	(6)Gilda
1/5/88	7:30 p.m.		ARMY	W	72-65		500	(14)Jacobs	(5)Paul
1/9/88	2:00 p.m.		at Drexel		83-87	L	2,087	(25)Jacobs	(7)Millane
1/11/88	8:00 p.m.		at Bucknell		93-99	L	1,425	(17)Millane, Wexler	(8)Florin
1/15/88	7:30 p.m.	*	DARTMOUTH		83-97	L	1,500	(22)Jacobs	(11)Gilda
1/16/88	7:30 p.m.	*	HARVARD	W	75-50		1,000	(17)Jacobs	(11)Florin
1/19/88	8:00 p.m.		at Lafayette		43-84	L	750	(12)Paul	(5)Millane
1/23/88	7:30 p.m.	*	COLUMBIA	W	73-60		4,400	(19)GIlda	(12)Millane
1/25/88	7:30 p.m.		COLGATE	W	80-48		700	(17)Jacobs	(9)Millane
1/30/88	7:30 p.m.	*	at Columbia	W	68-46		2,175	(23)Jacobs	(11)Paul
2/5/88	7:30 p.m.	*	PRINCETON	W	60-55		2,500	(12)Kartsonas, Millane	(9)Gilda
2/6/88	7:30 p.m.	*	PENN	W	79-68		3,500	(19)Jacobs	(9)Pascal
2/12/88	7:30 p.m.	*	at Brown	W	86-78		538	(19)Millane	(12)Millane, Florin
2/13/88	7:30 p.m.	*	at Yale	W	68-62		900	(16)Paul	(8)Millane
2/19/88	7:30 p.m.	*	at Harvard	W	71-63		900	(28)Jacobs	(12)Millane
2/20/88	6:00 p.m.	*	at Dartmouth	W	101-85		2,100	(16)Gilda, Jacobs	(7)Florin, Jacobs
2/26/88	7:30 p.m.	*	YALE	W	94-83		4,000	(17)Jacobs	(8)Florin, Millane
2/27/88	7:30 p.m.	*	BROWN	W	94-84		4,000	(29)Jacobs	(9)Millane
3/4/88	7:00 p.m.	*	at Penn		79-85	L	3,277	(25)Jacobs	(8)Florin, Gilda, Paul
3/5/88	7:30 p.m.	*	at Princeton		58-79	L	2,481	(15)Paul	(3)Millane, Pascal
3/18/88	2:30 p.m.	$	vs. No. 3 Arizona		50-90	L	10,741	(10)Jacobs	(7)Jackson

* - Ivy League game; # - at Music City Classic (Nashville, Tenn.); $ - NCAA First Round (Los Angeles, Calif.)

Cornell University Quick Facts

Founded: 1865 By Ezra Cornell and Andrew Dickson White.

Opened: 1868 Morrill Hall was the first building constructed on the main Ithaca campus, which today includes more than 260 major buildings on 745 acres.

Identity: Public and private Cornell is the federal land-grant institution of New York State, a private endowed university, a member of the Ivy League/Ancient Eight, and a partner of the State University of New York. It has been described as the first truly American university because of its founders' revolutionarily egalitarian and practical vision of higher education, and is dedicated to its land-grant mission of outreach and public service.

Colleges and schools: 14 Seven undergraduate units and four graduate and professional units in Ithaca, two medical graduate and professional units in New York City, and one in Qatar.

• 40 Nobel laureates have been affiliated with Cornell as faculty members or students.

• The 2006–07 Cornell faculty included 3 Nobel laureates, a Crafoord Prize winner, 2 Turing Award winners, a Fields Medal winner, 2 Legion of Honor recipients, a World Food Prize winner, an Andrei Sakharov Prize winner, 3 National Medal of Science winners, 2 Wolf Prize winners, 5 MacArthur award winners, 4 Pulitzer Prize winners, 2 Eminent Ecologist Award recipients, a Carter G. Woodson Scholars Medallion recipient, a Presidential Early Career Award winner, 26 National Science Foundation CAREER grant holders, a recipient of the National Academy of Sciences Award for Initiatives in Research, a recipient of the American Academy of Arts and Letters Academy Award in Literature, a recipient of the American Mathematical Society's Steele Prize for Lifetime Achievement, a recipient of the Heineman Prize for Mathematical Physics, a recipient of the Benjamin Franklin Medal in Earth and Environmental Science, 2 Packard Foundation grant holders, a Beckman Foundation Young Investigator grant holder, and a NYSTAR (New York State Office of Science, Technology and Academic Research) early career award winner.

By The Numbers

2 • NCAA championships in men's ice hockey
3 • NCAA tournament appearances for men's basketball
5 • national championships in college football
12 • Ranking in the 2008 *US News & World Report* list of top American Universities
25 • Among a list of Newsweek's 25 Hot Schools, Cornell was named the "Hottest Ivy" school
28 • Rhodes Scholars
36 • Number of varsity sports at Cornell
40 • Nobel Laureates
66 • number of fraternities and sororities (second most in the country)
260 • buildings on campus, spread out on 745 acres
901 • registered student organizations
1420 • average SAT score for the Class of 2011 in math and science
1865 • Year Cornell was founded
3,400 • Approximate number of faculty members
13,700 * Approximate number of undergraduate students
240,000 • Approximate number of living Cornell alumni
$6,500,000,000 • Approximate endowment ($6.5 billion)

• Cornell awarded the nation's first university degree in veterinary medicine and first doctorates in electrical engineering and industrial engineering.

• Cornell awarded the world's first degree in journalism (and taught the first university course in that subject), and established the first four-year schools of hotel administration and industrial and labor relations.

• Cornell endowed the nation's first professorships in American history, musicology, and American literature. It was the first U.S. university to offer a major in American studies.

• Cornell is the only Ivy League/Ancient Eight university that also is its state's federal land-grant institution; whose official motto is in English ("I would found an institution where any person can find instruction in any study"—Ezra Cornell); and whose board of trustees includes student, faculty, and staff voting members. It was the first among all U.S. colleges and universities to allow undergraduates to borrow books from its libraries.

• Cornell was the first university to teach modern Far Eastern languages. Cornell's Full-Year Asian Language Concentration (FALCON) program provides unusually comprehensive and intensive one-year study of Chinese or Japanese.

• Cornell University Press was the first university publishing enterprise in the United States and is one of the country's largest university presses.

• The New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center is a pioneer in biomedical technology. Its alliance with Columbia University's medical center and Houston's Methodist Hospital is one of the most extensive and effective health-care-provider networks in the nation, whose facilities include the Center for Reproductive Medicine and Infertility, AIDS Care Program, Center for Complementary and Integrative Medicine, Greenberg Division of Cardiology, Institute of Genetic Medicine, Jay Monahan Center for Gastrointestinal Health, Pain Management Center, and Center for Vascular Biology.

• The Cornell Theory Center's virtual reality environment allows researchers to visualize data in three dimensions.

• Cornell's 2005–06 research expenditures totaled $605.3 million ($419.1 million of this funding was from federal sources; $186.2 million was nonfederal).

• Cornell ranked first in National Science Foundation funding for programs in academic science and engineering in 2003–04 (the most recent data available).

The Cornell Center for Technology, Enterprise, and Commercialization (CCTEC) facilitates the commercial development and use of technological innovations created by Cornell researchers. In 2005–06, CCTEC received 237 invention disclosures, helped file 228 U.S. patent applications, distributed $3.7 million in royalties, licensed 47 inventions to industry, and helped form five start-up companies that are based on Cornell technologies.

• Last year, more than 28,000 students applied for about 3,050 places in the freshman class.

• The 2005–06 holdings of Cornell University Library's 20 member libraries included:
• 7,708,728 volumes
• 8,340,818 microforms
• 115,765 sound recordings
• 250,050 maps
• 70,271 cubic feet of manuscript material
• 60,948 journal and other serial subscriptions

Meet The Big Red

STEVE DONAHUE

Eighth Year at Cornell • Ursinus '84
The Robert E. Gallagher '44 Head Coach of Men's Basketball

Steve Donahue is in his eighth season as head basketball coach at Cornell and his energetic leadership has helped the Big Red basketball program gain a new level of national respect as a perennial challenger for the Ivy League title, culminating in leading the 2007-08 team to its first Ancient Eight title in 20 years.

A tremendous motivator, Donahue has set lofty goals for his program. While continuing its move up the Ivy League standings is the immediate challenge, building a program that can compete for Ivy League titles and NCAA berths is the main focus. His team has the second-best Ivy record over the last four years (39-17).

In each successive season, the quality of play by the Big Red has steadily improved. Donahue has coached and/or recruited six of the school's top 20 all-time leading scorers, an Ivy League Player of the Year, three Ivy League Rookie of the Year players, two NABC all-district selections, four Academic All-District picks and two Academic All-Americans.

The 2007-08 district Coach of the Year according to the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC), the United States Basketball Writers' Association (USBWA) and collegeinsider.com (Hugh Durham National Mid-Major Coach of the Year finalist), Donahue directed the 2007-08 Big Red to a 22-5 record and the program's first Ivy title in 20 years. Cornell became the 13th team in league history to go unbeaten (14-0) and set school records for wins (22), Ivy wins (14), consecutive wins (16), points (2,083) and 3-point field goals made (220) in a season (2,083), as well as highest free-throw percentage (.763). Four players were named to the All-Ivy team, including Ivy League Player of the Year Louis Dale. Dale became the second Big Red player to earn the honor, and the second sophomore to capture the award. He was joined as a unanimous first-team selection by classmate Ryan Wittman. Juniors Jeff Foote and Adam Gore were also second-team picks.

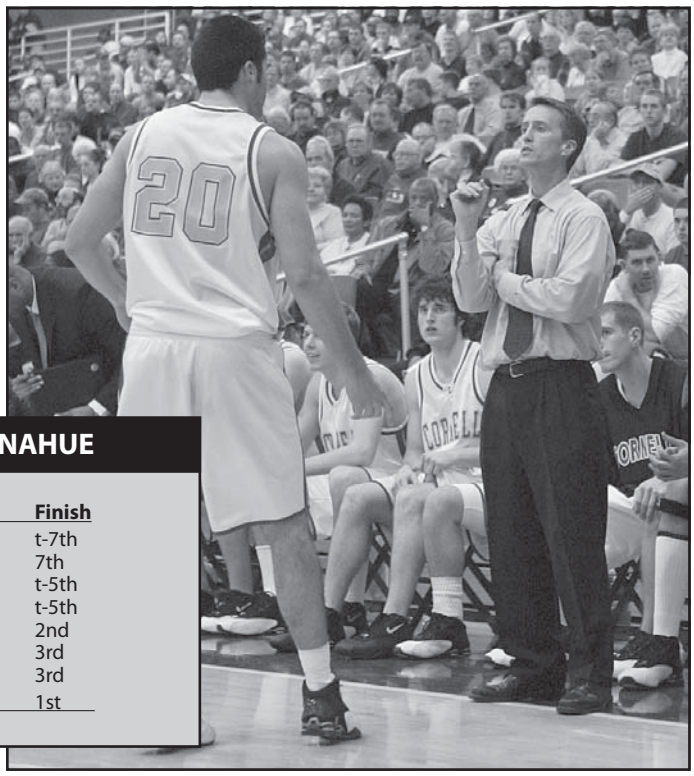
Coming off a 16-12 season in 2006-07, the first winning campaign for the Big Red since 1996-97, Cornell had high expectations with the return of eight of the squad's top 10 scorers and three All-Ivy players (Louis Dale, Adam Gore, Ryan Wittman). Last year's squad posted a 9-5 Ancient Eight record, the most conference wins since 1992-93, while the team finished in the top three in the league standings for the third straight season. Despite losing the team's leading scorer and reigning Ivy League Rookie of the Year, Adam Gore, in the season opener, Cornell posted a victory at Northwestern (Big Ten) and closed the season 12-5 after the calendar turned to 2007.

Donahue's 2005-06 team matched the previous season's win total both overall (13) and in Ivy play (8) while recording back-to-back winning Ancient Eight seasons for the first time since the 1986-87 and 1987-88 teams under Mike Dement. Cornell finished in third place in the final league standings as both Lenny Collins and Adam Gore earned second-team All-Ivy honors, while Gore was named the Ivy League Rookie of the Year. The team also won a school record five Ivy League road games.

The Career of Steve Donahue

At Cornell (head coach)

Year	W	L	Pct.	Ivy	Finish
2000-01	7	20	.259	3-11	t-7th
2001-02	5	22	.185	2-12	7th
2002-03	9	18	.333	4-10	t-5th
2003-04	11	16	.407	6-8	t-5th
2004-05	13	14	.571	8-6	2nd
2005-06	13	15	.464	8-6	3rd
2006-07	16	12	.571	9-5	3rd
2007-08	22	5	.815	14-0	1st
2000-pr	**96**	**122**	**.440**	**54-58**	



The 2004-05 Ivy League Coach of the Year according to CollegeInsider.com, Donahue's Big Red squad earned its highest Ivy finish in 17 years with its second-place effort and claimed its first winning Ancient Eight campaign (8-6) since the 1992-93 season. It was only the seventh time in school history that Cornell finished second in Ivy play. Among the many highlights of the season was a sweep of Princeton for the first time in 20 years and the first win at Jadwin Gymnasium in 19 years. The Big Red swept a Yale-Brown weekend for the first time since 1999-2000, hit a school and Carrier Dome record 15 3-pointers against No. 7 Syracuse and defeated St. Bonaventure of the Atlantic 10 on the road in what Jay Bilas of ESPN had called one of the five toughest places to play in the country. The Big Red had two players named All-Ivy (Lenny Collins - first team, Eric Taylor - honorable mention) for the first time since 1997. The team's 13 wins overall were the most since that same 1996-97 campaign.

In 2003-04, Donahue led a team with just one senior to its third straight season of improvement. The 11 wins overall were the most by a Big Red team in five years, as were the club's six Ivy wins. Cornell improved its scoring average nearly 10 points per game, went from a -3.0 to a +2.3 rebound margin and lowered its opponent field goal percentage (ranking second in Ivy League play at .426). Cornell's pressure defense generated 236 steals, good for second in the Ivy League and a school record. The young Big Red squad was in a majority of games, dropping seven contests, including four in Ivy play, by five points or less or in overtime.

Donahue developed Ka'Ron Barnes into a first-team All-Ivy selection in 2004, the Big Red's first player to be honored as one of the league's top five players in seven seasons.

During the off-season, Donahue and the Big Red made its first foreign trip, spending 10 days in Australia. While there, Cornell competed against semi-pro clubs, going 3-1 leading into the 2003-04 campaign.

Donahue's 2002-03 squad nearly doubled its previous season's win total with its 9-18 finish, while its fifth-place ranking in the Ivy League was its highest since 1999. Barnes was named second-team All-Ivy League, while Lenny Collins earned the Ancient Eight's Rookie of the Year Award.

As part of his philosophy, Donahue has accepted the gauntlet thrown down by the top programs in the Ivy League and upgraded the non-conference schedule. Cornell has played an NCAA finalist twice in the last five years, including eventual national champion Syracuse in 2002-03. In 2003-04, the Big Red hosted eventual national runner-up Georgia Tech. Donahue's Big Red has regularly played teams from power conferences such as the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC), Atlantic 10, Big Ten, Big East and Mountain West Conferences. This year's schedule includes a trip to perennial top 25 powers Duke (ACC) and Syracuse (Big East), as well as games against preseason or defending league champions Ohio University (Mid-American Conference), Siena (Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference) and Bucknell (Patriot League).

Off the court, Cornell players are expected to succeed in the classroom and contribute in their community. Big Red players make appearances in local schools, speaking to students of the importance of a good education.

Donahue became the fourth Robert E. Gallagher '44 Coach of Men's Basketball at Cornell on Sept. 6, 2000. He wasted little time making an impact on and off the court.

Despite joining the program a little more than two months before the team's first contest in 2000, Donahue began molding his team. By the end of the season his emphasis on hard work and dedication to the program paid off in a win over Ivy League champ and NCAA participant Princeton and a two-point loss to league runner-up Penn.

Despite a rash of injuries that cost the Big Red 54 missed games among its top eight players during the 2001-02 season, Donahue led a team that relied on eight freshmen, the most of any Division I school in the country, to a nearly identical record as in his first season. The team's biggest improvement could be seen in its defensive play, as the squad lowered its field goal percentage defense from .463 in Donahue's first season to .428 in his second year. The squad also broke school records for 3-pointers made in a game (14) and a season (200) as Donahue's full-court offensive philosophy began to take shape.

Renowned as a top recruiter and for his offensive mind while an assistant at the University of Pennsylvania, Donahue learned the trade from some of the nation's top coaches.

Donahue served as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator under Fran Dunphy at Penn for 10 years. During his tenure as a Quaker assistant, he was heavily involved in the recruitment of five of Penn's top 20 all-time scorers. He was also instrumental in the Quakers winning six Ivy League titles in his last eight years there, advancing to the NCAA tournament five times and earning national recognition with a top 25 ranking. His duties included practice preparation, game coaching, scouting and academic monitoring of players.

Prior to joining Dunphy's staff at Penn, Donahue coached for two seasons at Philadelphia University. During his two seasons there, the Rams won 20 games each season and also competed in the 1989 NCAA Division II tournament. Thus, since 1989, Donahue has been an integral part of programs that have gone to six postseason tournaments. Plus, he has the unique experience of qualifying for the NCAA tournament in all three divisions (including the Division III tourney as a player with Ursinus).

Donahue served as an assistant for current Lafayette head coach Fran O'Hanlon at Monsignor Bonner High School, helping to guide Bonner to the 1987-88 Philadelphia Catholic League Championship.

Donahue began his coaching career at Springfield High School under Skip Werley, his former college coach. He served as head coach of the junior varsity and assistant coach for the varsity team for three seasons.

It was during his playing days at Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pa., that Donahue developed his leadership skills. He captained both the baseball and basketball teams as a senior, earning four letters in both sports. As a freshman, Donahue helped the basketball squad finish 23-8 and advance to the NCAA Division III tournament.

A 1984 graduate of Ursinus with a bachelor of arts degree in economics and business administration, Donahue is currently working on his master's degree in organizational dynamics at the University of Pennsylvania.

Donahue and his wife, Pamela, reside in Ithaca with their four children, Taylor, Matthew, Katie and Jack.

What Coaches Are Saying About Steve Donahue:

"Cornell comes in prepared. There's no doubt that Coach Donahue puts discipline into these young men's lives. We were lucky to beat them, and I think they will be a better team this year. You watch, they'll win the Ivy League before too long."
-- Hall of Fame coach **Jim Boeheim**, head coach at Syracuse

"Coach Donahue is one of the true teachers of the game. His teams play with a high basketball IQ that allows them a chance to beat anyone. His personality alone makes young men want to play for him. I love the way Steve coaches and the way Cornell plays the game."
-- **John Beilein**, head coach at Michigan

"Steve Donahue is a coach's coach. Cornell is always well-prepared for their opponents and they always play extremely hard. He has changed the culture at Cornell by recruiting players that share his values and vision — to compete for an Ivy League championship."
-- 2006-07 National Coach of the Year **Tony Bennett**, head coach at Washington State

"Steve is extremely knowledgeable about basketball, he is highly organized and always well-prepared. He is an excellent head coach."
-- **Fran Dunphy**, head coach at Temple

"Sometimes teams come here (Cameron Indoor) and get real tight. Other times, they're so loose that they're not afraid to lose, not afraid to fail, not afraid to make mistakes. That's where Cornell was, and that's really good preparation on their part. As a result, you have to be real sharp because the crowd, the venue, it adds no pressure (on Cornell). … So you have to be that much better. That was a well-coached team that we needed to beat tonight."
-- **Mike Krzyzewski**, head coach at Duke

ZACH SPIKER

Fourth Year at Cornell • Ithaca '00
Assistant Coach

Zach Spiker returns to the Big Red for his fourth season as an assistant coach under Steve Donahue. During each of his first four seasons, Spiker's enthusiasm and knowledge of the game helped the Big Red to upper division finishes in the Ivy League. He has also been instrumental in helping Cornell's recruiting efforts the last four years which has culminated in the Big Red winning its first Ivy League title in 20 years in 2007-08.

Spiker helped the 2007-08 team to a school record 22 wins and a perfect Ivy League record (14-0). Sophomore Louis Dale was named Ivy League Player of the Year and joined classmate Ryan Wittman as unanimous first-team All-Ivy selections.

He was part of a 2006-07 club that won 16 games and finished third in the Ivy League with nine wins, surpassing the previous year's total.

In 2005-06, Spiker helped the Big Red to its second consecutive winning season in Ancient Eight play for the first time 18 years. Adam Gore was named Ivy League Rookie of the Year and joined Lenny Collins on the All-Ivy second team.

The 2004-05 Big Red earned its highest Ivy finish in 17 years and claimed its first winning Ancient Eight campaign (8-6) since the 1992-93 season. The Big Red had two players named All-Ivy (Lenny Collins - first team, Eric Taylor - honorable mention) for the first time since 1997. The team's 13 wins overall was the most since that same 1996-97 campaign.

Spiker joined the staff in June 2004, returning to Ithaca after spending the previous two seasons at West Virginia where he served as an administrative assistant under head coach John Beilein, helping the team to a pair of Big East tournament appearances and an invitation to participate in the National Invitation Tournament (NIT) in 2003-04. While in Morgantown, Spiker was responsible for managing on-campus recruiting visits, opponent scouting, postgame film breakdown and overseeing the team's daily event schedules.

Prior to joining the Mountaineer staff, Spiker served from 2000-02 as a graduate assistant coach at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C., helping the Eagles advance to a pair of NCAA tournaments after winning the Big South tournament in successive seasons.

While at Winthrop, Spiker was responsible for team travel, film exchange, directing camps, coordinating recruiting mailouts and managing on-campus visits. He was responsible for creating the school's first-ever coaches' clinic and the first-ever team camp.

Spiker played two seasons of basketball at Ithaca College before serving as a student assistant coach as a senior, helping lead the Bombers to the 2000 ECAC championship, the first such basketball title in school history.

Spiker graduated from Ithaca College in May 2000 with a bachelor's degree in communications and earned a master's degree in sport management from West Virginia in the spring of 2004.

The 30-year-old Spiker and his wife, Jennifer, reside in Ithaca.

NAT GRAHAM

Third Year at Cornell • Penn '97
Assistant Coach

Nat Graham is in his third year as an assistant coach at Cornell under head coach Steve Donahue. Graham, who played three seasons at Penn when Donahue was the team's assistant coach, came to the Cornell staff after spending several seasons as an assistant coach at both the University of Western Ontario and the University of Toronto.

In his first three seasons, Graham has helped Cornell to 51 victories three top-three Ivy league finishes and an Ivy title this season. He has assisted in the development of Ivy League Player of the Year Louis Dale, Rookies of the Year Adam Gore and Ryan Wittman, and All-Ivy picks Lenny Collins and Andrew Naeve.

A fiery competitor on the sidelines and on the practice floor, Graham is also an excellent recruiter who has developed strong relationships with future Big Red student-athletes as well as current members of the team.

At Western Ontario, Graham helped the team to the Canadian national tournament and also was in charge of conducting clinics and summer leagues along with his regular coaching duties. At Toronto, he was part of a staff that helped the program make a substantial turnaround (9-24 to 17-17) that included a playoff victory. Graham served as the team's recruiting coordinator and also ran multiple high school tournaments as well as the school's successful summer camp.

Prior to his stint at Toronto, Graham spent two years coaching the boy's and girl's varsity and junior varsity basketball teams at MM Robinson HS in Burlington, Ont., and spent two years coaching the Burlington Panthers basketball club squad. The Panthers reached the quarterfinals of the provincial championships and featured three Division I players.

After Graham lettered twice in three seasons at Penn and was part of two undefeated Ivy League championship teams, he transferred to Western Ontario. At Western, Graham was a two-time first-team all-league and All-Canada selection. He went on to play for two seasons professionally in Ireland and Denmark before returning to coaching.

Graham recently completed his master's degree in Multicultural Education.

Graham and his wife, Kelly, reside in Ithaca with their infant son, Silas.

WOODY KAMPMANN

First Year at Cornell • Hobart '05
Assistant Coach

Woody Kampmann joined the Big Red coaching staff after spending the 2006-07 season as an assistant coach to former Steve Donahue assistant Izzi Metz at Hobart. Kampmann brings tremendous energy to the sidelines and was instrumental in helping the program to its first Ivy title and NCAA bid in 20 years.

Kampmann helped the 2006-07 Hobart squad to an 11-14 mark and a 7-7 conference record, but helped the team improve throughout the season. The Statesmen won their final four games and five of its final six games overall. He helped in the development of first-team all-league selection John Grazioli and second-team pick Mike Manning.

Prior to his stint at Hobart, Kampmann spent the 2005-06 season as an assistant coach at Williams. While at Williams, Kampmann helped the Ephs to a 17-8 record while working primarily with the perimeter players. He also served as head coach of the junior varsity program.

As a college senior, Kampmann served as a student assistant coach at his alma mater, helping guide Hobart to a 16-11 record and a first-place finish in the league regular season standings. He was part of a coaching staff that was voted as the league's best. The team earned a bid to the ECAC Tournament, and he helped the Statesmen to a victory over Plattsburgh in the quarterfinals for the program's first-ever postseason triumph.

Kampmann's collegiate playing career began with two seasons as a letter winner at Colby College before transferring to Hobart. He earned one letter as a junior before transitioning to his role as a student assistant coach.

As a young coach, Kampmann has been actively involved on the summer camp circuit, working as a clinician at Princeton and the Eastern Invitational Basketball Camps.

Kampmann is a 2005 graduate of Hobart with a degree in American studies.

MARC CHAMBERLAIN

11th Year At Cornell

Cortland '96

Athletic Trainer

Marc Chamberlain is in his 11th season on the Cornell athletic training staff, and his sixth with the men's basketball program. He also serves as the athletic trainer for women's soccer and softball teams, and has previously worked with the Big Red women's basketball, varsity and sprint football, men's and women's lacrosse and wrestling teams.

Chamberlain received his bachelor's degree in physical education from SUNY Cortland in 1996, and minored in athletic training. He received his master's degree in sport and recreation management from SUNY Cortland in December 2000.

Chamberlain holds dual certification by the National Athletic Trainers' Association and the National Strength and Conditioning Association.

Chamberlain and his wife, Joyce, reside in Dryden.

ERICA FENSTERBUSH

First Year At Cornell

Men's Basketball Operations Manager

Erica Fensterbush joined the Big Red for the 2007-08 season as a student video manager. A junior at Ithaca College, she is responsible for all video operations for Cornell basketball, including videotaping home games and practices.

VONNIE WHITTENBURG

31st Year At Cornell

Administrative Assistant

Vonnie Whittenburg has served as an administrative assistant for Cornell athletics since 1977. In her role, Whittenburg works closely with the men's basketball coaching staff, assisting them with their schedules, travel and recruiting responsibilites. She also handles administravtive duties for the women's basketball and volleyball programs.

Whittenburg and her husband, Grady, reside in Lansing with their children Marc, Stefan and Jenna.

DAVID JONES

Fourth Year At Cornell

Team Chaplain

Dave Jones begins his fourth season working with the Big Red as team chaplan. Jones also serves the Ithaca community as the head pastor at the Bethel Grove Bible Church in Ithaca. Jones was a member of the Messiah College basketball team from 1968-72 and scored 1,082 points during his career. He also led Messiah to the NCCAA Elite Eight in 1972. In 1975, Jones served as the graduate assistant basketball coach for Wheaton College.

Jones received a B.A in history education from Messiah College in 1972, followed by a M.A from Wheaton Graduate School in 1976; M.Div from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, Mass., and is currently enrolled in a D.Min. program at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pa.

Jones and his wife Joyce have lived in Ithaca since 1988. They have a son Matthew, who is a junior at Messiah College

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3 Varsity Letters

JASON BATTLE

Junior • Guard/Forward • 6-4 • 200

Wilmington, N.C. • New Hanover HS • Nutritional Sciences

			TOTAL			3-PTS						REBOUNDS										
Year	GP	-GS	Min	-Avg	FG -FGA	Pct	3FG	-FGA	Pct	FT	-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2005-06	21	-0	155	-7.4	17 -32	.531	0	-1	.000	4	-11	.364	9	13	22	1.0	10	0	6	10	0	1	38	1.8
2006-07	27	-8	451	-16.7	37 -76	.487	2	-7	.286	15	-26	.577	16	43	59	2.2	43	1	20	31	4	11	91	3.4
2007-08	27	-0	263	-9.7	19 -38	.500	1	-1	1.000	14	-17	.824	9	29	38	1.4	22	0	21	16	1	7	53	2.0
Totals	**75**	**-8**	**869**	**-11.6**	**73 -146**	**.500**	**3**	**-9**	**.333**	**33**	**-54**	**.611**	**34**	**85**	**119**	**1.6**	**75**	**1**	**47**	**57**	**5**	**19**	**182**	**2.4**

Battle is a slasher who can get into the lane and finish and showed the potential to be a good scorer. A lefthander with a nice feel for the game, Battle possesses good size at shooting guard and has the athleticism that will allow him to become a contributor on both ends of the court. He also showed the ability to be a good defender in his first two seasons, playing the passing lanes well to go along with his strong anticipation skills.

As a junior

A team co-captain, Battle played a large role as one of the team's top defenders off the bench, playing in all 27 contests and averaging 9.7 minutes per game. Battle averaged 2.0 points, 1.4 rebounds and 0.8 assists while shooting 50 percent from the floor (19-of-38) and 82 percent from the free-throw line (14-of-17). Battle added seven steals and a blocked shot and had a 1.31 assist/turnover ratio while playing significant minutes as the team's backup points guard. In a return to his home state, Battle had six points to go along wth a rebound and an assist at Duke, notched a career-best four assists vs. Brown and had a season-high seven points against Alvernia.

As a sophomore

Battle saw action in 27 contests as a sophomore, starting eight games and averaging 3.4 points and 2.2 rebounds. He had a breakout weekend in earning all-tournament honors at the William & Mary Tip-Off Classic, averaging 17.5 points, 6.5 rebounds and 2.5 assists while connecting on 14-of-21 field goals (67 percent). Battle posted a career-high 21 points in 41 minutes in the final, an overtime loss to William & Mary. The previous night he had 14 points and a career-high nine rebounds in just 18 minutes in the win over VMI. He also had three assists and shot 7-of-10 from the floor. Battle recorded a career-high nine rebounds, season-best five points at Binghamton and also had nine points against Hartford.

As a freshman

Battle averaged 1.8 points and 1.0 rebounds while shooting 53 percent from the field in 21 games off the bench as a freshman. He had eight points on 4-of-4 shooting vs. Keuka, then corralled four rebounds against Army to go along with three points and two assists. Battle had five points and two rebounds in 19 minutes off the bench against Lafayette and scored four points against both Penn State and Colgate, making 4-of-6 field goals in those two games.

At New Hanover

The 2005 *Wilmington Star-News* Player of the Year as a senior at New Hanover HS, Battle led his team to a 26-4 record, a conference title and the runner-up spot in the North Carolina eastern regionals. Battle averaged 18 points, seven rebounds, three assists and three steals a game as a senior and was selected to play in the North Carolina East-West All-Star game in Greensboro. A three-time first-team all-league pick, Battle scored 1,708 points and was named all-region and all-area as a senior. He helped lead his team to three conference regular season and tournament championships, posting a 64-19 record in his final three varsity seasons.

Personal

Jason Randall Battle is the son of Eva and Gary Battle. He is a student in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Battle's Season and Career Highs

2007-08 Season Highs	Category	Career Highs
7 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	Points	21 at William & Mary (12/2/06)
5 vs. Army (11/20/07)	Rebounds	9, two times, last at William & Mary (12/2/06)
3 at Duke (1/6/08)	FG Made	7, two times, last at WIlliam & Mary (12/2/06)
3, three times, last vs. Princeton (2/8/08)	FG Attempts	11 vs. VMI (12/1/06)
2, five times, last vs. Harvard (3/1/08)	FT Made	6 at William & Mary (12/2/06)
2, seven times, last vs. Harvard (3/1/08)	FT Attempts	6, two times, last at William & Mary (12/2/06)
1 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	3pt Made	1, three times, last vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)
1 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	3pt Attempts	2 at William & Mary (12/2/06)
4 at Brown (2/1/08)	Assists	4 at Brown (2/1/08)
2 vs. Princeton (2/8/08)	Steals	3 at Colgate (1/3/07)
1 vs. Harvard (3/1/08)	Blocks	2 at Army (11/21/06)
20 vs. Princeton (2/8/08)	Minutes	41 at William & Mary (12/2/06)

2007-08 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	Blk	Stl	PF	PTS
LEHIGH	6	1-2	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
at Ohio	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
ARMY	17	0-1	0-0	2-2	5	1	0	0	1	0	2
SIENA	9	2-3	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	1	1	4
BINGHAMTON	14	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0
COLGATE	9	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2
at Bucknell	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
at Syracuse	5	1-1	0-0	2-2	1	0	0	0	1	1	4
at Stony Brook	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
at Quinnipiac	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Duke	11	3-3	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	1	0	6
ALVERNIA	13	2-2	1-1	2-2	2	3	1	0	0	0	7
at NJIT	9	1-1	0-0	1-1	1	1	0	0	0	1	3
COLUMBIA	9	1-1	0-0	1-1	1	0	1	0	0	0	3
at Columbia	10	1-2	0-0	1-2	1	1	1	0	0	1	3
at Brown	19	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	4	1	0	0	4	2
at Yale	12	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
PRINCETON	20	1-3	0-0	0-0	4	2	2	0	2	1	2
PENN	10	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
at Harvard	13	1-1	0-0	0-0	4	0	1	0	0	1	2
at Dartmouth	16	1-2	0-0	1-2	1	2	2	0	1	2	3
YALE	10	0-2	0-0	2-2	3	0	0	0	0	0	2
BROWN	10	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
DARTMOUTH	5	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	2	2
HARVARD	9	1-2	0-0	2-2	1	0	0	1	0	0	4
at Penn	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Princeton	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	1	2	0	0	2	0
NCAA First Round											

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LOUIS DALE

Sophomore • Guard • 5-11 • 180

Birmingham, Ala. • The Altamont School • Policy Analysis and Management

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2 Varsity Letters

			TOTAL			3-PTS						REBOUNDS										
Year	GP	-GS	Min	-Avg	FG	-FGA	Pct	3FG	-FGA	Pct	FT	-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2006-07	28	-27	804	-28.7	111	-238	.466	44	-94	.468	106	-135	.785	18	103	121	4.3	68	2	104	94	3	24	372	13.3
2007-08	27	-27	772	-28.6	120	-262	.458	36	-98	.367	96	-106	.906	30	88	118	4.4	78	3	136	83	11	34	372	13.8
Totals	**55**	**-54**	**1576**	**-28.7**	**231**	**-500**	**.462**	**80**	**-192**	**.417**	**202**	**-241**	**.838**	**48**	**191**	**239**	**4.3**	**146**	**5**	**240**	**177**	**14**	**58**	**744**	**13.5**

Dale is a razor-sharp point guard capable of taking over a game with his offense or setting up his teammates.The team's top returning rebounder despite standing just 5-11, Dale is a tremendous athlete and was a state triple jump champion in high school. An excellent defender, Dale has quick hands and good instincts to get in the passing lanes. Dale improved his decision making ability with the ball in his hands as the season went along and is one of the top all-around guards in the Ivy League.

As a sophomore

The 2007-08 Ivy League Player of the Year and a unanimous first-team All-Ivy selection, Dale ranked second on the team and sixth in the Ivy League in scoring (13.8 ppg.) and led the Ancient Eight in assists (5.0 apg.), good enough for 55th nationally. The sophomore started all 27 games, ranking among the team leaders in rebounding (second, 4.4 rpg.), steals (first, 34) and free-throw percentage (second, .906). The three-time Ivy League Player of the Week also ranked among the Ivy leaders in field goal percentage (seventh, .458) and assist/turnover ratio (second, 1.64). In league play, Dale was even better, posting averages of 14.4 ppg., 5.0 apg. and 4.6 rpg. The Birmingham, Ala. native led the nation in free-throw percentage for much of the year (currently seventh in Division I) and made a school record 52 consecutive shots from the charity stripe. His 12-of-12 effort at Bucknell tied the school record for most free throws in a game without a miss and also tied a single-game high in Division I. The 5-11 guard scored in double figures in 21 games and led the team in scoring in seven contests and was the leader in assists 16 times. He tied his career scoring high with 24 points in both wins over three-time defending league champion Penn and notched a career-best 10 assists in the season-opening win over Lehigh. His 22-point, 11-rebound, six-assist effort in a win over Dartmouth helped Cornell clinch at least a share of the Ivy title. Against NCAA qualifier and Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference champion Siena, Dale had a dominant 20-point, nine-rebound, six-assist effort in a win. He ranks sixth on the school's single-season assist list (136).

As a freshman

Dale was an honorable mention All-Ivy selection as a freshman after averaging 13.3 points, 4.3 rebounds and 3.7 assists in 28.7 minutes per contest, starting 27 of the 28 games in which he appeared. A six-time conference rookie of the week award winner, Dale ranked ninth in the Ivy League in scoring and third in assists, while also standing among the top 10 in defensive rebounds (seventh, 3.7), free throw percentage (seventh, .785), 3-point percentage (second, .468) and assist/turnover ratio (fifth, 1.11). His scoring total (372 points) ranks second all-time at Cornell among freshmen. Dale had a career-high 23 points against Bucknell and 22 points in three other contests. He had arguably his best game in a win at Brown, posting 22 points, five assists, four rebounds and two steals while making 5-of-9 3-pointers, including all five he attempted in the second half. Dale had 16 points, 12 rebounds and six assists in a win over Dartmouth for his first career double-double. The 5-11 guard also paced the team in rebounding five times, scoring eight times and assists in 13 contests in his first year on East Hill.

At Altamont School

A first-team all-state selection by the *Birmingham News* as a senior at the Altamont School, Dale was nominated for a spot on the prestigious McDonald's High School All-America team. He led the Knights to the Class 2A regional finals in his final three seasons, earning most valuable player honors as a senior, and led the team to the final four in 2004. As a senior, Dale's squad went 28-5. As a junior, Dale was named to play in the North-South state junior all-star game, featuring the top 30 junior players in the state after averaging 16 points, eight assists and seven rebounds per contest. He was an honorable mention all-state pick as a sophomore and a second-team pick as a junior. The two star prospect by HoopScoopOnline.com put up 16 points per game as a sophomore. As a member of the track and field team, Dale helped Altamont to a state title as a senior, winning the triple jump with a leap of 45-4 and placed second in the high jump at 6-2.

Personal

Louis Dale III is the son of Louis Sr. and Willette Dale. He is enrolled in the College of Human Ecology.

Dale's Season and Career Highs

2007-08 Season Highs	Category	Career Highs
24, two times, last at Penn (3/7/08)	Points	24, two times, last at Penn (3/7/08)
11 vs. Dartmouth (2/29/08)	Rebounds	12 vs. Dartmouth (3/3/07)
9 vs. Dartmouth (2/29/08)	FG Made	9 vs. Dartmouth (2/29/08)
15 vs. Siena (11/25/07)	FG Attempts	16 vs. Brown (2/9/07)
13 vs. Penn (2/9/08)	FT Made	13 vs. Penn (2/9/08)
14 vs. Penn (2/9/08)	FT Attempts	14, two times, last vs. Penn (2/9/08)
4 vs. Siena (11/25/07)	3pt Made	5 at Brown (2/24/07)
8 vs. Columbia (1/19/08)	3pt Attempts	9 at Brown (2/24/07)
10 vs. Lehigh (11/10/07)	Assists	10 vs. Lehigh (11/10/07)
4, two times, last at Dartmouth (2/16/08)	Steals	4, two times, last at Dartmouth (2/16/08)
2, two times, last vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	Blocks	2, two times, last vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)
36, two times, last at Brown (2/1/08)	Minutes	38 at Princeton (2/16/07)

2007-08 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	Blk	Stl	PF	PTS
LEHIGH*	20	2-5	1-1	7-8	7	10	6	0	0	3	12
at Ohio*	27	4-8	1-4	2-2	2	9	2	0	1	5	11
ARMY*	23	4-8	2-5	7-8	4	7	3	1	0	1	17
SIENA*	31	7-15	4-6	2-3	9	6	3	0	0	4	20
BINGHAMTON*	34	6-10	1-2	4-4	2	5	4	0	2	2	17
COLGATE*	30	4-8	2-3	0-0	5	7	2	1	4	3	10
at Bucknell*	27	2-8	1-5	12-12	5	0	2	0	2	5	17
at Syracuse*	23	6-11	3-5	0-0	4	2	3	1	0	4	15
at Stony Brook*	34	4-8	2-5	0-0	4	4	2	2	2	3	10
at Quinnipiac*	36	5-12	0-2	5-5	3	8	2	0	3	3	15
at Duke*	31	4-13	1-2	0-0	4	5	9	0	1	4	9
ALVERNIA*	17	5-8	3-6	0-0	4	1	2	2	0	1	13
at NJIT*	17	1-5	1-3	2-2	1	2	0	0	3	0	5
COLUMBIA*	32	6-13	2-8	4-4	1	5	2	0	2	1	18
at Columbia*	28	4-9	0-3	2-2	4	3	5	0	1	4	10
at Brown*	36	3-10	1-3	8-8	7	8	7	0	0	4	15
at Yale*	27	3-7	0-2	4-4	3	4	2	0	1	1	10
PRINCETON*	33	2-8	0-3	4-4	7	5	4	1	1	3	8
PENN*	35	5-13	1-3	13-14	9	4	3	0	1	4	24
at Harvard*	29	3-7	0-0	6-6	1	1	3	1	0	2	12
at Dartmouth*	25	5-9	1-3	1-2	4	2	5	1	4	5	12
YALE*	27	3-7	1-2	2-2	5	4	1	0	1	2	9
BROWN*	33	2-10	0-4	0-0	3	9	2	0	0	4	4
DARTMOUTH*	30	9-14	3-7	1-1	11	6	2	0	1	2	22
HARVARD*	27	5-10	1-3	1-1	2	8	2	0	1	2	12
at Penn*	34	8-14	1-3	7-9	4	7	4	1	2	2	24
at Princeton*	29	8-12	3-5	2-5	3	4	1	0	1	4	21
NCAA First Round											

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1 Varsity Letter

JEFF FOOTE

Junior • Center • 7-0 • 225

Lockwood, N.Y. • Spencer-Van Etten HS • Applied Economics and Management

			TOTAL			3-PTS						REBOUNDS									
Year	GP	-GS	Min	-Avg	FG -FGA	Pct	3FG -FGA	Pct	FT -FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2005-06	Did not play - at St. Bonaventure																					
2006-07	Sat out spring as mid-semester transfer from St. Bonaventure																					
2007-08	21	-0	446	-21.2	62 -108	.574	0 -0	.000	47 -82	.573	36	98	134	6.4	57	1	32	32	30	7	171	8.1
Totals	**21**	**-0**	**446**	**-21.2**	**62 -108**	**.574**	**0 -0**	**.000**	**47 -82**	**.573**	**36**	**98**	**134**	**6.4**	**57**	**1**	**32**	**32**	**30**	**7**	**171**	**8.1**

A skilled big man who brings tremendous passion and energy to the court, Foote became eligible after final exams for the fall semester and made his first collegiate appearance on Dec. 19 at Bucknell. A transfer from St. Bonaventure, Foote can score in the post and is an exceptional passer for his size. He will also run the court in transition. A fan favorite at Newman Arena, Foote has good footwork in the post offensively, and on defense has good timing to block a shot and rebounds well in and out of his area. Foote is constantly improving as he continues to compete after two adn a half years without playing competitively.

As a junior

Foote emerged quietly as a force to be reckoned with in the post this season after not playing basketball in two and a half years and earned second-team All-Ivy honors. The 7-0 center ended the season averaging 8.1 points, 6.4 rebounds and 1.4 blocked shots per game while playing in 21 games off the bench. He shot 57 percent from the floor in 21.2 minutes per game. Foote ranked fourth in the Ivy League in rebounding and second in blocked shots overall and was third in defensive rebounding (4.67) and fifth in offensive rebounding (1.71). He ended the season with 11 double figure scoring and four double figure rebounding games to go along with four double-doubles. He paced the team in rebounding in 10 of his 21 contests. The junior had a career-best 18 points in a win over Princeton and notched double-doubles in Ivy play against Yale, Penn and Dartmouth. Foote opened his career in fine fashion, posting 10 points, 11 rebounds, four blocks and two steals in a loss at Bucknell.

At St. Bonaventure

Foote spent a year and a half at St. Bonaventure University, making the team as a walk-on during the fall of 2005-06. He redshirted his freshman season before leaving the program prior to the 2006-07 campaign. He will be eligible to compete on Dec. 19 at Bucknell.

At Spencer-Van Etten HS

Foote was a four-year letterwinner at Spencer-Van Etten HS, averaging 15 points, 13 rebounds and six blocked shots per game as a senior. He was a first-team all-league selection and was picked to play in the section's Exceptional Senior All-Star game. Foote averaged over three blocks per game during his prep career and set a league record for rejections in a season. He also lettered once each in football and soccer.

Personal

Jeffrey Bernard Foote is the son of Don and Wanda Foote and has an older brother. His father played basketball at Niagara from 1976-79. He is enrolled in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Foote's Season and Career Highs

2007-08 Season Highs	Category	Career Highs
18 vs. Princeton (2/8/08)	Points	18 vs. Princeton (2/8/08)
11, two times, last at Yale (2/2/08)	Rebounds	11, two times, last at Yale (2/2/08)
6, two times, last vs. Princeton (2/8/08)	FG Made	6, two times, last vs. Princeton (2/8/08)
9 vs. Brown (2/23/08)	FG Attempts	9 vs. Brown (2/23/08)
6, three times, last at Penn (3/7/08)	FT Made	6, three times, last at Penn (3/7/08)
12 at Bucknell (12/19/07)	FT Attempts	12 at Bucknell (12/19/07)
None	3pt Made	None
None	3pt Attempts	None
4, two times, last at NJIT (1/15/08)	Assists	4, two times, last at NJIT (1/15/08)
2 at Bucknell (12/19/07)	Steals	2 at Bucknell (12/19/07)
4, three times, last vs. Harvard (3/1/08)	Blocks	4, three times, last vs. Harvard (3/1/08)
28 vs. Columbia (1/19/08)	Minutes	28 vs. Columbia (1/19/08)

2007-08 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	Blk	Stl	PF	PTS
LEHIGH	DNP - Fall semester transfer										
at Ohio	DNP - Fall semester transfer										
ARMY	DNP - Fall semester transfer										
SIENA	DNP - Fall semester transfer										
BINGHAMTON	DNP - Fall semester transfer										
COLGATE	DNP - Fall semester transfer										
at Bucknell	21	2-3	0-0	6-12	11	1	1	4	2	1	10
at Syracuse	22	3-7	0-0	0-2	7	1	4	1	0	3	6
at Stony Brook	4	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0
at Quinnipiac	22	3-5	0-0	4-7	5	2	0	0	0	4	10
at Duke	21	4-5	0-0	2-5	7	1	2	0	0	2	10
ALVERNIA	13	1-2	0-0	1-2	2	4	0	2	1	1	3
at NJIT	23	4-6	0-0	2-5	3	4	0	2	0	4	10
COLUMBIA	28	6-7	0-0	1-2	6	2	0	4	1	4	13
at Columbia	17	1-3	0-0	1-1	4	0	0	0	0	3	3
at Brown	21	2-2	0-0	2-2	4	1	5	0	1	3	6
at Yale	21	4-7	0-0	3-5	11	3	5	0	0	4	11
PRINCETON	22	6-8	0-0	6-9	3	1	1	1	0	3	18
PENN	24	2-6	0-0	1-1	8	3	0	1	0	5	5
at Harvard	26	3-6	0-0	3-7	7	0	4	2	0	2	9
at Dartmouth	18	2-5	0-0	0-0	6	1	1	0	1	2	4
YALE	23	3-4	0-0	3-4	5	2	0	2	0	4	9
BROWN	27	4-8	0-0	3-4	8	2	2	2	0	3	11
DARTMOUTH	26	5-9	0-0	1-3	10	1	2	3	0	2	11
HARVARD	17	4-4	0-0	2-4	7	0	1	4	0	3	10
at Penn	23	3-6	0-0	6-6	10	1	2	1	1	2	12
at Princeton	27	0-3	0-0	0-1	8	2	0	0	0	2	0
NCAA First Round											

* - Starter

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2 Varsity Letters

KHALIQ GANT

Senior • Guard • 6-3 • 175

Norcross, Ga. • Marion-Tabor Academy • Communication

			TOTAL			3-PTS						REBOUNDS										
Year	GP	-GS	Min	-Avg	FG -FGA	Pct	3FG -FGA	Pct	FT -FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2004-05	27	-19	445	-16.5	24 -55	.436	14 -33	.424	5 -7	.714	6	19	25	0.9	21	0	29	16	0	12	67	2.5
2005-06	17	-0	245	-14.4	12 -53	.226	7 -27	.259	7 -12	.583	6	22	28	1.6	18	0	18	10	0	9	38	2.2
2006-07	Did not play - injured																					
2007-08	Did not play - injured																					
Totals	**44**	**-19**	**690**	**-15.7**	**36 -108**	**.333**	**21 -60**	**.350**	**12 -19**	**.632**	**12**	**41**	**53**	**1.2**	**39**	**0**	**47**	**26**	**0**	**21**	**105**	**2.4**

Remaining a key part of the men's basketball program will be Khaliq Gant, who did not compete during the 2006-07 season. Gant suffered a serious cervical neck injury at practice on Jan. 24, 2006, and continues to recover and rehab, gaining strength daily.

As a junior and senior

Since his injury, Gant has been an inspirational leader both on and off the court. He contributes at practice, in the locker room and is a tremendous teammate.

As a sophomore

Gant averaged 14.4 minutes per game, scoring 2.2 points, dishing off 1.1 assists and collecting 1.6 rebounds per game prior to his injury. Included was a career-high 13 points (5-of-6 field goals) with three 3-pointers at Hartford. He also played a solid floor game with four rebounds and five assists in 29 minutes at No. 16 Syracuse.

As a freshman

Gant was a consistent contributor as a rookie, scoring 2.5 ppg. to go along with 1.1 apg., while averaging 16.5 minutes per game. Gant shot 44 percent from the floor and 42 percent from 3-point range and saw action in all 27 games. He started 19 straight games during the season, helping the Big Red to a 10-9 mark during that streak. He posted a career-high nine points on 4-of-6 shooting, while also recording two rebounds and an assist against Ithaca. Gant matched that in the win at Lehigh, hitting all three 3-point attempts he took. He also had a five-point, six-assist effort without a turnover in 31 minutes against No. 7 Syracuse.

At Marion-Tabor Academy

Gant was a *Street & Smith's* High Honorable Mention All-American and a Boston All-Metro selection at Marion-Tabor Academy (Mass.). Gant was ranked among the top 200 recruits nationally by *Prep Basketball* magazine and was a member of the *Youth Prep Stars Recruiting Magazine* Georgia 2004 All-State Dream Team, comprised of the top 16 high school players in the state while playing at Holy Innocents HS in Atlanta. Off the court, Gant was the president of the senior class at Tabor.

Personal

Khaliq Jabari Gant is the son of Dean and Dana Gant and has an older brother and sister. Gant is enrolled in Cornell's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Gant's Season and Career Highs

2007-08 Season Highs	Category	Career Highs
N/A	Points	13 at Hartford (11/26/05)
N/A	Rebounds	6 vs. Lehigh (12/4/05)
N/A	FG Made	5 at Hartford (11/26/05)
N/A	FG Attempts	11 vs. Colgate (11/22/05)
N/A	FT Made	2, four times, last vs. Army (12/20/05)
N/A	FT Attempts	4 at Syracuse (11/9/05)
N/A	3pt Made	3, two times, last at Hartford (11/26/05)
N/A	3pt Attempts	5 vs. Colgate (11/22/05)
N/A	Assists	6 at Syracuse (12/20/04)
N/A	Steals	2, four times, last at Bucknell (12/17/05)
N/A	Blocks	None
N/A	Minutes	34 vs. Ithaca (11/29/04)

2007-08 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	Blk	Stl	PF	PTS
LEHIGH	Did Not Play - Injured										
at Ohio	Did Not Play - Injured										
ARMY	Did Not Play - Injured										
SIENA	Did Not Play - Injured										
BINGHAMTON	Did Not Play - Injured										
COLGATE	Did Not Play - Injured										
at Bucknell	Did Not Play - Injured										
at Syracuse	Did Not Play - Injured										
at Stony Brook	Did Not Play - Injured										
at Quinnipiac	Did Not Play - Injured										
at Duke	Did Not Play - Injured										
ALVERNIA	Did Not Play - Injured										
at NJIT	Did Not Play - Injured										
COLUMBIA	Did Not Play - Injured										
at Columbia	Did Not Play - Injured										
at Brown	Did Not Play - Injured										
at Yale	Did Not Play - Injured										
PRINCETON	Did Not Play - Injured										
PENN	Did Not Play - Injured										
at Harvard	Did Not Play - Injured										
at Dartmouth	Did Not Play - Injured										
YALE	Did Not Play - Injured										
BROWN	Did Not Play - Injured										
DARTMOUTH	Did Not Play - Injured										
HARVARD	Did Not Play - Injured										
at Penn	Did Not Play - Injured										
at Princeton	Did Not Play - Injured										
NCAA First Round											

* - Starter

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2 Varsity Letters

ADAM GORE

Junior • Guard • 6-0 • 180

Monrovia, Ind. • Monrovia HS • General Studies

			TOTAL			3-PTS						REBOUNDS										
Year	GP	-GS	Min	-Avg	FG -FGA	Pct	3FG	-FGA	Pct	FT	-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2005-06	28	-28	904	-32.3	115 -269	.428	83	-198	.419	48	-58	.828	10	53	63	2.3	75	1	37	40	0	25	361	12.9
2006-07	1	-1	36	-36.0	7 -13	.538	5	-10	.500	1	-1	1.000	0	2	2	2.0	4	0	4	2	0	1	20	20.0
2007-08	27	-27	736	-27.3	76 -176	.432	57	-137	.416	65	-70	.929	11	43	54	2.0	57	1	40	29	0	30	274	10.1
Totals	**56**	**-56**	**1676**	**-29.9**	**198 -458**	**.432**	**145**	**-345**	**.420**	**114**	**-129**	**.884**	**21**	**98**	**119**	**2.1**	**136**	**2**	**81**	**71**	**0**	**56**	**655**	**11.7**

A tough competitor with tremendous basketball instincts, Gore can play either guard position. He has the ability to score at will from the perimeter or by getting in the lane, and can set up teammates for scoring chances with his ballhandling and passing ability. A high percentage shooter for a guard, Gore has an accurate touch from the outside with unlimited range and has shown the desire to be a go-to player willing to take a big shot. Gore is a good team defender who has fully recovered from a knee injury that limited him to just one contest in 2006-07.

As a junior

Gore, a second-team pick as a freshman, returned to the All-Ivy second team after posting an outstanding comeback season after missing a majority of 2006-07 with a knee injury. Gore averaged 10.1 points, 2.0 rebounds and 1.5 assists while shooting .929 from the free-throw line to rank first in the Ivy League. Gore really found his legs in Ivy play, Boosting his scoring totals to 12.1 ppg. (10th) and ranking among the leaders in 3-point field goal percentage (second, .459) and 3-pointers made (second, 2.43). The junior guard had a season-best 19 points in the win at Penn, helping Cornell snap a 19-game losing skid at the Palestra, and added 18 points in back-to-back contests at home against Yale and Brown. Gore ended the season with 15 games in double figures and led the team in scoring five times and in steals in 10 games.

As a sophomore

A preseason first-team All-Ivy selection by numerous college basketball publications, Gore opened his 2006-07 season with a bang, scoring a game-high 20 points (including five 3-pointers) and dishing off four assists in a season-opening win at Northwestern. The win was costly, however, as he suffered a knee injury in the final seconds of the contest, causing him to miss the rest of the season.

As a freshman

The 2005-06 Ivy League Rookie of the Year and a second-team All-Ivy selection, Gore averaged a then-school freshman record 12.9 ppg., good for fifth in the Ivy League, with a school-record 83 3-point field goals (first in the Ivy League, 21 more than any other player in the Ancient Eight). He added 2.3 rebounds and 1.3 assists per game, as well as 25 steals, while shooting 43 percent from the floor and 42 percent from beyond the arc. Gore also made 83 percent from the free-throw line. The eight-time Ivy League Rookie of the Week reached double figures in scoring 17 times and hit at least one 3-pointer in 27 of the team's 28 games, including in each of the final 22 contests. He had 10 games with at least four 3-point field goals. Gore's .419 shooting percentage from beyond the arc was good for third in the conference and seventh all-time at Cornell in a season. Gore was also durable, starting all 28 games and averaging 32.8 minutes per game. He had a career-high 28 points to go along with three rebounds and three assists in a win at Columbia, and burst onto the scene with six 3-pointers en route to 22 points at then-No. 16 Syracuse in his second collegiate game. Gore was just the second Cornell freshman to earn a spot on the All-Ivy first or second teams, joining Mike Davis, the 1977-78 Ancient Eight Rookie of the Year who was named to the second team as a freshman.

At Monrovia

A third-team all-state pick as a senior, Gore averaged 24.8 points, 4.9 assists and 4.7 rebounds per game and was voted the *Indianapolis Star*'s 2005 All-West Player of the Year. A deadeye shooter, Gore shot 61.6 percent from the field, including a school-record 53.2 percent from 3-point territory, and connected on 86.2 percent from the free-throw line. He had a career average of 18 points on 58.5 percent shooting and 45.6 percent from 3-point range. As a senior, Gore led his team to a top 10 ranking in the state and posted a single-game high of 43 points. He wound up second on the school's all-time list with 1,671 points. Gore was named one of the state's top 100 players by *Hoosier Basketball Magazine* and was selected to play in the Indiana North-South All-Star game.

Personal

Adam Douglas Gore is the son of Doug and Kathy Gore. He is enrolled in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Gore's Season and Career Highs

2007-08 Season Highs	Category	Career Highs
19 at Penn (3/7/08)	Points	28 at Columbia (1/28/06)
5 vs. Colgate (12/1/07)	Rebounds	6 at Dartmouth (2/3/06)
6 at Penn (3/7/08)	FG Made	9 at Columbia (1/28/06)
12 at Penn (3/7/08)	FG Attempts	16 vs. Dartmouth (2/3/06)
8 vs. Penn (2/9/08)	FT Made	8 vs. Penn (2/9/08)
8, three times, last vs. Penn (2/9/08)	FT Attempts	8, four times, last vs. Penn (2/9/08)
5, three times, last at Penn (3/7/08)	3pt Made	6, three times, last at Yale (2/11/06)
10 at Penn (3/7/08)	3pt Attempts	14 vs. Dartmouth (2/3/06)
4 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	Assists	4, two times, last vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)
3, two times, last at Dartmouth (2/16/08)	Steals	5 vs. Yale (2/24/06)
None	Blocks	None
40 at Princeton (3/8/08)	Minutes	41 vs. Princeton (2/17/06)

2007-08 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	Blk	Stl	PF	PTS
LEHIGH*	31	2-5	1-3	4-4	4	1	0	0	2	4	9
at Ohio*	26	4-8	3-7	1-1	3	3	1	0	2	3	12
ARMY*	28	2-7	2-7	4-4	2	0	2	0	2	3	10
SIENA*	20	3-4	2-3	2-2	0	3	1	0	1	1	10
BINGHAMTON*	26	0-4	0-3	6-7	1	2	3	0	0	1	6
COLGATE*	28	2-7	2-7	0-0	5	2	0	0	0	3	6
at Bucknell*	20	2-5	1-3	0-0	1	1	2	0	2	5	5
at Syracuse*	32	4-10	4-9	0-0	1	0	1	0	1	2	12
at Stony Brook*	26	3-8	3-8	3-4	2	1	1	0	2	3	12
at Quinnipiac*	24	2-6	2-4	1-1	3	3	1	0	0	1	7
at Duke*	25	1-3	1-2	3-3	2	2	1	0	0	2	6
ALVERNIA*	16	1-5	0-4	0-0	4	4	0	0	3	0	2
at NJIT*	12	3-4	2-3	0-0	4	0	0	0	1	0	8
COLUMBIA*	31	2-4	1-2	7-8	1	1	0	0	1	1	12
at Columbia*	33	4-8	2-5	7-8	3	0	2	0	1	2	17
at Brown*	25	3-8	2-3	2-2	1	1	0	0	2	3	10
at Yale*	24	1-3	0-2	0-0	2	1	1	0	1	3	2
PRINCETON*	33	3-6	2-5	2-2	1	1	2	0	1	2	10
PENN*	28	2-4	2-2	8-8	3	1	2	0	0	1	14
at Harvard*	33	2-7	0-5	2-3	3	1	1	0	1	3	6
at Dartmouth*	31	5-7	3-5	0-0	3	3	2	0	3	2	13
YALE*	26	5-11	5-9	3-3	2	2	0	0	0	1	18
BROWN*	33	5-8	5-8	3-3	1	2	1	0	1	3	18
DARTMOUTH*	33	2-7	1-5	3-3	0	3	0	0	1	2	8
HARVARD*	22	5-9	4-8	0-0	2	1	1	0	0	2	14
at Penn*	30	6-12	5-10	2-2	0	0	2	0	1	3	19
at Princeton*	40-	2-6	2-5	2-2	0	1	2	0	1	1	8
NCAA First Round											

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JASON HARTFORD

Senior • Forward • 6-9 • 245

Tillamook, Ore. • Tillamook HS • Chemeketa CC • Communication

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2 Varsity Letters

			TOTAL			3-PTS						REBOUNDS										
Year	GP	-GS	Min	-Avg	FG	-FGA	Pct	3FG	-FGA	Pct	FT	-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2005-06	21	-1	402	-19.1	66	-119	.555	12	-26	.462	18	-31	.581	23	57	80	3.8	44	0	16	24	8	6	162	7.7
2006-07	Did not play - injured																								
2007-08	26	-20	480	-18.5	83	-143	.580	13	-37	.351	17	-24	.708	42	68	110	4.2	38	0	14	26	7	8	196	7.5
Totals	**47**	**-21**	**882**	**-18.8**	**149**	**-262**	**.569**	**25**	**-63**	**.397**	**35**	**-55**	**.636**	**65**	**125**	**190**	**4.0**	**82**	**0**	**30**	**50**	**15**	**14**	**358**	**7.6**

A key part of the Big Red's success two seasons ago, Hartford re-emerged in 2007-08 as the starter at power forward and blossomed after missing the entire 2006-07 season. The 6-9 forward has the ability to play with his back to the basket or facing the hoop, giving Cornell more options in the post. His strength and positioning will allow him to get plenty of free-throw opportunities, as will his tenacity on the offensive glass. Hartford brings a tremendous all-around game with him, as he can handle the ball, shoot, pass, block shots and get in the passing lanes well for a big man.

As a senior (2007-08)

Hartford averaged 7.5 points and 4.2 rebounds while shooting a team-high 58 percent from the floor in 26 games (20 starts). When in the starting lineup, the team's lone senior has helped Cornell to a 17-3 record. The 6-9 forward paces the team in offensive rebounds (36) and has added eight steals and seven blocked shots to his totals, while hitting 13-of-37 shots from beyond the arc (35 percent). Hartford had a 15-point, 11-rebound double-double in the win over Yale and averaged 18.5 points in opening the season against Lehigh and Ohio, pacing the team in scoring in both contests. For the season, Hartford hit for double figures in six contests and had at least five rebounds in 13 contests, including in each of the final seven regular season games.

As a senior (2006-07)

Hartford spent the 2006-07 campaign rehabbing from a foot injury that curtailed his season before it began after a promising junior year.

As a junior

Hartford averaged 7.7 points and 3.8 rebounds in 21 games (20 off the bench) in his first year with the Big Red. He was forced out of seven contests with a myriad of injuries that also kept him on the sidelines for some of the fall. Hartford was a threat from beyond the arc, making 12-of-26 3-pointers on the year en route to eight double-figure scoring games. Hartford put back a missed 3-pointer with 2.4 seconds to play in a win over Harvard, ending the contest with six rebounds and a career-high four blocks against the Crimson's highly-touted front line. He was 7-of-8 from the floor for a career-high 21 points at Yale. Hartford also notched 17 points on 8-of-10 shooting at No. 10 Washington, and posted 10 points and eight rebounds, including making both 3-point attempts, against Penn, both NCAA tournament teams.

At Chemeketa

Hartford averaged 15.5 points and 7.2 rebounds while shooting 68 percent from the field en route to first-team all-league honors as a sophomore at Chemeketa CC in 2004-05. He chipped in 1.7 blocks, 1.2 assists and 1.0 steals per game and was named to the league's all-academic team after leading his squad to a 25-8 record.

At Tillamook

Hartford was named the Class 3A state player of the year by the *Oregonian* and was a first-team all-state selection as a senior at Tillamook HS. He led his team to a state title and was named to the all-tournament team during the 2002-03 campaign. Hartford was named league player of the year and first-team all-league as a senior at Tillamook.

Personal

Jason Ray Hartford is the son of Ray and Debi Hartford. Hartford is enrolled in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Hartford's Season and Career Highs

2007-08 Season Highs	Category	Career Highs
19 vs. Lehigh (11/10/07)	Points	21 at Yale (2/11/06)
11 vs. Yale (2/22/08)	Rebounds	11, two times, last vs. Yale (2/22/08)
7, three times, last at Princeton (3/8/08)	FG Made	8 at Washington (1/2/06)
13 vs. Lehigh (11/10/07)	FG Attempts	13 vs. Lehigh (11/10//07)
3 vs. Lehigh (11/10/07)	FT Made	5 at Yale (2/11/06)
4 vs. Lehigh (11/10/07)	FT Attempts	6 at Yale (2/11/06)
4 at Ohio (11/17/07)	3pt Made	4 at Ohio (11/17/07)
6 at Ohio (11/17/07)	3pt Attempts	6 at Ohio (11/17/07)
2, two times, last vs. Penn (2/9/08)	Assists	4 at Syracuse (11/9/05)
1, eight times, last vs. Harvard (3/1/08)	Steals	1, 14 times, last vs. Harvard (2/4/06)
2, two times, last at Dartmouth (2/16/08)	Blocks	4 vs. Harvard (2/4/06)
32 vs. Penn (2/9/08)	Minutes	32 vs. Penn (2/9/08)

2007-08 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	Blk	Stl	PF	PTS
LEHIGH*	24	7-13	2-4	3-4	7	0	2	2	0	2	19
at Ohio*	29	6-11	4-6	2-2	5	1	0	0	0	0	18
ARMY*	9	1-3	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2
SIENA*	24	3-4	0-0	0-0	8	0	2	0	0	3	6
BINGHAMTON*	12	2-3	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	0	1	1	4
COLGATE	DNP - injured										
at Bucknell*	11	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
at Syracuse	6	1-4	0-1	0-0	4	0	0	0	0	0	2
at Stony Brook	11	1-2	0-1	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
at Quinnipiac	14	4-4	1-1	1-1	2	0	3	0	0	2	10
at Duke	13	2-3	0-0	0-1	1	1	2	0	1	4	4
ALVERNIA*	14	4-6	0-0	1-1	5	1	1	1	1	0	9
at NJIT	15	2-7	1-3	0-0	2	0	0	0	1	0	5
COLUMBIA	17	1-3	0-2	2-2	0	1	0	0	0	1	4
at Columbia*	19	3-5	0-2	2-3	7	0	1	1	0	3	8
at Brown*	20	2-4	0-1	1-1	3	2	0	0	0	1	5
at Yale*	18	5-7	1-2	2-2	5	0	0	0	1	2	13
PRINCETON*	21	4-7	1-2	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	9
PENN*	32	3-5	1-1	0-0	3	2	3	0	0	1	7
at Harvard*	19	0-4	0-2	2-2	5	0	0	0	0	1	2
at Dartmouth*	28	6-7	0-0	0-0	5	1	1	2	0	0	12
YALE*	20	7-9	0-1	1-1	11	1	1	0	0	1	15
BROWN*	19	4-6	1-1	0-0	5	1	0	0	0	4	9
DARTMOUTH*	16	1-2	0-1	0-2	6	1	5	0	1	3	2
HARVARD*	24	4-8	0-2	0-0	6	0	0	1	1	2	8
at Penn*	22	3-5	0-0	0-1	6	0	1	0	0	3	6
at Princeton*	23	7-10	1-3	0-1	8	0	1	0	0	2	15
NCAA First Round											

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JON JAQUES

Sophomore • Forward • 6-7 • 215

Los Angeles, Calif. • Harvard-Westlake School • Undecided - Arts and Sciences

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2 Varsity Letters

			TOTAL			3-PTS						REBOUNDS										
Year	GP	-GS	Min	-Avg	FG -FGA	Pct	3FG	-FGA	Pct	FT	-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2006-07	8	-0	29	-3.6	3 -8	.375	2	-5	.400	2	-2	1.000	1	3	4	0.5	8	0	2	1	1	0	10	1.3
2007-08	12	-0	34	-2.8	2 -12	.167	2	-9	.222	4	-4	1.000	3	4	7	0.6	7	0	0	4	0	3	10	0.8
Totals	**20**	**-0**	**63**	**-3.2**	**5 -20**	**.250**	**4**	**-14**	**.286**	**6**	**-6**	**1.000**	**4**	**7**	**11**	**0.6**	**15**	**0**	**2**	**5**	**1**	**3**	**20**	**1.0**

A well-coached player with good all-around skills, Jaques impressed the coaching staff with his ability to score in a variety of ways as a rookie. Possessing good size from the small forward position, Jaques has the ability to shoot over a defender with excellent range. A tough competitor, Jaques will have a chance to earn additional playing time as a sophomore.

As a sophomore

Jaques saw time in 12 games off the bench, averaging 0.8 points and 0.6 rebounds in 2.8 minutes per game. Jaques had two points, two rebounds and two steals against Harvard to help Cornell clinch its first Ivy title in 20 years, while scoring a season-best six points to go along with three rebounds in a win over Alvernia.

As a freshman

Jaques played in eight games off the bench as a freshman, averaging 1.3 points and 0.5 rebounds. His career-best effort came in extended minutes against Ithaca College, notching seven points, four rebounds, an assist and a blocked shot in 18 minutes. He also nailed a 3-pointer in the final minute in the loss to Penn and was credited with an assist vs. Army.

At Harvard-Westlake School

Jaques averaged 13.8 points and 7.3 rebounds per game as a senior at Harvard-Westlake HS, earning first-team all-league and first-team All-CIF honors. The 6-7 forward also recorded 2.7 assists and 1.9 steals while shooting 51 percent from the floor and 36 percent from beyond the arc, hitting a league-best 58 treys. He had nine double-doubles for a team that finished 27-6. Jaques was named the most valuable player at the 2006 Battle of the Valley all-star game after recording 14 points, 14 rebounds and four assists. Jaques received the scholar athlete award at the 2006 Collision VIII All Star Game. He was named a player to watch in the 2006 West Coast recruit rankings by The Insiders. Jaques was invited to the Fullcourt Press All-West Camp during the summer of 2005 and earned a spot in the Top 60 game.

Personal

Jonathan David Jaques is the son of Doug and Susan Jaques and has a younger sister. He is enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Jaques' Season and Career Highs

2007-08 Season Highs	Category	Career Highs
6 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	Points	7 vs. Ithaca (1/5/07)
3 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	Rebounds	4 vs. Ithaca (1/5/07)
2 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	FG Made	2, two times, last vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)
8 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	FG Attempts	8 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)
2, two times, last vs. Harvard (3/1/08)	FT Made	2, three times, last vs. Harvard (3/1/08)
2, two times, last vs. Harvard (3/1/08)	FT Attempts	2, three times, last vs. Harvard (3/1/08)
2 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	3pt Made	2 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)
6 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	3pt Attempts	6 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)
None	Assists	1, two times, last vs. Ithaca (1/5/07)
2 vs. Harvard (3/1/08)	Steals	2 vs. Harvard (3/1/08)
None	Blocks	1 vs. Ithaca (1/5/07)
16 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	Minutes	18 vs. Ithaca (1/5/07)

2007-08 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	Blk	Stl	PF	PTS
LEHIGH	DNP										
at Ohio	DNP										
ARMY	DNP										
SIENA	DNP										
BINGHAMTON	DNP										
COLGATE	DNP										
at Bucknell	DNP										
at Syracuse	1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
at Stony Brook	DNP										
at Quinnipiac	DNP										
at Duke	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ALVERNIA	16	2-8	2-6	0-0	3	0	1	0	1	3	6
at NJIT	4	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
COLUMBIA	DNP										
at Columbia	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Brown	DNP										
at Yale	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PRINCETON	DNP										
PENN	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Harvard	DNP										
at Dartmouth	DNP										
YALE	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
BROWN	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DARTMOUTH	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HARVARD	7	0-3	0-2	2-2	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
at Penn	DNP										
at Princeton	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NCAA First Round											

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BRIAN KREEFER

Junior • Forward • 6-7 • 225

East Liverpool, Ohio • East Liverpool HS • Applied Economics and Management

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3 Varsity Letters

			TOTAL			3-PTS						REBOUNDS										
Year	GP	-GS	Min	-Avg	FG -FGA	Pct	3FG	-FGA	Pct	FT	-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2005-06	21	-0	181	-8.6	26 -58	.448	11	-32	.344	3	-5	.600	10	21	31	1.5	15	0	9	4	1	4	66	3.1
2006-07	27	-10	362	-13.4	50 -109	.459	13	-50	.260	23	-33	.697	25	36	61	2.3	32	0	15	17	2	6	136	5.0
2007-08	22	-8	265	-12.0	32 -51	.627	3	-8	.375	7	-17	.412	9	23	32	1.5	21	0	29	20	4	5	74	3.4
Totals	**70**	**-18**	**808**	**-11.5**	**108 -218**	**.495**	**27**	**-90**	**.300**	**33**	**-55**	**.600**	**44**	**80**	**124**	**1.8**	**68**	**0**	**53**	**41**	**7**	**15**	**276**	**3.9**

Kreefer is an ever-improving big man who works well in the high post for the Big Red thanks to his ability to shoot the basketball. He was again be an important contributor as a junior thanks to his solid rebounding skills and knack for being around the basketball. He will cause problems against smaller players because of his size and strength, while bigger defenders will be forced to come out on him thanks to his outside game. Kreefer will also have a chance to develop into a strong rebounder due to his toughness around the hoop. He also takes care of the basketball, committing just 2.0 turnovers per 40 minutes for his career.

As a junior

Kreefer has seen action in 22 contests with eight starts and has averaged 3.4 points, 1.5 rebounds and 1.3 assists per game. The 6-7 junior is shooting 63 percent from the floor and has added five steals and four blocked shots so far this year. Kreefer made all five of his field goals en route to 10 points against MAAC champion Siena, adding five assists as well. He sparked the Big Red with a season-high 21 points to go along with three assists, two rebounds and two steals in a win over Army.

As a sophomore

Kreefer averaged career-highs of 5.0 points and 2.3 rebounds in 27 games, including 10 starts. He shot 46 percent from the floor and 70 percent from the free-throw line. Kreefer had a pair of 20-point efforts, including a career-high 23 points at Army, hitting a personal-best five 3-pointers. He also totaled 20 points at Lehigh. Kreefer had 10 points, three rebounds and three assists vs. Iowa and keyed the Big Red in the season-opening win over Northwestern with five points and two rebounds in the final four minutes.

As a freshman

Kreefer played in 21 games off the bench in 2005-06, becoming an integral part of the rotation over the second half of the season. He finished his freshman campaign averaging 3.1 points and 1.5 rebounds while shooting 45 percent from the floor. Kreefer connected on 11-of-32 3-pointers (.344) and turned the ball over just four times in 181 minutes, showing his poise as a rookie. Kreefer had career highs of 14 points, nine rebounds, two assists and a block in the win at Harvard. He connected on 4-of-6 3-pointers in that victory. Kreefer also came off the bench to score 10 points with two steals against Yale and had nine points against Army.

At East Liverpool

A first-team all-state selection as a senior at East Liverpool HS, Kreefer graduated as the school's all-time leading scorer (1,461 points). A captain, Kreefer led his team to a 20-3 record in 2004-05 by averaging 27.4 points and 13 rebounds. The four-year letter winner was selected to play in the Ohio North-South all-star game and scored 17 points in the contest. Kreefer earned Associated Press Eastern District, Columbiana County Coaches Association and District 5 Coaches Association Player of the Year honors in his final year. Kreefer scored 548 points in 2004-05, including nine games of 30 or more points and 16 games with at least 20 points. He also led the team with 42 3-point field goals. He was a third-team All-Ohio pick as a junior when he averaged 19.5 points. Kreefer posted 10.9 points per game as a sophomore.

Personal

Brian Patrick Kreefer is the son of Mike and Cyndi Kreefer and has an older sister, Kristen, and an older brother, Justin. He is enrolled in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Kreefer's Season and Career Highs

2007-08 Season Highs	Category	Career Highs
21 vs. Army (11/20/07)	Points	23 at Army (11/21/06)
4, two times, last at Syracuse (12/22/07)	Rebounds	9 at Harvard (3/3/06)
8 vs. Army (11/20/07)	FG Made	8 vs. Army (11/20/07)
10 vs. Army (11/20/07)	FG Attempts	14 at Lehigh (11/17/06)
4 vs. Army (11/20/07)	FT Made	5, two times, last at Binghamton (11/25/06)
6 vs. Army (11/20/07)	FT Attempts	7 at Lehigh (11/17/06)
1, three times, last vs. Dartmouth (2/29/08)	3pt Made	5 at Army (11/21/06)
4 vs. Colgate (12/1/07)	3pt Attempts	7, two times, last at Iowa (12/30/06)
5 vs. Siena (11/25/07)	Assists	5 vs. Siena (11/25/07)
2 vs. Army (11/20/07)	Steals	2, two times, last vs. Army (11/20/07)
2 vs. Columbia (1/19/08)	Blocks	2 vs. Columbia (1/19/08)
26, two times, last at Quinnipiac (12/31/07)	Minutes	30 at Northwestern (11/10/06)

2007-08 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	Blk	Stl	PF	PTS
LEHIGH	DNP										
at Ohio	3	1-1	0-0	0-2	1	1	0	0	0	1	2
ARMY	25	8-10	1-1	4-6	2	3	3	0	2	3	21
SIENA	24	5-5	0-0	0-2	1	5	1	0	0	0	10
BINGHAMTON	21	3-4	1-1	0-1	1	3	0	0	1	2	7
COLGATE*	26	2-7	0-4	2-2	4	2	3	0	0	1	6
at Bucknell	16	2-3	0-0	0-0	3	1	0	1	0	1	4
at Syracuse*	22	1-3	0-0	0-0	4	1	2	1	1	3	2
at Stony Brook*	26	2-2	0-0	0-1	3	1	1	0	1	3	4
at Quinnipiac*	19	2-2	0-0	1-2	1	1	2	0	0	1	5
at Duke*	10	2-3	0-0	0-0	2	3	0	0	0	1	4
ALVERNIA*	12	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	3	1	0	0	0	2
at NJIT*	11	1-4	0-1	0-02	2	2	1	0	0	0	2
COLUMBIA*	10	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	2	0	1	0
at Columbia	DNP										
at Brown	3	1-2	0-0	0-0	3	0	1	0	0	2	2
at Yale	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PRINCETON	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
PENN	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Harvard	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0
at Dartmouth	DNP										
YALE	3	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BROWN	DNP										
DARTMOUTH	6	1-2	1-1	0-0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3
HARVARD	11	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0
at Penn	DNP										
at Princeton	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NCAA First Round											

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3 Varsity Letters

CONOR MULLEN

Junior • Guard/Forward • 6-5 • 210

Seattle, Wash. • Bishop O'Dea HS • Economics

			TOTAL			3-PTS						REBOUNDS										
Year	GP	-GS	Min	-Avg	FG -FGA	Pct	3FG -FGA	Pct	FT -FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2005-06	9	-0	21	-2.3	2 -7	.286	2 -7	.286	0 -0	.000	2	3	5	0.6	2	0	0	2	1	2	6	0.7
2006-07	19	-0	239	-12.6	20 -49	.408	7 -22	.318	8 -12	.667	9	25	34	1.8	24	0	8	13	1	5	55	2.9
2007-08	13	-0	25	-1.9	5 -11	.455	3 -6	.500	4 -7	.571	2	4	6	0.5	3	0	5	2	1	0	17	1.3
Totals	**41**	**-0**	**285**	**-7.0**	**27 -67**	**.403**	**12 -35**	**.343**	**12 -19**	**.632**	**13**	**32**	**45**	**1.1**	**29**	**0**	**13**	**17**	**3**	**7**	**78**	**1.9**

One of the team's most improved players, Mullen is a very good perimeter shooter who also brings strength and intangibles to the table. A winner throughout high school who has two state titles to his name, Mullen is a well-schooled player who does all the fundamental aspects of the game well. He is also a strong defender who can guard several positions.

As a junior

Mullen saw action in 13 contests as a reserve, averaging 1.3 points and 0.5 rebounds in just 1.9 minutes per game. In 25 total minutes, Mullen scored 17 points with six rebounds and added five assists while turning the ball over just twice. He had eight points, two assists and a blocked shot vs. Alvernia, and notched four points with three rebounds and three assists vs. Harvard in just seven minutes.

As a sophomore

After seeing limited time as a rookie, Mullen became an integral part of the Big Red's rotation as a sophomore, averaging 2.9 points and 1.8 rebounds in 12.6 minutes per game in 19 contests off the bench. He scored 15 second half points, hitting on 6-of-8 field goals, to lead the Big Red to a win over VMI. He played a then career-high 14 minutes vs. the Keydets, registering four rebounds, a block and a steal. Mullen also had seven points and two rebounds vs. Ithaca and six points, three rebounds and two assists at Iowa.

As a freshman

Mullen saw action in nine games off the bench as a freshman, averaging 0.7 points and 0.6 rebounds. He had three points, a rebound and a steal at Penn, while netting a 3-pointer for his first career points against Bucknell. Mullen blocked a shot in eight minutes against Army and ripped down two rebounds in the final minute vs. Saint Francis (Pa.) in his first collegiate game.

At Bishop O'Dea

Mullen helped lead Bishop O'Dea HS to consecutive large school state titles, earning Most Valuable Player honors in the 2005 Class 3A state tournament. The first-team all-league and all-state selection had 14 points and nine rebounds in the final to lead O'Dea to its second straight state title and averaged 17.5 points in his final season. Mullen was selected to play in the Washington state high school all-star basketball game and the Les Schwab Northwest Shootout that pitted the top seniors from Washington and Oregon. Mullen earned second-team all-state and first-team all-metro honors after scoring 16 points per game as a junior. His performance garnered him an invitation to the prestigious West Coast All-Star Camp. Mullen also competed in track and field.

Personal

Conor John Mullen is the son of Brian and Irene Mullen and has three older brothers and two older sisters. Mullen is enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Mullen's Season and Career Highs

2007-08 Season Highs	Category	Career Highs
8 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	Points	15 vs. VMI (12/1/06)
3 vs. Harvard (3/1/08)	Rebounds	6 vs. Penn (1/12/07)
2, two times, last vs. Harvard (3/1/08)	FG Made	6 vs. VMI (12/1/06)
4 vs. Harvard (3/1/08)	FG Attempts	8 vs. VMI (12/1/06)
2, two times, last at Yale (2/2/08)	FT Made	3 vs. VMI (12/1/06)
2, two times, last at Yale (2/2/08)	FT Attempts	4 vs. VMI (12/1/06)
2 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	3pt Made	2, two times, last vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)
2, two times, last vs. Yale (2/22/08)	3pt Attempts	3, two times, last at Penn (1/12/07)
3 vs. Harvard (3/1/08)	Assists	3 vs. Harvard (3/1/08)
None	Steals	1, seven times, vs. Columbia (1/27/07)
1 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	Blocks	1, three times, last vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)
7, two times, last vs. Harvard (3/1/08)	Minutes	29 vs. Albany (12/22/06)

2007-08 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	Blk	Stl	PF	PTS
LEHIGH	DNP										
at Ohio	DNP										
ARMY	DNP										
SIENA	DNP										
BINGHAMTON	DNP										
COLGATE	DNP										
at Bucknell	DNP										
at Syracuse	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Stony Brook	DNP										
at Quinnipiac	DNP										
at Duke	0+	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
ALVERNIA	7	2-2	2-2	2-2	1	2	0	1	0	1	8
at NJIT	4	0-1	0-1	0-2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
COLUMBIA	DNP										
at Columbia	1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Brown	DNP										
at Yale	2	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
PRINCETON	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
PENN	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Harvard	DNP										
at Dartmouth	DNP										
YALE	1	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
BROWN	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DARTMOUTH	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
HARVARD	7	2-4	0-0	0-1	3	3	0	0	0	0	4
at Penn	DNP										
at Princeton	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NCAA First Round											

* - Starter

AARON OSGOOD

Freshman • Forward • 6-9 • 215

Overlake, Wash. • The Hill School (Pa.) • Urban and Regional Studies

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1 Varsity Letter

			TOTAL			3-PTS						REBOUNDS										
Year	GP	-GS	Min	-Avg	FG -FGA	Pct	3FG	-FGA	Pct	FT	-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2007-08	8	-0	25	-3.1	4 -5	.800	0	-0	.000	0	-0	.000	0	3	3	0.4	4	0	0	2	0	0	8	1.0
Totals	**8**	**-0**	**25**	**-3.1**	**4 -5**	**.800**	**0**	**-0**	**.000**	**0**	**-0**	**.000**	**0**	**3**	**3**	**0.4**	**4**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**0**	**8**	**1.0**

An athletic forward with great potential, Osgood has a soft touch from the perimeter. A good rebounder who could also develop as a shot blocker, Osgood spent much of his freshman season as part of the scout team with an eye on the future.

As a freshman

Osgood played in eight games as a freshman, averaging 1.0 points and 0.4 rebounds while playing a total of 25 minutes. He made 4-of-5 shots for 80 percent during the season. Osgood's top game came in the win over Alvernia, as he got a dunk in transition for his first college points en route to a six-point, two-rebound effort in 12 minutes.

At Overlake HS

A first-team all-league selection as a senior at Overlake HS, Osgood averaged 12.5 points per game. He was named the *Seattle Times* state athlete of the week after a 19-point, 12-rebounds three-blocked shot effort in helping his team to its first state berth in 35 years. A two-time Washington state all-academic selection, he served as team captain as a senior. Osgood also averaged 8.8 points, 6.3 rebounds and 2.3 blocks per game as a junior. He competed on the tennis team, winning a state doubles title as a senior and earning first-team all-league honors three times. He played three seasons of lacrosse as well.

Personal

Aaron James Osgood is the son of Jim Osgood and Susan Richardson and has an older sister, Mariah. He is enrolled in the College of Architecture, Art and Planning.

Osgood's Season and Career Highs

2007-08 Season Highs	Category	Career Highs
6 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	Points	6 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)
2 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	Rebounds	2 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)
3 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	FG Made	3 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)
3 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	FG Attempts	3 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)
None	FT Made	None
None	FT Attempts	None
None	3pt Made	None
None	3pt Attempts	None
None	Assists	None
None	Steals	None
None	Blocks	None
12 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	Minutes	12 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)

2007-08 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	Blk	Stl	PF	PTS
LEHIGH	DNP										
at Ohio	DNP										
ARMY	DNP										
SIENA	DNP										
BINGHAMTON	DNP										
COLGATE	DNP										
at Bucknell	DNP										
at Syracuse	DNP										
at Stony Brook	DNP										
at Quinnipiac	DNP										
at Duke	DNP										
ALVERNIA	12	3-3	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	1	6
at NJIT	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
COLUMBIA	DNP										
at Columbia	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Brown	DNP										
at Yale	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
PRINCETON	DNP										
PENN	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Harvard	DNP										
at Dartmouth	DNP										
YALE	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
BROWN	DNP										
DARTMOUTH	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HARVARD	4	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
at Penn	DNP										
at Princeton	DNP										
NCAA First Round											

* - Starter

GEOFF REEVES

Sophomore • Guard • 6-5 • 180

Burlington, Kan. • Burlington HS • Communication

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2 Varsity Letters

			TOTAL			3-PTS						REBOUNDS										
Year	GP	-GS	Min	-Avg	FG -FGA	Pct	3FG -FGA	Pct	FT -FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2006-07	17	-0	185	-10.9	22 -43	.512	11 -22	.500	4 -4	1.000	1	8	9	0.5	9	0	5	12	2	3	59	3.5
2007-08	26	-0	297	-11.4	34 -76	.447	17 -38	.447	4 -9	.444	8	30	38	1.5	27	0	14	20	3	8	89	3.4
Totals	**43**	**-0**	**482**	**-11.2**	**56 -119**	**.471**	**28 -60**	**.467**	**8 -13**	**.615**	**9**	**38**	**47**	**1.1**	**36**	**0**	**19**	**32**	**5**	**11**	**148**	**3.4**

One of the team's top athletes, Reeves emerged as key player late in his rookie season after suffering through injuries and sickness early in the year. A deadeye shooter who can create his own offense, Reeves is an efficient scorer who has shown the ability to get in the lane at will. The 6-5 Reeves spent the offseason gaining strength and is expected to take a leap as a sophomore to become a major contributor on both ends of the floor.

As a sophomore

Reeves has seen action in 26 contests this season, averaging 11.4 minutes per game while scoring 3.4 points and grabbing 1.5 rebounds per game. He has added 14 assists, eight steals and three blocked shots while shooting 45 percent from the field overall and from 3-point range. Reeves posted 14 points off the bench in a showdown contests against Brown that essentially sealed the Ivy title, hitting 5-of-5 field goals and all four 3-pointers. The 4-of-4 shooting from the arc tied a school record. He posted 11 points in the win over Alvernia.

As a freshman

Reeves emerged late in the year and averaged 3.5 points in 10.9 minutes off the bench in 17 games. After missing the first eight contests of the season with a back injury and 11 contests overall, Reeves hit on 11-of-22 3-pointers and shot 51 percent from the floor overall. The freshman registered a career-high 16 points off the bench against Harvard and notched 12 points, three assists and two steals at Penn.

At Burlington HS

A first-team all-state selection by the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association as a senior at Burlington HS, Reeves averaged 23.6 points in his final season. Scouting service Rivals.com named Reeves second-team all-state for all classes and was a third-team pick by the *Wichita Eagle*. A four-year starter, Reeves was a second-team all-state selection as a junior after posting 20 points and seven rebounds per contest. He was part of an undefeated state title-winning team his sophomore season. Reeves was named to the Southwest/Plains honorable mention all-stars by *Basketball Today*. He was named to the all-tournament squad at the Burlington Invitational as a sophomore. He also played football, earning first-team all-state honors as a wide receiver as a junior and senior. As a junior, Reeves caught 39 passes for 865 yards and had seven interceptions on defense to earn all-area honors and holds numerous football records at Burlington. He was selected to play in the 2006 Kansas Shrine Bowl.

Personal

Geoffrey Warren Reeves is the son of Glenn and Rebecca Reeves. He is a triplet who has two sisters, Erica and Alyssa, who both played basketball at Burlington HS. He is enrolled in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Reeves' Season and Career Highs

2007-08 Season Highs	Category	Career Highs
14 vs. Brown (2/23/08)	Points	16 vs. Harvard (3/2/07)
5, two times, last at Brown (2/1/08)	Rebounds	5, two times, last at Brown (2/1/08)
5 vs. Brown (2/23/08)	FG Made	7 vs. Harvard (3/2/07)
7, two times, last vs. Yale (2/22/08)	FG Attempts	14 vs. Harvard (3/2/07)
2 at Princeton (3/8/08)	FT Made	2, three times, last at Princeton (3/8/08)
4 at Princeton (3/8/08)	FT Attempts	4 at Princeton (3/8/08)
4 vs. Brown (2/23/08)	3pt Made	4 vs. Brown (2/23/08)
4, two times, last vs. Brown (2/23/08)	3pt Attempts	6 vs. Harvard (3/2/07)
3 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	Assists	3, two times, last vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)
2 at Columbia (1/26/08)	Steals	2, two times, last at Columbia (1/26/08)
1, three times, last vs. Dartmouth (2/29/08)	Blocks	1, five times, last vs. Dartmouth (2/29/08)
20 at Princeton (3/8/08)	Minutes	28 vs. Harvard (3/2/07)

2007-08 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	Blk	Stl	PF	PTS
LEHIGH	16	2-3	1-1	0-0	1	0	1	0	1	0	5
at Ohio	5	1-1	1-1	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	3	3
ARMY	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
SIENA	6	1-3	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
BINGHAMTON	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
COLGATE	6	1-4	0-3	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
at Bucknell	9	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0
at Syracuse	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Stony Brook	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Quinnipiac	DNP										
at Duke	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
ALVERNIA	17	4-6	2-3	1-2	1	3	0	0	1	1	11
at NJIT	18	3-4	2-3	0-0	5	0	3	0	1	3	8
COLUMBIA	11	1-2	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
at Columbia	19	2-7	0-0	0-1	3	0	2	0	2	0	4
at Brown	18	1-2	1-1	0-0	5	1	1	0	0	1	3
at Yale	14	2-6	1-3	0-0	3	1	1	1	0	0	5
PRINCETON	14	1-1	0-0	1-2	1	0	2	0	0	0	3
PENN	12	1-3	1-3	0-0	0	1	1	0	1	1	3
at Harvard	10	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	0	0	2	2
at Dartmouth	11	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
YALE	15	2-7	1-4	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
BROWN	17	5-5	4-4	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	3	14
DARTMOUTH	18	3-5	1-3	0-0	3	2	1	1	0	2	7
HARVARD	14	1-3	0-1	0-0	4	2	2	0	1	2	2
at Penn	15	0-3	0-1	0-0	2	2	2	0	1	2	0
at Princeton	20	1-5	1-3	2-4	4	0	1	0	0	0	5
NCAA First Round											

* - Starter

PETE REYNOLDS

Sophomore • Forward/Center • 6-8 • 210

Blair, Neb. • Blair HS • Undecided - Engineering

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2 Varsity Letters

			TOTAL			3-PTS						REBOUNDS										
Year	GP -GS	Min -Avg	FG -FGA	Pct	3FG -FGA	Pct	FT -FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2006-07	20 -0	122 -6.1	11 -16	.688	0 -0	.000	6 -12	.500	8	23	31	1.6	17	0	2	9	2	2	28	1.4
2007-08	13 -0	31 -2.4	1 -3	.333	0 -0	.000	0 -1	.000	0	6	6	0.5	3	0	3	1	5	0	2	0.2
Totals	**33 -0**	**153 -4.6**	**12 -19**	**.632**	**0 -0**	**.000**	**6 -13**	**.462**	**8**	**29**	**37**	**1.1**	**20**	**0**	**5**	**10**	**7**	**2**	**30**	**0.9**

An athletic big man with high-end potential, Reynolds is a tremendous rebounder and finisher around the basket. At 6-8, Reynolds showed flashes of being an impact post player as a rookie and will look to progress during his sophomore campaign. He is expected to play a key role in the frontcourt thanks in large part to his high energy level.

As a sophomore

Reynolds played in 13 contests in 2007-08, scoring two points, grabbing six rebounds, blocking five shots and dishing off three assists in just 31 minutes of action. He scored two points and had three rebounds against Alvernia, adding two blocked shots against both Alvernia and NJIT.

As a freshman

Reynolds showed tremendous potential in his rookie season, averaging 1.4 points and 1.6 rebounds in 20 contests off the bench, shooting 69 percent from the floor (11-of-16) in just 6.4 minutes per game. Reynolds had an impressive eight-point, six-rebound game in just 13 minutes vs. Stony Brook. He made 4-of-5 field goals in the contest. He also had six points, including 4-of-5 free throws, in the win over Ithaca and notched four rebounds and his first career block at Binghamton.

At Blair HS

A first-team all-state selection by the *Lincoln Journal Star* as a senior at Blair HS, Reynolds averaged 17.2 points and 9.5 rebounds in his final season. Reynolds led his team to a 17-7 mark and a district title and was named the team's most valuable player as both a junior and senior. Reynolds earned all-tournament honors in the state tournament in 2006, and he was selected to play in the Nebraska Coaches Association All-Star Game. He was a two-time All-*Omaha World Herald* and all-league selection, and earned second-team all-state honors as a junior. Reynolds was picked as an honorable mention all-state pick by the Associated Press his junior year. As a sophomore, Reynolds was an honorable mention all-state selection by the *Omaha World Herald* after averaging 14 points, seven rebounds and four blocks, including a school record 14 in one contest. He averaged 14.5 points and seven rebounds that season and closed out his career second on the school's career scoring list with 1,043 points and is the all-time leading rebounder (515) and shot blocker (211) at the school. His 413 points as a senior ranked third all-time at Blair HS. Reynolds shot 59 percent or better from the field in each of his final three seasons, including a school record 65.3 percent as a junior. The academic all-conference pick was a three-sport star in high school, excelling in both track (100 meters, 400 meters, high jump, triple jump) and football (tight end).

Personal

Jonathan Patrick Reynolds is the son of Leroy and Rebecca Reynolds and has an older brother and sister. He is enrolled in the College of Engineering.

Reynolds' Season and Career Highs

2007-08 Season Highs	Category	Career Highs
2 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	Points	8 vs. Stony Brook (11/13/06)
3 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	Rebounds	6 vs. Stony Brook (11/13/06)
1 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	FG Made	4 vs. Stony Brook (11/13/06)
2 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	FG Attempts	5 vs. Stony Brook (11/13/06)
None	FT Made	4 vs. Ithaca (1/5/07)
1 vs. Dartmouth (2/29/08)	FT Attempts	5 vs. Stony Brook (1/5/07)
None	3pt Made	None
None	3pt Attempts	None
1, three times, last vs. Dartmouth (2/29/08)	Assists	1, five times, last vs. Dartmouth (2/29/08)
None	Steals	1, two times, last vs. Dartmouth (3/3/07)
2, two times, last at NJIT (1/15/08)	Blocks	2, two times, last at NJIT (1/15/08)
11 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	Minutes	23 at Binghamton (11/25/06)

2007-08 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	Blk	Stl	PF	PTS
LEHIGH	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
at Ohio	DNP										
ARMY	DNP										
SIENA	DNP										
BINGHAMTON	DNP										
COLGATE	DNP										
at Bucknell	DNP										
at Syracuse	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Stony Brook	DNP										
at Quinnipiac	DNP										
at Duke	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ALVERNIA	11	1-2	0-0	0-0	3	1	1	2	0	1	2
at NJIT	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
COLUMBIA	DNP										
at Columbia	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
at Brown	DNP										
at Yale	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
PRINCETON	DNP										
PENN	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Harvard	DNP										
at Dartmouth	DNP										
YALE	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BROWN	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DARTMOUTH	3	0-0	0-0	0-1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
HARVARD	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
at Penn	DNP										
at Princeton	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NCAA First Round											

* - Starter

ALEX TYLER

Sophomore • Forward/Center • 6-7 • 235

Clear Spring, Md. • Mercersburg Academy • Applied Economics and Management

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2 Varsity Letters

			TOTAL			3-PTS						REBOUNDS										
Year	GP	-GS	Min	-Avg	FG -FGA	Pct	3FG	-FGA	Pct	FT	-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2006-07	24	-0	322	-13.4	41 -78	.526	0	-0	.000	28	-38	.737	25	34	59	2.5	42	2	9	22	4	3	110	4.6
2007-08	26	-26	584	-22.5	83 -153	.542	0	-1	.000	46	-68	.676	34	78	112	4.3	76	3	23	41	16	9	212	8.2
Totals	**50**	**-26**	**906**	**-18.1**	**124 -231**	**.537**	**0**	**-1**	**.000**	**74**	**-106**	**.698**	**59**	**112**	**171**	**3.4**	**118**	**5**	**32**	**63**	**20**	**12**	**322**	**6.4**

An aggressive and physically strong post player with a surprisingly soft touch in the lane, Tyler emerged as one of the top young big men in the Ancient Eight in his first two seasons. Possessing strong hands and good basketball instincts, Tyler has a knack for getting on the offensive boards and creating havoc with his energy on defense. At 6-7 and 235 pounds, Tyler will become an even bigger part of the offense as a sophomore.

As a sophomore

Tyler took over as a full-time starter in 2007-08, averaging 8.2 points, 4.3 rebounds and 0.9 assists while starting all 26 games in which he played. Tyler shot .542 from the floor and added 16 blocked shots and nine steals, both career highs. Tyler posted 10 double figure scoring games and had his first career double-double with a career-high 19 points and 10 rebounds at Harvard. He hit on 9-of-11 field goals, including six points in the final 30 seconds to help the Big Red overcome a five-point deficit. Tyler hit the game-winning layup with 6.8 seconds left. Tyler scored 16 points against both Colgate and Penn, while notching 13 points with eight rebounds in an overtime win at Quinnipiac.

As a freshman

Tyler emerged as a force in the post for the Big Red during Ivy League play, closing the season averaging 4.6 points and 2.5 rebounds while shooting 53 percent in 24 games off the bench. He was also named Ivy League Rookie of the Week on Feb. 5 after consecutive 14-point efforts against Dartmouth and Harvard. Tyler had 14 points and seven rebounds, including 7-of-7 shooting from the field, at Harvard. He also finished with 12 points and seven rebounds while shooting 6-of-7 from the floor in the win over Yale. He upped his totals in Ivy League play to 6.6 points and 3.4 rebounds on 61 percent shooting from the floor.

At Mercersburg Academy

Tyler averaged 14.4 points and 10.0 rebounds per game as a senior at Mercersburg Academy, reaching double figures 23 times in leading his team to a 25-3 record. He was named to the *Public Opinion*'s all-area first-team as a senior. A first-team all-Mid-Atlantic Prep League selection, Tyler scored 1,370 points in his high school career. He began his career at Clear Spring HS, averaging better than 22 points per game as a sophomore en route to all-area honors before transferring to Mercersburg.

Personal

Alex Robert Tyler is the son of Greg and Ellen Tyler and is the youngest of seven children. He is enrolled in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Tyler's Season and Career Highs

2007-08 Season Highs	Category	Career Highs
19 at Harvard (2/15/08)	Points	19 at Hartvard (2/15/08)
10 at Harvard (2/15/08)	Rebounds	10 at Harvard (2/15/08)
9 at Harvard (2/15/08)	FG Made	9 at Harvard (2/15/08)
11, two times, last at Harvard (2/15/08)	FG Attempts	11, two times, last at Harvard (2/15/08)
8 at Penn (3/7/08)	FT Made	8, two times, last at Penn (3/7/08)
10 at Penn (3/7/08)	FT Attempts	10 at Penn (3/7/08)
None	3pt Made	None
1 at Yale (2/2/08)	3pt Attempts	1 at Yale (2/2/08)
4 at Dartmouth (2/16/08)	Assists	4 at Dartmouth (2/16/08)
2 at Syracuse (12/22/07)	Steals	2 at Syracuse (12/22/07)
2, two times, last at NJIT (1/15/08)	Blocks	2, three times, last at NJIT (1/15/08)
35 at Penn (3/7/08)	Minutes	35 at Penn (3/7/08)

2007-08 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	Blk	Stl	PF	PTS
LEHIGH*	25	4-8	0-0	0-0	7	0	2	2	0	5	8
at Ohio*	32	4-6	0-0	5-7	6	2	6	0	0	3	13
ARMY*	14	0-3	0-0	3-4	0	0	5	0	1	2	3
SIENA*	8	1-3	0-0	1-2	2	0	1	0	0	4	3
BINGHAMTON*	16	3-4	0-0	0-0	7	1	3	0	0	3	6
COLGATE*	34	8-11	0-0	0-1	4	0	4	0	0	4	16
at Bucknell*	17	1-5	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
at Syracuse*	22	1-4	0-0	1-3	4	1	1	1	2	2	3
at Stony Brook*	24	4-8	0-0	3-4	7	1	2	0	0	1	11
at Quinnipiac*	29	5-9	0-0	3-5	8	1	2	2	1	4	13
at Duke*	21	3-5	0-0	0-0	3	0	0	0	0	3	6
ALVERNIA	DNP - injured										
at NJIT*	20	3-8	0-0	1-2	5	0	1	2	1	4	7
COLUMBIA*	23	2-4	0-0	1-2	4	1	3	1	1	3	5
at Columbia*	28	4-5	0-0	3-4	6	0	0	1	0	4	11
at Brown*	24	4-6	0-0	3-4	6	1	4	1	0	5	11
at Yale*	23	2-8	0-1	0-0	2	2	0	1	0	5	4
PRINCETON*	15	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	1	4	2
PENN*	17	4-4	0-0	1-2	4	0	0	1	0	4	9
at Harvard*	27	9-11	0-0	1-2	10	2	4	1	0	2	19
at Dartmouth*	31	2-5	0-0	7-7	4	4	1	1	1	1	11
YALE*	32	6-10	0-0	0-0	5	2	0	1	1	1	12
BROWN*	24	2-6	0-0	5-6	5	1	0	0	0	2	9
DARTMOUTH*	17	2-3	0-0	0-0	5	0	1	0	0	4	5
HARVARD*	12	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	1	0	2	2
at Penn*	35	4-7	0-0	8-10	4	1	1	0	0	2	16
at Princeton*	14	3-5	0-0	0-3	2	0	0	0	0	1	6
NCAA First Round											

* - Starter

ANDRE WILKINS

Sophomore • Forward • 6-5 • 190

Toronto, Ont. • Blinn College (Texas) • Development Sociology

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1 Varsity Letter

			TOTAL			3-PTS						REBOUNDS										
Year	GP	-GS	Min	-Avg	FG -FGA	Pct	3FG	-FGA	Pct	FT	-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2007-08	26	-0	178	-6.8	17 -34	.500	0	-0	.000	10	-16	.625	12	19	31	1.2	13	0	3	8	1	9	44	1.7
Totals	**26**	**-0**	**178**	**-6.8**	**17 -34**	**.500**	**0**	**-0**	**.000**	**10**	**-16**	**.625**	**12**	**19**	**31**	**1.2**	**13**	**0**	**3**	**8**	**1**	**9**	**44**	**1.7**

One of the top athletes in the Ivy League, Wilkins is a high-flying forward who is a capable defender. Offensively, Wilkins has shown the ability to shoot the mid-range jumper or get into the lane and score in the paint. An excellent offensive rebounder who can also get out in the passing lanes on defense, Wilkins will continue to see steady time off the bench.

As a sophomore

Wilkins saw action in 26 contests, playing 6.8 mintues per game in 2007-08, and averaged 1.7 points and 1.2 rebounds per contest. The 6-5 forward shot 50 percent from the floor on 34 attempts and added three assists, nine steals and a blocked shot during the year. He made his Cornell debut in the season opener against Lehigh, pumping in nine pointsm six rebounds and two steals in 25 minutes off the bench. Wilkins also had six points and five rebounds against Army and notched a career-high 11 points on 4-of-4 shooting in just six minutes against Harvard to help the Big Red clinch the Ivy title.

At Blinn College

Wilkins averaged 10.1 points and 8.2 rebounds on 65.8 percent shooting from the floor and 76.3 shooting from the line as a freshman at Blinn College. He also averaged 1.1 steals per game in his 14 contests. Wilkins had 30 points and 12 rebounds, including going 12-of-12 from the floor, in a win over Palo Alto College, one of four double-doubles on the season. Blinn finished with a 14-14 record.

At Emery HS

A NIKE Canadian all-star, Wilkins was an all-region selection at Emery HS. Wilkins won the NIKE camp's slum dunk contest and was also selected to represent Toronto in an all-star game against the best players in Michigan.

Personal

Andre Triston Wilkins is the son of Ermin Kelly-Wright and Henry Wilkins and has an older and younger brother. He is enrolled in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Wilkins' Season and Career Highs

2007-08 Season Highs	Category	Career Highs
11 vs. Harvard (3/1/08)	Points	11 vs. Harvard (3/1/08)
6 vs. Lehigh (11/10/07)	Rebounds	6 vs. Lehigh (11/10/07)
4, two times, last vs. Harvard (3/1/08)	FG Made	4, two times, last vs. Harvard (3/1/08)
10 vs. Lehigh (11/10/08)	FG Attempts	10 vs. Lehigh (11/10/08)
4 vs. Army (11/20/07)	FT Made	4 vs. Army (11/20/07)
5 vs. Harvard (3/1/08)	FT Attempts	5 vs. Harvard (3/1/08)
None	3pt Made	None
None	3pt Attempts	None
1, three times, last vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	Assists	1, three times, last vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)
2 vs. Lehigh (11/10/07)	Steals	2 vs. Lehigh (11/10/07)
1 vs. Siena (11/25/07)	Blocks	1 vs. Siena (11/25/07)
25 vs. Lehigh (11/10/07)	Minutes	25 vs. Lehigh (11/10/07)

2007-08 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	Blk	Stl	PF	PTS
LEHIGH	25	4-10	0-0	1-2	6	1	0	0	2	1	9
at Ohio	14	1-3	0-0	1-2	1	0	3	0	0	0	3
ARMY	13	1-1	0-0	4-4	5	1	0	0	1	0	6
SIENA	14	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	1	1	0	0
BINGHAMTON	14	2-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	2	4
COLGATE	9	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
at Bucknell	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
at Syracuse	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Stony Brook	8	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
at Quinnipiac	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
at Duke	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ALVERNIA	11	2-3	0-0	0-0	4	1	0	0	0	1	4
at NJIT	8	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
COLUMBIA	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Columbia	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Brown	DNP										
at Yale	9	0-1	0-0	1-2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1
PRINCETON	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
PENN	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Harvard	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Dartmouth	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YALE	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
BROWN	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DARTMOUTH	8	1-2	0-0	0-1	2	0	0	0	1	1	2
HARVARD	6	4-4	0-0	3-5	1	0	0	0	1	0	11
at Penn	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Princeton	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NCAA First Round											

* - Starter

ADAM WIRE

Freshman • Forward • 6-6 • 205

Southern Pines, N.C. • Pinecrest HS • Applied Economics and Management

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1 Varsity Letter

			TOTAL			3-PTS						REBOUNDS										
Year	GP	-GS	Min	-Avg	FG -FGA	Pct	3FG	-FGA	Pct	FT -FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2007-08	11	-0	28	-2.5	3 -7	.429	1	-1	1.000	0 -0	.000	3	3	6	0.5	5	0	2	2	0	1	7	0.6
Totals	**11**	**-0**	**28**	**-2.5**	**3 -7**	**.429**	**1**	**-1**	**1.000**	**0 -0**	**.000**	**3**	**3**	**6**	**0.5**	**5**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**0**	**1**	**7**	**0.6**

A hard-nosed player with great basketball instincts, Wire can play either forward position. Strong enough to rebound and savvy with the ball as a passer, Wire is a reliable reserve who was able to gain valuable experience with the scout team as a freshman. He has the ability to earn a larger role as he continues to see additional minutes.

As a freshman

Wire played in 11 contests as a reserve, scoring seven points, grabbing six rebounds and dishing off two assists in 28 minutes of action. He hit his only 3-point attempt of the season and added a steal. Wire had two points and three rebounds in the Big Red's Ivy-clinching win over Harvard and notvhing three points, two assists, a rebound and a steal in the victory over Alvernia.

At Pinecrest HS

Wire averaged 13 points, 11.2 rebounds, six assists and three steals per game this past season at Pinecrest HS en route to earning first-team all-league honors. He was the conference's player of the year runner-up to NC State recruit C.J. Williams. Wire averaged 14 points per game at West Bend West HS in Wisconsin before transferring midway through his junior campaign.

Personal

Adam Nicholas Wire is the son of Mike and Cheryl Wire and has an older brother and sister. His brother, Brent, plays for the North Carolina junior varsity football team, while his grandfather (Michigan State) and great grandfather (Indiana) played college basketball. He is enrolled in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Wire's' Season and Career Highs

2007-08 Season Highs	Category	Career Highs
3 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	Points	3 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)
3 vs. Harvard (3/1/08)	Rebounds	3 vs. Harvard (3/1/08)
1, three times, last vs. Harvard (3/1/08)	FG Made	1, three times, last vs. Harvard (3/1/08)
3 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	FG Attempts	3 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)
None	FT Made	None
None	FT Attempts	None
1 vs. Alvernia (1/10/.08)	3pt Made	1 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)
1 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	3pt Attempts	1 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)
2 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	Assists	2 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)
1 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	Steals	1 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)
None	Blocks	None
11 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	Minutes	11 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)

2007-08 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	Blk	Stl	PF	PTS
LEHIGH	DNP										
at Ohio	DNP										
ARMY	DNP										
SIENA	DNP										
BINGHAMTON	DNP										
COLGATE	DNP										
at Bucknell	DNP										
at Syracuse	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Stony Brook	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Quinnipiac	DNP										
at Duke	0+	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
ALVERNIA	11	1-3	1-1	0-0	1	2	1	0	1	1	3
at NJIT	4	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
COLUMBIA	DNP										
at Columbia	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Brown	DNP										
at Yale	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PRINCETON	DNP										
PENN	0+	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Harvard	DNP										
at Dartmouth	DNP										
YALE	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
BROWN	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DARTMOUTH	DNP										
HARVARD	6	1-1	0-0	0-0	3	0	0	0	0	1	2
at Penn	DNP										
at Princeton	DNP										
NCAA First Round											

* - Starter

RYAN WITTMAN

Sophomore • Forward • 6-6 • 210

Eden Prairie, Minn. • Eden Prairie HS • Applied Economics and Management

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2 Varsity Letters

				TOTAL			3-PTS						REBOUNDS										
Year	GP	-GS	Min	-Avg	FG	-FGA	Pct	3FG	-FGA	Pct	FT	-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
2006-07	28	-27	991	-35.4	144	-329	.438	93	-216	.431	55	-62	.887	11	67	78	2.8	36	0	36	42	7	27	436	15.6
2007-08	27	-27	908	-33.6	145	-305	.475	76	-163	.466	50	-58	.862	12	103	115	4.3	58	0	41	46	4	25	416	15.4
Totals	**55**	**-54**	**1899**	**-34.5**	**289**	**-634**	**.456**	**169**	**-379**	**.446**	**105**	**-120**	**.875**	**23**	**170**	**193**	**3.5**	**94**	**0**	**77**	**88**	**11**	**52**	**852**	**15.5**

A tough competitor with a high basketball IQ, Wittman is one of the Ancient Eight's top returning scorers and one of the best shooters in college basketball. An efficient scorer who can also get into the lane and finish around the hoop, Wittman is capable of being one of the top all-around players in the Ancient Eight. The 6-6 forward is a good team defender and an excellent passer who has become a tremendous defensive rebounder.

As a sophomore

Wittman was named to the NABC and USBWA All-District teams and was a unanimous first-team All-Ivy pick. The team's leading scorer throughout the season, Wittman ranked fourth in the Ancient Eight (15.4 ppg.) and field goal percentage (.475), paced the Ancient Eight in 3-point field goals made for the second straight year (2.81) and was third in 3-point percentage (.466). He also set a career-high in rebounding (4.3 rpg.). In league play, Wittman stepped up his game to average 16.4 ppg. (third) while shooting .491 (fifth) overall and .438 from beyond the arc (fifth). Additionally, he led the circuit in 3-pointers made per game (2.50). His free-throw percentage (fourth, .895) and defensive rebounding totals (ninth, 4.14) also ranked among the top 10 in conference action. An Ivy League Player of the Week pick earlier this year, Wittman hit for double figures in 24 of the team's 27 games and scored 20 or more points six times during the season. Wittman led the team in scoring in 10 contests and was the leading rebounder in five games. The 6-6 forward scored a career-high 25 points in a win over Penn at home and notched a 14-point, 11-rebound double-double in the win over Siena to establish a career rebounding high. He netted consecutive games of 23 points at Stony Brook and 22 points at Quinnipiac to collect road wins. Hiis 76 3-pointers this season ranks fifth on the school's season list, while his 169 treys for his career is fourth all-time in just two seasons.

As a freshman

Wittman was named 2006-07 Ivy league Rookie of the Year and was picked as a second-team All-Ivy selection after setting a school freshman scoring record and establishing a new Cornell record for 3-pointers in a season.The six-time Ivy League Rookie of the Week and and Collegehoops.net mid-major freshman All-American ranked fourth in the Ivy League in scoring (15.6 ppg.) and paced the circuit in 3-point field goals with a school record 93, 21 more than any other player in the league and fourth all-time in conference history. That total ranked 12th nationally. He also placed sixth in 3-point percentage (.431, 22nd in the country) and second in free throw percentage (.887). His 436 points set a freshman scoring record and was the 16th-highest total for any player in school history. A model of consistency, Wittman reached double figures in 25 of the team's 28 games, with nine points in each of the other three contests. He opened his career with 18 points, three rebounds and two assists in his first collegiate start to help the Big Red top Northwestern on the road and ended the year with a career-best 24 points, including six 3-pointers, against Harvard.

At Eden Prairie HS

Wittman was one of five finalists for the Minnesota Mr. Basketball Award as a senior at Eden Prairie HS. He was named first-team all-state by the Minnesota Timberwolves and second-team all-state by the *Pioneer Press*. Wittman was also named to the all-metro first-team after averaging 20.3 points while shooting 50 percent from 3-point range and 84 percent from the free-throw line. He was named the sixth-best senior basketball player in the state of Minnesota by GopherIllustrated.com. As a junior, Wittman scored 11.5 points per game.

Personal

Ryan Scott Wittman is the son of Randy and Kathy Wittman and has a sister. His father was the Big Ten Player of the Year at Indiana in 1983 and was a member of the 1981 NCAA championship team. The former NBA guard is currently the head coach of the Minnesota Timberwolves. Wittman is enrolled in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Wittman's Season and Career Highs

2007-08 Season Highs	Category	Career Highs
25 vs. Penn (2/9/08)	Points	25 vs. Penn (2/9/08)
11 vs. Siena (11/25/07)	Rebounds	11 vs. Siena (11/25/07)
9 at Harvard (2/16/08)	FG Made	9 at Harvard (2/16/08)
15, three times, last at Penn (3/7/08)	FG Attempts	18 vs. Hartford (11/28/06)
4, eight times, last at Penn (3/7/08)	FT Made	6, two times, last vs. Penn (1/12/07)
6 at Penn (3/7/08)	FT Attempts	7 vs. Penn (1/12/07)
5, six times, last vs. Penn (2/9/08)	3pt Made	6, three times, vs. Harvard (3/2/07)
10 at Brown (2/1/08)	3pt Attempts	12 vs. Hartford (11/28/06)
5, two times, last vs. Yale (2/22/08)	Assists	5, two times, last vs. Yale (2/22/08)
3 vs. Columbia (1/19/08)	Steals	3, three times, last vs. Columbia (1/19/08)
4, four times, last at Harvard (2/15/08)	Blocks	2, two times, last vs. Bucknell (12/16/06)
40, four times, last at Princeton (3/8/08)	Minutes	44 at William & Mary (12/2/06)

2007-08 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	Blk	Stl	PF	PTS
LEHIGH*	25	5-6	5-6	0-0	1	1	2	1	0	3	15
at Ohio*	36	5-13	3-8	4-4	4	0	2	1	0	4	17
ARMY*	31	5-10	3-5	3-4	7	0	4	0	2	3	16
SIENA*	33	6-12	2-5	0-0	11	1	3	0	0	3	14
BINGHAMTON*	34	5-7	2-2	1-3	8	1	1	0	0	1	13
COLGATE*	28	6-11	5-7	0-0	3	1	2	0	2	3	17
at Bucknell*	37	5-15	3-9	3-3	1	0	4	0	2	2	16
at Syracuse*	36	2-14	2-7	0-0	3	1	0	0	1	4	6
at Stony Brook*	34	7-14	5-10	4-4	4	5	2	0	2	2	23
at Quinnipiac*	40	8-13	5-9	1-2	2	1	1	0	1	3	22
at Duke*	40-	5-12	3-7	0-0	2	1	2	0	1	2	13
ALVERNIA*	15	4-7	3-5	0-0	1	1	1	0	0	1	11
at NJIT*	23	2-8	0-3	0-0	3	0	1	0	0	1	4
COLUMBIA*	36	4-9	1-4	3-4	4	1	0	0	3	2	12
at Columbia*	36	5-11	2-5	4-4	8	4	7	1	1	1	16
at Brown*	34	7-13	5-10	2-2	4	0	2	0	1	4	21
at Yale*	37	6-11	3-5	3-3	5	3	1	0	2	2	18
PRINCETON*	37	7-10	4-5	2-2	8	1	0	0	1	1	20
PENN*	35	8-13	5-8	4-4	6	2	2	0	1	1	25
at Harvard*	37	9-15	2-5	0-0	2	2	0	1	0	2	20
at Dartmouth*	35	5-12	2-7	4-4	4	2	3	0	0	4	16
YALE*	35	3-9	2-6	4-4	2	5	1	0	0	2	12
BROWN*	40-	2-10	1-5	4-4	6	1	1	0	2	3	9
DARTMOUTH*	32	7-14	0-4	0-1	3	2	2	0	0	0	14
HARVARD*	26	5-8	3-4	0-0	6	0	0	0	1	0	13
at Penn*	36	5-15	3-7	4-6	3	1	1	0	1	2	17
at Princeton*	40-	7-13	2-5	0-0	4	4	1	0	1	2	16
NCAA First Round											

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2007-08 Cornell Men's Basketball Roster

Numerical Roster

No.		Name	Pos.	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	2007-08 Stats Pts.	Reb.	School/Hometown
1		Jeff Foote	C	Jr.	7-0	225	8.1	6.4	St. Bonaventure Univ./Spencer-Van Etten HS/Lockwood, N.Y.
4		Aaron Osgood	F	Fr.	6-9	215	1.0	0.4	The Hill School (Pa.)/Overlake, Wash.
5	**	Jason Battle	G/F	Jr.	6-4	200	2.0	1.4	New Hanover HS/Wilmington, N.C.
12	*	Louis Dale	G	So.	5-11	180	13.8	4.4	Altamont School/Birmingham, Ala.
13		Andre Wilkins	F	So.	6-5	190	1.7	1.2	Blinn College (Texas)/Emery HS/Toronto, Ont.
15	*	Geoff Reeves	G	So.	6-5	180	3.4	1.5	Burlington HS/Burlington, Kan.
20	*	Ryan Wittman	F	So.	6-6	210	15.4	4.3	Eden Prairie HS/Eden Prairie, Minn.
21	**	Khaliq Gant	G	Sr.	6-3	175	—	—	Marion-Tabor Academy (Mass.)/Norcross, Ga.
22	**	Conor Mullen	G/F	Jr.	6-5	210	1.3	0.5	Bishop O'Dea HS/Seattle, Wash.
23	*	Adam Gore	G	Jr.	6-0	180	10.1	2.0	Monrovia HS/Monrovia, Ind.
24		Adam Wire	F	Fr.	6-6	205	0.6	0.5	Pinecrest HS/Southern Pines, N.C.
25	*	Jon Jaques	F	So.	6-7	215	0.8	0.6	Harvard-Westlake School/Los Angeles, Calif.
33	*	Alex Tyler	F/C	So.	6-7	235	8.2	4.3	Mercersburg Academy (Pa.)/Clear Spring, Md.
34	**	Brian Kreefer	F	Jr.	6-7	225	3.4	1.5	East Liverpool HS/East Liverpool, Ohio
40	*	Pete Reynolds	F/C	So.	6-8	210	0.2	0.5	Blair HS/Blair, Neb.
44	*	Jason Hartford	F	Sr.	6-9	245	7.5	4.2	Chemeketa C.C./Tillamook HS/Tillamook, Ore.

Alphabetical Roster

No.		Name	Pos.	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	2007-08 Stats Pts.	Reb.	School/Hometown
5	**	Jason Battle	G/F	Jr.	6-4	200	2.0	1.4	New Hanover HS/Wilmington, N.C.
12	*	Louis Dale	G	So.	5-11	180	13.8	4.4	Altamont School/Birmingham, Ala.
1		Jeff Foote	C	Jr.	7-0	225	8.1	6.4	St. Bonaventure Univ./Spencer-Van Etten HS/Lockwood, N.Y.
21	**	Khaliq Gant	G	Sr.	6-3	175	—	—	Marion-Tabor Academy (Mass.)/Norcross, Ga.
23	*	Adam Gore	G	Jr.	6-0	180	10.1	2.0	Monrovia HS/Monrovia, Ind.
44	*	Jason Hartford	F	Sr.	6-9	245	7.5	4.2	Chemeketa C.C./Tillamook HS/Tillamook, Ore.
25	*	Jon Jaques	F	So.	6-7	215	0.8	0.6	Harvard-Westlake School/Los Angeles, Calif.
34	**	Brian Kreefer	F	Jr.	6-7	225	3.4	1.5	East Liverpool HS/East Liverpool, Ohio
22	**	Conor Mullen	G/F	Jr.	6-5	210	1.3	0.5	Bishop O'Dea HS/Seattle, Wash.
4		Aaron Osgood	F	Fr.	6-9	215	1.0	0.4	The Hill School (Pa.)/Overlake, Wash.
15	*	Geoff Reeves	G	So.	6-5	180	3.4	1.5	Burlington HS/Burlington, Kan.
40	*	Pete Reynolds	F/C	So.	6-8	210	0.2	0.5	Blair HS/Blair, Neb.
33	*	Alex Tyler	F/C	So.	6-7	235	8.2	4.3	Mercersburg Academy (Pa.)/Clear Spring, Md.
13		Andre Wilkins	F	So.	6-5	190	1.7	1.2	Blinn College (Texas)/Emery HS/Toronto, Ont.
24		Adam Wire	F	Fr.	6-6	205	0.6	0.5	Pinecrest HS/Southern Pines, N.C.
20	*	Ryan Wittman	F	So.	6-6	210	15.4	4.3	Eden Prairie HS/Eden Prairie, Minn.

Head Coach: Steve Donahue (Ursinus '84); 96-122 overall, eighth season
Assistants: Zach Spiker (Ithaca '00), Nat Graham (Penn '97), Woody Kampmann (Hobart '05)

Roster Breakdown

BY HOMETOWN:
Alabama (1)
Birmingham—Louis Dale
California (1)
Los Angeles—Jon Jaques
Georgia (1)
Atlanta—Khaliq Gant
Indiana (1)
Monrovia—Adam Gore
Kansas (1)
Burlington—Geoff Reeves
Maryland (1)
Clear Spring—Alex Tyler
Minnesota (1)
Eden Prairie—Ryan Wittman
Nebraska (1)
Blair—Pete Reynolds
New York (1)
Lockwood—Jeff Foote
North Carolina (2)
Southern Pines—Adam Wire
Wilmington—Jason Battle
Ohio (1)
East Liverpool—Brian Kreefer
Ontario (1)
Toronto—Andre Wilkins
Oregon (1)
Tillamook—Jason Hartford
Washington (2)
Overlake—Aaron Osgood
Seattle—Conor Mullen

BY HEIGHT:
5-11 (1)—Louis Dale
6-0 (1)—Adam Gore
6-3 (1)—Khaliq Gant
6-4 (1)—Jason Battle
6-5 (3)—Conor Mullen, Geoff Reeves, Andre Wilkins
6-6 (2)—Adam Wire, Ryan Wittman
6-7 (3)—Jon Jaques, Brian Kreefer, Alex Tyler
6-8 (1)—Pete Reynolds
6-9 (2)—Jason Hartford, Aaron Osgood
7-0 (1)—Jeff Foote

BREAKDOWN BY CLASS:
Seniors (2) — Khaliq Gant, Jason Hartford

Juniors (5) — Jason Battle, Jeff Foote, Adam Gore, Brian Kreefer, Conor Mullen

Sophomore (7) — Louis Dale, Jon Jaques, Geoff Reeves, Pete Reynolds, Alex Tyler, Andre Wilkins, Ryan Wittman

Freshmen (2) — Aaron Osgood, Adam Wire

BY POSITION:
Guards (6)—Jason Battle, Louis Dale, Khaliq Gant, Adam Gore, Conor Mullen, Geoff Reeves

Forwards (8)—Jon Jaques, Brian Kreefer, Pete Reynolds, Aaron Osgood, Alex Tyler, Adam Wire, Andre Wilkins, Ryan Wittman

Centers (2)—Jeff Foote, Jason Hartford

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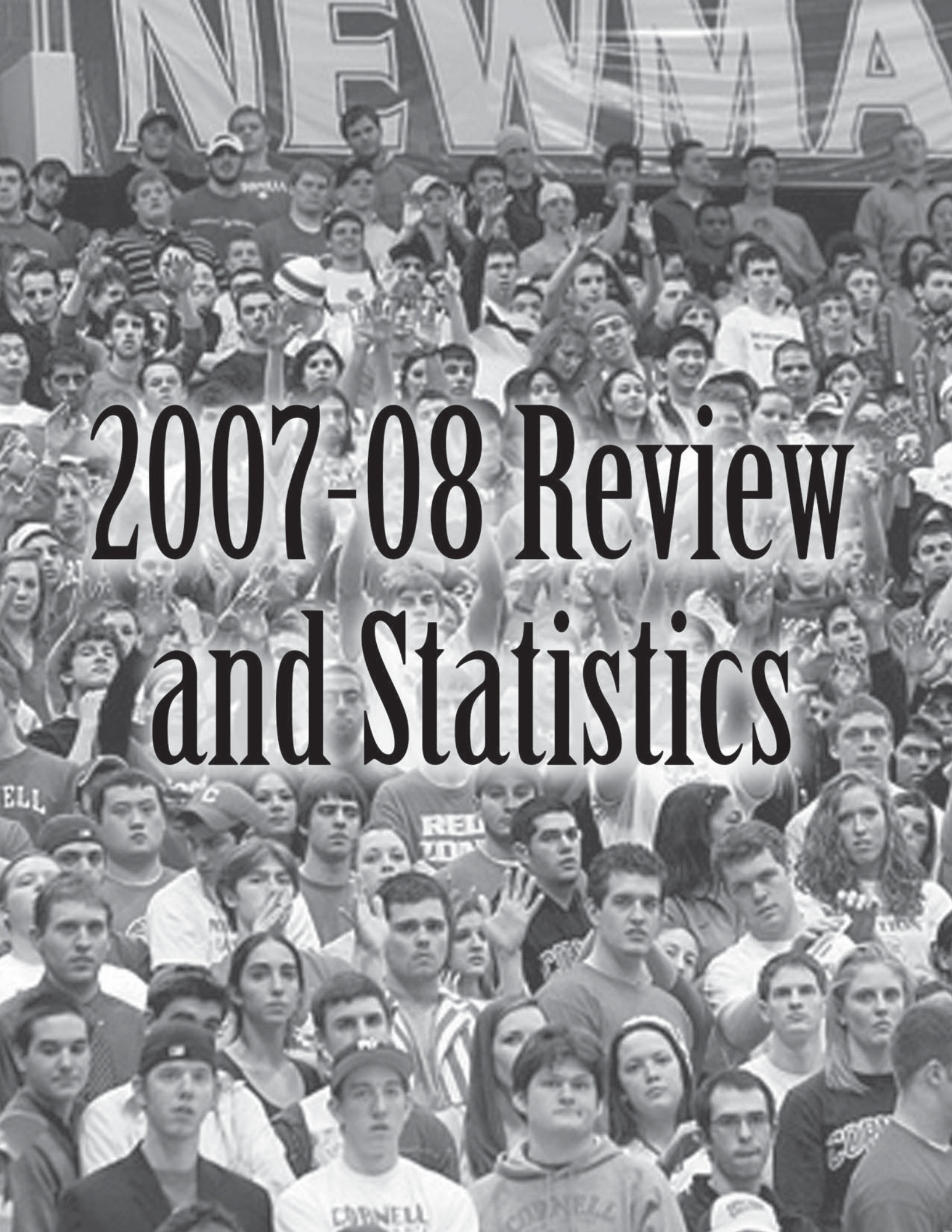
Foote — FOOT
Khaliq — kha-LEEK
Jaques — JAKES
Geoff — JEFF



2007-08 Review and Statistics

2007-08 Cornell Men's Basketball Statistics & Results (All Games)

				TOTAL			3-PTS				REBOUNDS											
No.	Player	GP	GS	Min	Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
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12	Louis Dale	27	-27	772	-28.6	120-262	.458	36-98	.367	96-106	.906	30	88	118	4.4	78	3	136	83	11	34	372	13.8
23	Adam Gore	27	-27	736	-27.3	76-176	.432	57-137	.416	65-70	.929	11	43	54	2.0	57	1	40	29	0	30	274	10.1
33	Alex Tyler	26	-26	584	-22.5	83-153	.542	0-1	.000	46-68	.676	34	78	112	4.3	76	3	23	41	16	9	212	8.2
1	Jeff Foote	21	-0	446	-21.2	62-108	.574	0-0	.000	47-82	.573	36	98	134	6.4	57	1	32	32	30	7	171	8.1
44	Jason Hartford	26	-20	480	-18.5	83-143	.580	13-37	.351	17-24	.708	42	68	110	4.2	38	0	14	26	7	8	196	7.5
15	Geoff Reeves	26	-0	297	-11.4	34-76	.447	17-38	.447	4-9	.444	8	30	38	1.5	27	0	14	20	3	8	89	3.4
34	Brian Kreefer	22	-8	265	-12.0	32-51	.627	3-8	.375	7-17	.412	9	23	32	1.5	21	0	29	20	4	5	74	3.4
5	Jason Battle	27	-0	263	-9.7	19-38	.500	1-1	1.000	14-17	.824	9	29	38	1.4	22	0	21	16	1	7	53	2.0
13	Andre Wilkins	26	-0	178	-6.8	17-34	.500	0-0	.000	10-16	.625	12	19	31	1.2	13	0	3	8	1	9	44	1.7
22	Conor Mullen	13	-0	25	-1.9	5-11	.455	3-6	.500	4-7	.571	2	4	6	0.5	3	0	5	2	1	0	17	1.3
4	Aaron Osgood	8	-0	25	-3.1	4-5	.800	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	0.4	4	0	0	2	0	0	8	1.0
25	Jon Jaques	12	-0	34	-2.8	2-12	.167	2-9	.222	4-4	1.000	3	4	7	0.6	7	0	0	4	0	3	10	0.8
24	Adam Wire	11	-0	28	-2.5	3-7	.429	1-1	1.000	0-0	.000	3	3	6	0.5	5	0	2	2	0	1	7	0.6
40	Pete Reynolds	13	-0	31	-2.4	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	0	6	6	0.5	3	0	3	1	5	0	2	0.2
	TEAM											33	42	75	2.8				3				
Cornell Totals		**27**		**5425**	**-40.2**	**740-1503**	**.492**	**220-532**	**.414**	**383-502**	**.763**	**248**	**666**	**914**	**33.9**	**493**	**9**	**420**	**370**	**85**	**162**	**2083**	**77.1**
Opponent Totals		**27**		**5425**	**-40.2**	**642-1521**	**.422**	**186-519**	**.358**	**370-531**	**.697**	**295**	**587**	**882**	**32.7**	**518**	**-**	**357**	**390**	**69**	**173**	**1840**	**68.1**

2007-08 Cornell Men's Basketball Statistics & Results (Ivy Games Only)

				TOTAL			3-PTS				REBOUNDS											
No.	Player	GP	GS	Min	Avg	FG-FGA	Pct	3FG-FGA	Pct	FT-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
20	Ryan Wittman	14	-14	496	-35.4	80-163	.491	35-80	.438	34-38	.895	7	58	65	4.6	26	0	28	21	2	14	229	16.4
12	Louis Dale	14	-14	422	-30.1	66-143	.462	14-49	.286	55-62	.887	15	49	64	4.6	40	1	70	43	4	16	201	14.4
23	Adam Gore	14	-14	422	-30.1	47-100	.470	34-74	.459	41-44	.932	2	20	22	1.6	29	0	18	16	0	14	169	12.1
1	Jeff Foote	14	-0	320	-22.9	45-78	.577	0-0	.000	32-49	.653	23	74	97	6.9	42	1	19	23	20	4	122	8.7
33	Alex Tyler	14	-14	322	-23.0	46-79	.582	0-1	.000	29-40	.725	18	40	58	4.1	40	2	17	14	9	4	121	8.6
44	Jason Hartford	14	-13	298	-21.3	50-82	.610	5-20	.250	10-15	.667	28	44	72	5.1	24	0	9	13	4	3	115	8.2
15	Geoff Reeves	14	-0	208	-14.9	22-52	.423	11-25	.440	3-7	.429	5	21	26	1.9	15	0	11	15	2	5	58	4.1
5	Jason Battle	14	-0	153	-10.9	8-21	.381	0-0	.000	7-9	.778	6	18	24	1.7	13	0	14	10	1	3	23	1.6
13	Andre Wilkins	13	-0	46	-3.5	5-9	.556	0-0	.000	4-8	.500	3	6	9	0.7	4	0	0	1	0	2	14	1.1
22	Conor Mullen	9	-0	13	-1.4	3-7	.429	1-3	.333	2-3	.667	1	2	3	0.3	1	0	3	2	0	0	9	1.0
34	Brian Kreefer	10	-1	50	-5.0	2-6	.333	1-1	1.000	0-1	.000	2	5	7	0.7	5	0	3	6	2	0	5	0.5
4	Aaron Osgood	6	-0	10	-1.7	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	3	0	0	1	0	0	2	0.3
24	Adam Wire	6	-0	10	-1.7	1-2	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	1	3	0.5	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.3
25	Jon Jaques	8	-0	13	-1.6	0-3	.000	0-2	.000	2-2	1.000	2	2	4	0.5	2	0	0	2	0	2	2	0.3
40	Pete Reynolds	8	-0	14	-1.8	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-1	.000	0	3	3	0.4	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.0
	TEAM											18	17	35	2.5				2				
Cornell Totals		**14**		**2800**	**-40.0**	**376-747**	**.503**	**101-255**	**.396**	**219-279**	**.785**	**132**	**360**	**492**	**35.1**	**248**	**4**	**193**	**169**	**44**	**67**	**1072**	**76.6**
Opponent Totals		**14**		**2800**	**-40.0**	**305-756**	**.403**	**98-265**	**.370**	**186-261**	**.713**	**133**	**277**	**410**	**29.3**	**275**	**-**	**161**	**177**	**36**	**75**	**894**	**63.9**

DATE	TIME		OPPONENT		SCORE		ATTEND	HIGH POINTS	HIGH REBOUNDS
11/10/07	7:00 p.m.		LEHIGH	W	87-83		3,742	(19)Hartford	(7)Dale, Hartford, Tyler
11/17/07	7:00 p.m.		at Ohio		89-102	L	4,570	(18)Hartford	(6)Tyler
11/20/07	7:00 p.m.		ARMY	W	93-78		2,612	(21)Kreefer	(7)Wittman
11/25/07	12:00 p.m.		SIENA	W	83-77		2,471	(20)Dale	(11)Wittman
11/27/07	7:00 p.m.		BINGHAMTON	W	73-68		2,221	(17)Dale	(8)Wittman
12/1/07	8:00 p.m.		COLGATE		73-76	L	2,368	(17)Wittman	(5)Dale, Gore
12/19/07	7:00 p.m.		at Bucknell		75-88	L	2,984	(21)Robinson	(11)Foote
12/22/07	7:00 p.m.		at Syracuse		64-80	L	19,253	(15)Dale	(7)Foote
12/29/07	2:00 p.m.		at Stony Brook	W	66-50		1,148	(23)Wittman	(7)Tyler
12/31/07	12:00 p.m.		at Quinnipiac	W-OT	86-84		1,687	(22)Wittman	(8)Tyler
1/6/08	5:30 p.m.		at No. 9/8 Duke		67-81	L	9,314	(13)Wittman	(7)Foote
1/10/08	7:00 p.m.		ALVERNIA	W	91-46		923	(13)Dale	(5)Hartford
1/15/08	8:00 p.m.		at NJIT	W	64-33		400	(10)Foote	(5)Reeves, Tyler
1/19/08	3:00 p.m.	*	COLUMBIA	W	70-64		3,109	(18)Dale	(6)Foote
1/26/08	7:00 p.m.	*	at Columbia	W	72-54		2,008	(17)Gore	(8)Wittman
2/1/08	7:00 p.m.	*	at Brown	W	75-64		1,812	(21)Wittman	(7)Dale
2/2/08	7:00 p.m.	*	at Yale	W	66-45		2,156	(18)Wittman	(11)Foote
2/8/08	7:00 p.m.	*	PRINCETON	W	72-61		3,326	(20)Wittman	(8)Wittman
2/9/08	7:00 p.m.	*	PENN	W	87-74		4,473	(25)Wittman	(9)Dale
2/15/08	7:00 p.m.	*	at Harvard	W	72-71		1,044	(20)Wittman	(10)Tyler
2/16/08	7:00 p.m.	*	at Dartmouth	W	73-63		816	(16)Wittman	(6)Foote
2/22/08	7:00 p.m.	*	YALE	W	85-65		3,589	(18)Gore	(11)Hartford
2/23/08	7:00 p.m.	*	BROWN	W	74-65		4,254	(18)Gore	(8)Foote
2/29/08	7:00 p.m.	*	DARTMOUTH	W	75-59		4,227	(22)Dale	(11)Dale
3/1/08	7:00 p.m.	*	HARVARD	W	86-53		4,473	(14)Gore	(7)Foote
3/7/08	8:00 p.m.	*	at Penn	W	94-92		3,865	(24)Dale	(10)Foote
3/8/08	7:30 p.m.	*	at Princeton	W	71-64		3,172	(21)Dale	(8)Foote, Hartford

* - Ivy League contests

Attendance Summary

	GAMES	TOTALS	AVG/GAME
HOME	13	41,788	3,214
AWAY	14	55,219	3,944
NEUTRAL	0	0	0
TOTAL	27	97,017	3,593

Score By Periods:

	1st	2nd	OT	Total
Cornell	960	1111	12	2083
Opponents	852	978	10	1840

2007-08 Cornell High/Lows

Category	Team Highs	Team Lows	Individual Highs
POINTS	94 at Penn (3/7/08)	64 at Syracuse (12/22/07), at NJIT (1/15/08)	25 Ryan Wittman vs. Penn (2/9/08)
FIELD GOALS MADE	35 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	22 at Bucknell (12/19/07)	9 - done three times
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	69 at Syracuse (12/22/07)	45 vs. Columbia (1/19/08)	15 - done six times
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	.563 (27-48) vs. Bing. (11/27/07) at Dart. (2/16/08)	.362 (25-69) at Syracuse (12/22/07)	1.000 (5-5) - done two times
3 PT FIELD GOALS MADE	14 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	2 at Harvard (2/15/08)	5 - done nine times
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	28 - three times	9 vs. Binghamton (11/27/07)	10 - done three times
3 PT FG PERCENTAGE	.611 (11-18) vs. Siena (11/25/07)	.154 (2-13) at Harvard (2/15/08)	1.000 (4-4) Geoff Reeves vs. Brown (2/23/08)
FREE THROWS MADE	31 vs. Army (11/20/07)	2 vs. Colgate (12/1/07)	13 Louis Dale vs. Penn (2/9/08)
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	38 vs. Army (11/20/07)	4 vs. Colgate (12/1/07)	14 Louis Dale vs. Penn (2/9/08)
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	.947 (18-19) at Brown (2/1/08)	.375 (6-16) at Princeton (3/8/08)	1.000 (12-12) Louis Dale at Bucknell (12/19/07)
REBOUNDS	48 vs. Dartmouth (2/29/08)	21 vs. Columbia (1/19/08)	11 - done five times
ASSISTS	28 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	8 at Bucknell (12/19/07), at Columbia (1/26/08)	10 Louis Dale vs. Lehigh (11/10/07)
STEALS	11 vs. Army (11/20/07)	1 at Harvard (2/15/08)	4 - done two times
BLOCKED SHOTS	8 vs. Alvernia (1/10/08)	0 vs. Binghamton (11/27/07), at Princeton (3/8/08)	4 - done three times
TURNOVERS	21 vs. Army (11/20/07), at Brown (2/1/08)	4 vs. Yale (2/22/08)	9 Louis Dale at Duke (1/6/08)
FOULS	27 at Brown (2/1/08)	13 vs. Columbia (1/19/08)	—

2007-08 Opponent High/Lows

Category	Team Highs	Team Lows	Individual Highs
POINTS	102 at Ohio (11/17/07)	33 at NJIT (1/15/08)	30 Jarell Brown, Army (11/20/07)
FIELD GOALS MADE	36 at Ohio (11/17/07)	8 at NJIT (1/15/08)	10 - done two times
FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	76 vs. Lehigh (11/10/07)	40 at NJIT (1/15/08)	23 DeMario Anderson, Quinnipiac (12/31/07)
FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE	.547 (29-58) at Bucknell (12/19/07)	.200 (8-40)at NJIT (1/15/08)	.800 (8-10) Arinze Onuaku, Syracuse (12/22/07)
3 PT FIELD GOALS MADE	12 vs. Princeton (2/8/08)	3 - four times	5 - done five times
3 PT FG ATTEMPTS	28 at Princeton (3/8/08)	9 at Dartmouth (2/16/08)	13 Bubba Walther, Ohio (11/17/07)
3 PT FG PERCENTAGE	.556 (10-18) at Quinnipiac (12/31/07)	.176 (3-17) at Yale (2/2/08)	1.000 (3-3) - done two times
FREE THROWS MADE	27 at Brown (2/1/08)	5 vs. Columbia (1/19/08)	12 Daniel Waddy, Colgate (12/1/07)
FREE THROW ATTEMPTS	36 at Brown (2/1/08)	6 vs. Columbia (1/19/08)	15 Daniel Waddy, Colgate (12/1/07)
FREE THROW PERCENTAGE	.857 (18-21) vs. Harvard (3/1/08)	.478 (11-23) at Syracuse (12/22/07)	1.000 (8-8), done two times
REBOUNDS	52 at Syracuse (12/22/07)	20 vs. Princeton (2/8/08)	16 Louis Brookins, Quinnipiac (12/31/07)
ASSISTS	21 - done three times	4 at Stony Brook (12/29/07)	9 Michael Allen, Ohio (11/17/07)
STEALS	12 vs. Binghamton (11/27/07), at Brown (2/1/08)	1 vs. Columbia (1/19/08)	5 - done two times
BLOCKED SHOTS	6 vs. Binghamton (11/27/07), at Penn (3/7/08)	0 - three times	6 Reggie Fuller, Binghamton (11/27/07)
TURNOVERS	26 at NJIT (1/15/08)	8 at Ohio (11/17/07)	6 - done five times
FOULS	31 vs. Army (11/20/07)	11 at Syracuse (12/22/07)	—

Home Games (12-1)

				TOTAL			3-PTS						REBOUNDS										
	GP	Min	-Avg	FG	-FGA	Pct	3FG	-FGA	Pct	FT	-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
Cornell Totals	13	2600	-40.0	374	-725	.516	118	-259	.456	183	-233	.785	116	329	445	34.2	224	3	228	161	44	78	1049	80.7
Opponent Totals	13	2600	-40.0	307	-722	.425	94	-260	.362	161	-225	.716	121	266	387	29.8	251	-	173	178	32	69	869	66.8

Road Games (10-4)

				TOTAL			3-PTS						REBOUNDS										
	GP	Min	-Avg	FG	-FGA	Pct	3FG	-FGA	Pct	FT	-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
Cornell Totals	14	2825	-40.4	366	-778	.470	102	-273	.374	200	-269	.743	132	337	469	33.5	269	6	192	209	41	84	1034	73.9
Opponent Totals	14	2825	-40.4	335	-799	.419	92	-259	.355	209	-306	.683	174	321	495	35.4	267	-	184	212	37	104	971	69.4

Neutral Games (0-0)

				TOTAL			3-PTS						REBOUNDS										
	GP	Min	-Avg	FG	-FGA	Pct	3FG	-FGA	Pct	FT	-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
Cornell Totals																								
Opponent Totals																								

Games Won (22-0)

				TOTAL			3-PTS						REBOUNDS										
	GP	Min	-Avg	FG	-FGA	Pct	3FG	-FGA	Pct	FT	-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
Cornell Totals	22	4425	-40.2	605	-1192	.508	175	-414	.423	330	-428	.771	203	555	758	34.5	381	5	344	294	72	127	1715	78.0
Opponent Totals	22	4425	-40.2	493	-1220	.404	148	-420	.352	279	-394	.708	230	447	677	30.8	433	-	266	314	57	133	1413	64.2

Games Lost (0-5)

				TOTAL			3-PTS						REBOUNDS										
	GP	Min	-Avg	FG	-FGA	Pct	3FG	-FGA	Pct	FT	-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
Cornell Totals	5	1000	-40.0	135	-311	.434	45	-118	.381	53	-74	.716	45	111	156	31.2	112	4	76	76	13	35	368	73.6
Opponent Totals	5	1000	-40.0	149	-301	.495	38	-99	.384	91	-137	.664	65	140	205	41.0	85	-	91	76	12	40	427	85.4

Non-League Games (8-5)

				TOTAL			3-PTS						REBOUNDS										
	GP	Min	-Avg	FG	-FGA	Pct	3FG	-FGA	Pct	FT	-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
Cornell Totals	13	2625	-40.4	364	-756	.481	119	-277	.430	164	-223	.735	116	306	422	32.5	245	5	227	201	41	95	1011	77.8
Opponent Totals	13	2625	-40.4	337	-765	.441	88	-254	.346	184	-270	.681	162	310	472	36.3	243	-	196	213	33	98	946	72.8

Cornell Individual Points-Rebounds-Assists

Opponent	Date	Score	W/L	1 Foote	3 Robinson	4 Osgood	5 Battle	12 Dale	13 Wilkins	15 Reeves	20 Wittman	22 Mullen
LEHIGH	11/10/07	87-83	W	DNP	8-4-6	DNP	2-0-0	12-7-10	9-6-1	5-1-0	15-1-1	DNP
at Ohio	11/17/07	89-102	L	DNP	10-3-5	DNP	0-2-0	11-2-9	0-1-0	3-1-0	17-4-0	DNP
ARMY	11/20/07	93-78	W	DNP	16-4-6	DNP	2-5-1	17-4-7	6-5-1	0-0-0	16-7-0	DNP
SIENA	11/25/07	83-77	W	DNP	14-0-7	DNP	4-1-0	20-9-6	0-2-0	2-0-0	14-11-1	DNP
BINGHAMTON	11/27/07	73-68	W	DNP	16-3-1	DNP	0-0-0	17-2-5	4-0-0	0-1-0	13-8-1	DNP
COLGATE	12/1/07	73-76	L	DNP	14-2-9	DNP	2-0-0	10-5-7	0-0-0	2-1-0	17-3-1	DNP
at Bucknell	12/19/07	75-88	L	10-11-1	21-3-3	DNP	0-1-1	17-5-0	0-1-0	0-1-0	16-1-0	DNP
at Syracuse	12/22/07	64-80	L	6-7-1	14-3-5	DNP	4-1-0	15-4-2	0-1-0	0-0-0	6-3-1	0-0-0
at Stony Brook	12/29/07	66-50	W	0-2-0	2-1-7	DNP	0-0-0	10-4-4	2-1-0	0-0-0	23-4-5	DNP
at Quinnipiac	12/31/07	86-84	W-OT	10-5-2	4-0-2	DNP	0-0-0	15-3-8	0-0-0	DNP	22-2-1	DNP
at Duke	1/6/08	67-81	L	10-7-1	9-1-1	DNP	6-1-1	9-4-5	0-0-0	0-1-0	13-2-1	0-1-0
ALVERNIA	1/10/08	91-46	W	3-2-4	4-2-2	6-2-0	7-2-3	13-4-1	4-4-1	11-1-3	11-1-1	8-1-2
at NJIT	1/15/08	64-33	W	10-3-4	6-3-3	0-1-0	3-1-1	5-1-2	2-1-0	8-5-0	4-3-0	0-1-0
COLUMBIA	1/19/08	70-64	W	13-6-2	—	DNP	3-1-0	18-5-5	0-1-0	3-0-0	12-4-1	DNP
at Columbia	1/26/08	72-54	W	3-4-0	—	0-0-0	3-1-1	10-4-3	0-0-0	4-3-0	16-8-4	0-0-0
at Brown	2/1/08	75-64	W	6-4-1	—	DNP	2-0-4	15-8-7	DNP	3-5-1	21-4-0	DNP
at Yale	2/2/08	66-45	W	11-11-3	—	0-0-0	0-0-0	10-3-4	1-1-0	5-3-1	18-5-3	2-0-0
PRINCETON	2/8/08	72-61	W	18-3-1	—	DNP	2-4-2	8-7-5	0-1-0	3-1-0	20-8-1	0-0-0
PENN	2/9/08	87-74	W	5-8-3	—	0-0-0	0-1-2	24-9-4	0-0-0	3-0-1	25-6-2	0-0-0
at Harvard	2/15/08	72-71	W	9-7-0	—	DNP	2-4-0	12-1-1	0-2-0	2-0-1	20-2-2	DNP
at Dartmouth	2/16/08	73-63	W	4-6-1	—	DNP	3-1-2	12-4-2	0-0-0	2-0-1	16-4-2	DNP
YALE	2/22/08	85-65	W	9-5-2	—	0-0-0	2-3-0	9-5-4	0-1-0	5-0-0	12-2-5	3-0-0
BROWN	2/23/08	74-65	W	11-8-2	—	DNP	0-2-2	4-3-9	0-0-0	14-1-0	9-6-1	0-0-0
DARTMOUTH	2/29/08	75-59	W	11-10-1	—	0-0-0	2-2-0	22-11-6	2-2-0	7-3-2	14-3-2	0-0-0
HARVARD	3/1/08	86-53	W	10-7-0	—	2-0-0	4-1-0	12-2-8	11-1-0	2-4-2	13-6-0	4-3-3
at Penn	3/7/08	94-92	W	12-10-1	—	DNP	0-0-0	24-4-7	0-0-0	0-2-2	17-3-1	DNP
at Princeton	3/8/08	71-64	W	0-8-2	—	0-0-0	0-2-1	21-3-4	0-0-0	5-4-0	16-4-4	0-0-0

Opponent	Date	Score	W/L	23 Gore	24 Wire	25 Jaques	33 Tyler	34 Kreefer	40 Reynolds	44 Hartford
LEHIGH	11/10/07	87-83	W	9-4-1	DNP	DNP	8-7-0	DNP	0-0-0	19-7-0
at Ohio	11/17/07	89-102	L	12-3-3	DNP	DNP	13-6-2	2-1-1	DNP	18-5-1
ARMY	11/20/07	93-78	W	10-2-0	DNP	DNP	3-0-0	21-2-3	DNP	2-0-0
SIENA	11/25/07	83-77	W	10-0-3	DNP	DNP	3-2-0	10-1-5	DNP	6-8-0
BINGHAMTON	11/27/07	73-68	W	6-1-2	DNP	DNP	6-7-1	7-1-3	DNP	4-1-1
COLGATE	12/1/07	73-76	L	6-5-2	DNP	DNP	16-4-0	6-4-2	DNP	DNP
at Bucknell	12/19/07	75-88	L	5-1-1	DNP	DNP	2-1-0	4-3-1	DNP	0-1-1
at Syracuse	12/22/07	64-80	L	12-1-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	3-4-1	2-4-1	0-0-0	2-4-0
at Stony Brook	12/29/07	66-50	W	12-2-1	0-1-0	DNP	11-7-1	4-3-1	DNP	2-2-0
at Quinnipiac	12/31/07	86-84	W-OT	7-3-3	DNP	DNP	13-8-1	5-1-1	DNP	10-2-0
at Duke	1/6/08	67-81	L	6-2-2	0-0-0	0-0-0	6-3-0	4-2-3	0-0-0	4-1-1
ALVERNIA	1/10/08	91-46	W	2-4-4	3-1-2	6-3-0	DNP	2-1-3	2-3-1	9-5-1
at NJIT	1/15/08	64-33	W	8-4-0	2-0-0	2-0-0	7-5-0	2-2-2	0-0-1	5-2-0
COLUMBIA	1/19/08	70-64	W	12-1-1	DNP	DNP	5-4-1	0-1-1	DNP	4-0-1
at Columbia	1/26/08	72-54	W	17-3-0	0-0-0	0-1-0	11-6-0	DNP	0-0-0	8-7-0
at Brown	2/1/08	75-64	W	10-1-1	DNP	DNP	11-6-1	2-3-0	DNP	5-3-2
at Yale	2/2/08	66-45	W	2-2-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	4-2-2	0-0-0	0-1-0	13-5-0
PRINCETON	2/8/08	72-61	W	10-1-1	DNP	DNP	2-0-0	0-1-1	DNP	9-2-0
PENN	2/9/08	87-74	W	14-3-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	9-4-0	0-1-0	0-0-0	7-3-2
at Harvard	2/15/08	72-71	W	6-3-1	DNP	DNP	19-10-2	0-0-0	DNP	2-5-0
at Dartmouth	2/16/08	73-63	W	13-3-3	DNP	DNP	11-4-4	DNP	DNP	12-5-1
YALE	2/22/08	85-65	W	18-2-2	0-0-0	0-1-0	12-5-2	0-0-0	0-0-0	15-11-1
BROWN	2/23/08	74-65	W	18-1-2	0-0-0	0-0-0	9-5-1	DNP	0-0-0	9-5-1
DARTMOUTH	2/29/08	75-59	W	8-0-3	DNP	0-0-0	4-5-0	3-0-0	0-2-1	2-6-1
HARVARD	3/1/08	86-53	W	14-2-1	2-3-0	2-2-0	2-1-1	0-1-1	0-0-0	8-6-0
at Penn	3/7/08	94-92	W	19-0-0	DNP	DNP	16-4-1	DNP	DNP	6-6-0
at Princeton	3/8/08	71-64	W	8-0-1	DNP	0-0-0	6-2-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	15-8-0

* Starters are underlined

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				TOTAL			3-PTRS						REBOUNDS								
Opponent	Date	Score	W/L	FG	-FGA	Pct	3FG	-FGA	Pct	FT	-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	PF	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts
Cornell	11/10	87-83	W	30	-61	.492	10	-17	.588	17	-22	.773	11	29	40	20	19	17	6	6	87
vs. Lehigh				31	-76	.408	7	-20	.350	14	-24	.583	20	24	44	21	15	11	3	8	83
Cornell	11/17	89-102	L	31	-63	.492	12	-28	.429	15	-20	.750	10	23	33	21	21	17	2	4	89
at Ohio				36	-70	.514	9	-24	.375	21	-32	.656	15	24	39	15	21	8	0	10	102
Cornell	11/20	93-78	W	26	-52	.500	10	-23	.435	31	-38	.816	9	22	31	16	18	21	1	11	93
vs. Army				30	-60	.500	7	-18	.389	11	-13	.846	8	20	28	31	15	23	3	7	78
Cornell	11/25	83-33	W	33	-59	.559	11	-18	.611	6	-10	.600	7	30	37	17	22	16	1	5	83\
vs. Siena				29	-68	.426	7	-22	.318	12	-17	.706	12	22	34	14	13	11	4	7	77
Cornell	11/27	73-68	W	27	-48	.563	5	-9	.556	14	-18	.778	6	22	28	14	14	19	0	6	73
vs. Binghamton				27	-56	.482	7	-24	.292	7	-9	.778	6	16	22	20	19	13	6	12	68
Cornell	12/1	73-76	L	30	-63	.476	11	-28	.393	2	-4	.500	5	20	25	24	21	12	1	9	73
vs. Colgate				22	-45	.489	9	-19	.474	23	-30	.767	6	30	36	14	15	18	0	6	76
Cornell	12/19	75-88	L	22	-57	.386	6	-24	.250	25	-31	.806	8	23	31	24	8	15	5	9	75
at Bucknell				29	-53	.547	11	-21	.524	19	-27	.704	89	28	36	28	21	20	3	9	88
Cornell	12/22	64-80	L	25	-69	.362	10	-25	.400	4	-8	.500	14	23	37	20	11	14	3	8	64
at Syracuse				33	-68	.485	3	-12	.250	11	-23	.478	20	32	52	11	18	16	5	6	80
Cornell	12/29	66-50	W	23	-49	.469	10	-27	.370	10	-13	.769	8	20	28	16	19	15	3	7	66
at Stony Brook				17	-54	.315	3	-16	.188	13	-19	.684	20	21	41	16	4	18	1	5	50
Cornell	12/31	86-84	W-OT	31	-57	.544	8	-18	.444	16	-23	.695	6	20	26	18	18	15	3	8	86
at Quinnipiac				30	-63	.476	10	-18	.556	14	-18	.778	15	26	41	23	21	18	0	7	84
Cornell	1/6	67-81	L	27	-59	.458	6	-13	.462	7	-11	.636	8	22	30	23	15	18	1	5	67
at Duke				29	-65	.446	6	-23	.446	17	-25	.680	16	26	42	17	16	14	4	9	81
Cornell	1/10	91-46	W	35	-63	.556	14	-28	.500	7	-9	.778	15	25	40	14	28	9	8	8	9
vs. Alvernia				16	-47	.340	6	-21	.286	8	-12	.667	8	14	22	13	13	17	0	3	46
Cornell	1/15	64-33	W	24	-56	.429	6	-19	.316	10	-16	.625	9	27	36	18	13	13	6	9	64
at NJIT				8	-40	.200	3	-16	.188	14	-21	.667	8	27	35	20	5	26	4	9	33
Cornell	1/19	70-64	W	23	-45	.511	5	-17	.294	19	-23	.826	4	17	21	13	12	6	7	8	7
vs. Columbia				26	-54	.481	7	-18	.389	5	-6	.833	12	19	31	21	13	14	1	1	64
Cornell	1/26	72-54	W	24	-51	.471	4	-16	.250	20	-25	.800	14	27	41	19	8	18	3	5	72
at Columbia				17	-50	.340	9	-19	.474	11	-18	.611	8	19	27	23	12	16	1	6	54
Cornell	2/1	75-64	W	24	-48	.500	9	-18	.500	18	-19	.947	8	27	35	27	18	21	1	4	75
at Brown				16	-48	.333	5	-16	.313	27	-36	.750	9	17	26	18	9	12	1	12	64
Cornell	2/2	66-45	W	23	-51	.451	5	-15	.333	15	-18	.833	7	32	39	20	14	11	2	5	66
at Yale				15	-58	.259	3	-17	.176	12	-24	.500	18	24	42	16	7	13	5	4	45
Cornell	2/8	72-61	W	25	-46	.543	7	-15	.467	15	-19	.789	5	24	29	16	13	12	2	6	72
vs. Princeton				20	-45	.444	12	-23	.522	9	-13	.692	4	16	20	23	11	14	1	5	61
Cornell	2/9	87-74	W	25	-51	.490	10	-17	.588	27	-29	.931	8	28	36	17	15	12	2	3	87
vs. Penn				28	-62	.452	7	-19	.368	11	-19	.579	12	19	31	23	15	9	2	4	74
Cornell	2/15	72-71	W	28	-53	.528	2	-13	.154	14	-20	.700	9	26	35	16	7	16	5	1	72
at Harvard				24	-54	.444	7	-18	.389	16	-19	.842	5	18	23	16	9	12	1	8	71
Cornell	2/16	73-63	W	27	-48	.563	6	-15	.400	13	-15	.867	8	19	27	17	16	15	4	10	73
at Dartmouth				25	-54	.463	4	-9	.444	9	-11	.818	12	14	26	18	12	17	4	10	63
Cornell	2/22	85-65	W	30	-61	.492	10	-24	.417	15	-17	.882	12	25	37	14	16	4	3	2	85
vs. Yale				22	-50	.440	8	-23	.348	13	-18	.722	5	21	26	18	11	9	5	3	65
Cornell	2/23	74-65	W	24	-55	.436	11	-22	.500	15	-17	.882	12	21	33	22	18	7	2	3	74
vs. Brown				19	-41	.463	8	-22	.364	19	-26	.731	5	22	27	15	11	11	1	3	65
Cornell	2/29	75-59	W	32	-60	.533	6	-21	.286	5	-12	.417	14	34	48	18	16	17	4	4	75
vs. Dartmouth				22	-56	.393	4	-10	.400	11	-17	.647	7	21	28	22	10	13	3	8	59
Cornell	3/1	86-53	W	34	-61	.557	8	-20	.400	10	-15	.667	8	32	40	19	16	9	7	7	86
vs. Harvard				15	-62	.242	5	-21	.238	18	-21	.857	16	22	38	16	12	15	3	2	53
Cornell	3/7	94-92	W	29	-63	.460	9	-21	.429	27	-34	.794	15	23	38	16	12	13	2	6	94
at Penn				32	-64	.500	9	-22	.409	19	-23	.826	10	21	31	28	15	12	6	7	92
Cornell	3/8	71-64	W	28	-54	.519	9	-21	.429	6	-16	.375	8	25	33	14	12	8	0	3	71
at Princeton				24	-58	.414	10	-28	.357	6	-10	.600	10	24	34	18	14	10	2	2	64

The Last Time ...

CORNELL INDIVIDUAL(S)

Had a triple double (2,382 games): Never
Had a double-double (pts-rebs) (2 games): Jeff Foote (12 pts., 10 reb.), at Penn (3-7-08)
Had a double-double (pts-ast) (27 games): Louis Dale (12 pts., 10 ast.) , vs. Lehigh (11-10-07)
Four players in double figures (6 games): A. Gore (18), J. Hartford (15), A. Tyler (12), R. Wittman (12) vs. Yale (2-22-08)
Five players in double figures (2 games): L. Dale (24), A. Gore (19), R. Wittman (17), A. Tyler (16), J. Foote (12) at Penn (3-7-08)
Six players in double figures (26 games): J. Hartford (18), R. Wittman (17), A. Tyler (13), A. Gore (12), L. Dale (11), C. Robinson (10) at Ohio (11-17-07)
Seven players in double figures (49 games): L. Dale (18), R. Wittman (18), C. Mullen (15), J. Battle (14), A. Naeve (12), G. Dow (11), B. Kreefer (11) vs. VMI (12-1-06)
Scored 20+ points (1 game): Louis Dale (21), at Princeton (3-8-08)
Scored 30+ points (110 games): Lenny Collins (30), at Marist (11-19-04)
Scored 40+ points (1,252 games): George Farley (47), at Princeton, (3-5-60)
Scored 50+ points (2,382 games): Never
Had two players score 20+ points (9 games): Ryan Wittman (25), Louis Dale (24), vs. Penn (2-9-08)
Perfect at FT line (10+ att.) (21 games): Louis Dale (12-12) , at Bucknell (12-19-07)
Grabbed 10+ rebounds (2 games): Jeff Foote (10), at Penn (3-7-08)
Grabbed 15+ rebounds (109 games): Eric Taylor (16), vs. Northeastern (11-20-04)
Grabbed 20+ rebounds (287 games): John McCord (20), vs. Penn (2-1-97)
Grabbed 25+ rebounds (1,255 games): George Farley (26), vs. Brown (2-26-60)
Had two players grab 10+ rebounds (4 games): Louis Dale (11), Jeff Foote (10), vs. Dartmouth (2-29-08)
Had 10+ assists (27 games): Louis Dale (10), vs. Lehigh (11-10-07)
Had 5+ steals (54 games): Graham Dow (5), vs. Stony Brook (11-13-06)
Had 5+ blocked shots (39 games): Andrew Naeve (5), at Columbia (1-20-07)
Made 5+ 3-point field goals (2 games): Adam Gore (5), at Penn (3-7-08)
Converted a four-point play (2 games): Adam Gore at Penn (2 times in first half) (3-7-08)

TEAM FIELD GOAL SHOOTING

Shot 50 percent or better (1 game): .519 (28-54) at Princeton (3-8-08)
Shot 60 percent or better (164 games): .600 (30-50) at Buffalo (11-22-02)
Shot 70 percent or better (2,382 games): Never
Made 30+ field goals (3 games): 34 vs. Harvard (3-1-08)
Made 40+ field goals (372 games): 40 vs. Hobart (12-11-94)
Made 50+ field goals (2,382 games): Never
Attempted 60+ field goals (2 games): 63 at Penn (3-7-08)
Attempted 70+ field goals (92 games): 74 vs. Yale (2-5-05)
Attempted 80+ field goals (330 games): 85 at Dartmouth (3-4-95)
Attempted 90+ field goals (797 games): 94 at Yale (2-23-80)

TEAM 3-POINT FIELD GOAL SHOOTING

Shot 50 percent or better (5 games): .500 (11-22) vs. Brown (2-23-08)
Shot 60 percent or better (24 games): .611 (11-18) vs. Siena (11-25-07)
Shot 70 percent or better (398 games): .750 (6-8) vs. Clarkson (12-8-93)
Shot 80 percent or better (495 games): .833 (10-12) at Dartmouth (1-13-90)
Made 10+ 3-point field goals (5 games): 11 vs. Brown (2-23-08)
Made 15+ 3-point field goals (102 games): 15 at Syracuse (12-20-04)
Attempted 20+ 3-point field goals (1 game): 21 at Princeton (3-8-08)
Attempted 30+ 3-point field goals (156 games): 30 at Army (1-3-03)
Did not hit a 3-pointer (534 games): vs. Denison (0-of-2) (1-3-88)

TEAM FREE-THROW SHOOTING

Shot 80 percent or better (5 games): .882 (15-17) vs. Brown (2-23-08)
Shot 90 percent or better (9 games): .931 (27-29) vs. Penn (2-9-08)
Shot 100 percent (29 games): 1.000 (7-7) vs. Harvard (3-2-07)
Made 20+ free-throws (2 games): 27 at Penn (3-8-08)
Made 30+ free-throws (25 games): 31 vs. Army (11-20-07)
Made 40+ free-throws (484 games): 46 vs. Harvard (2-17-90)
Made 50+ free-throws (2,382 games): Never
Attempted 10 or fewer free-throws (15 games): 10 at NJIT (1-15-08)
Attempted 20+ free-throws (2 games): 34 at Penn (3-8-08)
Attempted 30+ free-throws (2 games): 34 at Penn (3-8-08)
Attempted 40+ free-throws (144 games): 42 at Harvard (2-15-03)
Attempted 50+ free-throws (460 gmaes): 52 vs. Penn (2-9-91)
Attempted 60+ free-throws (2,382 games): Never

TEAM SCORING

Scored 80+ points (2 games): 94 at Penn (3-7-08)
Scored 90+ points (2 games): 94 at Penn (3-7-08)
Scored 100+ points (402 games): 108 at Harvard (3-6-93)
Scored 110+ points (1,081 games): 110 vs. Pittsburgh (2-1-67)
Scored 120+ points (2,382 games): Never
Opponent scored 80+ points (2 games): 92 at Penn (3-8-08)
Opponent scored 90+ points (2 games): 92 at Penn (3-8-08)
Opponent scored 100+ points (26 games): 102 at Ohio (11-17-07)
Opponent scored 110+ points (952 games): 111 at Penn (2-25-72)
Opponent scored 120+ points (2,382 games): Never

TEAM REBOUNDING

Grabbed 40+ rebounds (3 games): 40 vs. Harvard (3-1-08)
Grabbed 50+ rebounds (116 games): 59 vs. Dartmouth (2-20-04)
Grabbed 60+ rebounds (291 games): 60 at Marist (12-20-97)
Grabbed 20+ offensive rebounds (116 games): 20 vs. Dartmouth (2-20-04)
Outrebounded an opponent by 10+ (4 games): 20 vs. Dartmouth (48-28) (2-29-08)
Outrebounded an opponent by 20+ (4 games): 20 vs. Dartmouth (48-28) (2-29-08)

TEAM ASSISTS

Had 15+ assists (3 games): 15 vs.Harvard (3-1-08)
Had 20+ assists (16 games): 28 vs. Alvernia (1-10-08)
Had 25+ assists (16 games): 28 vs. Alvernia (1-10-08)
Had 30+ assists (2,382 games): Never

TEAM DEFENSE

Held opp. below 30% shooting (3 games): .242 (15-62) vs. Harvard (3-1-08)
Held opp. below 35% shooting (3 games): .242 (15-62) vs. Harvard (3-1-08)
Held opp. below 40% shooting (3 games): .242 (15-62) vs. Harvard (3-1-08)
Opponent shot 50% or better (2 games): .500 (32-64) at Penn (3-7-08)
Had 10+ steals (7 games): 10 at Dartmouth (2-16-08)
Had 10+ blocked shots (64 games): 10 vs. Harvard (2-4-06)
Forced 20+ turnovers (15 games): 26 at NJIT (1-15-08)
Did not allow a 3-pointer (186 games): vs. Ithaca (0-of-14) (12-3-01)

TEAM SCORING MARGIN

Won a game by 10+ points (3 games): 33 (86-53) vs. Harvard (3-1-08)
Won a game by 20+ points (3 games): 33 (86-53) vs. Harvard (3-1-08)
Won a game by 30+ points (3 games): 33 (86-53) vs. Harvard (3-1-08)
Won a game by 40+ points (16 games): 45 (91-46) vs. Alvernia (1-10-08)
Won a game by 50+ points (331 games): 51 (90-39) vs. Haverford (12-2-96)
Lost a game by 10+ points (17 games): 14 (67-81) at Duke (1-6-08)
Lost a game by 20+ points (69 games): 40 (44-84) at Penn (1-13-06)
Lost a game by 30+ points (69 games): 40 (44-84) at Penn (1-13-06)
Lost a game by 40+ points (69 games): 40 (44-84) at Penn (1-13-06)
Lost a game by 50+ points (353 games): 54 (46-100) at Kansas (1-2-96)

OVERTIME

Played an overtime game (18 games): at Quinnipiac (W, 86-84) (12-31-06)
Played 2+ overtimes (61 games): 2OT vs. Princeton (L, 68-76) (2-17-06)
Played 3+ overtimes (822 games): 5OT vs. Princeton (L, 61-66) (2-24-79)
Played 4+ overtimes (822 games): 5OT vs. Princeton (L, 61-66) (2-24-79)
Played 5+ overtimes (822 games): 5OT vs. Princeton (L, 61-66) (2-24-79)
Won an overtime game (18 games): at Quinnipiac (W, 86-84) (12-31-07)

MISCELLANEOUS

Scored 50+ points in a half (2 games): 50 at Penn, second half, (3-7-08)
Scored less than 20 points in a half (69 games): 19 at Penn, second half, (1-13-06)
Allowed 50+ points in a half (22 games): 50 vs. Colgate, second half, (12-1-07)
Allowed less than 20 points in a half (15 games): 9 at NJIT, first half, (1-15-08)
Committed less than 10 turnovers (1 game): 8 at Princeton (3-8-08)
Won a game on a last-second shot (64 games): Jason Hartford vs. Harvard
Putback layup with 2.4 seconds left for 79-78 win (2-4-06)
Lost a game on a last-second shot (36 games): Evan Harris, Harvard
Made a layup with 0.8 seconds left for 65-64 win (2-3-07)

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				TOTAL			3-PTS					REBOUNDS										
No.	Player	GP	-GS	Min	-Avg	FG	-FGA	Pct	3FG	-FGA	Pct	FT	-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
20	Ryan Wittman	13	-13	412	-31.7	65	-142	.458	41	-83	.494	16	-20	.800	5	45	50	3.8	32	0	13	25	2	11	187	14.4
12	Louis Dale	13	-13	350	-26.9	54	-119	.454	22	-49	.449	41	-44	.932	15	39	54	4.2	38	2	66	40	7	18	171	13.2
23	Adam Gore	13	-13	314	-24.2	29	-76	.382	23	-63	.365	24	-26	.923	9	23	32	2.5	28	1	22	13	0	16	105	8.1
33	Alex Tyler	12	-12	262	-21.8	37	-74	.500	0	-0	.000	17	-28	.607	16	38	54	4.5	36	1	6	27	7	5	91	7.6
1	Jeff Foote	7	-0	126	-18.0	17	-30	.567	0	-0	.000	15	-33	.455	13	24	37	5.3	15	0	13	9	10	3	49	7.0
44	Jason Hartford	12	-7	182	-15.2	33	-61	.541	8	-17	.471	7	-9	.778	14	24	38	3.2	14	0	5	13	3	5	81	6.8
34	Brian Kreefer	12	-7	215	-17.9	30	-45	.667	2	-7	.286	7	-16	.438	7	18	25	2.1	16	0	26	14	2	5	69	5.8
4	Aaron Osgood	2	-0	15	-7.5	3	-3	1.000	0	-0	.000	0	-0	.000	0	3	3	1.5	1	0	0	1	0	0	6	3.0
15	Geoff Reeves	12	-0	89	-7.4	12	-24	.500	6	-13	.462	1	-2	.500	3	9	12	1.0	12	0	3	5	1	3	31	2.6
5	Jason Battle	13	-0	110	-8.5	11	-17	.647	1	-1	1.000	7	-8	.875	3	11	14	1.1	9	0	7	6	0	4	30	2.3
13	Andre Wilkins	13	-0	132	-10.2	12	-25	.480	0	-0	.000	6	-8	.750	9	13	22	1.7	9	0	3	7	1	7	30	2.3
25	Jon Jaques	4	-0	21	-5.3	2	-9	.222	2	-7	.286	2	-2	1.000	1	2	3	0.8	5	0	0	2	0	1	8	2.0
22	Conor Mullen	4	-0	12	-3.0	2	-4	.500	2	-3	.667	2	-4	.500	1	2	3	0.8	2	0	2	0	1	0	8	2.0
24	Adam Wire	5	-0	18	-3.6	2	-5	.400	1	-1	1.000	0	-0	.000	1	2	3	0.6	3	0	2	2	0	1	5	1.0
40	Pete Reynolds	5	-0	17	-3.4	1	-3	.333	0	-0	.000	0	-0	.000	0	3	3	0.6	1	0	2	1	5	0	2	0.4
	TEAM														15	25	40	3.1				1				
Cornell Totals		**13**		**2625**	**-40.4**	**364**	**-756**	**.481**	**119**	**-277**	**.430**	**164**	**-223**	**.735**	**116**	**306**	**422**	**32.5**	**245**	**5**	**227**	**201**	**41**	**95**	**1011**	**77.8**
Opponent Totals		**13**		**2625**	**-40.4**	**337**	**-765**	**.441**	**88**	**-254**	**.346**	**184**	**-270**	**.681**	**162**	**310**	**472**	**36.3**	**243**	**-**	**196**	**213**	**33**	**98**	**946**	**72.8**

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				TOTAL			3-PTS					REBOUNDS										
No.	Player	GP	-GS	Min	-Avg	FG	-FGA	Pct	3FG	-FGA	Pct	FT	-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
20	Ryan Wittman	13	-13	407	-31.3	67	-126	.532	36	-66	.545	21	-26	.808	5	61	66	5.1	23	0	17	19	1	12	191	14.7
12	Louis Dale	13	-13	369	-28.4	60	-129	.465	21	-53	.396	45	-49	.918	16	53	69	5.3	32	0	77	36	5	13	186	14.3
23	Adam Gore	13	-13	355	-27.3	34	-81	.420	27	-66	.409	42	-44	.955	7	19	26	2.0	24	0	23	12	0	12	137	10.5
1	Jeff Foote	8	-0	180	-22.5	31	-48	.646	0	-0	.000	18	-29	.621	13	36	49	6.1	25	1	15	6	19	2	80	10.0
44	Jason Hartford	12	-11	232	-19.3	41	-69	.594	5	-15	.333	7	-10	.700	17	37	54	4.5	20	0	8	16	4	5	94	7.8
33	Alex Tyler	12	-12	237	-19.8	34	-61	.557	0	-0	.000	11	-17	.647	12	32	44	3.7	38	1	8	19	6	4	79	6.6
34	Brian Kreefer	11	-3	145	-13.2	20	-31	.645	3	-7	.429	6	-12	.500	3	10	13	1.2	8	0	19	11	2	3	49	4.5
15	Geoff Reeves	13	-0	155	-11.9	22	-43	.512	11	-24	.458	2	-4	.500	3	10	13	1.0	12	0	8	8	1	4	57	4.4
13	Andre Wilkins	13	-0	110	-8.5	14	-26	.538	0	-0	.000	8	-12	.667	11	12	23	1.8	8	0	3	4	1	7	36	2.8
5	Jason Battle	13	-0	141	-10.8	10	-24	.417	1	-1	1.000	9	-10	.900	6	16	22	1.7	10	0	10	7	1	4	30	2.3
22	Conor Mullen	7	-0	17	-2.4	5	-8	.625	3	-4	.750	2	-3	.667	1	3	4	0.6	2	0	5	2	1	0	15	2.1
4	Aaron Osgood	5	-0	20	-4.0	4	-5	.800	0	-0	.000	0	-0	.000	0	2	2	0.4	3	0	0	0	0	0	8	1.6
25	Jon Jaques	6	-0	26	-4.3	2	-11	.182	2	-8	.250	2	-2	1.000	3	3	6	1.0	5	0	0	3	0	3	8	1.3
24	Adam Wire	5	-0	18	-3.6	2	-5	.400	1	-1	1.000	0	-0	.000	2	2	4	0.8	3	0	2	1	0	1	5	1.0
40	Pete Reynolds	7	-0	22	-3.1	1	-2	.500	0	-0	.000	0	-1	.000	0	5	5	0.7	2	0	2	1	3	0	2	0.3
	TEAM														15	15	30	2.3				2				
Cornell Totals		**13**		**2600**	**-40.0**	**374**	**-725**	**.516**	**118**	**-259**	**.456**	**183**	**-233**	**.785**	**116**	**329**	**445**	**34.2**	**224**	**3**	**228**	**161**	**44**	**78**	**1049**	**80.7**
Opponent Totals		**13**		**2600**	**-40.0**	**307**	**-722**	**.425**	**94**	**-260**	**.362**	**161**	**-225**	**.716**	**121**	**266**	**387**	**29.8**	**251**	**-**	**173**	**178**	**32**	**69**	**869**	**66.8**

2007-08 Cornell Men's Basketball Statistics (Away Games Only)

				TOTAL			3-PTS					REBOUNDS										
No.	Player	GP	-GS	Min	-Avg	FG	-FGA	Pct	3FG	-FGA	Pct	FT	-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
20	Ryan Wittman	14	-14	501	-35.8	78	-179	.436	40	-97	.412	29	-32	.906	7	42	49	3.5	35	0	24	27	3	13	225	16.1
12	Louis Dale	14	-14	403	-28.8	60	-133	.451	15	-45	.333	51	-57	.895	14	35	49	3.5	46	3	59	47	6	21	186	13.3
23	Adam Gore	14	-14	381	-27.2	42	-95	.442	30	-71	.423	23	-26	.885	4	24	28	2.0	33	1	17	17	0	18	137	9.8
33	Alex Tyler	14	-14	347	-24.8	49	-92	.533	0	-1	.000	35	-51	.686	22	46	68	4.9	38	2	15	22	10	5	133	9.5
44	Jason Hartford	14	-9	248	-17.7	42	-74	.568	8	-22	.364	10	-14	.714	25	31	56	4.0	18	0	6	10	3	3	102	7.3
1	Jeff Foote	13	-0	266	-20.5	31	-60	.517	0	-0	.000	29	-53	.547	23	62	85	6.5	32	0	17	26	11	5	91	7.0
15	Geoff Reeves	13	-0	142	-10.9	12	-33	.364	6	-14	.429	2	-5	.400	5	20	25	1.9	15	0	6	12	2	4	32	2.5
34	Brian Kreefer	11	-5	120	-10.9	12	-20	.600	0	-1	.000	1	-5	.200	6	13	19	1.7	13	0	10	9	2	2	25	2.3
5	Jason Battle	14	-0	122	-8.7	9	-14	.643	0	-0	.000	5	-7	.714	3	13	16	1.1	12	0	11	9	0	3	23	1.6
13	Andre Wilkins	13	-0	68	-5.2	3	-8	.375	0	-0	.000	2	-4	.500	1	7	8	0.6	5	0	0	4	0	2	8	0.6
22	Conor Mullen	6	-0	8	-1.3	0	-3	.000	0	-2	.000	2	-4	.500	1	1	2	0.3	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.3
25	Jon Jaques	6	-0	8	-1.3	0	-1	.000	0	-1	.000	2	-2	1.000	0	1	1	0.2	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	0.3
24	Adam Wire	6	-0	10	-1.7	1	-2	.500	0	-0	.000	0	-0	.000	1	1	2	0.3	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	0.3
40	Pete Reynolds	6	-0	9	-1.5	0	-1	.000	0	-0	.000	0	-0	.000	0	1	1	0.2	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0.0
4	Aaron Osgood	3	-0	5	-1.7	0	-0	.000	0	-0	.000	0	-0	.000	0	1	1	0.3	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0.0
	TEAM														18	27	45	3.2				1				
Cornell Totals		**14**		**2825**	**-40.4**	**366**	**-778**	**.470**	**102**	**-273**	**.374**	**200**	**-269**	**.743**	**132**	**337**	**469**	**33.5**	**269**	**6**	**192**	**209**	**41**	**84**	**1034**	**73.9**
Opponent Totals		**14**		**2825**	**-40.4**	**335**	**-799**	**.419**	**92**	**-259**	**.355**	**209**	**-306**	**.683**	**174**	**321**	**495**	**35.4**	**267**	**-**	**184**	**212**	**37**	**104**	**971**	**69.4**

2007-08 Cornell Men's Basketball Statistics (Games Won Only)

				TOTAL			3-PTS					REBOUNDS											
No.	Player	GP	-GS	Min	-Avg	FG	-FGA	Pct	3FG	-FGA	Pct	FT	-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
20	Ryan Wittman	22	-22	731	-33.2	122	-240	.508	60	-125	.480	43	-51	.843	10	92	102	4.6	43	0	38	36	3	19	347	15.8
12	Louis Dale	22	-22	634	-28.8	100	-214	.467	28	-79	.354	82	-92	.891	24	74	98	4.5	57	1	113	65	9	26	310	14.1
23	Adam Gore	22	-22	605	-27.5	63	-143	.441	46	-109	.422	61	-66	.924	8	34	42	1.9	42	0	32	24	0	25	233	10.6
33	Alex Tyler	21	-21	458	-21.8	66	-122	.541	0	-1	.000	40	-57	.702	28	66	94	4.5	63	3	20	30	15	7	172	8.2
1	Jeff Foote	18	-0	382	-21.2	53	-93	.570	0	-0	.000	39	-63	.619	29	80	109	6.1	51	1	29	25	25	5	145	8.1
44	Jason Hartford	22	-18	421	-19.1	74	-124	.597	9	-30	.300	15	-21	.714	37	62	99	4.5	34	0	11	23	7	7	172	7.8
15	Geoff Reeves	21	-0	275	-13.1	32	-69	.464	16	-33	.485	4	-9	.444	8	26	34	1.6	21	0	14	19	2	8	84	4.0
34	Brian Kreefer	17	-5	188	-11.1	24	-34	.706	3	-4	.750	5	-13	.385	5	13	18	1.1	14	0	21	15	2	4	56	3.3
13	Andre Wilkins	21	-0	144	-6.9	16	-29	.552	0	-0	.000	9	-14	.643	11	17	28	1.3	9	0	3	5	1	8	41	2.0
5	Jason Battle	22	-0	233	-10.6	14	-32	.438	1	-1	1.000	12	-15	.800	8	25	33	1.5	18	0	19	16	1	5	41	1.9
22	Conor Mullen	11	-0	24	-2.2	5	-10	.500	3	-6	.500	4	-7	.571	1	4	5	0.5	3	0	5	2	1	0	17	1.5
4	Aaron Osgood	8	-0	25	-3.1	4	-5	.800	0	-0	.000	0	-0	.000	0	3	3	0.4	4	0	0	2	0	0	8	1.0
25	Jon Jaques	10	-0	33	-3.3	2	-11	.182	2	-8	.250	4	-4	1.000	3	4	7	0.7	6	0	0	4	0	3	10	1.0
24	Adam Wire	9	-0	27	-3.0	3	-6	.500	1	-1	1.000	0	-0	.000	3	2	5	0.6	4	0	2	2	0	1	7	0.8
40	Pete Reynolds	11	-0	30	-2.7	1	-2	.500	0	-0	.000	0	-1	.000	0	6	6	0.5	3	0	3	1	5	0	2	0.2
	TEAM														27	31	58	2.6				2				
Cornell Totals		**22**		**4425**	**-40.2**	**605**	**-1192**	**.508**	**175**	**-414**	**.423**	**330**	**-428**	**.771**	**203**	**555**	**758**	**34.5**	**381**	**5**	**344**	**294**	**72**	**127**	**1715**	**78.0**
Opponent Totals		**22**		**4425**	**-40.2**	**493**	**-1220**	**.404**	**148**	**-420**	**.352**	**279**	**-394**	**.708**	**230**	**447**	**677**	**30.8**	**433**	**-**	**266**	**314**	**57**	**133**	**1413**	**64.2**

2007-08 Cornell Men's Basketball Statistics (Games Lost Only)

				TOTAL			3-PTS					REBOUNDS											
No.	Player	GP	-GS	Min	-Avg	FG	-FGA	Pct	3FG	-FGA	Pct	FT	-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
20	Ryan Wittman	5	-5	177	-35.4	23	-65	.354	16	-38	.421	7	-7	1.000	2	11	13	2.6	15	0	3	10	1	6	69	13.8
12	Louis Dale	5	-5	138	-27.6	20	-48	.417	8	-19	.421	14	-14	1.000	6	14	20	4.0	21	2	23	18	2	8	62	12.4
1	Jeff Foote	3	-0	64	-21.3	9	-15	.600	0	-0	.000	8	-19	.421	7	18	25	8.3	6	0	3	7	5	2	26	8.7
23	Adam Gore	5	-5	131	-26.2	13	-33	.394	11	-28	.393	4	-4	1.000	3	9	12	2.4	15	1	8	5	0	5	41	8.2
33	Alex Tyler	5	-5	126	-25.2	17	-31	.548	0	-0	.000	6	-11	.545	6	12	18	3.6	13	0	3	11	1	2	40	8.0
44	Jason Hartford	4	-2	59	-14.8	9	-19	.474	4	-7	.571	2	-3	.667	5	6	11	2.8	4	0	3	3	0	1	24	6.0
34	Brian Kreefer	5	-3	77	-15.4	8	-17	.471	0	-4	.000	2	-4	.500	4	10	14	2.8	7	0	8	5	2	1	18	3.6
5	Jason Battle	5	-0	30	-6.0	5	-6	.833	0	-0	.000	2	-2	1.000	1	4	5	1.0	4	0	2	0	0	2	12	2.4
15	Geoff Reeves	5	-0	22	-4.4	2	-7	.286	1	-5	.200	0	-0	.000	0	4	4	0.8	6	0	0	1	1	0	5	1.0
13	Andre Wilkins	5	-0	34	-6.8	1	-5	.200	0	-0	.000	1	-2	.500	1	2	3	0.6	4	0	0	3	0	1	3	0.6
25	Jon Jaques	2	-0	1	-0.5	0	-1	.000	0	-1	.000	0	-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
24	Adam Wire	2	-0	1	-0.5	0	-1	.000	0	-0	.000	0	-0	.000	0	1	1	0.5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
40	Pete Reynolds	2	-0	1	-0.5	0	-1	.000	0	-0	.000	0	-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
22	Conor Mullen	2	-0	1	-0.5	0	-1	.000	0	-0	.000	0	-0	.000	1	0	1	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
	TEAM														6	11	17	3.4				1				
Cornell Totals		**5**		**1000**	**-40.0**	**135**	**-311**	**.434**	**45**	**-118**	**.381**	**53**	**-74**	**.716**	**45**	**111**	**156**	**31.2**	**112**	**4**	**76**	**76**	**13**	**35**	**368**	**73.6**
Opponent Totals		**5**		**1000**	**-40.0**	**149**	**-301**	**.495**	**38**	**-99**	**.384**	**91**	**-137**	**.664**	**65**	**140**	**205**	**41.0**	**85**	**-**	**91**	**76**	**12**	**40**	**427**	**85.4**

2007-08 Cornell Men's Basketball Statistics (Current 16-Game Win Streak)

				TOTAL			3-PTS					REBOUNDS											
No.	Player	GP	-GS	Min	-Avg	FG	-FGA	Pct	3FG	-FGA	Pct	FT	-FTA	Pct	Off	Def	Tot	Avg	PF	FO	A	TO	Blk	Stl	Pts	Avg
20	Ryan Wittman	16	-16	534	-33.4	86	-178	.483	38	-88	.432	34	-38	.895	7	62	69	4.3	28	0	29	23	2	14	244	15.3
12	Louis Dale	16	-16	456	-28.5	72	-156	.462	18	-58	.310	57	-64	.891	16	53	69	4.3	41	1	73	45	6	19	219	13.7
23	Adam Gore	16	-16	450	-28.1	51	-109	.468	36	-81	.444	41	-44	.932	5	25	30	1.9	29	0	22	16	0	18	179	11.2
33	Alex Tyler	15	-15	342	-22.8	49	-87	.563	0	-1	.000	30	-42	.714	20	43	63	4.2	44	2	17	15	11	5	128	8.5
1	Jeff Foote	16	-0	356	-22.3	50	-86	.581	0	-0	.000	35	-56	.625	26	76	102	6.4	47	1	27	23	24	5	135	8.4
44	Jason Hartford	16	-14	327	-20.4	56	-95	.589	6	-23	.261	11	-16	.688	32	47	79	4.9	24	0	10	14	5	5	129	8.1
15	Geoff Reeves	16	-0	243	-15.2	29	-62	.468	15	-31	.484	4	-9	.444	7	25	32	2.0	19	0	14	18	2	7	77	4.8
5	Jason Battle	16	-0	175	-10.9	11	-24	.458	1	-1	1.000	10	-12	.833	7	20	27	1.7	14	0	18	11	1	3	33	2.1
22	Conor Mullen	11	-0	24	-2.2	5	-10	.500	3	-6	.500	4	-7	.571	1	4	5	0.5	3	0	5	2	1	0	17	1.5
13	Andre Wilkins	15	-0	65	-4.3	8	-14	.571	0	-0	.000	4	-8	.500	5	9	14	0.9	5	0	1	1	0	3	20	1.3
25	Jon Jaques	10	-0	33	-3.3	2	-11	.182	2	-8	.250	4	-4	1.000	3	4	7	0.7	6	0	0	4	0	3	10	1.0
4	Aaron Osgood	8	-0	25	-3.1	4	-5	.800	0	-0	.000	0	-0	.000	0	3	3	0.4	4	0	0	2	0	0	8	1.0
24	Adam Wire	8	-0	25	-3.1	3	-6	.500	1	-1	1.000	0	-0	.000	2	2	4	0.5	4	0	2	2	0	1	7	0.9
34	Brian Kreefer	12	-3	73	-6.1	4	-11	.364	1	-2	.500	0	-1	.000	4	6	10	0.8	5	0	8	8	2	0	9	0.8
40	Pete Reynolds	10	-0	29	-2.9	1	-2	.500	0	-0	.000	0	-1	.000	0	6	6	0.6	3	0	3	1	4	0	2	0.2
	TEAM														21	22	43	2.7				2				
Cornell Totals		**16**		**3200**	**-40.0**	**435**	**-866**	**.502**	**121**	**-302**	**.401**	**236**	**-304**	**.776**	**156**	**412**	**568**	**35.5**	**280**	**4**	**234**	**191**	**58**	**84**	**1227**	**76.7**
Opponent Totals		**16**		**3200**	**-40.0**	**329**	**-843**	**.390**	**107**	**-302**	**.354**	**208**	**-294**	**.707**	**149**	**318**	**467**	**29.2**	**308**	**-**	**179**	**220**	**40**	**87**	**973**	**60.8**

The Team Record Charts

Season Points

1.	**2007-08**	**2,088**
2.	1965-66	2,044
3.	1987-88	2,033
	1963-64	2,033
5.	1989-90	2,022
6.	1964-65	2,004
7.	1986-87	1,936
8.	1971-72	1,928
9.	2003-04	1,904
10.	1966-67	1,873

Season Scoring Average

1.	1965-66	85.2
2.	1964-65	83.5
3.	1963-64	81.3
4.	1971-72	80.3
5.	1966-67	78.0
6.	**2007-08**	**77.1**
7.	1987-88	75.3
8.	1986-87	74.5
9.	1959-60	71.4
10.	1955-56	71.3
	1967-68	71.3
	1968-69	71.3

Season Field Goals

1.	1965-66	836
2.	1964-65	808
3.	1963-64	795
4.	1966-67	747
5.	**2007-08**	**740**
	1971-72	740
7.	1987-88	728
8.	1972-73	715
	1986-87	715
10.	1967-68	708
	1968-69	708

Season Field Goal Attempts

1.	1965-66	1912
2.	1949-50	1863
3.	1964-65	1808
4.	1971-72	1806
5.	1963-64	1798
6.	1951-52	1787
7.	1972-73	1771
8.	1966-67	1733
9.	1950-51	1720
10.	1967-68	1714
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Season Field Goal Percentage

1.	1984-85	.526
2.	1985-86	.509
3.	**2007-08**	**.492**
4.	1986-87	.489
5.	1987-88	.486
6.	2006-07	.468
7.	1983-84	.466
8.	1980-81	.460
9.	1975-76	.459
10.	1996-97	.458

Season 3-Pointers

1.	**2007-08**	**220**
2.	2001-02	200
3.	2006-07	198
4.	2005-06	196
5.	1995-96	186
6.	2004-05	184
7.	2003-04	176
8.	2000-01	173
9.	2002-03	172
10.	1994-95	165

Season 3-Point Attempts

1.	2001-02	640
2.	2000-01	585
3.	2005-06	538
4.	2003-04	535
5.	1995-96	534
6.	**2007-08**	**532**
7.	2002-03	505
8.	2006-07	500
9.	2004-05	486
10.	1999-2000	476

Season 3-Point Percentage

1.	1989-90	.438
2.	**2007-08**	**.414**
3.	2006-07	.396
4.	1988-89	.379
	2004-05	.379
6.	1990-91	.374
7.	2005-06	.364
8.	1996-97	.359
9.	1992-93	.358
10.	1994-95	.351

Season Free Throws

1.	1953-54	569
2.	1989-90	508
3.	1987-88	499
4.	1955-56	486
5.	1970-71	479
6.	1952-53	458
	1956-57	458
8.	1971-72	448
9.	1986-87	447
10.	1963-64	443
--	**2007-08**	**383**

Season Free Throw Attempts

1.	1953-54	852
2.	1989-90	795
3.	1955-56	730
4.	1970-71	728
5.	1956-57	699
6.	1971-72	687
7.	1952-53	685
8.	1954-55	676
9.	1987-88	681
10.	1963-64	679
--	**2007-08**	**502**

Season Free Throw Percentage

1.	**2007-08**	**.763**
2.	1962-63	.759
3.	1977-78	.752
	1992-93	.752
5.	2006-07	.751
6.	2004-05	.750
7.	1984-85	.747
8.	1987-88	.733
9.	1991-92	.725
10.	1986-87	.723

Season Rebounds

1.	1963-64	1580
2.	1959-60	1492
3.	1961-62	1463
4.	1953-54	1394
5.	1960-61	1384
6.	1955-56	1378
7.	1962-63	1334
8.	1954-55	1268
	1965-66	1268
10.	1966-67	1261
--	**2007-08**	**914**

Season Rebounding Average

1.	1959-60	64.9
2.	1963-64	63.2
3.	1961-62	58.5
4.	1960-61	57.7
5.	1955-56	57.4
6.	1962-63	55.6
7.	1958-59	53.7
8.	1953-54	53.6
9.	1954-55	52.8
	1965-66	52.8
--	**2007-08**	**33.9**

Season Assists

1.	1950-51	530
2.	1953-54	524
3.	1955-56	449
4.	1951-52	447
	1954-55	447
6.	**2007-08**	**420**
7.	1996-97	416
8.	1987-88	403
9.	1986-87	397
10.	1952-53	375

Season Steals

1.	2003-04	236
2.	1992-93	223
3.	2002-03	201
4.	1999-2000	200
5.	2005-06	199
6.	1993-94	197
7.	1991-92	194
8.	2000-01	193
9.	1994-95	190
10.	2001-02	190
--	**2007-08**	**162**

Season Blocks

1.	1996-97	117
2.	1997-98	110
3.	1989-90	108
4.	1988-89	102
5.	1998-99	99
6.	2003-04	88
7.	1994-95	85
	2007-08	**85**
9.	2004-05	82
10.	1992-93	78

The Cornell Season Charts

Season Points

1.	Mike Davis (1977-78)	557
2.	Charles Rolles (1955-56)	553
3.	Ka'Ron Barnes (2003-04)	544
4.	John Bajusz (1986-87)	505
5.	Mike Davis (1978-79)	494
6.	John Sheehy (1954-55)	493
7.	Maynard Brown (1974-75)	491
8.	Ken Bantum (1984-85)	481
9.	Greggory Morris (1966-67)	480
10.	John Bajusz (1985-86)	479
11.	John McCord (1996-97)	471
12.	Kenneth Wiens (1970-71)	451
13.	Stephen Cram (1965-66)	442
14.	Louis Jordan (1958-59)	441
15.	Lee Morton (1953-54)	437
16.	Ryan Wittman (2006-07)	436
17.	Jerry Szachara (1962-63)	433
18.	William Schwarzkopf (1969-70)	423
	Bernard Vaughan (1975-76)	423
20.	Maynard Brown (1975-76)	420
--	**Ryan Wittman (2007-08)**	**416**

Season Field Goals

1.	Mike Davis (1977-78)	236
2.	Charles Rolles (1955-56)	217
3.	John Bajusz (1985-86)	195
4.	Greggory Morris (1966-67)	194
5.	Mike Davis (1978-79)	192
6.	Maynard Brown (1974-75)	186
	John McCord (1996-97)	186
8.	Ka'Ron Barnes (2003-04)	184
9.	Stephen Cram (1965-66)	182
10.	John Bajusz (1986-87)	178
11.	John Sheehy (1954-55)	177
12.	Jerry Szachara (1962-63)	175
13.	Maynard Brown (1975-76)	174
14.	Kenneth Wiens (1970-71)	172
15.	Robert DeLuca (1965-66)	169
16.	William Baugh (1961-62)	165
	Walt Esdaile (1968-69)	165
	Tod McClaskey (1973-74)	165
19.	George Farley (1959-60)	164
	John Bajusz (1984-85)	164
--	**Ryan Wittman (2007-08)**	**145**

Season Field Goal Attempts

1.	Charles Rolles (1955-56)	495
2.	Mike Davis (1977-78)	486
3.	Mike Davis (1978-79)	462
4.	Ka'Ron Barnes (2003-04)	447
5.	Jerry Szachara (1962-63)	415
6.	Maynard Brown (1974-75)	412
7.	Robert DeLuca (1965-66)	401
8.	Greggory Morris (1966-67)	392
9.	William Baugh (1961-62)	390
10.	Jay Harris (1959-60)	389
11.	Bernard Vaughan (1975-76)	375
	Lee Morton (1953-54)	375
13.	William Schwarzkopf (1969-70)	374
14.	Stephen Cram (1965-66)	367
	Jerry Szachara (1961-62)	367
16.	Lee Morton (1952-53)	366
17.	John Bajusz (1986-87)	365
18.	Robert DeLuca (1964-65)	364
	Abby Lucas (1973-74)	364
20.	Maynard Brown (1975-76)	363
	Charles Rolles (1954-55)	363
--	**Ryan Wittman (2007-08)**	**305**

Season Field Goal Percentage

Minimum 125 field goal attempts

1.	James Maglisceau (1963-64)	.638
2.	Ken Bantum (1984-85)	.622
3.	Eric Taylor (2004-05)	.608
4.	John Bajusz (1984-85)	.607
5.	Eric Taylor (2003-04)	.585
6.	John McCord (1996-97)	.583
	Greg Gilda (1986-87)	.583
8.	**Jason Hartford (2007-08)**	**.580**
9.	Mike Millane (1987-88)	.572
10.	Mike Millane (1986-87)	.570
11.	John Bajusz (1985-86)	.565
12.	Dean Kartsonas (1986-87)	.564
13.	Brian Hather (1973-74)	.559
14.	Eric Taylor (2002-03)	.558
15.	Rick Amato (1970-71)	.547
16.	Rick Amato (1971-72)	.545
17.	**Alex Tyler (2007-08)**	**.542**
18.	Jeffrion Aubry (1998-99)	.541
	James Paul (1987-88)	.541
20.	Andrew Naeve (2006-07)	.540

Season 3-Pointers

1.	Ryan Wittman (2006-07)	93
2.	Adam Gore (2005-06)	83
3.	Brandt Schuckman (1995-96)	79
4.	Cody Toppert (2003-04)	77
5.	**Ryan Wittman (2007-08)**	**76**
6.	Brandt Schuckman (1994-95)	75
7.	Alex Compton (1996-97)	65
8.	Alex Compton (1995-96)	61
	Cody Toppert (2004-05)	61
10.	Shawn Mahraj (1989-90)	59
11.	**Adam Gore (2007-08)**	**57**
	Brandt Schuckman (1993-94)	57
13.	Ka'Ron Barnes (2003-04)	56
14.	Shawn Mahraj (1991-92)	54
15.	Jeff Gaca (1992-93)	53
16.	Steve Johnson (1989-90)	52
	Lenny Collins (2005-06)	52
18.	Shawn Mahraj (1990-91)	51
	Jeff Gaca (1991-92)	51
	Cody Toppert (2001-02)	51

Season 3-Point Attempts

1.	Ryan Wittman (2006-07)	216
2.	Cody Toppert (2003-04)	215
3.	Brandt Schuckman (1995-96)	209
4.	Adam Gore (2005-06)	198
5.	Brandt Schuckman (1994-95)	193
6.	Cody Toppert (2004-05)	169
7.	Alex Compton (1995-96)	168
8.	Brandt Schuckman (1993-94)	165
9.	**Ryan Wittman (2007-08)**	**163**
10.	Kevin Cuttica (2000-01)	162
11.	Ka'Ron Barnes (2003-04)	161
12.	Alex Compton (1996-97)	153
13.	Jeff Gaca (1991-92)	150
14.	Cody Toppert (2001-02)	149
15.	Lenny Collins (2005-06)	145
16.	Ray Mercedes (1998-99)	143
17.	Wallace Prather (2001-02)	142
18.	Ray Mercedes (1997-98)	141
	Cody Toppert (2002-03)	141
20.	**Adam Gore (2007-08)**	**137**

Season 3-Point Percentage

Minimum 50 field goal attempts

1.	Will Scott (2004-05)	.484
2.	Louis Dale (2006-07)	.468
	Shawn Maharaj (1989-90)	.468
4.	**Ryan Wittman (2007-08)**	**.466**
5.	Ryan Wittman (2006-07)	.431
6.	Jacques Vigneault (2001-02)	.427
7.	Alex Compton (1996-97)	.425
	Shawn Maharaj (1990-91)	.421
	Grant Harrell (2002-03)	.421
10.	Steve Johnson (1989-90)	.419
	Adam Gore (2005-06)	.419
12.	John Bajusz (1986-87)	.418
13.	**Adam Gore (2007-08)**	**.416**
14.	Ray Mercedes (1999-00)	.411
15.	Lenny Collins (2004-05)	.409
16.	Jeff Gaca (1992-93)	.405
	Sam Jacobs (1987-88)	.405
18.	Bo Buettenback (1994-95)	.404
19.	Shawn Maharaj 1991-92	.403
20.	Dan Wendt (1994-95)	.398

Season Free Throws

1.	Louis Jordan (1956-57)	160
2.	Lee Morton (1952-53)	158
3.	Ken Bantum (1984-85)	155
4.	John Sheehy (1954-55)	139
	Louis Jordan (1958-59)	139
6.	Louis Jordan (1957-58)	136
7.	Lee Morton (1953-54)	129
8.	Irvin Roberson (1955-56)	123
9.	Ka'Ron Barnes (2003-04)	120
	Rick Amato (1970-71)	120
11.	Greg Gilda (1987-88)	119
	Maynard Brown (1974-75)	119
	Charles Rolles (1955-56)	119
14.	Robert Gale (1947-48)	117
15.	Paul Gerwin (1950-51)	116
16.	William Schwarzkopf (1969-70)	115
17.	Ken Bantum (1983-84)	113
18.	Mike Davis (1978-79)	110
	John Petry (1960-61)	110
20.	John Bajusz (1986-87)	108
--	**Louis Dale (2007-08)**	**96**

Season Free Throw Attempts

1.	Lee Morton (1952-53)	231
2.	Ken Bantum (1984-85)	217
3.	Louis Jordan (1956-57)	214
4.	John Sheehy (1954-55)	201
	Ken Bantum (1983-84)	201
6.	Louis Jordan (1958-59)	192
7.	John Petry (1960-61)	190
8.	Rick Amato (1970-71)	188
9.	Louis Jordan (1957-58)	184
10.	Robert Gale (1947-48)	180
11.	Irvin Roberson (1955-56)	179
12.	Lee Morton (1953-54)	169
13.	Bernard Jackson (1989-90)	168
14.	Maynard Brown (1974-75)	163
15.	Rick Amato (1971-72)	161
16.	Charles Rolles (1955-56)	159
17.	Greg Gilda (1987-88)	158
18.	William Schwarzkopf (1969-70)	156
	John Sheehy (1953-54)	156
20.	Ka'Ron Barnes (2003-04)	155
	Paul Gerwin (1950-51)	155

Season Free Throw Percentage

Minimum 50 free throw attempts

1.	**Adam Gore (2007-08)**	**.929**
2.	**Louis Dale (2007-08)**	**.906**
3.	John Bajusz (1985-86)	.899
4.	Ryan Wittman (2006-07)	.887
5.	Jeff Gaca (1992-93)	.875
6.	Alex Compton (1995-96)	.867
7.	**Ryan Wittman (2007-08)**	**.862**
8.	Blaine Aston (1964-65)	.860
9.	John Bajusz (1984-85)	.857
10.	Ryan Rourke (2004-05)	.854
11.	Alex Compton (1996-97)	.852
12.	John Bajusz (1986-87)	.850
13.	Justin Treadwell (1992-93)	.849
14.	Jerry Szachara (1962-63)	.847
15.	Sam Jacobs (1987-88)	.844
16.	James Paul (1987-88)	.840
	Cody Toppert (2003-04)	.840
	Lenny Collins (2004-05)	.840
19.	Brent Fisher (1997-98)	.839
20.	Drew Martin (1984-85)	.837

Season Rebounds

1.	George Farley (1959-60)	466
2.	Irvin Roberson (1955-56)	423
3.	George Farley (1958-59)	405
4.	John Sheehy (1954-55)	383
5.	Fred Eydt (1950-51)	372
6.	Fred Eydt (1951-52)	358
7.	Walter Esdaile (1966-67)	315
8.	William Schwarzkopf (1969-70)	307
9.	Gerald Krumbein (1961-62)	305
10.	Walter Esdaile (1967-68)	294
11.	Gerald Krumbein (1962-63)	285
12.	John Werner (1951-52)	281
13.	John Petry (1960-61)	279
14.	William Schwarzkopf (1968-69)	276
15.	Garry Munson (1965-66)	275
16.	Raymond Zelek (1953-54)	274
17.	William Baugh (1961-62)	273
18.	Stephen Cram (1965-66)	261
19.	David Zornow (1958-59)	252
20.	Stephen Cram (1963-64)	250

Season Assists

1.	Roger Chadwick (1951-52)	171
2.	Roger Chadwick (1950-51)	170
3.	David Bradfield (1953-54)	150
4.	Richard Meade (1954-55)	141
5.	Hawathia Wilson (1982-83)	139
6.	**Louis Dale (2007-08)**	**136**
	Charles Rolles (1955-56)	136
8.	Richard Meade (1955-56)	128
9.	Ka'Ron Barnes (2003-04)	125
10.	Michael Roberts (1996-97)	121
	Charles Rolles (1953-54)	121
	Charles Rolles (1954-55)	121
13.	Paul Gerwin (1950-51)	119
14.	Frank Ableson (1993-94)	116
15.	David Bradfield (1952-53)	110
	Josh Wexler (1987-88)	110
17.	Graham Dow (2006-07)	109
	Louis Jordan (1957-58)	109
19.	Ka'Ron Barnes (2002-03)	107
20.	Len Palmer (1983-84)	106
	Jim Willmot (1972-73)	106

Season Steals

1.	Wallace Prather (2001-02)	54
	DeShawn Standard (1997-98)	54
3.	Lenny Collins (2003-04)	52
4.	Michael Parker (1992-93)	51
	Ka'Ron Barnes (2003-04)	51
	Wallace Prather (1999-00)	51
	Zeke Marshall (1992-93)	51
8.	Wallace Prather (1998-99)	49
	Drew Martin (1985-86)	49
	Graham Dow (2005-06)	49
11.	Frank Ableson (1993-94)	47
	George Hall (1981-82)	47
13.	John Bajusz (1983-84)	46
	Michael Roberts (1996-97)	46
	Ka'Ron Barnes (2002-03)	46
	Zeke Marshall (1993-94)	46
17.	Graham Dow (2006-07)	45
18.	Hawathia Wilson (1982-83)	44
19.	Wallace Prather (2000-01)	43
20.	John Bajusz (1984-85)	39
	Steve Johnson (1989-90)	39
	Brad Bomba (1981-82)	39
--	**Louis Dale (2007-08)**	**34**
--	**Adam Gore (2007-08)**	**30**

Season Blocks

1.	Bernard Jackson (1989-90)	65
2.	Jeffrion Aubry (1998-99)	63
3.	Bernard Jackson (1988-89)	56
4.	Andrew Naeve (2006-07)	53
	Jeffrion Aubry (1996-97)	53
	Jeffrion Aubry (1997-98)	53
	Bernard Jackson (1990-91)	53
8.	Andrew Naeve (2005-06)	37
9.	John McCord (1996-97)	34
10.	Alex Reynolds (1980-81)	33
11.	Eddie Samuel (1994-95)	32
12.	Ken Bantum (1982-83)	31
13.	**Jeff Foote (2007-08)**	**30**
14.	Andrew Naeve (2004-05)	28
15.	Zeke Marshall (1992-93)	27
	Ken Bantum (1983-84)	27
	Ken Bantum (1984-85)	27
18.	Randy Gabler (2001-02)	26
	Eric Taylor (2002-03)	25
	Eric Taylor (2003-04)	25

Season Minutes

1.	John Bajusz (1985-86)	993
2.	Ryan Wittman (2006-07)	991
3.	Mike Davis (1978-79)	974
4.	John Bajusz (1986-87)	961
5.	Drew Martin (1985-86)	958
6.	Mike Davis (1977-78)	955
7.	John Bajusz (1983-84)	954
8.	Mike Allen (1980-81)	953
9.	John Bajusz (1984-85)	952
10.	George Hall (1981-82)	950
11.	Ka'Ron Barnes (2003-04)	949
12.	Alex Compton (1996-97)	928
13.	Sam Jacobs (1987-88)	927
14.	Shawn Maharaj (1989-90)	923
15.	Brad Bomba (1983-84)	920
16.	Lenny Collins (2005-06)	919
17.	Lenny Collins (2004-05)	911
18.	**Ryan Wittman (2007-08)**	**908**
	Hawathia Wilson (1982-83)	908
20.	Cody Toppert (2003-04)	905

The Cornell Career Charts

Career Points

1.	John Bajusz (1983-87)	1,663
2.	Ray Mercedes (1997-01)	1,429
3.	Ken Bantum (1981-85)	1,411
4.	Mike Davis (1977-80)	1,400
5.	Ka'Ron Barnes (2000-04)	1,396
6.	Shawn Maharaj (1988-92)	1,258
7.	Chuck Rolles (1953-56)	1,253
8.	Cody Toppert (2001-05)	1,232
9.	Louis Jordan (1956-59)	1,217
10.	Lenny Collins (2002-06)	1,212
11.	Wallace Prather (1998-02)	1,171
12.	Drew Martin (1982-86)	1,153
13.	Gregg Morris (1965-68)	1,133
14.	Steve Cram (1963-66)	1,131
15.	Jerry Szachara (1960-63)	1,114
16.	Zeke Marshall (1990-94)	1,062
17.	Jeff Gaca (1989-93)	1,059
18.	Walt Esdaile (1966-69)	1,014
19.	Eric Taylor (2001-05)	1,011
20.	Mike Lucas (1978-82)	1,008
21.	Brandt Schuckman (1992-96)	1,003

ACTIVE LEADERS

--	**Ryan Wittman (2006-pr)**	**952**
--	**Louis Dale (2006-pr)**	**744**
--	**Adam Gore (2005-pr)**	**655**

Career Field Goals

1.	John Bajusz (1983-87)	647
2.	Mike Davis (1977-80)	569
3.	Ray Mercedes (1997-01)	493
4.	Ken Bantum (1981-85)	491
5.	Charles Rolles (1953-56)	480
6.	Ka'Ron Barnes (2000-04)	479
7.	Stephen Cram (1963-66)	457
8.	Jerry Szachara (1960-63)	452
9.	Drew Martin (1982-86)	451
10.	Greggory Morris (1965-68)	440
11.	Cody Toppert (2001-05)	429
12.	Lenny Collins (2002-06)	416
13.	Eric Taylor (2001-05)	410
14.	Walter Esdaile (1966-69)	407
15.	Mike Lucas (1978-82)	402
16.	Zeke Marshall (1990-94)	401
17.	Shawn Maharaj (1988-92)	400
18.	Robert DeLuca (1963-66)	394
19.	Louis Jordan (1956-59)	391
	William Baugh (1959-62)	391

ACTIVE LEADER

--	**Ryan WIttman (2006-pr)**	**289**

Career Field Goal Attempts

1.	Mike Davis (1977-80)	1,296
2.	John Bajusz (1983-87)	1,204
3.	Ka'Ron Barnes (2000-04)	1,203
4.	Ray Mercedes (1997-01)	1,181
5.	Charles Rolles (1953-56)	1,158
6.	Jerry Szachara (1960-63)	1,093
7.	Cody Toppert (2001-05)	1,083
8.	Louis Jordan (1956-59)	1,052
9.	Lenny Collins (2002-06)	1,030
10.	Wallace Prather (1998-02)	990
11.	Greggory Morris (1965-68)	981
12.	William Baugh (1959-62)	978
13.	Shawn Maharaj (1988-92)	948
14.	Robert DeLuca (1963-66)	943
15.	Drew Martin (1982-86)	941
16.	Walter Esdaile (1966-69)	936
17.	Stephen Cram (1963-66)	931
18.	Ken Bantum (1981-85)	902
19.	Brandt Schuckman (1992-96)	877
20.	Fred Eydt (1949-52)	871

ACTIVE LEADERS

--	**Ryan Wittman (2006-pr)**	**634**

Career Field Goal Percentage

Minimum 100 field goals made

1.	John McCord (1996-97)	.583
2.	Eric Taylor (2001-05)	.572
3.	**Jason Hartford (2005-pr)**	**.569**
4.	Greg Gilda (1984-88)	.566
5.	James Maglisceau (1962-65)	.563
6.	Mike Millane (1984-88)	.549
7.	Ken Bantum (1981-85)	.544
8.	**Alex Tyler (2006-pr)**	**.537**
9.	John Bajusz (1983-87)	.537
10.	Irvin Roberson (1955-56)	.522
11.	Rick Amato (1969-72)	.520
12.	Derek Kruse (1996-00)	.513
13.	Jeffrion Aubry (1995-99)	.509
14.	Bernard Jackson (1987-91)	.507
15.	Paul Gerwin (1948-51)	.505
16.	James Paul (1984-85, 86-88)	.503
	Wolfgang Florin (1984-88)	.503
18.	Dean Kartsonas (1983-88)	.501
19.	**Brian Kreefer (2005-pr)**	**.495**
20.	Monte Boykin (1986-90)	.493

Career 3-Pointers

1.	Cody Toppert (2001-05)	237
2.	Brandt Schuckman (1992-96)	231
3.	Shawn Maharaj (1988-92)	189
4.	**Ryan Wittman (2006-pr)**	**169**
5.	Ray Mercedes (1997-01)	162
6.	**Adam Gore (2005-pr)**	**145**
	Steve Johnson (1987-91)	145
8.	Jeff Gaca (1989-93)	143
	Wallace Prather (1998-02)	143
	Lenny Collins (2002-06)	143
11.	Kevin Cuttica (1997-01)	142
12.	Alex Compton (1995-97)	126
	Ka'Ron Barnes (2000-04)	126
14.	**Louis Dale (2006-pr)**	**80**
15.	Frank Ableson (1989-91, 92-94)	73
16.	Jacques Vigneault (1999-03)	59
17.	Bo Buettenback (1994-98)	58
18.	Michael Roberts (1993-94, 96-97)	57
19.	Sam Jacobs (1985-88)	54
	Dan Wendt (1994-96)	54

Career 3-Point Attempts

1.	Cody Toppert (2001-05)	674
2.	Brandt Schuckman (1992-96)	618
3.	Ray Mercedes (1997-01)	479
4.	Wallace Prather (1998-02)	454
5.	Shawn Maharaj (1988-92)	450
6.	Kevin Cuttica (1997-01)	439
7.	Ka'Ron Barnes (2000-04)	396
8.	Lenny Collins (2002-06)	395
9.	**Ryan Wittman (2006-pr)**	**379**
10.	Jeff Gaca (1989-93)	373
11.	Steve Johnson (1987-91)	372
12.	**Adam Gore (2005-pr)**	**345**
13.	Alex Compton (1995-97)	321
14.	Frank Ableson (1989-91, 92-94)	197
15.	**Louis Dale (2006-pr)**	**192**
16.	Bo Buettenback (1994-98)	179
17.	Jacques Vigneault (1999-03)	159
18.	Michael Roberts (1993-94, 96-97)	152
19.	Josh Wexler (1985-89)	149
20.	Sam Jacobs (1985-88)	143

Career 3-Point Percentage

Minimum 50 3-point field goals made

1.	**Ryan Wittman (2006-pr)**	**.446**
2.	**Adam Gore (2005-pr)**	**.420**
3.	Shawn Maharaj (1988-92)	.420
4.	**Louis Dale (2006-pr)**	**.417**
5.	Dan Wendt (1994-96)	.397
6.	Alex Compton (1995-97)	.393
7.	Steve Johnson (1987-91)	.390
8.	Jeff Gaca (1989-93)	.383
9.	Sam Jacobs (1985-88)	.378
10.	Michael Roberts (1993-94, 96-97)	.375
11.	Brandt Schuckman (1992-96)	.374
12.	Frank Ableson (1989-91, 92-94)	.371
	Jacques Vigneault (1999-03)	.371
14.	Lenny Collins (2002-06)	.362
15.	Cody Toppert (2001-05)	.352
16.	Ray Mercedes (1997-01)	.338
17.	Bo Buettenback (1994-98)	.324
18.	Kevin Cuttica (1997-01)	.323
19.	Ka'Ron Barnes (2000-04)	.318
20.	Wallace Prather (1998-02)	.315

Career Free Throws

1.	Louis Jordan (1956-59)	435
2.	Ken Bantum (1981-85)	429
3.	John Bajusz (1983-87)	328
4.	Ka'Ron Barnes (2000-04)	312
5.	Lee Morton (1951-54)	308
6.	John Sheehy (1952-55)	296
7.	Charles Rolles (1953-56)	293
8.	Ray Mercedes (1997-01)	281
9.	Wallace Prather (1998-02)	270
10.	Shawn Maharaj (1988-92)	269
11.	Paul Gerwin (1948-51)	264
12.	Mike Davis (1977-80)	262
13.	Rick Amato (1969-72)	259
14.	Greggory Morris (1965-68)	253
15.	Drew Martin (1982-86)	251
16.	Greg Gilda (1984-88)	250
17.	Zeke Marshall (1990-94)	249
18.	Lenny Collins (2002-06)	237
19.	William Schwarzkopf (1967-70)	225
20.	Bernard Jackson (1987-91)	224

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--	**Louis Dale (2006-pr)**	**202**

Career Free Throw Attempts

1.	Ken Bantum (1981-85)	670
2.	Louis Jordan (1956-59)	590
3.	John Sheehy (1952-55)	473
4.	Ray Mercedes (1997-01)	440
5.	Lee Morton (1951-54)	439
6.	Rick Amato (1969-72)	424
	Eric Taylor (2001-05)	424
8.	Ka'Ron Barnes (2000-04)	415
9.	Charles Rolles (1953-56)	402
10.	Bernard Jackson (1987-91)	400
11.	Paul Gerwin (1948-51)	398
12.	Wallace Prather (1998-02)	395
13.	John Bajusz (1983-87)	383
	Drew Martin (1982-86)	383
15.	Greggory Morris (1965-68)	381
16.	Stephen Cram (1963-66)	377
17.	Greg Gilda (1984-88)	361
	Zeke Marshall (1990-94)	361
19.	Shawn Maharaj (1988-92)	358
20.	Mike Lucas (1978-82)	348

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--	**Louis Dale (2006-pr)**	**241**

Career Free Throw Percentage

Minimum 100 free throws made

1.	**Adam Gore (2005-pr)**	**.884**
2.	**Ryan Wittman (2006-pr)**	**.875**
3.	Alex Compton (1995-97)	.860
4.	John Bajusz (1983-87)	.856
5.	Cody Toppert (2001-05)	.846
6.	Sam Jacobs (1985-88)	.844
7.	**Louis Dale (2006-pr)**	**.838**
8.	Jeff Gaca (1989-93)	.822
9.	Lenny Collins (2002-06)	.820
10.	Ryan Rourke (2004-06)	.814
11.	Mike Allen (1978-81)	.811
	Justin Treadwell (1990-94)	.811
13.	Bernard Vaughan (1975-77)	.805
14.	Marvin Van Leeuwen (1962-65)	.797
15.	Mike Davis (1977-80)	.792
16.	Brent Fisher (1994-98)	.789
17.	Brandt Schuckman (1992-96)	.785
18.	Gerald Krumbein (1960-63)	.777
19.	David Bradfield (1951-54)	.776
	Michael Parker (1989-93)	.776

Career Rebounds

1.	George Farley (1957-60)	1089
2.	John Sheehy (1952-55)	866
3.	Walt Esdaile (1966-69)	840
4.	Bill Schwarzkopf (1967-70)	762
5.	Steve Cram (1963-66)	735
6.	Fred Eydt (1949-52)	730
7.	Bill Baugh (1959-62)	695
8.	Garry Munson (1963-66)	645
9.	David Zornow (1957-60)	644
10.	Eric Taylor (2001-05)	643
11.	Ray Zelek (1953-56)	642
12.	Gerald Krumbein (1960-63)	614
13.	Jeffrion Aubry (1995-99)	596
14.	Bernard Jackson (1987-91)	588
15.	Ken Bantum (1981-85)	581
16.	Mike Davis (1977-80)	578
17.	Andrew Naeve (2003-07)	572
18.	Ray Mercedes (1997-01)	557
19.	Brian Kopf (1991-95)	547
20.	Lenny Collins (2002-06)	541

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--	**Louis Dale (2006-pr)**	**239**

Career Assists

1.	Charles Rolles (1953-56)	378
2.	Josh Wexler (1985-89)	377
3.	Roger Chadwick (1949-52)	341
4.	Ka'Ron Barnes (2000-04)	329
5.	DeShawn Standard (1994-98)	320
6.	Wallace Prather (1998-02)	290
7.	John Bajusz (1983-87)	285
8.	Richard Meade (1953-56)	281
9.	Graham Dow (2003-07)	271
10.	David Bradfield (1951-54)	270
11.	Louis Jordan (1956-59)	268
12.	Jerry Szachara (1960-63)	263
13.	Lenny Collins (2002-06)	242
14.	**Louis Dale (2006-pr)**	**240**
15.	Len Palmer (1981-82, 83-86)	238
16.	Shawn Maharaj (1988-92)	223
17.	Ronald Ivkovich (1958-61)	217
18.	Frank Ableson (1989-91, 92-94)	215
19.	Lee Morton (1951-54)	206
	Kevin Cuttica (1997-01)	204

Career Steals

1.	Wallace Prather (1998-02)	197
2.	Graham Dow (2003-07)	166
3.	DeShawn Standard (1994-98)	155
4.	John Bajusz (1983-87)	150
5.	Ka'Ron Barnes (2000-04)	149
	Lenny Collins (2002-06)	149
7.	Zeke Marshall (1990-94)	144
	Drew Martin (1982-86)	144
9.	Shawn Maharaj (1988-92)	101
10.	Josh Wexler (1985-89)	100
	Michael Parker (1989-93)	100
12.	George Hall (1980-83)	95
	Cody Toppert (2001-05)	95
14.	Kevin Cuttica (1997-01)	93
15.	Brad Bomba (1980-84)	92
16.	Steve Johnson (1987-91)	90
17.	Frank Ableson (1989-91, 92-94)	88
18.	Ken Bantum (1981-85)	85
19.	Ray Mercedes (1997-01)	82
20.	Mike Millane (1984-88)	81

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--	**Louis Dale (2006-pr)**	**58**
--	**Adam Gore (2005-pr)**	**56**
--	**Ryan Wittman (2006-pr)**	**52**

Career Blocked Shots

1.	Jeffrion Aubry (1995-99)	191
2.	Bernard Jackson (1987-91)	174
3.	Andrew Naeve (2003-07)	139
4.	Ken Bantum (1981-85)	97
5.	Eric Taylor (2001-05)	85
6.	Keirian Brown (1996-00)	56
	Eddie Samuel (1994-96)	56
8.	Zeke Marshall (1990-94)	44
9.	Justin Treadwell (1990-94)	40
	Derek Kruse (1996-00)	40
11.	Rich Medina (1988-92)	38
12.	John McCord (1996-97)	34
13.	Alex Reynolds (1978-81)	33
14.	Drew Martin (1982-86)	32
15.	Greg Gilda (1984-88)	31
16.	**Jeff Foote (2007-pr)**	**30**
17.	Randy Gabler (1999-02)	29
18.	Dan Wendt (1994-96)	26
	Greg Barratt (1999-01)	26
	Lenny Collins (2002-06)	26

ACTIVE LEADERS

--	**Alex Tyler (2006-pr_**	**17**
--	**Louis Dale (2006-pr)**	**14**
--	**Jason Hartford (2005-pr)**	**14**
--	**Ryan Wittman (2006-pr)**	**11**

Career Games Played

1.	Lenny Collins (2002-06)	109
	Andrew Naeve (2003-07)	109
3.	Cody Toppert (2001-05)	108
4.	Shawn Maharaj (1988-92)	107
	David Lisle (2002-06)	107

Career Games Started

1.	Lenny Collins (2002-06)	102
2.	Shawn Maharaj (1988-92)	101
3.	Cody Toppert (2001-05)	96
4.	Wallace Prather (1998-02)	90
5.	Ka'Ron Barnes (2000-04)	88
6.	Zeke Marshall (1990-94)	84
	Eric Taylor (2001-05)	84
8.	Ray Mercedes (1997-01)	83
9.	DeShawn Standard (1994-98)	77
10.	Kevin Cuttica (1997-01)	76

Career Minutes Played

1.	John Bajusz (1983-87)	3860
2.	Lenny Collins (2002-06)	3545
3.	Drew Martin (1982-86)	3513
4.	Cody Toppert (2001-05)	3488
5.	Ken Bantum (1981-85)	3271
6.	Shawn Maharaj (1988-92)	3264
7.	Wallace Prather (1998-02)	3239
8.	Ka'Ron Barnes (2000-04)	3184
9.	Kevin Cuttica (1997-01)	2996
10.	Brad Bomba (1980-84)	2970

Game 1 — CORNELL 87, LEHIGH 83
NOV. 10, 2007 — NEWMAN ARENA

ITHACA, N.Y. - On a day when Cornell honored its last Ivy championship team at halftime, the current squad opened a promising 2007-08 season with an 87-83 victory over Lehigh at Newman Arena. Cornell led by as many as 15 points in the first half and held off the Mountain Hawks in the final minute in the season opener for both teams. Members of the 1987-88 Ivy championship team were honored at halftime to a rousing ovation by the 2,742 in attendance at Newman Arena for the opener. Jason Hartford had 19 points and seven rebounds in his return. Louis Dale and Ryan Wittman, the third-highest scoring freshman duo in the country a season ago, picked right up where they left off a season ago. Dale had 12 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds in just 20 minutes, while Wittman hit on 5-of-6 from 3-point range for his 15 points. Cornell's defense limited the Mountain Hawks to 23 percent shooting over the first 20 minutes and 41 percent for the game. Four Lehigh players were in double figures, led by Marquis Hall with 16 points and Bryan White with 16 points and 13 rebounds for a double-double.

Lehigh (0-1)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Zahir Carrington, F	17	7-13	0-0	2-5	7	3	2	3	16
Bryan White, F	31	6-11	0-0	4-9	13	2	4	0	16
Marquis Hall, G	35	6-16	4-8	1-2	2	2	1	3	17
Rob Keefer, G	26	3-8	0-3	0-0	1	2	0	2	6
Matt Szalachowski, G	24	3-6	2-5	1-2	3	2	2	4	9
Prentice Small	25	4-13	1-4	4-4	0	2	1	5	13
Dave Buchberger	10	0-3	0-0	0-0	3	0	0	2	0
John Gourlay	22	1-3	0-0	2-2	6	2	0	1	4
Phil Anderson	10	1-3	0-0	0-0	6	0	1	1	2
TEAM					3				
Totals	**200**	**31-76**	**7-20**	**14-24**	**44**	**15**	**11**	**21**	**83**

Cornell (1-0)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Ryan Wittman, F	25	5-6	5-6	0-0	1	1	2	3	15
Jason Hartford, F	24	7-13	2-4	3-4	7	0	2	2	19
Alex Tyler, C	25	4-8	0-0	0-0	7	0	2	5	8
Louis Dale, G	20	2-5	1-1	7-8	7	10	6	3	12
Adam Gore, G	31	2-5	1-3	4-4	4	1	0	4	9
Collin Robinson	27	3-9	0-2	2-3	4	6	4	0	8
Jason Battle	6	1-2	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	2	2
Andre Wilkins	25	4-10	0-0	1-2	6	1	0	1	9
Geoff Reeves	16	2-3	1-1	0-0	1	0	1	0	5
Pete Reynolds	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM					3				
Totals	**200**	**30-61**	**10-17**	**17-22**	**40**	**19**	**17**	**20**	**87**

Blocks: Lehigh 3 (Carrington 2, White); Cornell 5 (Hartford 2, Tyler 2, Reynolds, Wittman). **Steals:** Lehigh 8 (Carrington 3, Small 3, Anderson, Hall); Cornell 6 (Gore 2, Wilkins 2,Reeves, Robinson). **Halftime:** COR 29, LEH 24. **Officials:** Benedict, O'Connell, McEvoy. **Attendance:** 3,742.

NOTES

- The Big Red scored 58 points in the second half, tied for the most by a Cornell team in one half at Newman Arena (Dec. 19, 1993 vs. Cortland).
- Lehigh's 59 points in the second half was the most by any team in a half at Newman.
- With his five 3-point makes, sophomore Ryan Wittman upped his career totals to 98 in just 29 career games. His 5-of-6 (.833) effort from beyond the arc also set a Cornell record for 3-point percentage in a game at Newman Arena (minimum five attempts).
- Sophomore Louis Dale's 10 assists were a career high. He was three rebounds shy of posting the first triple-double in Cornell men's basketball history.
- Sophomore Alex Tyler earned his first career start after coming off the bench in his first 24 career games.
- After going 0-of-2 from the free-throw line in the first half, the Big Red connected on 17-of-20 in the second 20 minutes, including a 7-of-8 performance from Dale.
- Junior Collin Robinson and sophomore Andre Wilkins made their first career appearances for the Big Red. They combined for 17 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists.
- Senior Jason Hartford's 19 points were a game-high and just two points off a career high.
- Junior Adam Gore had nine points, four rebounds and two steals with no turnovers in 31 minutes.

Game 2 — OHIO 102, CORNELL 89
NOV. 17, 2007 — CONVOCATION CENTER

ATHENS, Ohio - Ohio used a big second half surge to run past Cornell 102-89 at the Convocation Center behind 28 points and 15 rebounds from Leon Williams. Cornell placed six players in double figures in the high-scoring affair and led by as many as nine in the second half. Jason Hartford had 18 points, while Ryan Wittman posted 17. Alex Tyler (13 points, six rebounds), Adam Gore (12), Louis Dale (11 points, nine assists) and Collin Robinson (10 points) also hit double figures. The Big Red shot 49 percent overall and 43 percent from beyond the 3-point arc. The visitors had a season-high 21 assists as a team and also hit 12 3-pointers. Williams was joined by Bubba Walther's 25 points and 21 more from Jerome Tillman to lead the Bobcats. Ohio shot 51 percent from the floor and held a 39-33 rebounding advantage, including pulling down 15 key offensive rebounds. Ohio turned the ball over just eight times in the win. In a back-and-forth second half that featured a combined 102 points, Ohio took control over the final 11 minutes and erased a nine-point deficit The Bobcats scored 18 second chance points after the break and surrendered 59 points in the final 20 minutes for the second straight game.

Cornell (1-1)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Ryan Wittman, F	36	5-13	3-8	4-4	4	0	2	4	17
Jason Hartford, F	29	6-11	4-6	2-2	5	1	0	0	18
Alex Tyler, C	32	4-6	0-0	5-7	6	2	6	3	13
Louis Dale, G	27	4-8	1-4	2-2	2	9	2	5	11
Adam Gore, G	26	4-8	3-7	1-1	3	3	1	3	12
Collin Robinson	26	5-12	0-2	0-0	3	5	2	2	10
Jason Battle	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0
Andre Wilkins	14	1-3	0-0	1-2	1	0	3	0	3
Geoff Reeves	5	1-1	1-1	0-0	1	0	1	3	3
Brian Kreefer	3	1-1	0-0	0-2	1	1	0	1	2
TEAM					5				
Totals	**200**	**31-63**	**12-28**	**15-20**	**33**	**21**	**17**	**21**	**89**

Ohio (2-0)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Leon Williams, F	33	10-14	0-0	8-11	15	3	1	2	28
Justin Orr, F	31	3-6	0-1	5-6	3	4	3	1	11
Jerome Tillman, F	30	10-17	1-3	0-2	8	0	1	2	21
Bubba Walther, G	31	7-15	5-13	6-6	3	3	0	3	25
Bert Whittington IV, G	14	1-6	1-3	0-0	0	1	0	1	3
DeVaughn Washington	9	1-1	0-0	0-0	3	0	0	0	2
Michael Allen	27	4-6	2-2	1-5	2	9	2	2	11
Kenneth Van Kempen	7	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	3	0
Andrew Vroman	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Tommy Freeman	16	0-3	0-2	1-2	2	1	1	1	1
Asown Sayles	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM					2				
Totals	**200**	**36-70**	**9-24**	**21-32**	**39**	**21**	**8**	**15**	**102**

Blocks: Cornell 2 (Robinson, Wittman); Ohio 0. **Steals:** Cornell 4 (Gore 2, Dale, Robinson); Ohio 10 (Walther 4, Allen 3, Orr 2, Williams). **Halftime:** COR 46, OHIO 43. **Officials:** Roberts, Ingram, O'Connell. **Attendance:** 4,570.

NOTES

- Cornell scored at least 80 points for the second straight game, the first time the Big Red has hit that mark in consecutive games since scoring 91 against Army and 83 against Skidmore in wins on Nov. 29 and Dec. 4, 2000.
- The Big Red placed six players in double figures for the first time since seven reached that mark vs. VMI last season at the William & Mary Invitational.
- The team's 12 3-pointers made were the most since hitting 12 vs. Dartmouth in a 63-47 win on Feb. 3, 2006.
- Ohio scored 102 points, the most given up by the Big Red since Fresno State posted 105 points on Dec. 22, 1999 in a 105-86 win.
- Sophomore Ryan Wittman's three 3-pointers made him the 12th player in school history to post 100 career 3-pointers.
- The Big Red outscored the Bobcat bench, 18-14.
- Ohio held scoring advantages in the paint (42-28), off turnovers (23-9) and on second-chance efforts (25-9).
- The 191 combined points is the most in a game involving Cornell since last year's 99-94 win over VMI (193 points).
- Ohio scored 59 points in the second half, the second straight game Cornell's opponent has reached that mark after halftime.

Game 3 — CORNELL 93, ARMY 78
NOV. 20, 2007 — NEWMAN ARENA

ITHACA, N.Y. - Cornell pulled away from a hot-shooting Army team and used an outstanding performance from Brian Kreefer to knock off the Black Knights 93-78 at Newman Arena. The preseason Ivy League favorites shook off Army with a 17-4 run early in the second half and opened the game up late behind five double figure scorers. Kreefer, who had played just three minutes in the team's first two contests of the year, scored 21 points and added two rebounds, three assists and two steals. He was part of a bench effort that combined for 45 points, 16 rebounds and 11 assists on the afternoon. Jason Battle and Andre Wilkins provided energy and defense, each posting five rebounds, an assist and a steal without a turnover. The regulars also added to the win. Louis Dale had 17 points and seven assists, Ryan Wittman added 16 points and a career-best seven rebounds, Collin Robinson had a career-high 16 points and Adam Gore posted 10 points. The Big Red hit on 31-of-38 free throws, including 20-of-23 after halftime, and connected on 10-of-23 3-pointers on the afternoon. Army was led by Jarell Brown's 30 points and Josh Miller's 14 points, seven rebounds and five assists in the loss. The Black Knights shot 50 percent for the game, but turned the ball over 23 times in the loss and were outrebounded 31-28.

Army (1-3)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
John Moonshower, F	21	2-6	0-3	0-0	0	2	0	5	4
Chris Walker, C	2	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
Marcus Nelson, G	28	2-4	1-2	0-0	3	3	4	4	5
Josh Walker, G	36	6-13	1-4	1-2	7	5	3	1	14
Jarell Brown, G	34	9-14	5-7	7-8	3	1	1	2	30
Mitch McDonald	9	2-4	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	2	4
Cleveland Richard	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0
Nathan Hedgecock	10	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	2	2
Jeremy Hence	10	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	4	2	2
Curtis Koszuta	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	1	0
Tyrell Thompson	9	2-3	0-0	2-2	3	0	4	4	6
Rickey Royal	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	1	0
Greg Carter	2	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	1	0
Kenny Brewer	18	3-8	0-0	1-1	3	2	2	4	7
Corban Bates	15	1-1	0-0	0-0	4	1	1	2	2
TEAM					1				
Totals	**200**	**30-60**	**7-18**	**11-13**	**28**	**15**	**23**	**31**	**78**

Cornell (2-1)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Ryan Wittman, F	31	5-10	3-5	3-4	7	0	4	3	16
Jason Hartford, F	9	1-3	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	2	2
Alex Tyler, C	14	0-3	0-0	3-4	0	0	5	2	3
Louis Dale, G	23	4-8	2-5	7-8	4	7	3	1	17
Adam Gore, G	28	2-7	2-7	4-4	2	0	2	3	10
Collin Robinson	34	5-9	2-4	4-6	4	6	4	1	16
Jason Battle	17	0-1	0-0	2-2	5	1	0	0	2
Andre Wilkins	13	1-1	0-0	4-4	5	1	0	0	6
Geoff Reeves	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0
Brian Kreefer	25	8-10	1-1	4-6	2	3	3	3	21
TEAM					2				
Totals	**200**	**30-60**	**10-23**	**31-38**	**31**	**18**	**21**	**16**	**93**

Blocks: Army 3 (Koszuta, Moonshower, Nelson); Cornell 1 (Dale). **Steals:** Army 7 (Brown 2, Miller 2, Hence, Moonshower, Nelson); Cornell 11 (Gore 2, Kreefer 2, Wittman 2, Battle, Hartford, Robinson, Tyler, Wilkins). **Halftime:** COR 40, ARMY 37. **Officials:** Drumgoody, Bova, Cheshire. **Attendance:** 2,612.

NOTES

- Cornell scored at least 80 points for the third straight game, the first time the Big Red has hit that mark in three consecutive games since the 1987-88 Ivy championship squad scored 101 (at Dartmouth), 94 (vs. Brown) and 94 points (vs. Yale) from Feb. 20-27, 1988.
- Cornell's bench outscored Army's reserves 45-23.
- The Big Red's 31 free throw makes is the most by a Cornell team since hitting 31 at Harvard during the 1992-93 campaign.
- Cornell shot over 40 percent from 3-point range for the third straight game.
- The Big Red hit on 61 percent of its field goals and on 87 percent of its free throws (20-of-23) after halftime en route to scoring 53 points.
- The win over the Black Knights was the ninth straight in the all-time series, the longest active win streak for Cornell vs. any team.
- Kreefer's 21 points are two shy of the 23 he scored against Army in 2006-07. In three games against the Black Knights, Kreefer is averaging 17.7 points while shooting .704 from the floor (19-of-27) and .636 from 3-point range (7-of-11).

Game 4 — CORNELL 83, SIENA 77
NOV. 25, 2007 — NEWMAN ARENA

ITHACA, N.Y. - Louis Dale led five double figure scorers with 20 points to go along with nine rebounds and six assists as Cornell defeated Siena 83-77 at Newman Arena. In a battle of preseason conference favorites, Cornell shot 55 percent from the floor and connected on 11-of-18 3-pointers to claim the victory. Dale was outstanding all evening, directing the offense and crashing the boards in the first 20 minutes (four assists, seven rebounds), before taking over after the break with 15 points, including three 3-pointers. Ryan Wittman had his first career double-double with 14 points and 11 rebounds, while Collin Robinson notched 14 points and seven assists. Both Brian Kreefer and Adam Gore each had 10 points in the win for the Big Red. Kreefer made all five of his field goal attempts and assisted on five baskets in again serving as a spark offensively. Jason Hartford (six points, eight rebounds) and Jason Battle (four points) also had key contributions hidden in the box score, with Hartford hitting the backboards and Battle serving a key role at the top of the defense when the Big Red moved to a zone. Siena was led by Alex Franklin's 19 points and 13 rebounds, while Edwin Ubiles added 17 points and Kenny Hasbrouck tallied 16. Ronald Moore rounded out the double figure scorers for the preseason MAAC favorite Saints. Siena hadn't played since generating national headlines by knocking off then-No. 20 Stanford on Nov. 17.

Siena (2-3)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Josh Duell, F	28	0-6	0-2	0-0	5	0	1	2	0
Cory Magee, F	15	4-8	1-2	0-0	3	1	1	2	9
Chris De La Rosa, G	7	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	0	0
Tay Fisher, G	16	1-5	0-3	2-2	0	1	1	1	4
Kenny Hasbrouck, G	39	6-11	4-7	0-2	3	3	3	3	16
Ryan Rossiter	4	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	0
Edwin Ubiles	25	7-15	0-2	3-4	3	1	1	0	17
Ronald Moore	33	4-10	2-5	2-2	2	4	2	2	12
Alex Franklin	33	7-11	0-0	5-7	13	2	1	3	19
TEAM					5				
Totals	**200**	**29-68**	**7-22**	**12-17**	**34**	**13**	**11**	**14**	**77**

Cornell (3-1)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Ryan Wittman, F	33	6-12	2-5	0-0	11	1	3	3	14
Jason Hartford, F	24	3-4	0-0	0-0	8	0	2	3	6
Alex Tyler, C	8	1-3	0-0	1-2	2	0	1	4	3
Louis Dale, G	31	7-15	4-6	2-3	9	6	3	4	20
Adam Gore, G	20	3-4	2-3	2-2	0	3	1	1	10
Collin Robinson	31	5-9	3-3	1-1	0	7	2	0	14
Jason Battle	9	2-3	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	1	4
Andre Wilkins	14	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	0	0
Geoff Reeves	6	1-3	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	1	2
Brian Kreefer	24	5-5	0-0	0-2	1	5	1	0	19
TEAM					3				
Totals	**200**	**33-59**	**11-18**	**6-10**	**37**	**22**	**16**	**17**	**83**

Blocks: Siena 4 (Ubiles 2, Franklin, Moore); Cornell 1 (Wilkins). **Steals:** Siena 7 (Hasbrouck 4, Duell, Franklin, Moore); Cornell 5 (Robinson 2, Battle, Gore, Wilkins). **Halftime:** COR 42, SIENA 38. **Officials:** Tracy, Sweeny, Alvaro. **Attendance:** 2,471.

NOTES

• Neither team led by more than three points over the first 15 minutes of the second half.

• The Big Red hit at least 10 3-pointers for the fourth straight game.

• Junior Brian Kreefer made all five of his field goal attempts, extending his streak of consecutive makes to eight dating back to the second half of the Army game.

• In the last three halves (second half Army, full game vs. Siena), Cornell has shot 57 percent from the floor and 3-point range, as well as 79 percent from the free-throw line.

• Ryan Wittman's 11 rebounds and Brian Kreefer's five assists were both career highs, as were Collin Robinson's seven assists.

• The victory over the Saints snapped a seven-game losing streak against MAAC opponents, giving Cornell its first win over a team from the conference since defeating Canisius 63-56 on Jan. 19, 1983.

Game 5 — CORNELL 73, BINGHAMTON 68
NOV. 27, 2007 — NEWMAN ARENA

ITHACA, N.Y. - The Cornell men's basketball team got 17 points from Louis Dale and 16 from Collin Robinson to help the Big Red defeat Binghamton 73-68 at Newman Arena. Cornell shot 56 percent from the floor in improving to 4-1, while the Bearcats slipped to 1-5. Robinson matched his career-high with his 16 points and added three rebounds and two steals, while Dale made 6-of-10 shots from the floor and also posted two steals and three assists. Ryan Wittman also hit for double figures, adding 13 points and eight rebounds. Brian Kreefer had seven points and three assists, with Alex Tyler posting six points and seven rebounds in just 16 minutes of action. Devon McBride scored a game-high 20 points off the bench for the Bearcats to lead four players in double figures. Lazar Trifunovic notched 16 points and Moussa Camara had 12 points. Brandon Herbert rounded out the double figure scorers with 10 points, with Reggie Fuller notching six blocked shots, five steals and three assists in 34 minutes. Binghamton ran out to a 9-0 lead, but once the Big Red caught up at 15-15, the home team never trailed again. Cornell shot 67 percent in the first half and ended the game 5-of-9 from 3-point range. The Big Red outrebounded Binghamton 28-22, but turned the ball over 19 times.

Binghamton (1-5)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Moussa Camara, F	35	5-13	2-10	0-0	1	2	3	3	12
Lazar Trifunovic, F	27	7-9	0-0	2-2	4	0	3	2	16
Reggie Fuller, F	34	2-2	0-0	0-0	3	3	1	1	4
Mike Gordon, G	33	0-4	0-3	0-0	2	6	2	4	0
Richard Forbes, G	25	2-9	0-2	2-2	4	5	3	2	6
Devon McBride	24	8-11	3-4	1-3	5	0	0	3	20
Brandon Herbert	13	3-7	2-4	2-2	1	1	0	5	10
Dwayne Jackson	7	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	2	0	0	0
Chad Henry	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Chretien Lukusa	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM					1		1		
Totals	**200**	**27-56**	**7-24**	**7-9**	**22**	**19**	**13**	**20**	**68**

Cornell (4-1)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Ryan Wittman, F	34	5-7	2-2	1-3	8	1	1	1	13
Jason Hartford, F	12	2-3	0-0	0-0	1	1	2	1	4
Alex Tyler, C	16	3-4	0-0	0-0	7	1	3	3	6
Louis Dale, G	34	6-10	1-2	4-4	2	5	4	2	17
Adam Gore, G	26	0-4	0-3	6-7	1	2	3	1	6
Collin Robinson	25	6-11	1-1	3-3	3	1	3	1	16
Jason Battle	14	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	1	0
Andre Wilkins	14	2-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	2	4
Geoff Reeves	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
Brian Kreefer	21	3-4	1-1	0-1	1	3	0	2	7
TEAM					4				
Totals	**200**	**27-48**		**5-9 14-18**	**28**	**14**	**19**	**14**	**73**

Blocks: Binghamton 6 (Fuller 6); Cornell 0. **Steals:** Binghamton 12 (Fuller 5, Forbes 3, Gordon 2, Trifunovic, Herbert); Cornell 6 (Dale 2, Robinson 2, Hartford, Kreefer). **Halftime:** COR 43, BING 30. **Officials:** Pilla, Anderson, Dooley. **Attendance:** 2,221.

NOTES

• Cornell's 73 points is a season low, but its .563 shooting percentage was a season high.

• Junior Adam Gore did not hit a 3-pointer, ending a streak of 27 straight contests with at least one trey.

• Cornell shot 50 percent or better as a team for the third straight game.

• The Big Red outrebounded its opponent for the third consecutive game after being outrebounded in the first two contests.

• Sophomore Louis Dale had his first career dunk in the first half after a steal. It was the first dunk of the year by a Big Red player

• The win was the seventh straight against a team from New York state.

• Sophomore Alex Tyler matched his career-high with seven rebounds, a mark he has reach five times in his career, including twice this season.

• Junior Collin Robinson tied his career high with 16 points.

• Sophomore Ryan Wittman had eight rebounds in the win, pushing his average to 8.7 per game in his last three contests.

Game 6 — COLGATE 76, CORNELL 73
DEC. 1, 2007 — NEWMAN ARENA

ITHACA, N.Y. - Despite a career-high 16 points from Alex Tyler, the Cornell men's basketball team dropped a 76-73 heartbreaker to in-state rival Colgate at Newman Arena. Ryan Wittman led the Big Red with 17 points, all of which came in the second half, while Colin Robinson and Louis Dale added 14 and 10 points, respectively. Robinson also handed out a game-high nine assists, while Dale tied for the team-high with five rebounds and added seven assists, four steals and a blocked shot. The Raiders were led by Kyle Roemer and Daniel Waddy with 18 and 16 points, respectively, while Willie Morse chipped in 11 points. Both teams shot well from the floor with Colgate connecting on 49 percent overall and 47 percent from 3-point range, while the Big Red shot 48 percent overall and 39 percent from beyond the arc. The Raiders held the commanding 36-25 advantage on the boards, but Cornell forced 18 Raider turnovers with nine steals. Cornell led by as many as 10 points in the first half (20-10), but the Raiders cut the deficit back to one by halftime. The second half was all Roemer, as the junior hit scored all 18 of his points in the second half as the Raiders scored 50 points in the final 20 minutes. For Cornell, Wittman scored all 17 of his points in the second half as well, including making five 3-pointers.

Colgate (5-3)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Kendall Chones, F	18	3-4	0-0	1-1	7	2	2	0	7
Tim Pounds, F	28	3-5	2-2	1-2	3	2	2	4	9
Peter Minchella, C	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	2	1	0
Kyle Roemer, G	27	5-11	3-6	5-7	6	1	3	3	18
Daniel Waddy, G	36	2-9	0-3	12-15	3	5	5	2	16
Kyle Chones	16	2-3	1-2	0-0	2	0	1	0	5
Alex Woodhouse	17	2-3	0-0	1-1	2	1	1	2	5
Trevaron Vinson	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	0
Willie Morse	22	3-6	3-6	2-2	3	1	0	2	11
Ben Jonson	23	2-4	0-0	1-2	4	1	2	0	5
TEAM					5				
Totals	**200**	**22-45**	**9-19**	**23-30**	**36**	**15**	**18**	**14**	**76**

Cornell (4-2)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Brian Kreefer, F	26	2-7	0-4	2-2	4	2	3	1	6
Ryan Wittman, F	28	6-11	5-7	0-0	3	1	2	3	17
Alex Tyler, C	34	8-11	0-0	0-1	4	0	4	4	16
Louis Dale, G	30	4-8	2-3	0-0	5	7	2	3	10
Adam Gore, G	28	2-7	2-7	0-0	5	2	0	3	6
Collin Robinson	30	6-13	2-4	0-1	2	9	1	5	14
Jason Battle	9	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	3	2
Andre Wilkins	9	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0
Geoff Reeves	6	1-4	0-3	0-0	1	0	0	0	2
TEAM					1				
Totals	**200**	**30-63**	**11-28**	**2-4**	**25**	**21**	**12**	**24**	**73**

Blocks: Colgate 0; Cornell 1 (Dale). **Steals:** Colgate 6 (Pounds 3, Chones, Roemer, Waddy); Cornell 9 (Dale 4, Robinson 2, Wittman 2, Wilkins). **Halftime:** COR 27, COLG 26. **Officials:** Libardoni, Chicester, Agger. **Attendance:** 2,368.

NOTES

• Colgate snapped a two-game losing streak in the series between the programs.

• Cornell's four free throw attempts were a season-low.

• Sophomore Alex Tyler posted a career-high 16 points, making 8-of-11 field goals, including his first dunk of the year.

• Sophomore Geoff Reeves also had his first career dunk.

• Point guards Louis Dale and Collin Robinson combined for 16 assists and three turnovers. Robinson's nine assists were a career high.

• In Cornell's two losses, both opponents attempted at least 30 free throws and made nine 3-pointers.

• The Big Red allowed an opponent to score at least 50 points in the second half for the third time this season.

• Louis Dale's four steals established a career high.

Game 7 — BUCKNELL 88, CORNELL 75
DEC. 19, 2007 — SOJKA PAVILION

LEWISBURG, Pa. - Cornell dug itself an early hole and never could get itself out as the Big Red dropped an 88-75 decision at Bucknell at Sojka Pavilion. The Bison hit eight first-half 3-pointers to build a 17-point halftime lead, then held on in a foul-filled final 20 minutes. Collin Robinson had a team-high 21 points to lead four double figure scorers, while Louis Dale (17) and Ryan Wittman (16) also reached the mark. Playing in his first collegiate game, Jeff Foote had 10 points, 11 rebounds and four blocked shots in 21 minutes off the bench. He also added a pair of steals. The Big Red, which opened the night leading the NCAA in 3-point shooting at 48 percent, hit just 6-of-24 efforts (25 percent), including 2-of-17 after halftime. Bucknell got a game-high 27 points and five assists from John Griffin, while Justin Castleberry had 18. The Bison shot 55 percent from the floor overall and hit on 11-of-21 3-point shots in the victory.Stephen Tyree (six points, 10 rebounds) and Josh Linthicum (12 points) also played key roles in earning the home team the victory.

Cornell (4-3)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Ryan Wittman, F	37	5-15	3-9	3-3	1	0	4	2	16
Jason Hartford, F	11	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	1	0	0
Alex Tyler, C	17	1-5	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	1	2
Louis Dale, G	27	2-8	1-5	12-12	5	0	2	5	17
Adam Gore, G	20	2-5	1-3	0-0	1	1	2	5	5
Jeff Foote	21	2-3	0-0	6-12	11	1	1	1	10
Collin Robinson	33	8-15	1-6	4-4	3	3	5	4	21
Jason Battle	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0
Andre Wilkins	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	2	0
Geoff Reeves	9	0-1	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	3	0
Brian Kreefer	16	2-3	0-0	0-0	3	1	0	1	4
TEAM					2				
Totals	**200**	**22-57**	**6-24**	**25-31**	**31**	**8**	**15**	**24**	**75**

Bucknell (4-5)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Stephen Tyree, F	29	2-4	0-0	2-3	10	3	2	4	6
Patrick Behan, F	26	3-9	0-1	0-0	5	1	2	4	6
Josh Linthicum, C	20	5-5	0-0	2-3	3	2	0	4	12
Justin Castleberry, G	29	5-10	3-6	5-8	3	3	2	3	18
John Griffin, G	32	7-12	4-7	9-10	3	5	3	4	27
Todd O'Brien	18	3-5	0-0	1-2	7	0	1	1	7
Darryl Shazier	15	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	3	2	5	3
Jason Vegotsky	19	3-4	3-3	0-1	2	2	2	1	9
G.W. Boon	12	0-2	0-2	0-0	0	2	4	2	0
TEAM					3		2		
Totals	**200**	**29-53**	**11-21**	**19-27**	**36**	**21**	**20**	**28**	**88**

Blocks: Cornell 5 (Foote 4, Kreefer); Bucknell 3 (O'Brien 2, Linthicum). **Steals:** Cornell 9 (Dale 2, Foote 2, Gore 2, Wittman 2, Robinson); Bucknell 9 (Tyree 3, Behan 2, Catleberry 2, Griffin 2). **Halftime:** BUCK 47, COR 30. **Officials:** Anderson, Rutecki, Regan. **Attendance:** 2,984.

NOTES

- The win was Bucknell's fifth straight over Cornell.
- Sophomore Louis Dale tied a school record by make 12-of-12 free throws. Gabe Durkac (at Colgate, 1966), Rex Parcells (vs. Harvard, 1976) and John Bajusz (vs. Marist, 1985) also were perfect in 12 attempts from the line in a single game.
- Junior Jeff Foote became the first-ever Cornell basketball player to register a double-double in their collegiate debut with his 10 points and 11 rebounds.
- Foote's four blocked shots ranks second in a Cornell debut to the seven Chris Vandenberg had at Canisius to open the 2001-02 season.
- Cornell's eight assists as a team was a season-low, with the previous low of 14. Sophomore Louis Dale, who entered the game fourth nationally with 7.3 assists per game, was not credited with one in the loss.
- Bucknell's 55 percent shooting was a season-high by a Big Red opponent.
- Among those in attendance at the game were former Big Red letter winners Andrew Naeve and Kevin App and former Providence and Xavier head coach Pete Gillen.
- The 88 points by Bucknell was a Sojka Pavilion record.
- The second half of play featured 40 combined fouls, 50 free-throw attempts and two technicals.

Game 8 — SYRACUSE 80, CORNELL 64
DEC. 22, 2007 — THE CARRIER DOME

SYRACUSE, N.Y. - Louis Dale had 15 points and the junior backcourt tandem of Collin Robinson and Adam Gore combined for 26 points, but the inside play of Syracuse was too much to overcome in a 80-64 loss at the Carrier Dome. Dale added four rebounds, two assists and a blocked shot, hitting 6-of-11 shots from the floor and 3-of-5 from beyond the arc. Robinson chipped in a game-high five assists and had two steals, while Gore made 4-of-9 3-pointers for his 12 points. Team leading scorer Ryan Wittman had six points, but was hounded into 2-of-14 shooting, including 2-of-7 from 3-point range. Jeff Foote had six points and a team-best seven rebounds in the loss. Syracuse held a decisive 58-22 edge in points in the paint and outrebounded the smaller Big Red 52-37. Cornell was cold all evening, uncharacteristically missing a number of good looks from the perimeter in hitting just 36 percent overall from the floor and 39 percent from beyond the arc. Jonny Flynn hit for a game-high 21 points, while Arinze Onuaku had 18 points on 8-of-10 shooting from the floor. Touted freshman Donte Green (11 points, 10 rebounds) had a double-double, but was hassled into 4-of-16 shooting.

Cornell (4-4)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Ryan Wittman, F	36	2-14	2-7	0-0	3	1	0	4	6
Brian Kreefer, F	22	1-3	0-0	0-0	4	1	2	3	2
Alex Tyler, C	22	1-4	0-0	1-3	4	1	1	2	3
Louis Dale, G	23	6-11	3-5	0-0	4	2	3	4	15
Adam Gore, G	32	4-10	4-9	0-0	1	0	1	2	12
Jeff Foote	22	3-7	0-0	0-2	7	1	4	3	6
Collin Robinson	23	6-12	1-2	1-1	3	5	3	0	14
Jason Battle	5	1-1	0-0	2-2	1	0	0	1	4
Andre Wilkins	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
Geoff Reeves	0+	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Conor Mullen	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Adam Wire	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
Jon Jaques	1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Pete Reynolds	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Jason Hartford	6	1-4	0-1	0-0	4	0	0	0	2
TEAM					4				
Totals	**200**	**25-69**	**10-25**	**4-8**	**37**	**11**	**14**	**20**	**64**

Syracuse (9-3)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Donte Greene, F	35	4-16	1-6	2-4	10	4	6	2	11
Paul Harris, F	28	4-11	0-1	2-5	7	5	4	2	10
Arinze Onuaku, F	27	8-10	0-0	2-3	6	1	2	4	18
Jonny Flynn, G	34	9-14	2-4	1-2	3	5	2	0	21
Scoop Jardine, G	27	2-5	0-0	0-1	3	2	2	2	4
Rick Jackson	15	3-5	0-0	0-0	7	1	0	0	6
Justin Thomas	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0
Kristof Ongeneat	22	3-6	0-1	3-6	10	0	0	1	9
Jake Presutti	1	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	0	1
Mike Williams	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Sean Williams	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM					4				
Totals	**200**	**33-68**	**3-12**	**11-23**	**52**	**18**	**16**	**11**	**80**

Blocks: Cornell 4 (Foote, Dale, Kreefer, Tyler); Syracuse 5 (Jackson 2, Ongenaet 2, Onuaku). **Steals:** Cornell 8 (Robinson 2, Tyler 2, Battle, Gore, Kreefer, Wittman); Syracuse 6 (Flynn 2, Greene 2, Harris, Jardine). **Halftime:** SYR 49, COR 30. **Officials:** Scagliotta, Prager, Laubenstein. **Attendance:** 19,253.

NOTES

- The win was Syracuse's 30th straight over Cornell.
- Freshman Adam Wire made his first collegiate appearance, seeing action in the final minute and grabbing a rebound in traffic.
- Junior Conor Mullen and sophomore Jon Jaques made their first appearance this season.
- Junior Adam Gore joined teammate Ryan Wittman with more than 100 career 3-pointers, surpassing the milestone with his four makes from beyond the arc. He is the 13th Cornellian with at least 100 3-pointers.
- Cornell his at least 10 3-pointers for the third straight game at Syracuse.
- Sophomore Ryan Wittman was held to a career-low six points, just the third time he had been held below 10 points in his career.

Game 9 — CORNELL 66, STONY BROOK 50
DEC. 29, 2007 — STONY BROOK ARENA

STONY BROOK, N.Y. - Cornell found its shooting touch after halftime and used its best defensive effort of the season to pull away from Stony Brook for a 66-50 victory at the Stony Brook Arena. Cornell hit on 59 percent of its shots in the final 20 minutes and limited the Seawolves to 32 percent shooting for the game in snapping a three-game skid. Ryan Wittman had a game-high 23 points to go along with five assists, four rebounds and two steals to lead Cornell offensively, while Adam Gore (12), Alex Tyler (11) and Louis Dale (10) were also in double figures for the Big Red. Wittman, Gore and Dale combined to hit all 10 of the Big Red's 3-pointers in the win. Tyler chipped in a team-best seven rebounds and Collin Robinson had a game-high seven assists off the bench. Dale's stat line was also spectacular, adding four rebounds, four assists, two steals and two blocks in the victory. Stony Brook was led byh 17 points from Michael Tyree and 10 off the bench from Nick Carter. The Cornell defense limited the Seawolves to 39 percent shooting in the second half and 32 percent for the game, a season-low by a Cornell opponent. Demetrius Young had six points and 11 rebounds as SBU held a decisive 41-28 edge on the glass, including a 20-8 mark on the offensive end.

Cornell (5-4)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Ryan Wittman, F	34	7-14	5-10	4-4	4	5	2	2	23
Brian Kreefer, F	26	2-2	0-0	0-1	3	1	1	3	4
Alex Tyler, C	24	4-8	0-0	3-4	7	1	2	1	11
Louis Dale, G	34	4-8	2-5	0-0	4	4	2	3	10
Adam Gore, G	26	3-8	3-8	3-4	2	1	1	3	12
Jeff Foote	4	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	2	0	0
Collin Robinson	23	1-4	0-3	0-0	1	7	3	3	2
Jason Battle	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	0	0
Andre Wilkins	8	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	1	2
Geoff Reeves	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Adam Wire	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
Jason Hartford	11	1-2	0-1	0-0	2	0	0	0	2
TEAM					1				
Totals	**200**	**23-49**	**10-27**	**10-13**	**28**	**19**	**15**	**16**	**66**

Stony Brook (3-9)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Demetrius Young, F	33	3-5	0-0	0-0	11	0	1	0	6
Emanuel Neto, C	23	0-1	0-0	0-0	4	0	4	3	0
Eddie Castellanos, G	19	2-7	0-0	0-1	3	2	1	0	4
Ricky Lucas, G	33	1-7	0-5	1-2	2	0	3	2	3
Mitchell Beauford, G	23	3-9	1-1	0-0	1	1	3	2	7
Michael Tyree	22	5-13	2-8	5-6	1	0	3	1	17
Rio Pitt	14	0-1	0-0	0-0	4	0	0	1	0
Jermol Paul	11	1-3	0-0	1-2	3	0	1	3	3
Nick Carter	22	2-8	0-2	6-8	2	1	2	4	10
TEAM					10				
Totals	**200**	**17-54**	**3-16**	**13-19**	**41**	**4**	**18**	**16**	**50**

Blocks: Cornell 3 (Dale 2, Foote); Stony Brook 1 (Neto). **Steals:** Cornell 7 (Dale 2, Gore 2, Wittman 2, Kreefer); Stony Brook 5 (Castellanos 2, Beauford, Carter, Young). **Halftime:** COR 25, SBU 22. **Officials:** Pucino, Anderson, Hopper. **Attendance:** 1,148.

NOTES

- The game was the 200th for the Big Red under head coach Steve Donahue.
- Cornell limited the Seawolves to 32 percent shooting for the game, including 29 percent after halftime.
- Sophomore Ryan Wittman made 4-of-5 shots in the second half for 15 points after hitting just 5-of-23 shots in his previous three halves of basketball.
- Sophomore Louis Dale surpassed the 500-point total for his career, joining classmate Ryan Wittman in surpassing that mark.
- The Big Red hit at least 10 3-pointers for the second straight game and the seventh time in nine contests this year.
- Stony Brook held a dominant 20-8 edge on the offensive glass and a 41-28 advantage on the backboards for the evening.
- Cornell assisted on 19-of-23 baskets in the contest, including 12-of-13 in the second half.

Game 10 — CORNELL 86, QUINNIPIAC 84 (OT)
DEC. 31, 2007 — TD BANKNORTH ARENA

HAMDEN, Conn. - Cornell rallied from a nine-point deficit with just over two minutes remaining to shock Quinnipiac 86-84 in overtime in a New Year's Eve matinee at the TD Banknorth Sports Center. Ryan Wittman scored a game-high 22 points and hit five 3-pointers for the second straight game, scoring 17 big points in the second half and overtime. Classmate Louis Dale added 15 points, eight assists and three steals, while Alex Tyler notched 13 points and a team-best eight rebounds. Rounding out the double figure scorers were Jeff Foote and Jason Hartford with 10 points apiece. Junior Collin Robinson had just four points, but had arguably the biggest of the game as his driving layup with 17 seconds to play sent the game into overtime. As a team, the Big Red shot 54 percent from the floor and connected on 8-of-18 from beyond the arc. The team was credited with 16 assists and had 15 turnovers. Quinnipiac got 20 points from DeMario Anderson, but the trio of Wittman, Jason Battle and Andre Wilkins hounded the Northeast Conference's leading scorer to 9-of-23 shooting. James Feldeine notched 19 points, including 5-of-6 shooting from 3-point range, and Louis Brookins had 11 points and a game-high 16 rebounds. The Bobcats hit 10-of-18 3-pointers as a team and held a decisive 41-26 edge on the glass, including 15-6 on the offensive glass.

Cornell (6-4)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Ryan Wittman, F	40	8-13	5-9	1-2	2	1	1	3	22
Brian Kreefer, F	19	2-2	0-0	1-2	1	1	2	1	5
Alex Tyler, C	29	5-9	0-0	3-5	8	1	2	4	13
Louis Dale, G	36	5-12	0-2	5-5	3	8	2	3	15
Adam Gore, G	24	2-6	2-4	1-1	3	3	1	1	7
Jeff Foote	22	3-5	0-0	4-7	5	2	0	4	10
Collin Robinson	31	2-6	0-2	0-0	0	2	3	0	4
Jason Battle	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Andre Wilkins	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0
Jason Hartford	14	4-4	1-1	1-1	2	0	3	2	10
TEAM					2				
Totals	**225**	**31-57**	**8-18**	**16-23**	**26**	**16**	**15**	**18**	**86**

Quinnipiac (5-7)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
James Feldleine, F	37	7-10	5-6	0-0	5	2	2	2	19
Louis Brookins, F	32	2-4	0-0	7-8	16	1	1	2	11
Karl Anderson, C	11	2-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	5	4
DeMario Anderson, G	32	9-23	2-4	0-0	1	3	6	4	20
Casey Cosgrove, G	23	2-3	2-3	2-2	0	3	2	1	8
Bryan Geffen	28	1-6	1-5	2-2	2	7	2	3	5
Justin Rutty	17	2-5	0-0	3-4	5	1	1	3	7
Evann Baker	20	4-7	0-0	0-0	5	4	2	0	8
Ed Zajac	24	1-3	0-0	0-2	3	0	2	3	2
Andrew Cashin	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM					4				
Totals	**200**	**30-63**	**10-18**	**14-18**	**41**	**21**	**18**	**23**	**84**

Blocks: Cornell 3 (Tyler 2, Robinson); Quinnipiac 0. **Steals:** Cornell 8 (Dale 3, Robinson 2, Tyler, Wilkins, Wittman); Quinnipiac 7 (Feldeine 2, Geffen 2, Brookins, Rutty, Zajac). **Halftime:** COR 37, QU 33. **Officials:** Perone, Allocco, Anderson. **Attendance:** 1,687.

NOTES

• The win was the 80th for the Big Red head coach Steve Donahue.

• Ryan Wittman hit five 3-pointers for the second straight game, surpassing the 20-point barrier in both contests.

• Cornell's four primary post players (Foote, Hartford, Kreefer and Tyler) combined for 38 points on 14-of-20 shooting (70 percent).

• The Big Red held Northeast Conference leading scorer DeMario Anderson scoreless in the first half on 0-of-6 shooting with four turnovers. He scored 20 points in the second half and overtime, hitting 9-of-17 shots.

• The victory was Cornell's first in an overtime contest since the 2004-05 season when it defeated Yale 87-82 in double overtime in Ithaca.

• Jason Hartford netted 10 points for his first double figure scoring effort since the second game of the season when he went for 18 points at Ohio.

Game 11 — NO. 9/8 DUKE 81, CORNELL 67
JAN. 6, 2008 — CAMERON INDOOR STADIUM

DURHAM, N.C. - The Big Red gave No. 8 Duke fits all night before eventually falling 81-67 at Cameron Indoor Stadium. Ryan Wittman scored 13 points and Jeff Foote posted 10 points and seven rebounds for the Big Red, who would never let the quick-strike Blue Devil squad pull away until the final minute. Cornell led by as many as three points (27-24) with 6:25 left in the first half and kept the Duke lead in single figures for a vast majority of the second half. The contest was a true team effort for the Big Red, which limited the Blue Devils to 45 percent shooting overall and 26 percent from beyond the arc, while assistaing on 15 baskets. Six players scored between six and 13 points while the squad connected on 46 percent shooting overall. DeMarcus Nelson scored a game-high 23 points and added eight rebounds for Duke, while Kyle Singler had 14 points and eight rebounds and Gerald Henderson notched 12 points. Greg Paulus was also in double figures off the bench with 11 and added four assists. It was the team's first game in 17 days since falling in overtime to Pittsburgh at Madison Square Garden on Dec. 20. "We took another step as a program today against one of the top teams in the country, and I'm proud of the way we played with poise and passion," said head coach Steve Donahue. "We've gotten better with each passing day the last three weeks and the challenge is to continue that."

Cornell (6-5)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Ryan Wittman, F	40-	5-12	3-7	0-0	2	1	2	2	13
Brian Kreefer, F	10	2-3	0-0	0-0	2	3	0	1	4
Alex Tyler, C	21	3-5	0-0	0-0	3	0	0	3	6
Louis Dale, G	31	4-13	1-2	0-0	4	5	9	4	9
Adam Gore, G	25	1-3	1-2	3-3	2	2	1	2	6
Jeff Foote	21	4-5	0-0	2-5	7	1	2	2	10
Collin Robinson	26	3-9	1-2	2-2	1	1	1	4	9
Jason Battle	11	3-3	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	6
Andre Wilkins	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Geoff Reeves	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
Conor Mullen	0+	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
Adam Wire	0+	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Jon Jaques	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Pete Reynolds	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Jason Hartford	13	2-3	0-0	0-1	1	1	2	4	4
TEAM					5		1		
Totals	**200**	**27-59**	**6-13**	**7-11**	**30**	**15**	**18**	**23**	**67**

Duke (11-1)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Kyle Singler, F	29	5-12	0-3	4-6	8	4	2	3	14
Gerald Henderson, F	30	5-11	0-2	2-3	6	2	2	2	12
Brian Zoubek, C	10	2-4	0-0	0-1	3	0	1	0	4
Nolan Smith, G	18	4-6	1-1	0-0	1	1	1	4	9
DeMarcus Nelson, G	31	8-13	2-5	5-8	8	2	4	2	23
Greg Paulus	23	3-7	2-6	3-4	3	4	2	3	11
David McClure	14	0-1	0-1	0-0	5	0	0	0	0
Taylor King	6	0-2	0-2	0-0	1	0	1	0	0
Jon Scheyer	30	2-8	1-3	3-3	3	2	0	2	8
Jordan Davidson	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Lance Thomas	9	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	1	1	0
TEAM					3				
Totals	**200**	**29-65**	**6-23**	**17-25**	**42**	**16**	**14**	**17**	**81**

Blocks: Cornell 1 (Reeves); Duke 4 (Zoubek 2, Henderson, Singler). **Steals:** Cornell 5 (Battle, Dale, Hartford, Robinson, Wittman); Duke 9 (Henderson 3, Nelson 2, Scheyer 2, Singler, Smith). **Halftime:** DUKE 41, COR 32. **Officials:** Wood, Eades, Kelly. **Attendance:** 9,314.

NOTES

• The Big Red shot 52 percent from the floor in the first half and 46 percent for the entire game.

• Cornell led 27-24 with 6:45 to play after a 3-pointer by Ryan Wittman.

• Junior Jeff Foote had 10 points and seven rebounds, including two emphatic dunks.

• The Big Red bench outscored Duke's 29-19.

• The Blue Devils had a dominant 16-2 edge in second chance points that proved to be the difference in the game.

• Cornell was outrebounded for the sixth straight contest and the fifth during that stretch by double figures.

Game 12 — CORNELL 91, ALVERNIA 46
JAN. 10, 2008 — NEWMAN ARENA

ITHACA, N.Y. - All 15 Cornell players scored and the Big Red defense proved to be too much for Division III Alvernia in a 91-46 win at Newman Arena. The Big Red was led by Louis Dale who scored 13 points, grabbed four rebounds, handed out two assists and blocked two shots in just 17 minutes of action. Ryan Wittman and Geoff Reeves chipped in 11 points each, with Reeves adding three assists, while Jason Hartford added nine points and grabbed a team-high five rebounds. Cornell assisted on a school record 28 baskets and hit 14 3-pointers, one off the school record. Terrence Shawell was the lone Crusader to score in double-figures with 11 points and a game-high seven rebounds. Zach Westmoreland and David Washington chipped in with six points apiece. Alvernia shot 34 percent from the floor and turned the ball over 17 times in the loss. Alvernia kept the game close for the first seven minutes before the Big Red was able to quickly turn the game into a rout. After the visitors took an 11-10 lead at the 12:23 mark of the first half, the Big Red exploded for a 20-4 burst that put the game away. Cornell led 44-22 at the break. After opening the second half on a 9-2 run just two minutes in, the Big Red started liberally substituting and had the starters watch the reserves for the final 16 minutes.

Alvernia (4-6)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Matt King, F	29	1-11	0-5	3-4	1	1	6	1	5
Terrence Shawell, F	31	4-11	3-9	0-0	7	3	0	1	11
Tyrone Bradley, F	30	2-3	0-0	0-0	3	1	1	3	4
Zach Westmoreland, G	27	3-7	0-2	0-0	0	2	3	0	6
David Washington, G	31	1-7	1-3	3-4	4	1	2	2	6
Eric Barefield	11	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	0	2	3	1
Brandon Woods	16	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	3	2	0	3
Derek Dubbs	11	1-2	1-1	1-2	0	1	0	2	4
Justin Wright	4	2-3	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	4
Nick Rivera	10	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1	2
TEAM					5		1		
Totals	**200**	**16-47**	**6-21**	**8-12**	**22**	**13**	**17**	**13**	**46**

Cornell (7-5)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Ryan Wittman, F	15	4-7	3-5	0-0	1	1	1	1	11
Brian Kreefer, F	12	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	3	1	0	2
Jason Hartford, C	14	4-6	0-0	1-1	5	1	1	0	9
Louis Dale, G	17	5-8	3-6	0-0	4	1	2	1	13
Adam Gore, G	16	1-5	0-4	0-0	4	4	0	0	2
Jeff Foote	13	1-2	0-0	1-2	2	4	0	1	3
Collin Robinson	15	2-5	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	2	4
Aaron Osgood	12	3-3	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	1	6
Jason Battle	13	2-2	1-1	2-2	2	3	1	0	7
Andre Wilkins	11	2-3	0-0	0-0	4	1	0	1	4
Geoff Reeves	17	4-6	2-3	1-2	1	3	0	1	11
Conor Mullen	7	2-2	2-2	2-2	1	2	0	1	8
Adam Wire	11	1-3	1-1	0-0	1	2	1	1	3
Jon Jaques	16	2-8	2-6	0-0	3	0	1	3	6
Pete Reynolds	11	1-2	0-0	0-0	3	1	1	1	2
TEAM					4				
Totals	**200**	**35-63**	**14-28**	**7-9**	**40**	**28**	**9**	**14**	**91**

Blocks: Alvernia 0; Cornell 8 (Dale 2, Foote 2, Reynolds 2, Hartford, Mullen). **Steals:** Alvernia 3 (Westmoreland 2, King); Cornell 8 (Gore 3, Foote, Hartford, Jaques, Reeves, Wire). **Halftime:** COR 44, ALV 22. **Officials:** McEvoy, Martin, O'Connell. **Attendance:** 923.

NOTES

• Cornell's 14 3-pointers were one shy of a school record, while the 28 assists established a new record.

• The 45-point margin of victory tied a Newman Arena record, as did the 14 3-pointers and 28 assists.

• The victory margin was also the biggest for a Cornell team since defeated Haverford 90-39 on Dec. 2, 1996.

• All 15 players who dressed scored with 13 players registering at least one assist.

• The Big Red bench outscored Alvernia 54-14, and posted a 33-10 edge in points off turnovers.

• Matt King, Alvernia's second-leading scorer at 16 ppg. entering the game, was held to 1-of-11 shooting and scored just five points with six turnovers.

• Junior Conor Mullen, sophomores Jon Jaques and Pete Reynolds and freshmen Aaron Osgood and Adam Wire each scored their first points of the season in the second half.

• The Big Red had three dunks on breakaways after Alvernia turnovers, as Louis Dale, Collin Robinson and Aaron Osgood all threw one down.

Game 13 — CORNELL 64, NJIT 33
JAN. 15, 2008 — PRUDENTIAL CENTER

NEWARK, N.J. - On a night when the shots weren't falling early, the Cornell defense stepped it up. The Big Red put on a defensive clinic, limiting NJIT to 20 percent shooting overall in a 64-33 win at the Prudential Center. Cornell limited NJIT to nine first half points and forced 14 turnovers, and despite shooting just 37 percent themselves, went into the break with a 16-point edge. That lead continued to mount in the second half, as Cornell ended the evening limiting NJIT to 8-of-40 shooting and 3-of-16 from 3-point range. Cornell drew six charges, had six blocked shots, stole nione passes and forced 26 total turnovers. Jeff Foote had 10 points, three rebounds, four assists and two blocked shots to lead Cornell as the lone double figure scorer.Adam Gore and Geoff Reeves added eight points apiece. In all, 12 different players scored, including Alex Tyler with seven points, five rebounds, two blocks and a steal. The visitors shot just 43 percent from the floor and connected on just 6-of-19 from 3-point range. Kraig Peters led the Highlanders with 10 points, but connected on just 2-of-10 field goals.Nesho Milosevic and Kyle Edwards each had six points. Edwards was 3-of-3 from the floor, while his teammates were 5-of-37 (14 percent).NJIT was saved by 12 second half free throw makes, helping the home squad past the 30-point barrier. The 33 points were the fewest by a Cornell opponent since Princeton netted 30 in a 63-30 in 1984-85.

Cornell (8-5)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Ryan Wittman, F	23	2-8	0-3	0-0	3	0	1	1	4
Brian Kreefer, F	11	1-4	0-1	0-0	2	2	1	0	2
Alex Tyler, C	20	3-8	0-0	1-2	5	0	1	4	7
Louis Dale, G	17	1-5	1-3	2-2	1	2	0	0	5
Adam Gore, G	12	3-4	2-3	0-0	4	0	0	0	8
Jeff Foote	23	4-6	0-0	2-5	3	4	0	4	10
Collin Robinson	25	2-5	0-2	2-2	3	3	4	2	6
Aaron Osgood	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0
Jason Battle	9	1-1	0-0	1-1	1	1	0	1	3
Andre Wilkins	8	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	2
Geoff Reeves	18	3-4	2-3	0-0	5	0	3	3	8
Conor Mullen	4	0-1	0-1	0-2	1	0	0	1	0
Adam Wire	4	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	1	2
Jon Jaques	4	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	0	1	1	2
Pete Reynolds	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
Jason Hartford	15	2-7	1-3	0-0	2	0	0	0	5
TEAM					4				
Totals	**200**	**24-56**	**6-19**	**10-16**	**36**	**13**	**13**	**18**	**64**

NJIT (0-19)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Kyle Edwards, F	19	3-3	0-0	0-0	4	0	3	2	6
Dan Stonkus, C	35	0-1	0-0	3-4	3	0	1	3	3
Tyler Epps, G	31	0-5	0-4	0-0	2	3	0	2	0
Jheryl Wilson, G	19	0-4	0-0	3-6	6	0	5	2	3
Kraig Peters, G	35	2-10	2-7	4-6	7	0	6	1	10
Courcy Magnus	14	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	0	1
Rey Jefferson	3	1-2	1-1	1-1	0	0	0	2	4
Paulius Skema	12	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0
Brendon Lyn	8	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	1	0
Justin Garris	10	0-5	0-4	0-0	1	1	3	3	0
Nesho Milosevic	14	2-6	0-0	2-2	5	1	6	4	6
TEAM					6				
Totals	**200**	**8-40**	**3-16**	**14-21**	**35**	**5**	**26**	**20**	**33**

Blocks: Cornell 6 (Foote 2, Reynolds 2, Tyler 2); NJIT 4 (Edwards 2, Stonkus 2). **Steals:** Cornell 9 (Dale 3, Gore, Hartford, Reeves, Robinson, Tyler, Wilkins); NJIT 9 (Epps 2, Stonkus 2, Edwards, Garris, Magnus, Milosevic, Skema). **Halftime:** COR 25, NJIT 9. **Officials:** Dorsey, Herrick, Ruth. **Attendance:** 400.

NOTES

• The Big Red held NJIT to 33 points on 20 percent shooting while forcing 26 turnovers, all highs during head coach Steve Donahue's tenure.

• The 33 points was the fewest allowed by a Cornell team since Princeton scored 30 points in a 63-30 victoryduring the 1984-85.

• Sophomore Ryan Wittman was held to a career-low four points and did not hit a 3-pointer for the first time in his career (41 games).

• Junior Jeff Foote matched career highs with 10 points and four assists.

• Sophomore Geoff Reeves had a career-best five rebounds, good to tie for the team lead.

• Sophomore Andre Wilkins was on the receiving end of a Louis Dale alley-oop pass for his first career dunk with 8:19 left in the first half.

• Sophomore Pete Reynolds blocked two shots in just four minutes of action.

Game 14 — CORNELL 70, COLUMBIA 64
JAN. 19, 2008 — NEWMAN ARENA

ITHACA, N.Y. - The Cornell men's basketball team and its fans came into the 2007-08 season with high expectations after being chosen as the preseason Ivy League favorite, and the Big Red did not disappoint their faithful, erasing an early 10-point deficit to come away with a thrilling 70-64 victory over Columbia at Newman Arena. Louis Dale led the four double figure scorers for the Big Red with 18 points and also tallied a game-high five assists. Jeff Foote scored 13 points, grabbed six rebounds, blocked four shots and handed out two assists, while Ryan Wittman and Adam Gore tallied 12 points each. For Columbia, John Baumann registered a 21-point, 11-rebound double-double, while Mack Montgomery had 16 points. The Big Red shot a blazing 51.1 percent from the floor, while holding the Lions to just 48.1 percent. Columbia was able to out rebound the Big Red 31-21, but Cornell held a 13-8 advantage on the boards in the critical second half. The Big Red also forced 14 turnovers with eight steals, while turning the ball over a season-low six times. Dale took over for the Big Red late after Foote had kept the team in early with his energy and defense, as well as his offensive arsenal. The sophomore guard hit 4-of-5 field goals for 10 points in the second half, including the go-ahead basket with 8:15 left that put the home team in the lead for good.

Columbia (7-9, 0-1 Ivy)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
John Baumann, F	34	8-14	2-3	3-4	11	4	2	0	21
Ben Nwachukwu, C	19	3-7	0-0	1-1	6	0	2	3	7
Brett Loscalzo, G	30	2-4	2-4	0-0	2	2	3	4	6
K.J. Matsui	32	3-9	1-6	0-0	1	1	0	2	7
Mack Montgomery	21	7-11	1-2	1-1	3	1	3	4	16
Asenso Ampim	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0
Kashif Sweet	12	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	2	2
Kevin Bulger	18	1-4	1-1	0-0	4	0	0	2	3
Joe Bova	22	0-2	0-2	0-0	0	2	0	1	0
Niko Scott	9	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	2	3	3	2
TEAM					2				
Totals	**200**	**26-54**	**7-18**	**5-6**	**31**	**13**	**14**	**21**	**64**

Cornell (9-5, 1-0 Ivy)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Ryan Wittman, F	36	4-9	1-4	3-4	4	1	0	2	12
Brian Kreefer, F	10	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	1	0
Alex Tyler, C	23	2-4	0-0	1-2	4	1	3	3	5
Louis Dale, G	32	6-13	2-8	4-4	1	5	2	1	18
Adam Gore, G	31	2-4	1-2	7-8	1	1	0	1	12
Jeff Foote	28	6-7	0-0	1-2	6	2	0	4	13
Jason Battle	9	1-1	0-0	1-1	1	0	1	0	3
Andre Wilkins	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
Geoff Reeves	11	1-2	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	3
Jason Hartford	17	1-3	0-2	2-2	0	1	0	1	4
TEAM					2				
Totals	**200**	**23-45**	**5-17**	**19-23**	**21**	**12**	**6**	**13**	**70**

Blocks: Columbia 1 (Baumann); Cornell 7 (Foote 4, Kreefer 2, Tyler). **Steals:** Columbia 1 (Matsui); Cornell 8 (Wittman 3, Dale 2, Foote, Gore, Tyler). **Halftime:** COR 31, COL 31. **Officials:** McEvoy, O'Connell, Libardoni. **Attendance:** 3,109.

NOTES

• Cornell had a season-low six turnovers, matching the fewest in a game under head coach Steve Donahue.

• Jeff Foote set career highs in points (13), blocked shots (4) and minutes played (28).

• The Big Red hit 7-of-8 free throws in the final 52 seconds to seal the win, with Adam Gore making 5-of-6.

• Despite being outrebounded 31-21 for the game, Cornell actually held a 13-9 edge after halftime.

• Louis Dale made all four of his free throw attempts, extending his consecutive makes streak to 29.

• Junior Jason Battle has made eight consecutive field goals after a three-point play for his only basket against the Lions. It upped his season field goal percentage to 67 percent.

• Ryan Wittman tied a career high with three steals.

• As a team, Cornell had a 2:1 assist to turnover ratio for the second time in three games.

• The Big Red hit on 60 percent of its field goals in the second half (12-of-20).

• Cornell was playing its first game without Collin Robinson. The reserve guard quit the team three days prior to the contest.

Game 15 — CORNELL 72, COLUMBIA 54
JAN. 26, 2008 — LEVIEN GYMNASIUM

NEW YORK, N.Y. - Cornell led from wire-to-wire and completed a season sweep of travel partner Columbia with a 72-54 victory over the Lions in the Big Red's Ivy League road opener at Levien Gymnasium. Cornell jumped out to a 10-0 lead in a game televised nationally by the YES Network and never trailed. The Cornell defense limited the Lions to 34 percent shooting and dominated in the rebounding category (41-27), using hustle plays on offense to collect 14 offensive rebounds and opening aggressively to win for the 10th time in the last 12 meetings with Columbia. Four players were in double figures with Adam Gore leading the way with 17. Ryan Wittman added 16 points, eight rebounds and four assists, while Alex Tyler (11) and Louis Dale (10) also hit the mark. Jason Hartford notched eight points and seven rebounds. The Big Red won despite hitting just 4-of-16 3-pointers and turning it over 18 times. Brett Loscalzo was the only Lion player in double figures with 11 points thanks to 4-of-4 shooting. Besides Loscalzo, Columbia's players hit just 13-of-46 field goals (28 percent). Joe Bova added nine points off the bench and K.J. Matsui had eight. Team leading scorer John Baumann had six poiints, but was held without a field goal (0-for-4).

Cornell (10-5, 2-0 Ivy)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Ryan Wittman, F	36	5-11	2-5	4-4	8	4	7	1	16
Jason Hartford, F	19	3-5	0-2	2-3	7	0	1	3	8
Alex Tyler, C	28	4-5	0-0	3-4	6	0	0	4	11
Louis Dale, G	28	4-9	0-3	2-2	4	3	5	4	10
Adam Gore, G	33	4-8	2-5	7-8	3	0	2	2	17
Jeff Foote	17	1-3	0-0	1-1	4	0	0	3	3
Aaron Osgood	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Jason Battle	10	1-2	0-0	1-2	1	1	1	1	3
Andre Wilkins	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Geoff Reeves	19	2-7	0-0	0-1	3	0	2	0	4
Conor Mullen	1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Adam Wire	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Jon Jaques	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Pete Reynolds	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0
TEAM					4				
Totals	**200**	**24-51**	**4-16**	**20-25**	**41**	**8**	**18**	**19**	**72**

Columbia (7-10, 0-2 Ivy)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
John Baumann, F	33	0-4	0-1	6-7	6	2	2	2	6
Ben Nwachukwu, C	10	1-5	0-0	0-0	3	0	2	2	2
Brett Loscalzo, G	26	4-4	3-3	0-2	1	1	2	2	11
K.J. Matsui	21	3-5	2-4	0-0	1	1	3	2	8
Mack Montgomery	28	0-3	0-2	0-0	2	2	2	2	0
Asenso Ampim	14	0-4	0-0	1-2	1	0	0	1	1
Kashif Sweet	15	1-4	0-1	1-3	1	1	1	1	3
Kevin Bulger	17	2-5	0-2	1-2	2	2	2	3	5
Dan Trepanier	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Joe Bova	16	3-6	3-4	0-0	4	0	1	2	9
Niko Scott	15	2-7	1-2	2-2	1	2	1	4	7
Jason Miller	4	1-3	0-0	0-0	2	1	0	2	2
TEAM					3				
Totals	**200**	**17-50**	**9-19**	**11-18**	**27**	**12**	**16**	**23**	**54**

Blocks: Cornell 3 (Hartford, Tyler, Wittman); Columbia 1 (Ampim). **Steals:** Cornell 6 (Reeves 2, Dale, Foote, Gore, Wittman); Columbia 6 (Sweet 2, Baumann, Bova, Bulger, Loscalzo). **Halftime:** COR 40, COL 22. **Officials:** Eppley, Smith, Ebersole. **Attendance:** 2,008.

NOTES

• The Big Red swept the season series from travel partner Columbia for the fourth time in six years.

• Adam Gore surpassed the 500-point mark for his career, joining sophomores Ryan Wittman and Louis Dale who hit the milestone earlier this season. His 17 points gave him 515 in 43 games.

• Gore's 17 points was a season-high.

• After scoring 21 points in the first contest, the Big Red held Lions' senior forward John Baumann to six points and 0-of-4 from the field in the win.

• Jason Hartford posted a season-high five offensive rebounds.

• The Big Red scored 15 seconds into the game, went ahead 10-0 and never trailed in the win.

• The 18-point halftime lead was Cornell's biggest against a Division I opponent this season, as was the 14-rebound advantage.

• Columbia's starting backcourt of Brett Loscalzo and K.J. Matsui made 7-of-9 field goals, while the rest of the team made just 10-of-41 shots (.244).

• The game was televised nationally by the YES Network.

Game 16 — CORNELL 75, BROWN 64
FEB. 1, 2008 — PIZZITOLA SPORTS CENTER

PROVIDENCE, R.I. - Cornell opened the second half on a 7-0 run and never trailed the rest of the way, improving to 3-0 in Ivy play with a 75-64 victory over Brown at the Pizzitola Sports Center. Ryan Wittman hit for 21 points to lead four double figure scorers. Wittman hit five 3-pointers, including four long treys in the first half, and added four rebounds in the victory. Classmate Louis Dale added 15 points, eight assists and seven rebounds, while Alex Tyler notched 11 points and six rebounds while battling inside. Adam Gore rounded out the double figure scorers with 10 points. The Cornell defense limited Brown to 33 percent shooting for the game and outrebounded the Bears 35-26. The visitors hit on 18-of-19 free throws, including 10-of-11 after halftime, to help overcome 21 turnovers. Brown got a game-high 22 points from Mark McAndrew and 13 from Peter Sullivan as the lone players in double figures. The Bears stayed in the game by hitting 27 free throws and turned the ball over just 12 times. Chris Skrelja posted nine points, five assists, three rebounds and three steals in the loss.

Cornell (11-5, 3-0 Ivy)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Ryan Wittman, F	34	7-13	5-10	2-2	4	0	2	4	21
Jason Hartford, F	20	2-4	0-1	1-1	3	2	0	1	5
Alex Tyler, C	24	4-6	0-0	3-4	6	1	4	5	11
Louis Dale, G	36	3-10	1-3	8-8	7	8	7	4	15
Adam Gore, G	25	3-8	2-3	2-2	1	1	0	3	10
Jeff Foote	21	2-2	0-0	2-2	4	1	5	3	6
Jason Battle	19	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	4	1	4	2
Geoff Reeves	18	1-2	1-1	0-0	5	1	1	1	3
Brian Kreefer	3	1-2	0-0	0-0	3	0	1	2	2
TEAM					2				
Totals	**200**	**24-48**	**9-18**	**18-19**	**35**	**18**	**21**	**27**	**75**

Brown (9-8, 1-2 Ivy)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Matt Mullery, F	16	1-4	0-0	2-3	3	0	0	3	4
Mark McAndrew, G	35	6-12	3-6	7-10	3	0	4	3	22
Damon Huffman, G	38	2-12	0-5	0-0	5	1	0	3	4
Chris Skrelja, G	35	2-7	0-0	5-8	3	5	3	3	9
Peter Sullivan, G	24	3-4	2-3	5-6	3	0	2	3	13
Chris Taylor	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Scott Friske	15	1-2	0-0	2-2	1	1	1	2	4
Steve Gruber	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Adrian Williams	29	1-5	0-2	6-7	3	2	2	0	8
Sean Kane	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Morgan Kelly	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Garrett Leffelman	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM					5			1	
Totals	**200**	**16-48**	**5-16**	**27-36**	**26**	**9**	**12**	**18**	**64**

Blocks: Cornell 1 (Tyler); Brown 1 (Friske). **Steals:** Cornell 4 (Gore 2, Foote, Wittman); Brown 12 (McAndrew 5, Skrelja 3, Huffman 2, Friske, Williams). **Halftime:** COR 33, BRWN 33. **Officials:** Adams, Koskinen, Anderson. **Attendance:** 1,812.

NOTES

- Louis Dale went 8-of-8 from the free-throw line, extending his streak of consecutive makes to 39.
- Ryan Wittman hit four of his five 3-pointers in the first half, including three straight on consecutive possessions to give the Big Red its first lead.
- The Big Red was whistled for a season-high 27 fouls.
- Cornell has overcome deficits of at least seven points in the first half in two of the first three Ivy games this season.
- Jason Battle set a career-high with his four assists.
- The Cornell defense hounded Brown leading scorer Damon Huffman to just 2-of-12 shooting and four points.
- The Big Red improved to 3-0 in Ivy play for the second time in the last four years.
- Cornell outrebounded Brown 35-26, giving the Big Red a +11.5 rebounding margin in the last two Ivy road games.

Game 17 — CORNELL 66, YALE 45
FEB. 2, 2008 — JOHN J. LEE AMPHITHEATER

NEW HAVEN, Conn. - Cornell put an exclamation point on a key early road sweep with an emphatic 66-45 victory over Yale at the John J. Lee Amphitheater. Ryan Wittman scored a game-high 18 points to lead four double figure scorers and Jeff Foote registered his second career double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds to pace the visitors. Cornell's defense again dominated the day, allowing just 26 percent shooting overall and 18 percent from 3-point range. Jason Hartford added 13 points and five rebounds, while Louis Dale had 10 points, four assists and three rebounds. Yale's Alex Zampier scored a team-high 12 points off the bench, while Ross Morin added 10 points and 11 rebounds. Cornell jumped out to a 16-3 lead and never let Yale get back within single figures the rest of the way. A night after Cornell held Brown leading scorer Damon Huffman to four points on 2-of-12 shooting, Yale lead guard Eric Flato was 0-of-4 from the floor for two points. The victory was the first by Cornell over Yale in New Haven since the 2000-01 season and was the largest margin of victory over the Bulldogs on the road since an 88-64 victory during the 1977-78 campaign.

Cornell (12-5, 4-0 Ivy)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Ryan Wittman, F	37	6-11	3-5	3-3	5	3	1	2	18
Jason Hartford, F	18	5-7	1-2	2-2	5	0	0	2	13
Alex Tyler, C	23	2-8	0-1	0-0	2	2	0	5	4
Louis Dale, G	27	3-7	0-2	4-4	3	4	2	1	10
Adam Gore, G	24	1-3	0-2	0-0	2	1	1	3	2
Jeff Foote	21	4-7	0-0	3-5	11	3	5	4	11
Aaron Osgood	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	1	0
Jason Battle	12	0-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0
Andre Wilkins	9	0-1	0-0	1-2	1	0	0	2	1
Geoff Reeves	14	2-6	1-3	0-0	3	1	1	0	5
Conor Mullen	2	0-0	0-0	2-2	0	0	0	0	2
Adam Wire	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Jon Jaques	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Brian Kreefer	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Pete Reynolds	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
TEAM					4				
Totals	**200**	**23-51**	**5-15**	**15-18**	**39**	**14**	**11**	**20**	**66**

Yale (7-11, 1-3 Ivy)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Ross Morin, F	21	3-9	0-0	4-7	11	0	1	0	10
Nick Holmes, F	22	2-5	0-1	0-0	3	0	1	0	4
Paul Nelson, C	16	1-2	0-0	0-0	4	0	1	2	2
Eric Flato, G	23	0-4	0-3	2-2	2	1	0	2	2
Caleb Holmes, G	19	2-9	0-2	2-3	1	0	1	3	6
Josh Davis	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
Porter Braswell	19	0-3	0-1	0-0	0	0	3	2	0
Travis Pinick	18	1-7	0-2	2-4	8	2	0	0	4
Jordan Gibson	9	0-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0
Matt Kyle	17	0-1	0-0	0-4	7	0	4	3	0
Raffi Mantilla	2	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	3
Alex Zampier	22	4-12	2-7	2-4	4	2	2	1	12
Ari Greenberg	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1	0
Garrett Fiddler	5	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	2
Michael Sands	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM					1				
Totals	**200**	**15-58**	**3-17**	**12-24**	**42**	**7**	**13**	**16**	**45**

Blocks: Cornell 2 (Reeves, Tyler); Yale 5 (Gibson, N. Holmes, Kyle, Morin, Nelson). **Steals:** Cornell 5 (Wittman 2, Dale, Gore, Hartford); Yale 4 (Flato, Kyle, Pinick, Zampier). **Halftime:** COR 39, YALE 21. **Officials:** Agger, Bova, Edwards. **Attendance:** 2,156.

NOTES

- The win was Cornell's first at Yale since the 2000-01 season.
- It also marked the first road sweep of Yale and Brown in the same season since 1999-2000.
- Jeff Foote collected his second career double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds.
- The Big Red held Eric Flato, the choice for preseason Ivy player of the year by various publications, to two points on 0-of-4 shooting.
- Cornell shot 56 percent in the first half while holding Yale to 28 percent on 8-of-29 shooting.
- The Big Red defense was even better in the second half, forcing Yale into 7-of-29 shooting (24 percent), including two Bulldog baskets in the final 1:22 with both team's reserves in the contest.
- Cornell made 15-of-18 free throws in the win, making the Big Red 33-of-37 in the Big Red's weekend road sweep.

Game 18 — CORNELL 72, PRINCETON 61
FEB. 8, 2008 — NEWMAN ARENA

ITHACA, N.Y. - Ryan Wittman had 20 points and Jeff Foote had a career-high 18 points to lead Cornell to a 72-61 victory over Princeton on Friday evening at Newman Arena. Wittman and Foote combined to hit 13-of-18 shots as Cornell shot 54 percent from the floor for the game, including 65 percent in the first half. The Ivy leaders also got 10 points from Adam Gore, and eight points, seven rebounds and five assists from Louis Dale. Wittman added a game-high eight rebounds and hit 4-of-5 3-pointers. On "Jeff Foote Night" at Newman Arena, the junior came off the bench and dominated the paint, scoring 11 of his points in the first half, including nine straight for the Big Red midway through the half to turn a five-point deficit into the team's first lead of the game. Cornell also had a 29-20 edge on the glass. Princeton got 19 points from Kyle Koncz and 17 from Kevin Steurer in the loss. Zach Finley posted 10 points as the Tigers hit 12-of-23 from beyond the arc to keep the game within reach the entire way.

Princeton (5-13, 2-1 Ivy)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Kyle Koncz, F	36	5-8	5-7	4-5	5	2	1	5	19
Noah Savage, F	26	3-6	2-5	0-0	2	0	3	4	8
Zach Finley, C	24	4-8	0-0	2-4	4	0	2	4	10
Lincoln Gunn, G	38	1-7	1-5	0-0	3	4	2	1	3
Kevin Steurer, G	36	6-11	3-4	2-2	2	2	5	3	17
Nick Lake	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Jason Briggs	16	0-0	0-0	1-2	0	2	1	3	1
Marcus Schroeder	18	1-3	1-2	0-0	2	1	0	2	3
Pawel Buczak	6	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	1	0
TEAM					1				
Totals	**200**	**20-45**	**12-23**	**9-13**	**20**	**11**	**14**	**23**	**61**

Cornell (13-5, 5-0 Ivy)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Ryan Wittman, F	37	7-10	4-5	2-2	8	1	0	1	20
Jason Hartford, F	21	4-7	1-2	0-0	2	0	0	0	9
Alex Tyler, C	15	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	4	2
Louis Dale, G	33	2-8	0-3	4-4	7	5	4	3	8
Adam Gore, G	33	3-6	2-5	2-2	1	1	2	2	10
Jeff Foote	22	6-8	0-0	6-9	3	1	1	3	18
Jason Battle	20	1-3	0-0	0-0	4	2	2	1	2
Andre Wilkins	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	1	0
Geoff Reeves	14	1-1	0-0	1-2	1	0	2	0	3
Conor Mullen	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	1	0
Brian Kreefer	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	0
TEAM					1				
Totals	**200**	**25-46**	**7-15**	**15-19**	**29**	**13**	**12**	**16**	**72**

Blocks: Princeton 1 (Schroeder); Cornell 2 (Dale, Foote). **Steals:** Princeton 5 (Schroeder 2, Briggs, Gunn, Steurer); Cornell 6 (Battle 2, Dale, Gore, Tyler, Wittman). **Halftime:** COR 37, PRIN 29. **Officials:** Sweeney, McAndrew, Eppley. **Attendance:** 3,326.

NOTES

- Cornell defeated Princeton for the sixth time in the last seven meetings between the programs.
- Junior Jeff Foote had a career-high 18 points on "Jeff Foote Night" at Newman Arena. Among the activities included a big-foot race involving university staff, throwing fruit-by-the-foot into the crowd whenever the junior made a basket, and all fans getting a picture of Foote on a stick to wave.
- The team's .652 field goal percentage in the first 20 minutes (15-of-23) was the highest for Cornell in a half this season.
- Sophomore Ryan Wittman had a game-high 20 points and eight rebounds.
- Princeton's 12 3-pointers was a season-high for a Big Red opponent.
- The crowd of 3,326 was a season-high.

Game 19 — CORNELL 87, PENN 74
FEB. 9, 2008 — NEWMAN ARENA

ITHACA, N.Y. - The sophomore tandem of Louis Dale and Ryan Wittman combined for 49 points and 15 rebounds to help Cornell snap an 18-game losing streak to Penn, topping the three-time defending Ivy League champions 87-74 in front of a sold-out Newman Arena. Wittman had a career-high 25 points and added six rebounds, including hitting four second half treys that turned the tide, and Dale added a career-high 24 points to go along with nine rebounds and four assists in the victory. Cornell shot 49 percent from the floor and made 27-of-29 free throws in collecting the victory. Adam Gore chipped in with 14 points, including a perfect 8-of-8 day at the charity stripe. Cornell held a 36-31 edge on the backboards and hit 10 3-pointers while shooting 59 percent from beyond the arc. The 6-0 start is Cornell's first in Ivy League play since the 1964-65 squad opened its Ancient Eight season with 11 consecutive wins. Andreas Schreiber netted 23 points and ripped down nine boards to lead the Penn attack, while freshman guard Harrison Gaines had an impressive 19-point, seven-assist, zero-turnover effort off the bench. Brian Grandieri posted 12 points as the third Quaker in double figures. Penn shot 45 percent for the game, but connected on just 11-of-19 from the line in the loss.

Penn (7-14, 2-2 Ivy)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Brian Grandieri, F	36	5-13	2-6	0-1	4	1	1	0	12
Jack Eggleston, F	27	3-6	1-1	1-2	2	2	3	2	8
Andreas Schreiber, C	36	9-17	1-2	4-7	9	0	3	4	23
Kevin Egee, G	21	1-2	0-1	0-0	2	3	0	4	2
Remy Cofield, G	21	2-5	1-2	1-2	5	1	1	4	6
Aron Cohen	4	0-2	0-2	0-0	0	1	0	3	0
Michael Kach	9	1-4	0-2	0-0	1	0	1	0	2
Harrison Gaines	28	6-9	2-3	5-7	0	7	0	4	19
Cameron Lewis	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0
Justin Reilly	11	1-4	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	1	2
TEAM					6				
Totals	**200**	**28-62**	**7-19**	**11-19**	**31**	**15**	**9**	**23**	**74**

Cornell (14-5, 6-0 Ivy)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Ryan Wittman, F	35	8-13	5-8	4-4	6	2	2	1	25
Jason Hartford, F	32	3-5	1-1	0-0	3	2	3	1	7
Alex Tyler, C	17	4-4	0-0	1-2	4	0	0	4	9
Louis Dale, G	35	5-13	1-3	13-14	9	4	3	4	24
Adam Gore, G	28	2-4	2-2	8-8	3	1	2	1	14
Jeff Foote	24	2-6	0-0	1-1	8	3	0	5	5
Aaron Osgood	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Jason Battle	10	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	2	0	0	0
Andre Wilkins	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Geoff Reeves	12	1-3	1-3	0-0	0	1	1	1	3
Conor Mullen	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Adam Wire	0+	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Jon Jaques	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Brian Kreefer	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
Pete Reynolds	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM					1		1		
Totals	**200**	**25-51**	**10-17**	**27-29**	**36**	**15**	**12**	**17**	**87**

Blocks: Penn 2 (Schreiber); Cornell 2 (Foote, Tyler). **Steals:** Penn 4 (Eggleston 2, Gaines, Schreiber); Cornell 3 (Dale, Reeves, Wittman). **Halftime:** COR 41, PENN 36. **Officials:** Hart, O'Brien, Leighton. **Attendance:** 4,473.

NOTES

- Sophomores Ryan Wittman (25 points) and Louis Dale (24 points) each set career scoring highs in the win.
- Dale hit 13-of-14 from the free-throw line, but saw his school-record string of 52 consecutive made free throws end with his miss on his second of two attempts with 2:19 left in the first half.
- Sophomore Alex Tyler hit all four of his field goal attempts in the win.
- Tyler also picked up four fouls. It was his fifth straight game with at least four fouls.
- After halftime, the Big Red connected on 6-of-7 3-pointers (86 percent) and cashed in on 14-of-15 free throws (93 percent).
- Junior Jeff Foote had eight rebounds and three assists without a turnover in 24 minutes before fouling out.
- Both Andreas Schreiber (23 points) and Harrison Gaines (19 points) recorded career-highs for Penn.

Game 20 — CORNELL 72, HARVARD 71
FEB. 15, 2008 — LAVIETES PAVILION

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. - Sophomore Alex Tyler scored six points in the final 25 seconds, including the game-winning basket with 6.8 seconds remaining, to help Cornell remain unbeaten with a 72-71 comeback victory over Harvard at Lavietes Pavilion. Tyler ended the game with career highs of 19 points and 10 rebounds. Tyler hit 9-of-11 field goals and added two assists and a blocked shot in the winning effort, while classmate Ryan Wittman scored a game-high 20 points on 9-of-15 shooting to lead the winners. Cornell shot 52.8 percent from the floor overall, but connected on just 2-of-13 from beyond the arc. Cornell overcame 16 turnovers in the win. Drew Housman had 18 points and Jeremy Lin added 15 with four steals for Harvard in a losing effort. Evan Harris notched 10 points, five rebounds and four steals for the Crimson, which shot 44 percent from the field. Cornell used an unlikely series of events in the final minutes to improve its win streak to nine games, its longest since the 1987-88 Ivy championship team. Tyler scored his first basket with 25 seconds left to cut a 71-66 deficit to three. The Crimson inbounded long to Jeremy Lin, but the sophomore was pressured and fell out of bounds for the turnover. The Big Red then fed the ball back to Tyler on the other end and Evan Harris was called for goaltending with nine seconds to cut it to one. Harris then attempted to inbound for Harvard under the Cornell basket, but the Cornell pressure wouldn't allow an opening and the home team was called for a five-second violation. The inbounds play was drawn up perfectly, as Dale inbounded to Tyler under the basket for the layup after Wittman screened his player and Tyler slipped underneath to put the Big Red up 72-71. Harvard's Housman forced up a quick shot and Cornell knocked the ball out of bounds going for the rebound with 1.3 seconds to play. The Crimson's inbounds pass was never touched, going all the way out of bounds on the other end of the court. The Big Red took possession and inbounded the ball into its own backcourt as time ran out. The Cornell players piled onto the court as the team kept its unbeaten streak intact.

Cornell (15-5, 7-0 Ivy)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Ryan Wittman, F	37	9-15	2-5	0-0	2	2	0	2	20
Jason Hartford, F	19	0-4	0-2	2-2	5	0	0	1	2
Alex Tyler, C	27	9-11	0-0	1-2	10	2	4	2	19
Louis Dale, G	29	3-7	0-0	6-6	1	1	3	2	12
Adam Gore, G	33	2-7	0-5	2-3	3	1	1	3	6
Jeff Foote	26	3-6	0-0	3-7	7	0	4	2	9
Jason Battle	13	1-1	0-0	3-7	7	0	4	2	9
Andre Wilkins	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0
Geoff Reeves	10	1-2	0-1	0-0	0	1	1	2	2
Brian Kreefer	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	2	1	0
TEAM					1		1		
Totals	**200**	**28-53**	**2-13**	**14-20**	**35**	**7**	**16**	**16**	**72**

Harvard (6-17, 1-6 Ivy)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Brad Unger, F	27	3-10	1-5	0-0	4	3	0	4	7
Evan Harris, F	32	3-8	0-0	4-5	5	0	1	2	10
Drew Housman, G	36	4-9	2-5	8-8	1	2	3	3	18
Jeremy Lin, G	28	5-8	2-2	3-5	2	2	5	4	15
Andrew Pusar, G	31	4-8	1-2	0-0	4	1	1	0	9
Cem Dinc	4	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	1	2
Dan McGeary	23	1-6	1-4	0-0	2	1	0	0	3
T.J. Carey	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Doug Miller	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0\
Kyle Fitzgerald	15	3-3	0-0	1-1	1	0	0	2	7
TEAM					3		1		
Totals	**200**	**24-54**	**7-18**	**16-19**	**23**	**9**	**12**	**16**	**71**

Blocks: Cornell 5 (Foote 2, Dale, Tyler, Wittman); Harvard 1 (Lin). **Steals:** Cornell 1 (Gore); Harvard 8 (Harris 4, Lin 4). **Halftime:** COR 34, HARV 29. **Officials:** Martin, McEvoy, Elias. **Attendance:** 1,044.

NOTES

- It was Alex Tyler's first career double-double, as the sophomore set career highs in field goals made and attempted, rebounds and points.
- Ryan Wittman posted at least 20 points for the third straight game and the fourth time in the last five outings.
- The Big Red won the rebounding battle 35-23, its second double-digit rebounding edge in seven conference games.
- Cornell's 2-of-13 effort from 3-point range as a season low for makes and percentage (.154).
- The Big Red won for the second time this season when trailing with under a minute to play (Quinnipiac was the other).

Game 21 — CORNELL 73, DARTMOUTH 63
FEB. 16, 2008 — LEEDE ARENA

HANOVER, N.H. - They aren't always pretty, but a win is a win. Saturday's game could be categorized exactly that way as the Cornell men's basketball team held on for a 73-63 victory over Dartmouth at Leede Arena. All five starters hit for double figures with Ryan Wittman leading the way with 16 points. Adam Gore hit 5-of-7 shots and tallied 13 points to go along with three steals, Louis Dale and Jason Hartford each had 12 points, with Dale adding five rebounds and four steals. Alex Tyler scored all 11 of his points after halftime and made all seven free throws down the stretch, while leading the team with four assists. Jeff Foote had a team-high six rebounds. The Big Red shot 57 percent from the field in the victory. DeVon Mosley had 18 points to lead Dartmouth, while Elgin Fitzgerald had 17 points, seven rebounds and three blocked shots. Johnathan Ball had 13 points, six rebounds, five assists and two steals in the loss. Dartmouth shot 46 percent from the floor despite playing without leading scorer Alex Barnett, who was nursing an ankle injury. Dartmouth came out fired up against the Ivy leader, storming out to a 12-4 lead just four minutes in as Ball scored seven quick points, including a conventional three-point play that put the Big Green up for the first time at 5-2. The Big Red went on a run to get back within 14-10, but Dale was called for his second personal foul after out-leaping his opponent on a defensive rebound, but the call put the sophomore guard on the bench. Wittman, his classmate, picked him up. The 6-6 forward scored seven straight points, including two on turnaround jumpers in the post, to put the visitors in the lead for the first time since the opening minute at 22-18. The Big Red extended the lead to eight, but the skeleton Dartmouth club chipped away behind hot hands from Ball and Mosley, who combined for 25 of the 35 first half points. Mosley hit the highlight basket of the half, banking in a 30-foot 3-pointer from the top of the key after a Big Red turnover as time expired. That shot sent the Big Green into the lockerroom trailing by just one (36-35). The Big Red shot 68 percent from the floor (17-of-25), while Dartmouth made 50 percent overall (15-of-30). Dartmouth quickly tied the game in the second half before a Dale trey from the right wing gave the visitors a 42-39 advantage. Dartmouth briefly took a one-point lead and tied the contest at 48-48, but the Big Red would lead over the final 13 minutes after a Foote layup gave Cornell a 50-48 edge. The lead grew to 12 late as Cornell ran out the clock.

Cornell (16-5, 8-0 Ivy)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Ryan Wittman, F	35	5-12	2-7	4-4	4	2	3	4	16
Jason Hartford, F	28	6-7	0-0	0-0	5	1	1	0	12
Alex Tyler, C	31	2-4	0-0	7-7	4	4	1	1	11
Louis Dale, G	25	5-9	1-3	1-2	4	2	5	5	12
Adam Gore, G	31	5-7	3-5	0-0	3	3	2	2	13
Jeff Foote	18	2-5	0-0	0-0	6	1	1	2	4
Jason Battle	16	1-2	0-0	1-2	1	2	2	2	3
Andre Wilkins	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Geoff Reeves	11	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1	2
Totals	**200**	**27-48**	**6-15**	**13-15**	**27**	**16**	**15**	**17**	**73**

Dartmouth (8-14, 1-7 Ivy)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Marlon Sanders, F	16	0-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	2	1	0
Clive Weeden, F	28	1-5	0-0	0-0	4	0	1	4	2
Elgin Fitzgerald, C	30	7-13	0-0	3-4	7	1	2	1	17
DeVon Mosley, G	29	7-13	4-7	0-0	4	1	3	3	18
Johnathan Ball, G	32	6-11	0-0	1-1	6	5	3	3	13
Ronnie Dixon	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	1	0
Brandon Ware	21	0-2	0-0	5-6	0	2	1	1	5
Robby Pride	14	2-3	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	2	4
Michael Giovacchini	19	1-4	0-2	0-0	0	0	2	0	2
Kurt Graeber	8	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	2	2
TEAM					1		1		
Totals	**200**	**25-54**	**4-9**	**9-11**	**26**	**12**	**17**	**18**	**63**

Blocks: Cornell 4 (Hartford 2, Dale, Tyler); Dartmouth 4 (Fitzgerald 3, Weeden). **Steals:** Cornell 10 (Dale 4, Gore 3, Battle, Foote, Tyler); Dartmouth 10 (Ball 2, Mosley 2, Sanders 2, Weeden 2, Pride, Ware). **Halftime:** COR 36, Dart 35. **Officials:** Alvaro, Pilla, Agger. **Attendance:** 816.

NOTES

- All five starters reached double figures for the Big Red.
- Louis Dale tied his career high with four steals.
- The win gave Cornell its 10th straight win overall, its eighth straight Ivy contest and its sixth straight road win with the victory.
- The victory also gave the Big Red at least one win over every Ivy team in one season for the first time since 1987-88.

Game 22 — CORNELL 85, YALE 65
FEB. 22, 2008 — NEWMAN ARENA

ITHACA, N.Y. - Cornell opened the second half on a 16-3 run and never looked back, remaining unbeaten in Ivy League play with a 85-65 victory over Yale at Newman Arena. Junior Adam Gore had a season-high 18 points to lead four double figure scorers. Gore hit five 3-pointers, including four big treys after the break, to rally from a 39-36 deficit after 20 minutes. The Big Red defense limited the Bulldogs to 29 percent shooting (6-of-21) after halftime in the win and did not turn the ball over while assisting on 10-of-16 baskets. Senior Jason Hartford had his second career double-double with 15 points and 11 rebounds, while both Alex Tyler and Ryan Wittman chipped in with 12 points apiece. The Big Red held a 37-26 edge on the backboards and turned the ball over just four times, including zero times in the final 20 minutes. Yale got a team-best 13 points from Eric Flato and 11 from both Matt Kyle and Ross Morin. Caleb Holmes added eight points. The Bulldogs shot 55 percent in the first half, including making six 3-pointers to lead by as many as eight at the 10-minute mark of the first half. Cornell's win helped it move its win streak to 11 games overall, while the 9-0 start in Ivy play is its best since the 1964-65 season. The team's 17 wins is also the most since the 1987-88 championship team went 17-10, while it also reached an eighth-straight year of matching or improving on its overall and Ivy League win totals.

Yale (10-13, 4-5 Ivy)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Travis Pinick, F	28	1-2	0-0	2-4	9	1	1	2	4
Nick Holmes, F	26	2-7	2-7	0-0	2	4	2	3	6
Matt Kyle, C	22	4-6	0-0	3-5	3	0	1	3	11
Eric Flato, G	33	5-14	3-9	0-0	2	3	1	0	13
Alex Zampier, G	22	2-6	1-3	0-0	3	0	1	1	5
Ross Morin	21	4-6	0-0	3-4	3	1	1	2	11
Porter Braswell	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0
Jordan Gibson	6	0-1	0-0	2-2	0	0	0	0	2
Raffi Mantilla	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Ari Greenberg	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0
Paul Nelson	11	1-1	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	1	2
Caleb Holmes	20	2-5	2-4	2-2	0	1	1	3	8
Garrett Fiddler	1	1-1	0-0	1-1	0	0	0	0	3
Michael Sands	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM					2				
Totals	**200**	**22-50**	**8-23**	**13-18**	**26**	**11**	**9**	**18**	**65**

Cornell (17-5, 9-0 Ivy)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Ryan Wittman, F	35	3-9	2-6	4-4	2	5	1	2	12
Jason Hartford, F	20	7-9	0-1	1-1	11	1	1	1	15
Alex Tyler, C	32	6-10	0-0	0-0	5	2	0	1	12
Louis Dale, G	27	3-7	1-2	2-2	5	4	1	2	9
Adam Gore, G	26	5-11	5-9	3-3	2	2	0	1	18
Jeff Foote	23	3-4	0-0	3-4	5	2	0	4	9
Aaron Osgood	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0
Jason Battle	10	0-2	0-0	2-2	3	0	0	0	2
Andre Wilkins	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	0	0
Geoff Reeves	15	2-7	1-4	0-0	0	0	0	0	3
Conor Mullen	1	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	3
Adam Wire	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0
Jon Jaques	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
Brian Kreefer	3	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0	0
Pete Reynolds	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM					2				
Totals	**200**	**30-61**	**10-24**	**15-17**	**37**	**16**	**4**	**14**	**85**

Blocks: Yale 5 (Kyle 2, N. Holmes, Morin, Nelson); Cornell 3 (Foote 2, Tyler). **Steals:** Yale 3 (C. Holmes, N. Holmes, Pinick); Cornell 2 (Dale, Tyler). **Halftime:** YALE 39, COR 36. **Officials:** Drumgoole, Gill, Bova. **Attendance:** 3,589.

NOTES

- The sweep of Yale was its first over the Bulldogs since the 1999-2000 season.
- Cornell's 11-game is tied for the second-longest in program history.
- Jason Hartford's 15 points and 11 rebounds accounted for his second career double-double.
- The four turnovers for the Big Red was the fewest in a game under head coach Steve Donahue. Cornell did not commit a miscue in the second half and the final 31:29 of the game overall.
- Adam Gore's 18 points were a season-high, as were his five 3-point field goals.
- Yale shot just 29 percent after halftime, giving the Bulldogs three halves of less than 30 percent shooting in two games this season against the Big Red.

Game 23 — CORNELL 74, BROWN 65
FEB. 23, 2008 — NEWMAN ARENA

ITHACA, N.Y. - In a showdown between the two best teams in the Ivy League, Cornell's role players made all the difference. Cornell's bench outscored Brown's 25-3 as the Big Red rallied from a 12-point first half deficit to knock off the Bears 74-65 at Newman Arena. The victory extended Cornell's win streak to 12 games and gives the Big Red a three-game lead on the Ivy field with four games remaining. Adam Gore scored 15 of his 18 points in the first half, while reserves Jeff Foote (11 points, eight rebounds, two blocked shots) and Geoff Reeves (14 points) gave the home team a lift in front of 4,254 fans, extending Cornell's Ivy League home record to 5-0 this season. Both Alex Tyler and Jason Hartford chipped in with nine points and five rebounds. The Big Red won despite uncharacteristically poor shooting games from its leading scorers, sophomores Ryan Wittman and Louis Dale. The pair shot just 4-of-20 from the floor and combined for 13 points, but the duo played solid all-around floor games. Wittman added six points and two steals, while Dale had nine assists and just two turnovers. Cornell limited Brown to 33 percent shooting after halftime and posted a decisive 33-27 edge on the glass, while turning the ball over just seven times. For the weekend, Cornell turned it over just 11 times in its two victories while being credited with 34 assists. Brown had four players in double figures, with seniors Damon Huffman (19 points) and Mark McAndrew (18 points, three rebounds, two steals) leading the way. Chris Skrelja had 12 points, 11 rebounds and four assists to fill out the stat line and Matt Mullery chipped in 10 points. All five starters played at least 32 minutes.

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Brown (15-9, 7-3 Ivy)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Peter Sullivan, F	35	1-5	0-3	1-2	3	0	3	3	3
Matt Mullery, C	33	4-6	1-1	1-3	3	2	3	2	10
Mark McAndrew, G	32	5-11	2-7	6-6	3	2	2	4	18
Damon Huffman, G	38	5-11	4-7	5-6	2	0	1	2	19
Chris Skrelja, G	40	3-3	1-1	5-6	11	4	2	4	12
Chris Taylor	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Scott Friske	10	1-3	0-1	0-1	2	3	0	0	2
Adrian Williams	12	0-2	0-2	1-2	3	0	0	0	1
Totals	**200**	**19-41**	**8-22**	**19-26**	**27**	**11**	**11**	**15**	**65**

Cornell (18-5, 10-0 Ivy)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Ryan Wittman, F	40-	2-10	1-5	4-4	6	1	1	3	9
Jason Hartford, F	19	4-6	1-1	0-0	5	1	0	4	9
Alex Tyler, C	24	2-6	0-0	5-6	5	1	0	2	9
Louis Dale, G	30	2-10	0-4	0-0	3	9	2	4	2
Adam Gore, G	33	5-8	5-8	3-3	1	2	1	3	18
Jeff Foote	27	4-8	0-0	3-4	8	2	2	3	11
Jason Battle	10	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	2	0	0	0
Andre Wilkins	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Geoff Reeves	17	5-5	4-4	0-0	1	0	1	3	14
Conor Mullen	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Adam Wire	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Jon Jaques	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Pete Reynolds	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM					2				
Totals	**200**	**24-55**	**11-22**	**15-17**	**33**	**18**	**7**	**22**	**74**

Blocks: Brown 1 (Mullery); Cornell 2 (Foote 2). **Steals:** Brown 3 (McAndrew 2, Sullivan); Cornell 3 (Wittman 2, Gore). **Halftime:** BRWN 33, COR 31. **Officials:** Laubenstein, O'Connell, Gwynn. **Attendance:** 4,254.

NOTES

- For the second-straight contest, Cornell had less than 10 turnovers in a game, giving Brown the ball just seven times.
- Sophomore Geoff Reeves scored 14 points off the bench, two points off his career high.
- The Big Red extended its win streak to 12 games and improved to 10-1 at Newman Arena this season.
- Junior Adam Gore scored 15 of his 18 points in the first half, including hitting four 3-pointers.

Game 24 — CORNELL 75, DARTMOUTH 59
FEB. 29, 2008 — NEWMAN ARENA

ITHACA, N.Y. - The Cornell men's basketball team clinched a share of the Ivy League title with a dominating second-half effort in a 75-59 victory over Dartmouth on Friday evening at Newman Arena. The championship is the first since the 1987-88 season and just the fifth league title of any kind in program history. Cornell can become the first team in the nation to earn an automatic bid to the 2007-08 NCAA men's basketball tournament with a victorytomorrow night against Harvard, or a Brown loss to Penn. Louis Dale had 22 points, 11 rebounds and six assists to lead the home team, while Ryan Wittman added 14 points, including 10 after halftime. Jeff Foote had 11 points, 10 rebounds and three blocked shots while blocking up the middle in the win. Cornell held a decisive 48-28 edge on the backboards and shot 66 percent from the floor in the second half to pick up the victory. Adam Gore chipped in with eight points and three assists, while Geoff Reeves had seven points and three rebounds. Dartmouth was led by Elgin Fitzgerald's 15 points, while DeVon Mosley chipped in with 11 points. The Cornell defense held the Big Green to 39 percent shooting in remaining unbeaten in Ivy play. Team leading scorer Alex Barnett, who missed the first game between the two teams, was held to seven points on 3-of-14 shooting, but added seven rebounds, three assists and three steals.

Dartmouth (9-16, 2-9 Ivy)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Alex Barnett, F	27	3-14	1-1	0-0	7	3	2	1	7
Johnathan Ball, F	15	1-2	0-0	1-2	4	0	2	4	3
Elgin Fitzgerald, C	32	7-17	0-0	1-3	4	1	1	3	15
Michael Giovacchini, G	26	0-2	0-1	2-2	2	4	0	2	2
DeVon Mosley, G	33	3-6	1-3	4-4	3	1	2	0	11
Ronnie Dixon	16	2-3	2-3	0-0	1	0	2	1	6
Brandon Ware	15	3-6	0-2	1-1	0	1	1	0	7
Robby Pride	14	1-1	0-0	1-2	2	0	1	1	3
Blake Williams	1	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
Kurt Graeber	9	2-3	0-0	1-3	2	0	2	5	5
Clive Weeden	13	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	5	0
TEAM					2				
Totals	**200**	**22-56**	**4-10**	**11-17**	**28**	**10**	**13**	**22**	**59**

Cornell (19-5, 11-0 Ivy)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Ryan Wittman, F	32	7-14	0-4	0-1	3	2	2	0	14
Jason Hartford, F	16	1-2	0-1	0-2	6	1	5	3	2
Alex Tyler, C	17	2-3	0-0	0-0	5	0	1	4	4
Louis Dale, G	30	9-14	3-7	1-1	11	6	2	2	22
Adam Gore, G	33	2-7	1-5	3-3	0	3	0	2	8
Jeff Foote	26	5-9	0-0	1-3	10	1	2	2	11
Aaron Osgood	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Jason Battle	5	1-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	2	2
Andre Wilkins	8	1-2	0-0	0-1	2	0	0	1	2
Geoff Reeves	18	3-5	1-3	0-0	3	2	1	2	7
Conor Mullen	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0
Jon Jaques	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Brian Kreefer	6	1-2	1-1	0-0	0	0	2	0	3
Pete Reynolds	3	0-0	0-0	0-1	2	1	0	0	0
TEAM					4		1		
Totals	**200**	**32-60**	**6-21**	**5-12**	**48**	**16**	**17**	**18**	**75**

Blocks: Dartmouth 3 (Fitzgerald, Mosley, Weeden); Cornell 4 (Foote 3, Reeves). **Steals:** Dartmouth 8 (Barnett 3, Fitzgerald 3, Mosley, Williams); Cornell 4 (Dale, Gore, Hartford, Wilkins). **Halftime:** COR 32, DART 27. **Officials:** McEvoy, McCloskey, Drumgoole. **Attendance:** 4,227.

NOTES

- Cornell's win secured at least a share of the program's fifth conference title in school history and second championship since the official fromation of the Ivy League basketball conference in 1956-57.
- The Big Red's 11 Ivy league wins ties the school record previously set in 1964-65, 1965-66 and 1987-88 seasons.
- Both Jeff Foote (11 points, 10 rebounds) and Louis Dale (22 points and 11 rebounds) collected their third career double-doubles.
- The Big Red claimed its 13th straight win overall and its 12th consecutive Ivy win.

Game 25 — CORNELL 86, HARVARD 53
MARCH 1, 2008 — NEWMAN ARENA

ITHACA, N.Y. - It was a night 20 years in the making and eight years in production. On the night Cornell clinched its first outright Ivy League title since 1988, Steve Donahue saw everything he might have envisioned when he took the Big Red head coaching job eight years ago. With a sold-out Newman Arena crowd backing an undefeated championship team, the Cornell men's basketball program became the first Division I men's team to clinch a berth in the 2007-08 NCAA tournament with an 86-53 victory over Harvard.The victory clinches the fifth outright conference title in school history, joining the 1912-13, 1913-14 and 1953-54 EIBL championship squads and the 1987-88 Ivy title-winning team. Cornell shot 56 percent from the floor and placed five in double figures offensively with 16 assists and just nine turnovers, while holding the Crimson to 24 percent shooting, including a 5-of-21 night from the 3-point arc, and had seven steals and seven blocked shots. Adam Gore had a team-high 14 points, including hitting four 3-pointers, while Ryan Wittman added 13 points and six rebounds and Louis Dale had 12 points and eight assists. Andre Wilkins hit all four of his field goals for 11 points in just six minutes of action and Jeff Foote rounded out the double-digit scorers with 10 points, seven rebounds and a career-best four blocked shots. On Senior Night, the Big Red's lone senior was outstanding as Jason Hartford notched eight points, six rebounds, a block and a steal after being honored in a pregame ceremony. Cornell was never in danger in the second half as anticipation built throughout the night with a frenzied crowd ready to celebrate an invitation to the biggest event in college sports. The Big Red led by more than 25 points throughout the final 20 minutes, and as the horn sounded, the Newman nation student section stormed the court as the Cornell team cut down the nets.

Harvard (8-20, 3-9 Ivy)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Evan Harris, F	19	2-5	0-0	5-6	5	1	1	3	9
Andrew Pusar, F	29	3-8	1-1	2-3	8	1	2	2	9
Brad Unger, C	37	4-11	2-7	0-0	2	1	0	1	10
Drew Housman, G	25	2-9	0-2	4-4	3	2	3	0	8
Jeremy Lin, G	32	2-8	0-0	2-2	6	4	3	4	6
Cem Dinc	9	0-4	0-0	0-0	1	1	1	1	0
Dan McGeary	27	2-12	2-10	3-3	1	2	3	4	9
Alek Blankenau	3	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	0	0
T.J. Carey	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Doug Miller	6	0-2	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0
Kyle Fitzgerald	11	0-1	0-0	1-1	1	0	1	1	1
Adam Demuyakor	2	0-0	0-0	1-2	2	0	0	0	1
TEAM					7				
Totals	**200**	**15-62**	**5-21**	**18-21**	**38**	**12**	**15**	**16**	**53**

Cornell (20-5, 12-0 Ivy)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Ryan Wittman, F	26	5-8	3-4	0-0	6	0	0	0	13
Jason Hartford, F	24	4-8	0-2	0-0	6	0	0	2	8
Alex Tyler, C	12	1-2	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	2	2
Louis Dale, G	27	5-10	1-3	1-1	2	8	2	2	12
Adam Gore, G	22	5-9	4-8	0-0	2	1	1	2	14
Jeff Foote	17	4-4	0-0	2-4	7	0	1	3	10
Aaron Osgood	4	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	2
Jason Battle	9	1-2	0-0	2-2	1	0	0	0	4
Andre Wilkins	6	4-4	0-0	3-5	1	0	0	0	11
Geoff Reeves	14	1-3	0-1	0-0	4	2	2	2	2
Conor Mullen	7	2-4	0-0	0-1	3	3	0	0	4
Adam Wire	6	1-1	0-0	0-0	3	0	0	1	2
Jon Jaques	7	0-3	0-2	2-2	2	0	2	2	2
Brian Kreefer	11	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	1	1	1	0
Pete Reynolds	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0
TEAM					1				
Totals	**200**	**34-61**	**8-20**	**10-15**	**40**	**16**	**9**	**19**	**86**

Blocks: Harvard 3 (Harris, Lin, Miller); Cornell 7 (Foote 4, Battle, Hartford, Tyler). **Steals:** Harvard 2 (Lin, Pusar); Cornell 7 (Jaques 2, Dale, Hartford, Reeves, Wilkins, Wittman). **Halftime:** COR 45, HARV 20. **Attendance:** 4,473.

NOTES

• As time ran out, the student section charged the court to celebrate as the Big Red players and coaches cut down the nets.

• The Big Red's 33-point margin of victory is the biggest in an Ivy contest since beating Harvard 71-35 on Feb. 22, 1986. It was also the last time Cornell won a game by that margin over a Division I team.

• Andre Wilkins set a career high with his 11 points in just six minutes of action.

• Cornell was able to empty the bench over the final seven minutes of the game, and each of the 15 players on the roster saw at least four minutes of game action.

Game 26 — CORNELL 94, PENN 92
MARCH 7, 2008 — THE PALESTRA

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. - Louis Dale had 24 points to lead five Cornell players in double figures as the Big Red claimed a 94-92 shootout victory Penn, snapping a 19-game losing streak at the Palestra in the process. Cornell improved to 21-5 (13-0 Ivy) to set a school record for wins in a season. Dale added seven assists, four rebounds, two steals and a blocked shot to his tally to pace the Big Red, who swept the Quakers for the first time since the 1988-89 campaign. Adam Gore hit for a season-best 19 points, including 14 points in the first half, Ryan Wittman chipped in with 17 and Alex Tyler had 16. Jeff Foote rounded out the double figure scorers with 12 points and 10 rebounds for his fourth double-double of the year. The Big Red also extended its road win streak to seven games, the longest by a Big Red team in 41 seasons, and tied a school record with its 15th straight win overall. Three players did the majority of scoring for Penn, as Tyler Bernardini had 25, including a 5-of-10 effort from 3-point range, and Brian Grandieri notched 21 points to go along with seven rebounds. Harrison Gaines had 19 points and six assists while directing a Penn offense that shot 50 percent from the floor, including 55 percent in the first half. For the second time this season, the Big Red took Penn's best shot and came out on top of the three-time defending champion, proving it worthy to represent the Ivy League. Cornell saw a 10-point (91-81) lead evaporate in the final 34 seconds as a turnover, three missed free throws combined by Dale and Wittman, and three 3-pointers by the Quakers cut the deficit to two with 3.3 seconds left. Penn inbounded and Bernardini got a shot off from 35 feet, but it was blocked by Dale as the Penn coaching staff went looking for a foul.

Cornell (21-5, 13-0 Ivy)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Ryan Wittman, F	36	5-15	3-7	4-6	3	1	1	2	17
Jason Hartford, F	22	3-5	0-0	0-1	6	0	1	3	6
Alex Tyler, C	35	4-7	0-0	8-10	4	1	1	2	16
Louis Dale, G	34	8-14	1-3	7-9	4	7	4	2	24
Adam Gore, G	30	6-12	5-10	2-2	0	0	2	3	19
Jeff Foote	23	3-6	0-0	6-6	10	1	2	2	12
Jason Battle	3	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Andre Wilkins	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Geoff Reeves	15	0-3	0-1	0-0	2	2	2	2	0
TEAM					9				
Totals	**200**	**29-63**	**9-21**	**27-34**	**38**	**12**	**13**	**16**	**94**

Penn (11-18, 6-6 Ivy)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Tyler Bernardini, F	37	8-14	5-10	4-5	2	2	0	1	25
Andreas Schreiber, F	14	-23	0-0	3-3	3	1	2	5	7
Jack Eggleston, G	30	3-6	1-1	0-0	7	2	1	5	7
Brian Grandieri, G	36	9-14	1-3	2-4	7	0	2	5	21
Harrison Gaines, G	31	5-13	1-3	8-8	2	6	1	3	19
Kevin Egee	16	2-6	0-2	0-0	1	1	1	0	4
Joe Gill	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0
Dan Monckton	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Cameron Lewis	9	1-3	0-0	0-1	2	1	1	2	2
Justin Reilly	24	2-5	1-3	2-2	4	2	4	4	7
Brennan Votel	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	2	0
TEAM					3				
Totals	**200**	**32-64**	**9-22**	**19-23**	**31**	**15**	**12**	**28**	**92**

Blocks: Cornell 2 (Dale, Foote); Penn 6 (Lewis 2, Bernardini, Egee, Eggleston, Schreiber). **Steals:** Cornell 6 (Dale 2, Foote, Gore, Reeves, Wittman); Penn 7 (Bernardini 2, Egee 2, Gaines, Grandieri, Reilly). **Halftime:** COR 44, PENN 44. **Attendance:** 4,4865

NOTES

• The team set school records for most wins in a season (21) and most Ivy wins in a season (13) and tied the school record for consecutive wins (15).

• The 94 points was a season-high, surpassing the 93 points vs. Army, and was the most against the Quakers by the Big Red since a 101-81 win at the Palestra during the 1966-67 campaign.

• Adam Gore hit on two four-point plays in the first half.

• Jeff Foote registered his fourth double-double of the season, all of them coming off the bench.

• Only six players scored for the Big Red, though four had at least 16 points.

• The Big Red snapped a 19-game losing skid to Penn at the Palestra.

Game 27 — CORNELL 71, PRINCETON 64
MARCH 8, 2008 — JADWIN GYMNASIUM

PRINCETON, N.J. - The Cornell men's basketball team completed a historic Ivy League campaign, posting its first perfect season with a 71-64 victory over Princeton on Saturday evening at Jadwin Gymnasium. The Big Red improved to 22-5 overall and 14-0 in Ivy League play, becoming the 13th team in league history to post an unbeaten season. The victory made Cornell the first team other than Penn or Princeton to complete an unbeaten conference slate, and also made the Big Red the fourth team since the 1957-58 campaign to sweep the Penn-Princeton weekend. The Big Red set a school record with its 16th consecutive victory, posted its eighth straight road victory (the most consecutive road victories in 43 years) and gave the Big Red seven wins in its last eight meetings with the Tigers. Jason Hartford had 15 points and eight rebounds, including a key offensive putback late in the contest, while Louis Dale had a dominating second half and ended the contest with a game-high 21 points to go along with four assists and three rebounds, while Ryan Wittman notched 16 points to go along with four rebounds and four assists. Cornell shot 52 percent from the floor and overcame an uncharacteristically poor 6-of-16 effort from the free-throw line. Princeton's Kareem Maddox had 16 points and Nick Lake had 15 off the bench, while senior Kyle Koncz notched 10 points. The Tigers held a 34-33 edge on the glass and made 10-of-28 from 3-point range. Princeton played the Big Red to a standstill, with the home team entering the break with a 32-31. The Tigers dominated the boards (20-12) and forced seven Big Red turnovers, but it was a 1-of-5 half at the free-throw line for Cornell that put the visitors in a hole. The second half was a back-and-forth affair, though the Big Red scored the first four points of the half and never again trailed, though Princeton would tie it twice, the last time at 37-37 with 17:17 left. An eventual eight-point lead was whittled down to three before Dale took over. The sophomore found Alex Tyler down low for a driving layup, then hit consecutive 3-pointers on back-to-back possessions to push the lead to nine (57-48) with seven minutes left. Princeton would have one more run in them, but a senior made a big play with the undefeated season in the balance. After the Tigers again cut the deficit to six, Jeff Foote was fouled in the lane. The junior missed the front end of a 1-and-1, but Hartford beat the box-out attempt, grabbed the rebound and in one swift motion, put the ball back up and in while drawing a foul to essentially seal the win.

Cornell (22-5, 14-0 Ivy)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Ryan Wittman, F	40-	7-13	2-5	0-0	4	4	1	2	16
Jason Hartford, F	23	7-10	1-3	0-1	8	0	1	2	15
Alex Tyler, C	14	3-5	0-0	0-3	2	0	0	1	6
Louis Dale, G	29	8-12	3-5	2-5	3	4	1	4	21
Adam Gore, G	40-	2-6	2-5	2-2	0	1	2	1	8
Jeff Foote	27	0-3	0-0	0-1	8	2	0	2	0
Jason Battle	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	1	2	2	0
Andre Wilkins	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Geoff Reeves	20	1-5	1-3	2-4	4	0	1	0	5
Conor Mullen	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Jon Jaques	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Brian Kreefer	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Pete Reynolds	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM					2				
Totals	**200**	**28-54**	**9-21**	**6-16**	**33**	**12**	**8**	**14**	**71**

Princeton (6-22, 3-10 Ivy)	Min.	FG-A	3P-3A	FT-A	R	A	TO	PF	PTS
Kyle Koncz, F	35	3-8	2-6	2-3	8	3	5	2	10
Zach Woolridge, F	4	1-1	1-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	3
Noah Savage, F	25	2-7	0-1	1-1	3	1	0	5	5
Jason Briggs, G	32	2-5	1-2	1-3	7	3	1	4	6
Kevin Steurer, G	31	2-4	0-1	0-0	2	3	1	1	4
Nick Lake	27	6-11	3-6	0-0	4	1	1	1	15
Kareem Maddox	33	6-16	2-10	2-3	4	2	2	2	16
Pawel Buczak	13	1-5	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	3	2
TEAM					5				
Totals	**200**	**24-58**	**10-28**	**6-10**	**34**	**14**	**10**	**18**	**64**

Blocks: Cornell 0; Princeton 2 (Maddox 2). **Steals:** Cornell 3 (Dale, Gore, Wittman); Princeton 2 (Koncz, Steurer). **Halftime:** PRIN 32, COR 31. **Attendance:** 3,172.

NOTES

• The Big Red completed the 13th undefeated Ivy League season in conference history and the first by a team other than Penn or Princeton.

• Cornell completed just the fourth weekend sweep of the Penn/Princeton trip by any team since the travel partners were set in 1957-58.

• The victory extended Cornell's win streak to 16 games, a school record.

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Cornell Basketball Preview: Now Healed, Gore Returns With A Purpose

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ITHACA — It was moments like last February's Ivy League game at the Palestra, when Cornell traded blows with Penn for the first 35 minutes before the Quakers pulled away, that Adam Gore's frustrations peaked.

"Everybody could see we were right there, and I felt maybe if I had been playing I could have helped the team at that point, maybe win another game here and there and we could have had a better run at a championship," he said.

It didn't happen. Penn had Ibby Jaaber and Mark Zoller, the top two players in the league, and knew how to win big games.

But this year, Gore believes things will change.

The Big Red has been tabbed preseason Ivy League favorites by numerous publications, the league's voting media panel agrees and there's a much different feel to practice on East Hill as the eighth and most highly-anticipated November of the Steve Donahue era begins.

"It's a whole different team," Gore said. "Coach Donahue has obviously done a great job recruiting, bringing in some really good players. I think we have a different type of team."

Last November, Cornell opened the season at Big 10 opponent Northwestern. The Big Red's 64-61 upset was tempered in the final minute by a knee injury to Gore, who, after scoring 20 points, later learned he suffered a season-ending ACL tear.

Behind a super freshmen class, the Big Red went on to finish the year 16-12, including nine league wins, which led to this preseason's truckload of lofty predictions.

Gore's return is a major part of those expectations.

"Adam brings experience, even though he missed last year," sophomore forward Ryan Wittman said. "He's definitely a leader, he's able to knock shots down, and he does a lot more than that. He doesn't only make shots, he's a great defensive player too - getting his hands on balls, making deflections."

Gore didn't play on the team's summer trip to France for precautionary reasons, but he's been playing full tilt since the summer months. He said he feels fine making lateral cuts on the knee, and any self-doubts that usually accompany a major knee injury vanished a while ago.

As a freshman, he led the team in scoring (12.9 points per game) and three-point shooting (42 percent). He hopes to recapture that form quickly, starting with Saturday night's season-opener with Lehigh at Newman Arena. Game time is 7 p.m.

"I hadn't seen any effect of his knee at all," Donahue said. "I don't think you'd even know he had a knee injury. He's stronger than he's ever been with both legs."

Which leaves Gore confident that this year, should Cornell make a run at its first Ivy League title since 1988, his contributions will be both welcome and necessary.

"I just wish I was out there last year, maybe doing something that could help the team," he said. "Obviously, I couldn't."

That's about to change.

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Cornell Holds Off Lehigh In Season Opener

By Brian Delaney
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ITHACA — Showing brief glimpses of the offensive explosiveness that led many prognosticators to pick Cornell as Ivy League favorites, the Big Red built several double-digit leads before putting away pesky Lehigh from the free throw line late Saturday night in a 87-83 victory at Newman Arena.

In a game marred by inconsistent play from both teams, Cornell held on just enough down the whistle-plagued stretch as the Mountain Hawks sliced a 72-61 deficit with 3 minutes remaining to 84-81 with 15 seconds left behind a persistent full-court, trapping press that gave the Big Red fits.

Sophomore Louis Dale sank 7 of 8 free throws during that stretch, including 3 of 4 in the final eight seconds to ice it. Cornell's talented point guard finished with a double-double, scoring 12 points and handing out 10 assists, but also turned it over six times.

"I thought we were so anxious to win 100 to nothing," said coach Steve Donahue, whose program won its season-opener for the third consecutive season. "That's a good basketball team. They're well-coached, and you're going to have to grind it out against a Patriot League team that is intelligent and plays hard."

Showcasing an up-tempo style, Cornell dipped into its deep vault of perimeter scoring options, drilling 10 of 17 3-pointers on the night, several in transition.

Sophomore Ryan Wittman knocked down five 3's, finishing with 15 points, and 6-foot-9 senior forward Jason Hartford — who sat out last season with complications from a broken foot — hit a pair of treys and led the Big Red with 19 points and eight rebounds.

During an 11-4 run that put Cornell in front for good early in the second half, Hartford tallied seven points on a post move, a short-range jumper and a 3-pointer. Already defensively extended to clamp down on Cornell's sharp-shooting guards, Lehigh failed to account for Hartford.

"When you have someone like Hartford who can hit a 3, it stretches you out that much more," Lehigh coach Brett Reed said. "Our bigs have to be conscious and consider that."

For most of the night, Donahue rotated eight players, with no one logging more than Adam Gore's 31 minutes. The balanced scoring was evident, as Gore and Andre Wilkins finished with nine while Alex Tyler and USC transfer Collin Robinson pitched in eight apiece.

In his first action for Cornell, Robinson also added five assists and four rebounds.

"I think we're all unselfish, so if our shot's not there, we're looking to create for our teammates," Dale said. "Drive and kick has worked pretty well for our team. We can all go to the basket, we can all shoot 3s."

Cornell opened up a 25-10 lead in the first half, running off 15 of 17 points behind three quick 3's from Gore, Wittman and Geoff Reeves.

But Lehigh took advantage of some lax defending by Cornell, ending the half on a 14-4 run and trailing 29-24 at the break. The Hawks helped themselves with a big night on the glass, pulling down 20 offensive rebounds — 15 in the first half. Bryan White posted a double-double with 16 points and 12 boards, while Marquis Hall (17), Zahir Carrington (16) and Prentice Small (13) also finished in double figures.

"We still gave up too much penetration in the first half, which led to 15 offensive rebounds," Donahue said. "In the second half, I thought for stretches (defensively) we were real solid. We're not there yet.

"It's a first game where you see a lot of good things, and you see a lot of, 'Oh man, where did that come from?'" he added.

Hartford said he could tell the team was pressing a little too much at times in the first half.

"I didn't know being a senior you could have nerves, but I definitely did," he said. "The whole team did I think. And then we settled down and went on a run."

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Ohio Overpowers Cornell, 102-89

By Jason Arkey
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Hardly noticeable in the season opener, Leon Williams was impossible to ignore in Ohio's 102-89 victory over visiting Cornell Saturday night in the Convocation Center.

Williams, a 6-8 senior forward, racked up 28 points and 15 rebounds as the Bobcats (2-0) overcame a nine-point, second-half deficit to down the hot-shooting Big Red (1-1). For Williams it was his 28th career double-double, and the biggest scoring night of his collegiate since a 29-point outburst in the championship game of the 2005 Mid-American Conference Tournament.

"I was just trying to stay hungry," said Williams, who played just 17 minutes because of foul trouble in Ohio's opener against New Mexico State. "I knew they would be coming with some double-teams, so I was trying to get my points off of rebounds.

"It wasn't so much just looking for my shot, but trying to help my team in any way I can," he added. "I guess it worked out."

Bubba Walther netted 25 points, including five 3-pointers, and forward Jerome Tillman chipped in 21 points and eight rebounds for the Bobcats - which had five players reach double figures. Justin Orr added 11 points and four assists, while backup point guard Michael Allen shined off the bench with 11 points and nine assists.

Ohio notched 21 assists against just eight turnovers, won the rebounding battle 39-33, and racked up 59 second-half points. The Bobcats scored no more than 55 in any half last season.

Ohio needed all the offense it could muster. Cornell torched the nets throughout the first 30 minutes before wearing down against Ohio's consistent full-court pressure. Six Big Red players broke double figures, led by center Jason Hartford's 18 points. Ryan Wittman (17 points), Alex Tyler (13), Adam Gore (12), Louis Dale (11) and Collin Robinson (10) all also took their turns sticking an assortment of perimeter jumpers.

"I didn't think it would be a game where the score would go this high, but I think both teams offensively were very good," Ohio head coach Tim O'Shea said. "I'm just glad that we were scoring the ball as well as we were, because if we weren't ..."

Ohio played with the lead early, and led 30-22 with eight minutes to go in the first half. But Cornell found its range and started dropping in jumper after jumper. The Big Red hit 13 of their final 17 shots of the first half, and took a 44-37 lead after Dale and Hartford connected on consecutive long-range jumpers.

A pair of 3-pointers by Allen and Tillman helped Ohio salvage just a 46-43 deficit at the break, but Cornell hit its first four shots of the second half - none less than 18 feet away - and led 57-48 with just under 18 minutes to go.

"I thought the way Cornell shot the ball for a period of time there was just incredible, just unbelievable the shots they were throwing in," O'Shea said. "It really shows why they're picked to win the Ivy League this year. To come into our building and put on a performance like that... We caught them on a night when they were really playing at the top of their game."

Ohio sliced the lead down to three after another Allen 3-pointer and Tillman's monster two-handed dunk, but the Big Red extended the lead back to eight after consecutive 3's from Wittman and Hartford.

At that point, Cornel was 10-of-17 from 3-point range, but the Big Red went just 2-of-11 from long range the rest of the way. Cornell also had a nine-minute stretch where they failed to convert a field goal.

"We tried man, we tried zone. But for a period of time there it didn't matter what we tried," O'Shea said. "They were shooting the ball so deep, and so well, that there isn't really much defense you can do. You got to just hope you can weather the storm."

Ohio did, and its constant pressure defense - fronted by Allen and fellow point guard Bert Whittington IV - started to pay dividends. And while the Big Red suddenly lost its offensive cohesion, Williams was just getting warmed up.

Down 68-60, Ohio erupted on a 25-5 run to stake an 85-73 lead with seven-and-a-half minutes remaining. Williams drove the surge, scoring 14 points and grabbing four rebounds during the stretch.

Williams scored three times off of offensive rebounds, and converted a pair of lay-ups in transition as Allen fed him underneath the hoop after pushing the ball up the court.

"I only controlled so much, but with seniors like Leon...he set the level, he set the bar," Allen said. "On the run, get him the rock. He had control."

Walther's fifth trey gave Ohio its largest lead at 90-76. Cornell closed no closer than eight points the rest of the way despite the Bobcats missing nine free throws inside the final two-and-a-half minutes. With a pair of home wins over preseason conference favorites, Ohio appears to be ahead of schedule. The offense is in sync, chemistry appears good, the Bobcats have displayed good depth and a good sense of team basketball.

Williams, however, said the Bobcats are far from where they want to be.

"Honestly, I don't think we're that sharp. I think we still have some things to work on, especially on defense," he said. "What we give up? 89 points? That's not good, especially on your home court. So we still have to work on our defense above all else."

Notes: Ohio has won 17 straight non-conference home games, dating back to 2003. ...Ohio broke the 100-point barrier for the first time since Jan. 8, 2003 (Ohio 112, Akron 104, 4 OT), and for the first time in regulation since Dec. 31, 2002 (Ohio 104, St. Bonaventure 101).

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'88 M. Basketball Team Remembers Historic Run

By Cory Bennet
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Two runners cut through the chilled autumn air as they ran along East Hill, overlooking the basin of Ithaca covered in tumbling burnt orange leaves. One of the runners was Athletic Director Andy Noel. But here, in this flashback, he is not the athletic director. He is the head coach of the wrestling team at Cornell, and the year is 1987.

The other runner is the head coach of the men's basketball team, Mike Dement.

"1987-88, that was my last year as the head wrestling coach, and my best friend in Ithaca at Cornell University happened to be Mike Dement," recalled Noel.

Every day, at lunch, the two men ran five to seven miles then lifted weights. And every day, Dement came prepared with a different aspect of his squad to talk to Noel about.

"Every day that we would run, he would tell me about different things, different guys on the team, how the dynamics were working, what it looked like, what he had to do to win the championship," Noel said.

When Dement was finished talking about his aspirations for his team, and the two dropped the last weight back onto the rack they did the same thing every day — "go to Wendy's for a salad and a baked potato. And we got to be very, very dear friends," Noel said.

At this, the crowd that was gathered around the podium Noel spoke from broke into a comfortable laughter. The majority of the people listening were members of the basketball team that year — members of the last Cornell basketball team to win an Ivy League championship.

"We both won titles that year and it was just a special time," Noel said as the laughter died down.

For the basketball program, though, there hasn't been another special year to rival that one since.

"It's not that long ago," joked Sam Jacobs '88, who was an All-Ivy first teamer that season. "No, it's a long time. I tell you what I remember the most. You look back and the guys obviously you remember … and going through the practices every single day. I can remember it like it was yesterday."

Since 1959, only three teams not named Penn or Princeton have won the Ivy League title outright. Now, 20 years later, the 1987-88 Cornell squad — one of the three — reunited in Ithaca to watch the Red's season opener and celebrate something that seemed so impossible at the time.

"I looked at the '88 team, and I try to give our guys lessons as often as I can, even life lessons," said head coach Steve Donahue to the gathered crowd. "A simple thing like your season and what you overcame to win [can teach so much]."

The Red had graduated one of its best players the year before in John Bajusz '87. Bajusz graduated as Cornell's all-time leading scorer, finishing with more field goals than anyone else. He shot .537 for his career — the second best mark at the time. He still tops the first two lists and claims two of the top-10 scoring seasons of all time.

"So you come back, and you're not picked to win it," Donahue said to the assembly. "Dartmouth is picked to win it. And then you open up with Dartmouth at your place thinking, 'Well, we have to take care of business here.' Well, they don't. Dartmouth beats them here. So then you're thinking 'Wow, we're really behind the eight-ball now.' They go on the road to Lafayette and lose by 40," he paused for emphasis before repeating, "40."

From the crowd, Jacobs corrects Donahue, "41!"

"Sorry 'bout that Sam," Donahue said amid laughter. "I'm just trying to give you a break there."

As the people on the concourse overlooking center court at Newman Arena quieted down, Donahue continued.

"So they're thinking our season's done, right? No, they go on an 11-game winning streak. It just tells you that you have to," and he paused to punch out the next word, "stay with stuff, you have to believe in each other. I'm sure they were shaking after that 40-point loss, but the coaches never lost it, [the players] never lost it and they went on and won 11 straight and an Ivy League championship."

Earlier in the evening, Wolfy Florin '88, towering over most of the other guests with his spiked hair, but sporting an easy smile and an orange floral pattern shirt, discussed why that team was able to stay so composed and finish with its league best 11-3 Ivy record.

"I think we were a team in the true sense," Florin said. "We just really had a very close knit group of guys on and off the court and that's something I think was very important. We were always together. We were friends on the court and off the court. Being able to have that relationship is what gave us a tremendous amount of success."

Donahue talked about the way these relationships played out on the court with a reverential tone.

"I watched all the film," he said. "They played fast, played hard, played unselfish, all the things that we want to do."

"We had five or six or seven guys who could play," Jacobs said. "Even the guys that didn't start could have started for a lot of other good teams. Our mentality was to spread the ball around. It makes every team have to play everybody. … One night somebody would score 20 and the next night a different guy would score 20, and that's what made us successful."

And the tight-knit atmosphere that has built up over the years now returns in the form of the alumni backing the program.

"This is your program," Donahue said, scanning the faces of the alumni scattered around his podium. "Guys who are playing now and guys who played before."

"I really see a lot of similarities in the potential of the team that's here right now," Florin said. "There are a lot of comparisons to our team and the support in the program with not just the players but the coaching staff and the people that are supporting the program. I think that's important because a lot more goes into a winning team than the actual players."

While the deep talent applies to the current incarnation of the Red, the former players noted the disorganization, at times, or a young team that still hasn't gelled.

"We were a little different because we were very structured," Jacobs said. "These guys play a different game [a little more uptempo]. We ran up and down the court, but everything was based on a secondary break, or a structure. … We had a lot of big guys. They would just come in waves and waves. Our guys were 6-9, 6-8, 6-7 and we had one guy after another. So it was different and every guy that came in was able to get the ball in the basket. A lot of [my teammates] shot over 50 percent for their career so you look at that and we were able to spread the ball around."

Donahue wanted his players to learn something else from the '88 squad.

"My job here is to win basketball games," he said. "The other thing is that I want them to have the same experience that I know you had — have the relationships like you had with each other. And hopefully 10, 15, 20 years from now these guys can have the same bonding relationship, knowing your kids and your families and all those things that you enjoy with each other. I try to build that as a family atmosphere here."

For the '88 team, family is an inescapable, wonderful reality. Both Donahue and the players understand that some things are more important than basketball. Jacobs couldn't escape it as he leaned against the railing rising up from the top row of the seats in Newman, discussing the memories that have stuck with him.

"Practice, you never forget that. It was a great experience, and to be able to be part of it was unbelieva…" he got cut off mid word. A small girl with the same intense black hair that Jacobs has was pulling on his leg.

"Daddy, can I play with your phone?"

"Not now sweetie." He continued, "It was interesting the practices every day were just…

"Daddy, I want to go."

"Hold on sweetie, just a little longer. They were just like a war," he forged on. "Every single day. That's the way it had to be. And if it wasn't that way you weren't playing."

Despite whatever lessons the players took with them, or whatever lessons the current team can take from them, one thing is for sure — the '88 team proved that Cornell could prevail.

"They've provided us with a benchmark for what we expect and what we hope for in the future," Noel said in closing. "And we want this to be a motivation for the young men on the current team who we expect to do what pundits are saying we are going to do. And that is to win this Ivy championship and make a little bit of an advancement into the NCAA tournament."

A yell from the audience cut through the voice on the microphone.

"Final Four, guys."

And with the memories of the '88 team's 90-50 first-round loss to Arizona buried in the past, cheers went up from the audience and several faces broke into smiles.

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CU Basketball: Kreefer Leads Bench Brigade In Win Over Army

By Brian Delaney, The Ithaca Journal
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ITHACA — Against a defensive-minded Army team that successfully disrupted the rhythm of Cornell's top scorers, the Big Red's bench came to the rescue.

Reserve forward Brian Kreefer — the same Brian Kreefer that played all of 2 minutes in Cornell's first two games — torched the Black Knights for the second straight year, scoring 21 points and providing the necessary intangibles to spark Cornell to a 93-78 victory Tuesday night at Newman Arena.

"That's the one thing that everyone mentions about this team — our depth," said Kreefer, who scored a career-high 23 points last year in a win at West Point. "That's the one thing we have to have all season long, is people coming off the bench." Cornell wore down Army with stubbornly-persistent penetration, resulting in 38 trips to the foul line and 31 conversions. The Big Red played in the double bonus over the last 10:46, and although it wasn't always pretty, the end result was effective.

"The fouls in both halves really got us," said Army coach Jim Crews, acknowledging the difficulties his team had with Cornell's penetrating guards. "It kind of put us behind the 8-ball."

Trailing 54-53 with 11:49 remaining, the Big Red ripped off an 18-4 run to bury the Knights (1-3). Playmakers Louis Dale and Collin Robinson were at the center of the burst, and sophomore forward Andre Wilkins knocked down four consecutive free throws to push the lead to 71-58.

Robinson and Wilkins, like Kreefer and junior Jason Battle, saw significant time off the bench. On the night, that group combined for a collective triple-double: 45 points, 16 rebounds and 11 assists.

Their production, which included numerous defensive tips and deflections throughout the second half, was a major difference.

"Going into the game I really honestly thought our guys wouldn't understand how hard (Army) was going to play, how well-coached they were going to be," Cornell coach Steve Donahue said. "I know Jay Battle understands it. I know Kreef understands it. So I was thinking, I'm going to them pretty quickly."

With Army effectively locking down the perimeter trio of Dale, Ryan Wittman and Adam Gore for large portions of the first half — and shooting a good percentage from the floor — Cornell found itself trailing 20-13. Kreefer entered, immediately converted a conventional three-point play and pulled down a pair of defensive rebounds. From there, the Big Red (2-1) slowly, if not rhythmically, clawed back to take a 40-37 lead at halftime.

"Our team's great, we bring great energy off the bench on the court," said Dale, who finished with 17 points, 13 in the second half, and a game-high seven assists. "It helps us a lot."

Jarell Brown tied a career-high with 30 points for Army (1-3), and sophomore guard Josh Miller finished with 14. The Black Knights shot a season-best 50 percent from the field, but faltered late as Cornell continually found ways to get to the foul line.

"They were playing really close to our shooters, so that opened up lanes for us," said Dale, who converted a rare four-point play during Cornell's second-half run.

Robinson played a stellar floor game, dishing out six assists and grabbing four rebounds to go with his 16 points. Wittman finished with 16 points and a career-high seven boards.

CU Hoops: Big Red Passes Mid-Major Test, Downs Siena

By Brian Delaney, Ithaca Journal
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ITHACA — After watching his team weather several Siena mini-runs, knock down big shot after big shot and get timely defensive stops, Cornell coach Steve Donahue had plenty of reason to smile following Sunday's 83-77 victory over the Saints — an unofficial milestone of sorts for the Big Red.

"It's the best team we've ever beaten in this building," said Donahue, now in his eighth season.

Cornell, the preseason pick to win the Ivy League, considered the game a means of measuring its own progress.

Understandably so.

Despite a modest 2-2 record, Siena was coming off a decisive upset of Stanford — ranked 20th nationally at the time — on Nov. 17 at the Times Union Center. The Saints also played Syracuse tough at the Carrier Dome, and were themselves voted No. 1 in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference preseason poll.

So when sophomore guard Louis Dale capped a 20-point, nine-rebound, six-assist effort by draining two game-clinching free throws with 10.2 seconds left, the Big Red (3-1) had learned quite a bit about themselves.

"It means a lot," Dale said. "This was a real test for us, to see what we're made of and just prove to ourselves that we're a great team."

A year ago, Cornell played its way out of November games against Hartford and William & Mary, blowing double-digit leads down the stretch. Siena, superior in talent to those two teams, found Cornell's resolve considerably stronger Sunday in front of 1,417 at Newman Arena.

"I was concerned about that team making a run," Donahue said. "We've seen it before, where our defense is good for long stretches, but against good teams we hadn't been able to figure out a way."

The addition of USC transfer Collin Robinson certainly helped Sunday.

Facing a deficit for the majority of the game, Siena surged ahead, 71-67, with 5:17 remaining after an Edwin Ubiles dunk, a Cornell turnover and two Alex Franklin free throws.

Instead of collapsing, Robinson — as part of a 14-point, seven-assist effort — answered with a long 3 before locating Dale in the corner for another trey and a 73-71 lead.

Back and forth it went, and the teams found themselves tied at 75 with 1:31 left. Out of a timeout, Ryan Wittman collected the ball along the right wing and drove to the middle. Ubiles overplayed the move, and Wittman quickly spun toward the baseline for an open layup.

"For him to make a play like that against a defender like Ubiles, and finish it to the rim" was impressive, Donahue said.

On the other end, Cornell went to a zone defense. Siena didn't get the shot it wanted, as Josh Duell's floater from just inside the foul line bounced in and out, and Wittman came down with his 11th and final rebound — a career high.

Instead of getting Ubiles (17 points), Kenny Hasbrouck (16 points) or Alex Franklin (19 points, 13 rebounds) the ball on that critical possession, it was Duell (0-for-6, 0 points) whose shot missed its mark.

Cornell answered cleanly when Dale penetrated and set up Brian Kreefer for an easy layup to make it a two-possession game with 19 seconds on the clock.

"Our execution was not good," said Siena coach Fran McCaffery, whose club missed a slew of chippies around the basket in shooting 43.3 percent from the floor. "I thought the kids played hard. I thought they fought hard. (But) we had breakdowns on both ends of the floor."

Cornell's execution was solid. Behind a bevy of back cuts, the Big Red burned Siena several times for easy buckets. When the Saints' defense softened, Cornell buried shots from the outside, finishing 11 of 19 from beyond the arc. It was the Big Red's third straight game with five or more double-figure scorers.

"Very few teams that you face have this many shooters, so you sort of pick your poison," McCaffery said. "You're up on their shooters, and you're susceptible to the backdoor. There's a lot of ball screen action. ... Are you switching, are you hedging over? What are you going to do? For the most part, he had four shooters out there. We were playing Robinson more as a driver, and he goes 3-for-3 from 3. This is probably the best shooting team we'll face."

Cornell is facing a quick turnaround, as Binghamton (1-4) visits Newman Tuesday night in the third of a four-game homestand.

"For us as a team, there's other ways we can win this game other than just making shots," Donahue said. "That's where we're trying to get. If you're going to be as good as you want to be, you've got to be good on both sides of the ball."

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CU Men's Basketball: The Wait Is Almost Over For Foote
Spencer-Van Etten Grad To Play For CU On Wednesday

By Brian Delaney
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ITHACA — In five days, Jeff Foote will celebrate his Christmas early.

The 7-foot Cornell center and 2005 Spencer-Van Etten graduate will — after a tiring two-and-a-half year odyssey — finally play a college basketball game.

"I feel like, with practice every day, the only way I can relate it to is, it's like Christmas," Foote said after the completion of Friday's workout, which reduced his magic practice number to 3. "You're really excited about something. It's coming next Wednesday. I feel like I've been throwing up the decorations, and doing all that stuff, and now finally Dec. 19 I get to open the presents." Dec. 19 — this Wednesday — marks Cornell's first game of what is considered its second-semester schedule. The Big Red (4-2) visits Bucknell in a non-conference tilt, the Red's first game since a disappointing 76-73 home loss to Colgate on Dec. 1.

That was Foote's final game, barring injury, spent in a shirt and tie at the end of the bench.

On Wednesday, he'll don the No. 1 jersey and attempt to fill a critical role for eighth-year coach Steve Donahue.

"He gives us a dimension that we don't currently have on our team," Donahue said.

Foote transferred to Cornell last December after three semesters at St. Bonaventure. He red-shirted his freshman year in Olean, then left the team with the intent to transfer. He landed with the Big Red, sitting out the NCAA requisite one year — a year that ended Friday with the culmination of finals.

On Wednesday, he'll be rewarded for his extraordinary patience.

"It's been tough," he said.

Foote has two and a half years of eligibility left, plenty of time to help Cornell try to win its first Ivy League championship since 1988. Since then, Penn and Princeton have combined to account for every league title.

This year, that streak could very well end.

Donahue and the rest of the Big Red expect Foote to be a key component in filling out Cornell's thin frontcourt rotation, which through six games mainly featured 6-7 sophomore Alex Tyler, 6-9 senior Jason Hartford and 6-7 junior Brian Kreefer.

Foote gives Cornell a legitimate center who can defend the interior, protect the rim from penetration, cause havoc on the boards and — somewhat surprisingly — set up his teammates.

"He's shown every sign in practice (this semester) that he's going to be an effective rebounder, offensively and defensively," Donahue said. "He's a very good passer. He runs the floor well."

Foote's passing ability is what teammate Adam Gore thinks will surprise most viewers.

"He's probably one of our best passers," said Gore, a junior and one of five team members who share an apartment with Foote. "He catches the ball and he has the poise and the confidence, obviously because of his size, to ... look over the defense to find (Ryan Wittman) over here, or to find Ryan on the opposite side, or (Louis Dale) or myself or a guy cutting.

"Last year, he didn't have any confidence in his ability to stand there and do those kinds of things."

Which lends itself to Foote's work ethic.

Donahue said the 7-footer is far and away the program's most improved player over the last 12 months. Although forced to sit out Cornell's games, Foote practiced and lifted daily with the team, while working out regularly in one-on-one drills with ex-assistant coach Mark Vershaw, a former Wisconsin standout.

The two would tirelessly work on footwork, post moves and rebound/putback drills.

"He was a very good teacher for me," Foote said. "He really helped my game."

Foote's height isn't a surprise, considering his family stock.

His dad, Don Foote, stands 6-11 and played in the late 1970s at Niagara. His mom, Wanda, stands 5-10. Jeff's only sibling, older brother Jesse, who played at Division III RIT, is also a 7-footer.

What was difficult was getting his coordination to catch up with his body's growth. As a freshman at Spencer-Van Etten, Foote stood 6-1. He grew to 6-4 his sophomore year and 6-9 his junior year.

But people who watched Foote play under coach Jeff Smith at Spencer-Van Etten might not recognize him as the same player when the Big Red returns home on Jan. 10 after a six-game road trip.

"From last year to this year even, it's been an incredible amount of improvement," Gore said. "I think teams are going to have to double-team him, especially in the league. I think he really creates some big mismatches."

Following Friday's practice, Foote walked off the Newman Arena floor in good spirits. Not surprisingly, he was the last person to leave following 10 minutes of one-on-one workouts with Hartford.

He doesn't mind the practice — now that the fruit of his labors is within view. Only five days until Wednesday.

"It'll be a good day," he said.

And a long time coming.

The Foote Profile

Name: Jeff Foote
Team: Cornell men's basketball
Year/position: Junior/center
Height/weight: 7-foot, 225 pounds
Wingspan: 7-6
High school: Spencer-Van Etten, Class of 2005

Of note: Foote attended St. Bonaventure for three semesters before transferring to Cornell last December. He has two and a half years of eligibility remaining.

Did you know? His older brother, Jesse Foote, a 6-11 center, played for RIT between 2001-2005. His dad, Don Foote, played at Niagara from 1976-79.

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Syracuse Bullies Big Red
Overmatched Cornell Hurts Own Cause With Poor Shooting

By Brian Delaney
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SYRACUSE — Syracuse was more than willing to exploit Cornell's ongoing growing pains Saturday night.

Playing the familiar role of Big East bully to an overmatched Upstate New York opponent, the Orange banged and bruised their way past the Big Red, 80-64, in front of 19,253 fans at the Carrier Dome.

The hosts, taking advantage of the youthful Big Red's tentativeness under the bright lights, went right to the rim time and again for easy buckets in building a comfortable 20-point first-half lead.

"(We showed) tentativeness on both sides of the ball to start the game," Cornell coach Steve Donahue said. "This environment, (Syracuse's) athleticism — it's almost like they're afraid to make a mistake."

Energetic freshman point guard Jonny Flynn led the Orange (9-3) with 21 points, sparking an offense that made 18 of 29 first-half field goal attempts inside the 3-point arc. Many were easy layups or short jumpers, leading to Syracuse's whopping 58 points in the paint.

A 52-37 rebounding edge, which included 20 Syracuse offensive rebounds, certainly helped.

"It played a big factor," said 6-foot-11 freshman Donte Green, who finished with 11 points and 10 boards. "Just being able to get the boards, offensive boards, and limit (their) second shots was definitely easy for us tonight."

Cornell hit back to back 3's right before the first media timeout to make it 14-10. But Syracuse reasserted itself quickly, as Greene nailed a 3 and Flynn sliced through the lane for a deuce to kick off a backbreaking 26-10 run.

Following a promising 4-1 start, it was the second time in as many games that Donahue watched his team fall behind quickly, and by a double-digit margin, in the first half.

Bucknell did it Wednesday night, and Syracuse followed suit Saturday for its 30th consecutive victory over the Big Red, which has now dropped three straight games.

"We're just going through a lot as a team right now," said Donahue, whose paired down seven-man rotation consisted of five sophomores and two juniors. "We've had stretches of basketball where we've played great offensively. I kind of took that part for granted."

Cornell, which entered the game ranked among the nation's elite in shooting percentage (49 percent), could have built a brick wall with its misses. The Red shot 36 percent on the night, making only five of its first 19 3-point attempts and finishing 10 of 26 behind the arc.

"They had some open shots and just didn't make them," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "The game could have been closer."

Even when Cornell worked consecutive defensive stops in the second half, Syracuse's lead stayed pat as shot after Big Red shot clanged off the rim. Only during one 73-second stretch did Cornell exhibit its perimeter potency, knocking down four consecutive 3's to slice a 68-45 deficit to 70-57 with 4:55 left.

But after a Syracuse timeout, the Orange answered with a Paul Harris layup and Arinze Onuaku dunk to re-establish control.

Sophomore Ryan Wittman, the epitome of offensive consistency for Cornell, struggled mightily. The 6-6 swingman missed 12 of his 14 shot attempts and finished with a season-low six points.

Cornell guards Louis Dale (15 points), Collin Robinson (14) and Adam Gore (12) reached double figures. Jeff Foote had six points and seven rebounds off the bench.

"We were pleased with our physicality in the second half," Donahue said. "That's how we think we can play all the time."

But too often in the first half, Syracuse did what it wanted, when it wanted.

Cornell (4-4) couldn't keep up.

"Especially when they're (one of the best) 3-point shooting teams in the country ... their whole offense is 3 points," Green said. "Once you take that off, it's kind of hard for them to score."

CU Men's Basketball: Big Red Rally For Road Win
Big Red Trail By Nine Before Battling Back To Win In Overtime

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HAMDEN, Conn. — The Cornell men's basketball team got off to a great start in Monday's game with Quinnipiac but needed an even better finish to pull out the victory at TD Banknorth Sports Center.

The Big Red trailed by nine points with 2 minutes, 19 seconds remaining, but rallied to force overtime and prevailed in a closely contested extra period, 86-84. Cornell (6-4) blew out of the gates to 7-0 and 16-4 leads only to see the Bobcats battle back and take the lead.

Sophomore Ryan Wittman scored a game-high 22 points to lead five scorers in double figures, and played tough defense at key points on Quinnipiac's leading scorer, DeMario Anderson.

Wittman guarded Anderson, who scored all 20 of his points in the second half and overtime, making two key stops in overtime, including a potential game-tying shot with time expiring.

"I thought Ryan did a great job with him in the first half," Cornell coach Steve Donahue said. "(Anderson) got into a rhythm in the second half, but every shot was a difficult one. He needed 23 shots to get his points."

The Bobcats (5-7) took a 74-65 lead with just more than two minutes to go, but a Jeff Foote layup, a forced turnover and a 3-pointer by Adam Gore cut the lead to four with 1:19 left.

After a Qunnipiac miss, Louis Dale hit a jumper and the Big Red forced another huge turnover to set up Colin Robinson's tying acrobatic layup.

"The key anytime you come back is the guys just believing in themselves," Donahue said. "I thought we did a great job in our timeout (with 2:54 left) saying let's get stops and get within two possessions."

The overtime was just as closely contested with three ties and seven lead changes. A pair of free throws by Dale with 33 seconds to go gave Cornell a one-point lead and Wittman added another free throw with 17 ticks left before the final shot fell short by Anderson.

Despite getting out rebounded 41-26, the Big Red interior players left their mark on this game.

Alex Tyler scored 11 of his 13 points in the first half and grabbed a team-high eight boards and Spencer-Van Etten graduate Jeff Foote played significant minutes off the bench, finishing with 10 points and five rebounds.

"A strength of ours is inside post play and people don't know about that," Donahue said. "We need to continue to go down inside because teams are trying to take away the outside. I thought we did a good job of that today."

Cornell deviated a little more than usual from its outside game, shooting 18 threes and connecting on eight of them. The Bobcats hit 10 of their 18 attempts.

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CU Men's Basketball: Big Red Reserves Have Their Day Big Red Blows Out Alvernia By 45 Points

By Brian Delaney
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ITHACA — After watching his team spend the first eight minutes of Thursday night's game learning the hard way that Alvernia could play a little bit, Steve Donahue went to his bench.

The move came earlier than expected against the Division III Crusaders, winners of the last two Pennsylvania Athletic Conference titles. But Donahue's message was clear, and the reserves responded by igniting a 10-0 run that opened the floodgates in a 91-46 rout.

All 15 players scored for Cornell. Louis Dale's 13 points were tops, while Ryan Wittman also reached double figures. In his Newman Arena debut, 2005 Spencer-Van Etten graduate and 7-foot center Jeff Foote finished with three points, four assists, two blocks and two rebounds in 13 minutes. But the win, which was the biggest since a 90-39 victory over Haverford in December of 1996, was not without some early drama.

When Alvernia (4-6) took an 11-10 lead following a wide-open 3-pointer by junior guard David Washington, a livid Donahue signaled timeout and subsequently lit into his team.

"I'm not going to waste the time if someone's not ready to go, if there's someone on the bench ready to pick him up," Donahue said.

Any sluggishness disappeared immediately thereafter, as Cornell switched to a 1-3-1 trap, began forcing turnovers and converting those miscues into points.

"When they went to that 1-3-1 after the timeout, that was it," Alvernia coach Mike Miller said. "That's where it turned."

Junior co-captain Jason Battle opened the first of two 10-0 first-half runs with a pair of free throws, a steal and his first 3-pointer of the season. That run made it 20-11, and the second 10-0 spurt later in the half turned a 28-17 advantage into a comfortable 38-17 cushion. Consecutive 3's by Dale capped the outburst, highlighting a 50 percent shooting night (14 of 28) from deep by the Big Red. Overall, Cornell shot at a 55.6 percent clip and assisted on 28 of 35 baskets.

"Defensively we started off slow, maybe we weren't picking up the intensity like we should, but we picked it up," Battle said. "But I thought the defense was there."

Terrence Shawell, a former Rutgers quarterback recruit, scored all 11 of his points in the first half for Alvernia. But the Crusaders showed little else offensively, as sophomore Matt King was held to five points — 11 below his average — on 1-of-11 shooting. The visitors also turned it over 17 times, leading to 33 Cornell points.

Conversely, five Cornell players scored their first points of the season — Conor Mullen, Aaron Osgood, Pete Reynolds, Jon Jaques and Adam Wire — as the second half turned into a showcase for the end of the Big Red bench.

"It feels great obviously," Jaques said. "We've been working really hard all year, especially the last three or four weeks ... so it was great to get in the game and run a little bit."

By the end, the Big Red bench — occupied by the regulars — was all smiles.

"I've known Alvernia was coming up for a little while," Jaques said.

CU's Donahue, Smith Mirror Each Other's Success

By Brian Delaney
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ITHACA — Over the last seven years, the careers of Steve Donahue and Dayna Smith have risen together almost in lockstep.

In 1999, Donahue, in his 10th year as an assistant under men's coach Fran Dunphy, and Smith, in her first year under women's coach Kelly Greenberg, shared a tiny area in the Penn basketball office.

"Literally we shared a little suite, the men on one side, the women on the other," Donahue said. "We constantly talked to each other." The two became good friends before Donahue departed for Cornell and his first head coaching job.

Two years later, the women's position on East Hill became vacant, and Smith followed suit.

Both arrived at Cornell facing enormous challenges. Donahue's first two seasons resulted in records of 7-20 and 5-22, while Smith's first three were 10-17, 9-18 and 3-24. But both persevered, and last year, the dividends began paying off.

"(Donahue) saw something in Cornell when he was going through the interview process," Smith said. "He believed they were going to be committed to basketball, that (athletics director) Andy Noel and the administration was very interested in making this a school with a strong basketball program."

With Cornell's 2007-08 Ivy League basketball openers slated for this afternoon against Columbia, both Big Red coaches are, for the first time, shouldering the welcome burden of high expectations.

The men were picked to win the league in the preseason media poll, while the women were second only to defending champion Harvard.

The last Cornell men's championship came in 1988 — also the last time a program not named Penn or Princeton represented the Ivy League in the NCAA men's tournament. The Cornell women's program, however, has never won a league title.

"It's a matter of time before she wins a championship," Donahue said. "For both of us to do it, it would be great. We talked about how great it would be to see basketball be successful here — the excitement it creates for the student body and the community."

The turning point in Donahue's tenure was the arrival of what is this year's sophomore class, highlighted by dynamic point guard Louis Dale and sharpshooter Ryan Wittman. A year ago as freshmen, the duo played a major role in helping the Big Red to its best Ivy finish (9-5) since that 1988 championship team went 11-3.

The ascension of Smith's program has been less sudden, but after a 2-7 start a year ago, the Big Red went 10-8 the rest of the way for its best Ivy finish (8-6) since 2001.

And because both coaches returned the majority of their core players this winter, the expectations rose to new modern-day heights. The women (8-5) wrapped up their non-conference schedule with a school record-tying eight wins, led by a strong frontcourt that includes two-sport standout Jeomi Maduka (track and field) and France native Moina Snyder.

The men (8-5) last won eight non-conference games 11 years ago.

"The only thing they have on us is that last year, down the stretch, they were competing for (the title)," Smith said. "...They had the mentality of, 'Yes we are one of the best teams in the conference, and we can do this.' Our women, we were not predicted to do that last season. We made great gains and we played well down the stretch, but it was new. It was unexpected."

Now, both teams have the unusual distinction of playing Ivy League opponents with a target on their own backs, rather than playing the familiar role of underdog.

"This season's the first time we've had higher expectations and we're demanding more of ourselves," Smith said. "Just winning a game is not good enough. We've got to be able to handle that. We've got to be able to understand that that is a good thing."

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Dale, Foote Help Red Persevere Against Lions

By Brian Delaney, The Ithaca Journal
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ITHACA - Collin Robinson's stunning departure a mere four days before Cornell's Ivy League men's basketball opener gave the Big Red excuse enough to under-perform.

But Jeff Foote turned the program's most anticipated league opener in two decades into his own coming out party, and sophomore point guard Louis Dale spearheaded Cornell's strong second half with his relentless penetration in a 70-64 victory over Columbia on Saturday.

Consider the win a major bullet dodged for the preseason league favorite Big Red (9-5, 1-0 Ivy), which overcame the unexpected loss of Robinson — its sixth man and third-leading scorer. Robinson (10.6 ppg, 4.4. apg) left the team late last week for "personal reasons," and Cornell coach Steve Donahue said Robinson will not return. "There's not a whole lot (to it)," Donahue said. "He's decided to leave the team. He's done an excellent job in the classroom; he's done an excellent job with the team. He's decided he doesn't want to play. That's really all I can say, because that's really all there is."

So life went on for the Big Red, albeit with a dangerously slow start against the senior-laden Lions (7-9, 0-1).

Cornell fell behind 12-2 in the opening minutes before Foote sparked the turnaround.

Foote, a 7-foot center from nearby Lockwood, scored six points, grabbed three rebounds, blocked two shots and dished out one assist during a 10-minute stretch in which Cornell turned that 12-2 deficit into a 24-24 deadlock.

The large crowd of 3,109, more than double the attendance for last year's Ivy home opener, roared its approval.

"I was a little nervous, but we came out very slow at the start, so when coach put me in I felt like I had to do something and kind of boost us a little bit," said Foote, who finished with 13 points, six boards, four blocks and no turnovers in 28 big minutes. "I felt like I did that."

So did everyone else in Newman Arena.

Columbia's front line of 6-8 forward John Baumann, 6-8 center Ben Nwachukwu and 6-5 small forward Mack Montgomery is considered one of the league's best. Baumann, in particular, is a tough matchup, as his 21 points (on 8-of-14 shooting) and 11 rebounds attested.

A year ago, Cornell swept the season series with Columbia due largely to the play of 6-10 senior center Andrew Naeve, a second-team all-Ivy pick who posted combined numbers of 26 points, 20 rebounds and seven blocks against the Lions.

On Saturday, Foote mirrored Naeve's effect in neutralizing Columbia's interior play.

"He was terrific," Columbia coach Joe Jones said. "I thought he really made a difference in the game. He was able to score around the basket. He was 6 for 7. He did a great job. I thought he made it look easy. Everybody else is struggling to score, and that dude just makes it look easy."

Columbia's defense tied Cornell's hands so much — leading scorer Ryan Wittman finished with a quiet 12 points — that the Big Red turned away from its bread and butter, the 3-point shot.

Instead, Dale and his teammates entered attack mode. With the score knotted at 48 with around nine minutes to play, Dale scored six of Cornell's next nine points — each a result of drives to the basket — to give the Big Red a small lead it would not relinquish.

When Montgomery (16 points) drained a 3 to make it 61-58 with 2:33 to go, Dale answered on the other end with his toughest shot of the night. Spinning in the lane, he leapt and outmuscled Brett Loscalzo's successful swipe at the ball for a critical bucket.

"You're going to see more of that, because he gets that look in his eye and he knows he can attack," Donahue said. "And he's got this good sense of when to do it and when not to do it."

Cornell effectively held off Columbia down the stretch from the free throw line, hitting 10 of 12 over the final 6:39. Junior Adam Gore (12 points) knocked down 7 of 8 in the final minute to seal the win. Cornell also rebounded better in the second half, despite finishing with a 31-21 disadvantage on the glass. That disparity was 22-8 at halftime.

"I challenged our guys in the second half," Donahue said. "We've been through this. We're going to lose games if we don't check out and go after loose balls, and it's not just the big guys. I thought we won the hustle plays in the second half."

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You can tell a lot about a guy from the layup line before a basketball game. Some players mechanically repeat the same motion as they launch 3-pointers. Others creatively weave their way in for a mid-range jumper. The guys at the end of the bench hit the block or the free throw line elbow to get some work done on their footwork.

When men's basketball sophomore Andre Wilkins gets the ball, he explodes. A burst of energy toward the lifeless basket, waiting to be the beautiful unnamed assistant to something magical. Wilkins takes the ball, a dribble, maybe two, and takes off a few steps later.

On this occasion, he palms the ball in one hand, brings it down to his waist and quickly whips it around in a circle behind his head — then over his head and into the basket. Most people would just call it a windmill dunk.

He smiles as he bounces back to the rebounding line, bobbing his head and snapping his fingers to the beat of the band's music.

"I guess my specialty is the windmill," Wilkins said. "Like I can do that on command. Like if you came to the gym and told me to do a windmill, I could just do it, no dribble, off the bounce."

You can tell a lot about a guy from the kinds of videos he's willing to put of himself on YouTube. A search for Andre Wilkins on YouTube brings up a video that's under the categories "Nonprofits & Activism" and "People & Blogs." It's a subdued Wilkins, talking about his religion and his experiences growing up in Jane-Finch, one of the worst neighborhoods in Toronto.

"My name is Andre Wilkins," he says. "I'm 20, and I live in the Jane and Finch community. My whole life, 20 years."

And then he comes right out and says it.

"I love this place. It's made me the person that I am."

Keep in mind that Jane and Finch has been compared to Compton, Calif., or Chicago's South Side. Drugs, crime and gangs are rampant. Ask him about it, though, and he doesn't back down.

"Personally, I think the neighborhood gives that ability to continue, a strong will just to keep pushing forward," he said. "The neighborhood is seen as a bad neighborhood so it makes things a lot harder for me to even get a job back home. Even the way people view me on the streets or people that I talk to, they'll be like, 'Oh, you're from this neighborhood, how do you make it?' stuff like that. Just living in the neighborhood was a strike against me. But it gave me a strong will, like an underdog type thing."

You can tell a lot about a guy from actually meeting him. Wilkins is as soft-spoken as he seems in the video. He speaks in a controlled manner, rewording his comments and pausing often to get it just right. But by no means is he shy.

"Sometimes being here, I feel kind of like," Wilkins searched for the right term, "out of my element. A lot of people, umm, like haven't really, like, gone

through…" another pause, and Wilkins decided to change direction. "If I want to speak to someone about what I've experienced, I don't know if they could relate or not with what I'm talking about. It feels like I'm just," a final pause and then some deep laughter, "a square."

A square. A phrase most Cornell student's parents don't even use anymore. But that's Andre Wilkins for you. It's a personality that even he can't even explain where it came from.

"I spent a lot of time in church, and I would have to say it was something spiritual that kept me out of trouble," he said. "I had a gut feeling to follow my instincts, and a lot of times when I did that, things would happen where it was like, 'good thing you did stay home that day or good thing you didn't go outside.'"

And that's the other thing about Wilkins, his religion.

"The moment I gave myself to God it was like I had 20 tons that I was carrying by myself," Wilkins says in the video titled Jane and Finch Story. "Then I gave my life to God, and God took 10. God not even took 10, he took 15 and I'm just walking like this."

Wilkins, who had had two hands over his head, drops one and holds the other up like a waiter and bounces a few steps.

You can tell a lot about a guy from what other people say about him. No one has anything bad to say about Andre Wilkins.

"There are so many people rooting for him and who are so proud of him," said assistant coach Nat Graham. "Andre's such an upbeat, likable kid. I think it's easy for people to foster good feelings for Andre."

Graham has played in Canada, coached in Canada and even married a Canadian. He played a large part in recruiting Wilkins to Cornell and is one of many people with good feelings for Andre.

"I went to high school in Miami with a lot of kids with similar backgrounds to Andre," Graham said, "and I've never met a kid from the type of situation he's from make those type of decisions. I think it's more remarkable that Andre got to where he is than almost anyone else in the school to a certain extent."

And it probably is. Head coach Steve Donahue said that the team frequently scouts players from Andre's area — in fact, Andre's high school coach, Bob Maydo, has sent 15 players to Division I programs — but rarely do they find one who is up to the rigors of an Ivy education.

"From that area, you don't always expect a great student," Donahue said. "There's kids that don't have any chances by the time they're 14 or 15 to stay in school or even be successful at that level."

But Wilkins was successful at that level, and at every level. Maydo, Wilkins' high school coach at Emery Collegiate in Toronto, has made a 30-year career out of coaching underprivileged youths in the Toronto area. Still, he knew Wilkins was a special kid.

"Not to be touched by what's around you, you have to be sort of a special person and he's always had his goals in mind," Maydo said after making the drive to Cornell for the Red's first game of the season. "He was able to stay focused and not be tainted. He set himself apart from a lot of the kids that come out of the Jane-Finch area."

And finally, beyond his performance at Cornell, you can tell a lot about a guy from what he wants to do with his life.

"I either want to be a teacher or get into some type of social work or community planning," Wilkins said. "I just want to help other people that have been through my situation. More, I want to go home and give back to the community that helped me." In typical Wilkins fashion, he pauses, searching for the right combination of words. "I want to be a visible example of what hard work can do for those in the neighborhood so they don't follow the path of many other people. I want to break the cycle.

Cornell's Quick Start Dooms Columbia

By Cory Bennett
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NEW YORK CITY — Men's basketball sophomore Louis Dale was the first to be introduced in the Red's starting lineup during its game at Columbia last Saturday night. As soon as his name was read over the loud speaker, a chant went up from the audience.

"Columbia re-ject."

"Col-gate re-ject," was what junior Alex Tyler heard next. Each starter heard something similar.

When the game actually started, though, it was the Columbia offense that was rejected time and time again. The Red held the Lions scoreless for the first six minutes of the ballgame on its way to a 72-54 win.

Junior Adam Gore led the team (10-5, 2-0 Ivy) with 17 points, 14 of which came in the first half, while sophomore Ryan Wittman tallied 16 points to go with eight boards. In stark contrast to last week, when Columbia (7-10, 0-2) lost 70-64 despite an early lead and a back-and-forth battle that went down to the wire, the Red never trailed Saturday and maintained a double-digit lead for most of the contest.

"I thought [our guys] were more focused [than last week], and right from the start you could tell we were locked in," said head coach Steve Donahue.

"Mentally, they came out with a better focus than us," said Columbia senior guard Brett Loscalzo, who led the Lions with 11 points — their only scorer in double figures. "They knew what they wanted to do. They executed and they were more efficient. We didn't have that same fire we had the first week."

Cornell's intensity was on display from the opening tap, which Wittman won. Gore took the ball, and quickly attacked from the top of the key, streaking by his defender to the left side before hitting a short, fall-away jumper. It was a change in pace for Gore — who has not created many opportunities this year — and one he would display all evening.

"I think it's at a point now where we need him to so aggressive like he is," Donahue said. "… I sat [Adam] down after the guys left and said, 'This is what you are.' You have to do it. You have to take a couple of hard ones to get used to it. You have to be a sniper. You can't let teams off the hook. I think that's what he was doing a couple of times [earlier this year] where he would catch it and just move the ball. At times that's important. But his teammates need him to be aggressive. And I thought he was really aggressive from the start."

While Gore was on his way to 14 first-half points, the rest of the squad showed they were prepared to be equally pugnacious against a Columbia team known to play a wear-em-down, drag-em-out style of basketball. On Cornell's second possession, senior Jason Hartford pulled down two offensive rebounds, laying the ball in after the second rebound. Tyler scored on a putback on the very next possession. In the Red's win last weekend, Columbia kept themselves in the game with a 12-4 advantage on the offensive glass and an 18-2 advantage in second-chance points.

By the time the Lions scored a free throw at the 14-minute mark, the Red already had four offensive rebounds, and four second-chance points.

"We have great goals for this team and we know we can't continually play with someone beating us on the boards like that," Donahue said. "… I look at the rebounding totals and I think it's a team effort. They have two guys who do a great job [rebounding]. But I thought we could have other guys and other bodies around him, we could neutralize that effect."

Indeed, Columbia's John Baumann is second in the Ivy League with 6.6 rebounds per game, while Ben Nwachukwu tacks on 4.6 rpg as well. Cornell, meanwhile, has no players in the conference's top-10 rebounders, and the game numbers reflect that. Wittman led the team with eight, but Hartford added seven, Tyler pulled down six and Dale and junior Jeff Foote chipped in four each. Overall, the Red outrebounded the Lions 41-27.

"They killed us on the offensive glass," Loscalzo said.

The rebounding wasn't the only thing that helped the Red jump out to an early advantage. Cornell's defense was swarming and packed in the paint to counter Columbia's talented front line. Baumann went off for 21 points and 11 boards last week. But at half time, Baumann was 0-4 from the floor and had only two rebounds. Baumann wouldn't get another field goal attempt after intermission, finishing with six points — all from the charity stripe.

"They have a great bunch of big guys, they have a great rotation," Baumann said. "They really did a good job of not letting us get anything easy inside. I think the thing that makes this team good is the quantity of big guys they have to where you can get one of their big guys in foul trouble and they don't really seem to loose anything when they bring another one off the bench. I give all the credit to them in the way that they clogged the middle and didn't let us get anything easy. When we did get some easy shots we weren't able to capitalize on them."

The Lions couldn't even capitalize on the most open shot — the free throw. The Lions were 11-of-18 on the night, while the Red knocked down 20-of-25, accounting for half of the 18-point margin of victory.

With the inside clogged, Columbia was forced to kick it out and try its luck from long range. The Lions guard trio of Loscalzo, K.J. Matsui and Joe Bova, kept their team around for most of the game, hitting eight-of-11 from downtown.

But in the end, the Red won the hustle plays and that simply won them the game, according to Donahue. It helped them overcome a four-of-16 night from behind the arc, and foul trouble that was most felt when Dale had to sit out the last 6:28 of the first half with three fouls.

"[The hustle plays] were the whole game," Donahue said. "I think we have enough talent to win in this league, but we can't afford to be outworked."

They were plays like Geoff Reeves stealing an outlet pass, taking it the other way for a layup and a foul, missing the free throw, but still running down his own miss before bouncing it off a Columbia player out of bounds to maintain possession.

"Reeves makes two in sequence in the first half that were huge that we had no right getting," Donahue said. "… Those plays win basketball games in our league. The talents are very similar. You have to make those kind of plays."

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Former Spencer-Van Etten Player Shines At Cornell

By Steve Lawrence
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A few months ago, I heard the news that Jeff Foote - a 2005 graduate of Spencer Van-Etten High School - would be transferring from St. Bonaventure to Cornell. How nice, I thought. There will surely be a big S-VE contingent at the Big Red home games, and I hope the kid gets some playing time.

I had reason to be uncertain whether Foote would get much playing time on a Division 1 basketball team. Given that my kids go to S-VE, and I am, shall we say, a big athletic supporter, I had seen Jeff play many times. He was seemingly having a tough time growing into himself as he neared 7 feet, and it often appeared that he was trying to maneuver someone else's body. He was a hard-working kid, unselfish and eager to learn, but he sure had a long way to go to be a D-1 guy. He also endured the stares and question of little kids who came into the local pizza shop where he worked, but he was a nice kid who was always polite.

I watched Foote play in an outdoor tournament last summer, and two words came to mind: Leaps and bounds. He dominated the court, but he was, after all, at least a head taller than everyone else out there.

Fast forward to last Saturday, when the Big Red opened their Ivy League season against the visiting Columbia Lions. The Lions may have felt a little boost, having heard that Collin Robinson, Cornell's USC transfer standout, had left the team for personal reasons. Robinson was a key player on the team that sat atop the preseason Ivy League media poll, and his absence would surely be felt.

I sat with a contingent of folks who made the drive from Spencer to watch the former Panther in his Ivy debut. Some of the fans were current players at S-VE, and watching one of their own take the court for warm-ups was, in the language of high-schoolers, "awesome."

Foote was not in the game for the opening tip, and the Big Red didn't look so big as the Lions roared to a 12-2 lead. Coach Steve Donahue called a timeout, and Foote was inserted into the lineup. As the 7-footer strode toward the fray, tucking his billowing shirt into his XXXL shorts, I scratched my chin. I have been covering Cornell games for the better part of two decades, and I know that Steve Donahue is a bonafide Division 1 coach who would never - especially in a crucial Ivy match up in which his team trailed by 10 points - put in a player to give him minutes for the visiting fans. Donahue knew something I (and many others in the crowd of 3,100) did not. This kid had been sponging up everything he could since his transfer from St. Bonaventure, he had learned Donahue's system, and he was ready for his moment in the bright lights.

Foote immediately made an impact, forcing the Lions to double-team him as he took the ball in the paint. Any true Division 1 big man - especially a 7-footer - has been coached to see the whole floor from that lofty altitude, and Foote saw it well. Time after time, he took advantage of the double-team and found the open man. His teammates did their part, hitting their shots, and the gap began to shrink. Foote displayed some very adept footwork in the paint, and on a couple of occasions went to his left hand to take advantage of an opening. His S-VE fans joined the rest of the crowd in celebrating the simple fact that this new guy - the one from down the road - was dominating the game. After an intense 10 minutes of inspired play, Cornell had tied the game at 24.

The second half saw more of the same, and Foote drew the biggest ovation of the day with a thundering slam that left the rim and support swaying for what seemed like a minute. He was also clearly inside the opponents' heads, having swatted several of their shots away.

The final score would be 70-64, and the march to the Ivy crown has begun. What a fun ride this will be.

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Lions Cannot Keep Up With Big Red

By Joshua Robinson
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Spiraling into a 10-0 deficit in the first six minutes of Saturday night's game might not have been immediately worrisome for Columbia. After all, when they last played Cornell a week ago, the Lions had jumped out to a 12-2 lead and still managed to lose.

But on that night, Cornell found an 11-0 run to close out the first half. Shooting a scant 23.8 percent from the field in the first half on Saturday night, Columbia was nowhere near a similar comeback.

What flashes of inspiration the Lions did show were invariably matched by an organized, physical Big Red side on its way to a 72-54 victory and sole possession of first place in the Ivy League.

"Cornell came out and really played with a level of aggression from the start," head coach Joe Jones said. "They outhustled us, they got the loose balls, they outworked us, and I thought that was clear early in the game."

Earlier in the day, Brown had defeated Yale 77-68, which meant that a Lions win would have put them in a four-way tie for the top spot with a record of 1-1. Columbia's shooting early on, though, made it clear that it was not in the cards. The Lions only managed a single two-point field goal in the first 20 minutes.

Jones switched Columbia into a full-court press in an effort to stem the tide from Cornell and, briefly, it seemed to work. Still, offensive production was lacking, as the Big Red converged on John Baumann—who has led the Lions in scoring for the past two seasons—on every drive. He was held to 6 points, all from the free-throw line.

"They didn't let us get anything easy inside," Baumann said. "And what makes this team so good is that you can get one of their big guys in foul trouble, and they don't really lose anything when they bring another one off the bench."

At the other end, Cornell's backcourt tandem was carving up the Columbia defense, with efficient guard play by junior Adam Gore, who led all scorers with 17 points, and the blistering speed of sophomore Louis Dale. As Ryan Wittman quietly made his presence felt in the paint—he had 16 points on the night—the Big Red took a 40-22 lead into the locker room.

Columbia freshman Asenso Ampim's sensational left-handed block in the last minute did little more than rally the crowd.

Back-to-back three-pointers from K.J. Matsui and Brett Loscalzo to open the second period gave Columbia a little bit of momentum, closing the deficit to 14 points. That marked the beginning of a real turnaround in the Lions' shooting, as they improved to 41.4 percent (12-of-29) from the field. For Baumann, however, the night never got any easier. Cornell continued to press the game's tempo, and he was unable to add to his

disappointing tally.

"We tried to play with the same intensity in the second half, and we swarmed them pretty well," Wittman said.

Hitting three shots from beyond the arc in addition to a single two-point field goal, senior point guard Loscalzo was the only Columbia player to crack double digits.

The score for the second half was 32-32, but by then, the damage had already been done. Let down by shooting and, just as important, their performance under the boards—Columbia was outrebounded 41-27—the Lions never established a rhythm or any physical edge.

"We made some great hustle plays, and we've been doing that for about a month," Cornell head coach Steve Donahue said. "Those plays win basketball games in our league.

While the Big Red, boasting the only 2-0 record in the Ivies, is living up to its billing as the preseason favorite for the championship, Columbia shoulders a 0-2 mark ahead of another difficult pair of games. Next weekend, the Lions will travel to Yale and Brown, two solid contenders with good chances of finishing in the top half of the standings.

But no matter who it has to face next week after its rocky opening fortnight, Columbia will certainly be happy to see the back of Cornell.

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Donahue Inspires Hard Work Amongst Players

By Cory Bennett
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At least men's basketball head coach Steve Donahue is honest with himself. He stopped wearing a blazer at games long ago. There just wasn't a point; it came off too quickly.

"I tried it again," Donahue said. "Just a couple times this year I had the jacket on. I don't understand why we have to wear jackets and ties anyway, we're basketball coaches."

And that shows Steve Donahue's coaching personality in a nutshell — he coaches as if he is one step from subbing himself in at the next timeout.

The term basketball coach could mean so many different things to different people. But Donahue talks as if it's assumed that the definition of basketball coach is defined as someone who is barely different from the status of a player.

"The sneakers were on last weekend, so I really felt like I could move," he joked, referring to the Coaches vs. Cancer awareness period last weekend, in which most college coaches wore athletic shoes with their suits.

Donahue is constantly out of his seat. One second he's crouching like a catcher, the next he looks like he's doing jumping jacks as he gets the point guard's attention. He'll flash 10 fingers as high as he can, bouncing his lean frame up and down on the balls of his feet.

He may not always be happy with his antics on the sidelines. He may not even be able to explain them — he's so calm, composed and soft spoken in his office and after games that you think you're meeting two separate people — but at least he understands it's a part of who he is.

"Sometimes when I watch the video I can't even believe it," he said, shaking his head and quietly laughing. "I'm talking to my players a lot more than I'm talking to the refs. I'm just trying to let my guys know that I'm there behind them. … When you know the players can hear you, especially when the defense is down at the other end you feel like you can [affect it]."

On the sideline, what Donahue lacks in size and stature — he can't be more than 5-10 and thin through the waist and shoulders — he certainly makes up for with a burning fervor. He has an intense gaze from huge round eyes accented because they reside in his narrow, angular face.

It's a passion that arises from a desire to motivate, to push his team to be the best. Players always seem to credit practice intensity after a solid outing.

"I just think it's the most important aspect of building a program is getting your kids to understand just for those two hours just how hard you have to play," Donahue said. "That creates the culture around your program."

And the culture Donahue has strived to create is one of character and hard work.

"I'm sure some of these guys probably think I go overboard with certain things," Donahue said. "I think some guys don't ever understand it or believe in it. But I just think if you develop trust and the guys know you're doing it for their well being and for the team as a whole, they're more accepting of the motivation. … I'm more positive than anything, but it's definitely demanding and there's definitely accountability. So it's positive, but the results have to be there."

For Donahue, this philosophy goes all the way back to his high school days in the Philadelphia Catholic League. He had a coach, Skip Werley, who rewarded players who practiced hard.

"To be honest, I wasn't a very good basketball player," he said. "… I had to figure out a way just to make my high school team."

Hard to believe coming from a man who eventually captained not only his high school team, but his college basketball and baseball teams at Division III Ursinus. Given his stature and intensity, however, it makes sense.

"I came to practice every day," he said. "I understood how hard I had to work. I knew if I didn't show what I could do in practice, there was never going to be an opportunity for me in the game."

That's why it's not uncommon for Donahue's comment on a developing player to be, "He needs to give me a reason to put him out there." And just by watching his substitution pattern, it's easy to tell Donahue isn't lying. It's not uncommon to see three players subbed out in one fell swoop, and then rotated back in minutes later. Just last year, Jason Mitchell '07 spent three years playing sparingly, but impressed Donahue in practice enough that he started him for the first Ivy League tilt against Penn.

Donahue's coaching philosophy materialized the most in his 10 years at Penn. He was an assistant under current Temple head coach Fran Dunphy, and worked alongside current Lafayette head coach Fran O'Hanlon. Donahue credits O'Hanlon as his main coaching influence.

"I developed a relationship with him on the playground playing ball with him down on the Jersey Shore," Donahue said. "We always talked about difference [aspects of coaching]. … We just talked about the way we played ball during our pick up games."

And it was with O'Hanlon that Donahue advanced his concept of spreading the floor and moving the ball that the Red now uses.

"I have guys who really know how to utilize the space and share the ball," Donahue said. "As opposed to giving them a set and telling them, 'This is where the ball should go,' I try to tell them how to play basketball and read defenses and take what they give you within the structure. That's the makes a team hardest to defend — if you have five guys who know how to read what you're doing."

Nowhere was this more evident than during Cornell's 66-45 win at Yale last weekend. Often, the offense would set up four players around the perimeter. The post man would pop out and set a ball screen for the point guard, which would open him up to the options of hitting the screener as he rolled off the pick to the basket, rotating it around the perimeter, driving and kicking it out, or hitting a cutter along the baseline.

"I wanted to give them more 'let's play basketball' type of reads," Donahue said.

But more than any type of specific strategy, Donahue emphasizes character. His recruiting has brought Cornell to a place where it is competing for an Ivy title, and Donahue continues attributes much of that to what he calls "energy givers" — guys who are unselfish and will always put the team and a positive attitude first — instead of "energy drainers."

"I didn't get into this to just win basketball games," he said. "I want to be around good people, I'm selfish. I want to enjoy my life and have other guys have great college experiences. I'm going to be sending a bad message if I'm bringing in a kid that I know our guys are going to question his character, but he's a good basketball player."

And if that means not being buddy-buddy with all the players, so be it. He knows that's more the assistant's role since he's been there before.

"My role in their life is to help them mature as much as they can and give them a great college experience and I don't think I could do that if I was their buddy," he said. "I think there's a line there that they have to understand."

As for the competition, "[it] tears you up," he said. "But it never affected how I felt about this school. We're not there yet, we're still climbing that mountain."

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Offensive-Minded Cornell Now Winning With Defense

By Brian Delaney
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ITHACA — Two months ago, in the aftermath of a troubling 76-73 loss to Colgate, Cornell coach Steve Donahue took a hard look at his team and a hard look in the mirror.

His version of fast-paced, high-scoring basketball tailored especially for this year's talented roster wasn't exactly producing the results he envisioned.

Cornell was 4-2 at the time, but to Donahue, the message was very clear. Change was needed.

"I took responsibility because I thought I sent the wrong message," Donahue said Wednesday. "We were teaching and emphasizing the wrong things. I thought we could be a team that could score 85, 86 points a game and win a lot of games.

"But during that Colgate game I remember specifically feeling that we had to change, because I thought we were going to score about 80 points that game, and we weren't going to win that game, in my mind."

With an 18-day layoff, Donahue and his staff went to work re-focusing the team's priorities. Half-court offensive and defensive sets became vital parts of practice again, like they had been during the first seven years of Donahue's tenure.

But the team was slow to react.

On Dec. 19, Cornell's first game back from break, Bucknell pasted the Big Red, 88-75. Guard John Griffin scored 27 points, and the Bison exploited Cornell's defense in every way imaginable in shooting what was then a season-high .547. A non-competitive 80-64 loss at Syracuse was also discouraging.

Collectively, that trio of games provided the wake-up call.

"We kind of took a step back and looked at ourselves and realized that we weren't going to win a whole lot of games playing the defense we were playing," sophomore Ryan Wittman said.

Ever since, Cornell has been a different team defensively. Entering this weekend's much-anticipated home Ivy League series with traditional powers Princeton and Penn, the Big Red (12-5) has won eight of nine, including six straight and all four of its league games.

Cornell hasn't swept Princeton-Penn at home since 1988, when the Big Red last won an Ivy championship. But that's exactly what Cornell fans hope to see en masse, starting with tonight's tip at 7 with the Tigers (5-12, 2-0). Penn (7-12, 2-0) plays at Columbia tonight before visiting Newman Arena at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Cornell's last three wins, all on the road, appeared to be the signature of a team living up to lofty expectations.

Against Columbia, Brown and Yale, three programs considered league title contenders, the Big Red won by a convincing 18, 11 and 21 points. Columbia's lowly .340 shooting percentage was the highest in that three-game stretch, and the Big Red succeeded in taking a pair of all-Ivy caliber guards, and one all-Ivy forward, out of the equation.

Brown's Damon Huffman was held to four points on 2-of-12 shooting, while Yale's Eric Flato managed just two points without a field goal. In the Columbia game, Cornell forced forward John Baumann into a six-point night with no field goals.

That's a far cry from the Bucknell game, and Griffin's backbreaking 27-point effort.

"If one guy's just playing defense, there's only so much you can do against Huffman and Flato and (Brown's Mark) McAndrew and all those guys, especially when they run so much stuff for them like dribble handoffs," Wittman said. "Our (big guys) did a great job corralling guys like Huffman and Flato and not letting them do what they wanted to do. We also had help-side defense. Earlier when we lost to Bucknell and Colgate, teams were picking us apart.

"We were just worried about hugging our man and making sure our man didn't score, meanwhile people could go one-on-one and score easy baskets on us. Now we're really playing as a unit."

Jeff Foote's emergence has helped.

The Spencer-Van Etten graduate and 7-foot center not only clogs the interior and protects the rim, but also has shown a knack for taking charges.

"He's been a huge help," Donahue said.

Along with Foote, sophomores like Wittman, point guard Louis Dale and forward Alex Tyler have physically matured. Junior Adam Gore, who sat out the 2006-07 season with a knee injury, has transformed himself into a hard-nosed perimeter defender.

Despite the improvement, Donahue is far from satisfied.

"If we don't improve, then we will be losing basketball games," he said. "Because I think college teams in general, the teams that win in February and into the March season are always improving."

Cornell hasn't beaten Penn in 10 years. On Saturday, the Quakers will carry the torch of three consecutive league titles and 18 straight wins over the Big Red into Newman Arena.

Depending on Friday's outcomes, Saturday could be a meeting of the league's final two unbeatens. Cornell knows it isn't relying on its offense anymore.

As recently as six weeks ago, that wasn't the case.

"That's what's going to win games," Wittman said. "When we're in a tough game, last five minutes, that's what's going to win us games — defensive stops.

"I think we've realized that we've bought into that."

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Two Years After Paralysis, Gant Back On Cornell's bench
Big Red Guard, Injured In Practice Two Years Ago, Travels With Team As A Manager

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Khaliq Gant goes to basketball practice, works out and travels to away games with the Cornell basketball team, but you won't see him suiting up this year. And he's not upset about that.

Two years ago, Gant was an up-and-coming sophomore guard, playing 14 minutes per game for the Big Red.

On Jan. 21, 2005, Cornell suffered a 58-57 loss to Columbia on a three at the buzzer. The next Tuesday, he and his teammates were practicing hard to bounce back from the tough defeat.

But he that week went from tough to life-altering.

"During a rebound drill, I had just made a bad play before, so I was really going all out to get the ball for this next rebounding drill," Gant said.

"I dove for a loose ball that I wouldn't [otherwise] be able to get and my teammate hit me from behind. Immediately I was paralyzed."

His teammate, now-junior Adam Gore, remembers that everyone just thought he was hurt. But they didn't realize the extent.

"As a team we kind of just huddled up and said our prayers for him," Gore said.

Gant was given steroids and airlifted to a hospital, where he underwent a seven-hour surgery to repair the dislocation of the fourth and fifth cervical vertebrae. A plate as well as bone from his hip was inserted into his neck.

Next came the toughest part. After he was transferred to a facility in his hometown of Atlanta, Gant didn't get around-the-clock attention. He spent the first night alone since his injury. Boredom was the least of his worries.

"You normally toss and turn at night, and I obviously wasn't able to do that, so I would end up in uncomfortable positions. Then the nurse would come

in at all times of the night to take your blood pressure, so I probably didn't sleep for two or three weeks. It was a lot of laying in bed, just thinking."

The original prognosis was that he would never be able to walk again. Gant remained optimistic, and after two and a half months of complete paralysis, he began the rehabilitation process.

First, he had to start with the basics.

"I was just starting from the beginning, like a baby, trying to re-learn everything," Gant said.

"I had occupational as well as physical therapy. I was learning how to kneel, lay down and stand up - and also learning how to write and eat and simple things like that. They're simple now, but back then they were very tough."

After some progress in learning everyday tasks, he headed to a 9-to-5 rehab facility. Gant started on a treadmill with a harness and built his strength and coordination from there.

It was a daunting task.

"It was hard coordinating; my balance wasn't good. I would break out into a sweat just walking on a treadmill," Gant said.

"I treated it like practicing for basketball. If you really struggle with your left hand, it's frustrating, but if you're working at it and working at it, it finally clicks.

"That's when I realized I was going to be okay. I was making great strides in order to be able to walk around again."

After rehabbing all summer, the pieces began to come together, and he was soon able to move around with the assistance of a cane. He was able to return to Cornell after missing just one semester.

He could walk, but getting around campus was tough. According to his blog on campusword.com, he often fell. One time he was in a bar when a fight broke out and someone mistook him for the aggressor, throwing him on the ground.

Since then, however, he has found it easier to walk the hilly Cornell campus, and he's moved onto bigger and better goals.

His arms, shoulders and back were the weakest parts of his body, and getting a shot up for the first time was a major milestone. He still is far from doing what he wants to accomplish.

"I'm really trying to be able to run and jump now - that's what's still lacking," Gant said. "My ultimate goal is to be able to play basketball again."

Stepping onto the court to shoot around has been a thrill for him, but watching the basketball team play every day isn't easy.

"I'm still dealing with that now," Gant said. "I see the guys at practice and I miss it, but I'm glad that I'm able to walk around and support the team - it's bittersweet."

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Foote Scores 18, Kickstarts Offense Against Princeton

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Men's basketball junior Jeff Foote stooped through the doorway to the press conference after the Red's 72-61 win over Princeton Friday night. Noticing the small crowd of people waiting to ask him about his 18-point night, he said, "Lots of pressure, huh?"

Foote may have been bashful of the attention he got after the game, but during the contest Foote showed nothing but confidence as he willfully took on the pressure of bringing his team back into the game.

"Jeff Foote had a lot to do with everything we did tonight," said head coach Steve Donahue. "I think he did a terrific job on both ends."

With the first half moving along and the Red (14-6, 6-0 Ivy) trailing, Foote entered the game and changed the feel and pace for Cornell (14-5, 6-0 Ivy) both defensively and offensively.

With Princeton (5-14, 2-2) ahead by five with just over eight minutes left in the half, Foote got an easy bucket rolling unmarked off a screen-and-roll and then proceeded to become more assertive.

"They were going straight man because they didn't want to leave our shooters and Jeff took advantage of that," Donahue said.

Foote set up shop in the post and started calling for the ball.

"I felt like I really had an advantage on the block," Foote said.

On the next trip down, Foote backed his man down, faked a spin toward the middle, then drop stepped to the hoop and laid it in. After hitting two more free throws, Foote started dictating the offense. With each ensuing basket, the crowd got more engaged, chanting, "Feed the Foote! Feed the Foote!" and waving small paper feet with Foote's face on them.

"My shot was going in so I wanted the ball," Foote said. "I gave our offense a little boost so I was demanding the ball."

The ensuing possession, Foote got his possession on the block. Sophomore Ryan Wittman — who had a game-high 20 points — set up in the corner behind the arc while sophomore Louis Dale handled the ball at the top of the key. Foote got Dale's attention and pointed to Wittman, wanting Wittman to get the ball and give him the entry pass into the post.

The passes went 1-2 just as planned and Foote did his part in backing his man down, turning and scoring to put the Red ahead for the first time all night. It was a lead the team would not relinquish and a personal nine-point run by Foote after tacking on another free throw.

"The post defense, we have to work on that," said Princeton senior Kyle Koncz, who led the Tigers with 19 points. "They got it in there too easily."

Despite having little answer for Foote, Princeton maintained a defensive intensity throughout that kept the Tigers in the game.

"I thought they did a terrific job of communicating and switching [on defense]," Donahue said. "I thought they really took us out of stuff. I thought they showed great energy on the defensive end."

The Tigers efficient marking took the Red out of its screen-and-roll game and reduced the effectiveness of cutters, two of the main ways Cornell has gotten baskets this year.

With the Red's inability to put early points on the board, Princeton went about its business on the offensive end. The Tigers rotated the ball well and found themselves with a number of open 3s. Averaging only 7.4 3s per game as a team, Princeton had five by halftime and 12 total in the game, shooting at a brisk 52.2 percent for the night.

Koncz led the 3-point attack for the Tigers, pouring in five-of-seven from behind the arc.

"Kyle Koncz got off to a good start," Donahue said. "I thought we relaxed early on and let [them get a lot of open] 3s."

Princeton senior Kevin Steuerer chipped in three 3s as well, only missing once from behind the arc. He finished with 17 points.

"Their kid Steuerer … I love watching him on film and I hate playing against him," Donahue said. "He's not known as a shooter, but if you leave him open he's gutsy enough that he makes three 3s. That's the type of kid he is."

The Red overcame its shortcomings on defense with sniper-like shooting on the offensive end, though. In the first half, Cornell drained a lights-out 65.2 percent from the floor, finishing at 54.3 percent for the game.

"At times I thought they were out-executing us but we found a way to gut it out on the defensive end and get good looks on the offensive end," Donahue said.

The Red parlayed its hot shooting into a 37-29 halftime lead, scoring the last seven points of the period. The Tigers weren't done, however. The second half was a half of runs. Three separate times Cornell pushed its lead over 10, but it was only the third time that the lead held.

Each time the Tigers charged, though, the Red got stingy on defense. Nearly five minutes into the half, the lead was pushed to 12. Reminiscent of the first half, Cornell struggled to rotate defensively, and the Princeton shooters found open looks from every angle behind the arc. In contrast, the Red couldn't get anything going on offense.

"We really took a couple quick ones that I didn't think were the kinds of shots we needed at that time," Donahue said.

"We stayed with our stuff," Koncz said. "Foote was out there affecting shots, but we got a lot of stuff in. We just stayed confident. I think at that point [in the second half] we were setting a lot of good screens and getting people open."

Donahue switched to a zone to try and guard the screens more effectively. It lasted all of two possessions as Princeton burned it with a slashing layup and a 3 from the corner by Noah Savage that brought the Tigers to within two at 50-48 — a 16-4 run. Donahue called a timeout.

"I said 'You know, we have to somehow figure out how to get stops,'" he said. "And I think after that we switched better. We were almost switching everything at that point. They were getting mismatches and we were running into screens. But for that four- or five-minute stretch, we executed very well on the defensive end of the floor."

And it was that stretch that put the game away for Cornell. Wittman started it with a 3 off a screen, which ignited an 8-0 Cornell run that spanned 3:27.

Still, for Princeton — a squad that lost 12 in a row earlier in the season — it was an effort that impressed Donahue.

"I thought Princeton played terrific," Donahue said. "I think they keep getting better if you look at where they were a month ago compared to where they are now."

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The End Of An Era
Super Sophs Help Big Red Halt Decade-Long Drought Vs. Penn

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ITHACA — Cornell's decade-long stretch of futility against Penn came to a stirring end Saturday night at jam-packed Newman Arena.

Looking like the championship Quaker teams of recent years, which leaned heavily on the likes of all-Ivy players hitting key shots at critical junctures of big games, Cornell rode a pair of career performances from sophomores Ryan Wittman and Louis Dale to an emotional 87-74 victory.

The outcome halted Cornell's streak of 18 straight losses in a series that's been lopsided for almost 40 years. Entering the weekend, Penn had won 65 of 76 games against the Big Red dating back to 1970, with a margin of victory of 14.7 points over this latest 18-game span. But that mattered little to Cornell on Saturday.

Not with a rare sellout of 4,473 in attendance. And certainly not with Cornell's stranglehold on first place in the Ivy at stake.

"It's a very good basketball team that we have to beat to get to our ultimate goal," said Cornell coach Steve Donahue, whose team improved to 14-5 with its eighth straight win and 10th in 11 games. "I think a lot of people put a lot of stock in that you've got to beat Penn. Every game is important in this league since there's no conference tournament."

Like Penn's Ibby Jaaber and Mark Zoller did each of the last two years to Cornell, Wittman and Dale inflicted heavy damage on the Quakers (7-14, 2-2).

Wittman's 55-second stretch of three 3s early in the second half turned a precarious 41-39 lead into a spacious 50-39 cushion for Cornell. When the Quakers pulled to within two points with 4:34 to go on a Jack Eggleston 3-pointer, Wittman drained the biggest shot of the night — a slight double-clutch 3 from the top of the key over Brian Grandieri.

That shot sparked a 10-0 run and effectively buried the visitors.

"You get a little lucky sometimes, I guess," said Wittman, who finished with a career-high 25 points on 8-of-13 shooting, including 5-of-8 from deep. He scored 16 in the second half.

Penn coach Glen Miller lauded the 6-foot-6 sharpshooter.

"He's player of the year in our conference," Miller said. "He's a terrific, terrific player. He hit big shot after big shot. We had a few breakdowns, but he hit some very difficult shots and came up big for them. He'd be my player of the year if I were voting today."

Dale wasn't too shabby, either.

The 5-11 point guard gritted his way to a career-best 24- point night with a team-high nine rebounds and four assists. Penn failed to contain his penetration, leading to 14 trips to the free throw line. Dale made 13, although his streak of consecutive free throws ended at 52 with 2:19 left in the first half.

"I think it was a good game for us, such a big game because they're the defending champions," Dale said. "To become a champion, you've got to beat the champion."

Penn needed a pair of career highs to keep pace. Andreas Schreiber, a 6-9 sophomore forward, hit his first six shots and finished with 23 points and nine rebounds. Freshman guard Harrison Gaines chipped in 19 points and handed out seven assists. Both performances helped make up for the loss of freshman Tyler Bernardini, the team's leading scorer (13.0 ppg) who missed the game with a concussion.

"They got into the lane too much on us," Miller said. "They don't miss foul shots. They were 27 for 29, so that hurt us. But I didn't think they had an answer for us on the defensive end. I thought we got the ball where we wanted it. We were gritty; we competed."

When the dust settled Saturday night, Cornell's 6-0 league record was two games better than second-place Brown (4-2). Penn, Princeton (2-2), Columbia (3-3) and Yale (3-3) are tied for third. Next weekend, the Big Red travels to Harvard (1-5) and Dartmouth (1-5).

Cornell is aiming for its first Ivy title since 1988, which was the last time a team other than Penn or Princeton represented the league in the NCAA tournament. That year was also the last time Cornell swept Penn-Princeton weekend at home.

For Cornell, which topped Princeton on Friday in the first leg of the home series, this was a historic weekend.

"When you play college basketball, that's what you visualize," Donahue said. "Your student body behind you 100 percent, a hard-fought game, packed house, people caring about every possession — that's exciting for these kids."

Armed With Scorers, Big Red Eyes History

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ITHACA — Adam Gore and Gretchen Gregg were talking about their own Cornell teams, but their descriptions sounded eerily similar.

This season, defending Cornell has become the new headache. And not just one team — it's both. Men and women. Inside and outside. Road and home.

In fact, it can now be considered the toughest chore in the Ivy League. "The reason teams are struggling (to defend us) is that we have so many weapons, that it's hard," said Gore, a junior guard on the 14-5 first-place men's team. "I'd hate to guard us."

Said Gregg, a senior wing player for the 13-6, tied-for-first Big Red women: "(Our post players) are such a force on the inside, and such a threat, that teams have to respect that. They have to give up something. They're either going to let you take the long shot or give up something easy."

Combined, Cornell is 27-11 (.711) this year in basketball. That's the best winning percentage in Big Red history, dating back to the 1974-75 season, when the Ivy League began naming a women's champion.

The reason? A multitude of scorers.

Cornell's men enter this weekend's road trip through Harvard and Dartmouth on an eight-game win streak, and with a two-game lead on second-place Brown in the Ancient Eight. Steve Donahue's team leads the league in nine offensive-minded team categories, including the major ones — field goal percentage (.485, 19th in Div. I), 3-point percentage (.424, 3rd in Div. I), free-throw percentage (.781, 4th in Div. I) and assist-to-turnover ratio.

Cornell is the only Division I team ranked in the top 20 in those first three categories.

Sophomore Ryan Wittman continues to stroke it from beyond the arc, shooting 51.1 percent from deep. Gore's numbers have steadily reason since some early-season struggles. The threat of his lethal jumper led to eight trips to the free throw line as defenders continually flew by him in Saturday's game against Penn.

Gore, a 90 percent free throw shooter, made all eight.

Then there's sophomore point guard Louis Dale. In Wittman's eyes, Dale is the foundation of the Big Red's league-best offense.

"I think Lou makes us 10 times better players," Wittman said. "When you have somebody like that who can get into the lane at will basically, who can not only finish but pass the ball like he does, it makes the game so much easier for us."

Said Donahue: "Louis does a terrific job keeping teams real honest."

To a similar extent, sophomore point guard Lauren Benson has done the same thing for Cornell's women's team.

Tonight marks the opening of a "huge" two-game homestand, as Gregg termed it. Harvard (12-8, 5-1), the defending Ivy League women's champion, visits Newman Arena tonight with Dartmouth (8-12, 5-1) in town Saturday.

With a sweep, Cornell would put itself in the driver's seat for the program's first league championship in school history.

Benson's consistency has been key. Like Dale, she leads the league in assists and has shown a knack for draining the 3-point shot.

Gregg is hitting 49 percent of her 3's, which ranked her No. 1 in all of Division I as of Sunday.

"I always thought she had the best pure shot of any player I've ever coached," coach Dayna Smith said. "She's just lacked the confidence."

Now, that's changed.

With a formidable post tandem in junior forward Jeomi Maduka (13.9 ppg, 7.9 rpg) and senior forward Moina Snyder (9.6 ppg, 6.2 rpg), Cornell's shooters won't see a dearth of open looks anytime soon.

Like Donahue's team, Smith's club also ranks No. 1 in a slew of team offense categories.

"It's been huge," she said. "We feel like we always had good shooters, but we haven't been hitting at the same time. We're making teams pick their poison, and we've been able to exploit whatever they've chosen."

An Ivy Road To The N.C.A.A. Tournament

The Quad

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ITHACA, N.Y. –- It's just after noon here on Thursday, and the Cornell basketball team is going through a light workout at Newman Arena before embarking on a two-game road trip.

The Big Red are in first place in the Ivy League at 6-0, with a two-game lead over second-place Brown. That makes it a heavy favorite to break the Penn-Princeton cabal in the Ivy League and clinch the university's first N.C.A.A. tournament berth since 1988.

One of the most difficult parts for Cornell on its road to the N.C.A.A. tournament over the years has been overcoming the Ivy League's unforgiving weekend road trips. The league plays its conference games back-to-back on Friday and Saturday nights. That's much different than the chartered flight world of the major college basketball conferences, where games are typically on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Cornell Coach Steve Donahue has been nice enough to allow The New York Times to tag along for an all-access look at just what goes into a weekend road trip in the Ivy League.

The travel is uncomfortable for all the Ivy universities, but especially Cornell, which doesn't have any road games close by. The team will be hauling about six hours to Boston on Thursday to play Harvard on Friday night. It will bus up to Dartmouth after that game for a Saturday night game. Then it will he[a]d home that night, getting back to Ithaca about the time the sun rises on Sunday morning.

The Ivy League still believes in this antiquated notion of players going to class, something that's gotten a bit lost in big-time college athletics. A reminder of the place of athletics at Cornell came with an aerobics class taking place on a court adjacent to the Big Red's practice today. The lyrics of Rihanna's "Shut up and Drive" started blaring about halfway through the workout, as the practice court and dance class were separated by only a curtain. No one flinched. (We'll assume that's something Coach K wouldn't tolerate.)

Anyway, let's let the road trip begin. Check back at The Quad for updates as the weekend goes on.

Off to the bus….

Road Trip: Tommy Boy and Sour Patch Kids

SOMEWHERE ON 88 EAST IN UPSTATE N.Y. – If there are two fundamental elements to any college sports team road trip, they are food and movies. They are the two things that dominate conversations, drive itineraries and basically make the road trip go round. Aside from, of course, the games.

And as the Cornell basketball team chugs toward Boston for its game with Harvard tomorrow, this trip is playing out to form.

"Tommy Boy" is playing on the televisions on the bus. ("Tommy likey, Tommy want wingy," Chris Farley just said, prompting many laughs from the gathered masses.)

The bus just pulled out of Whitney Point, N.Y., where the team stopped for a quick lunch at Aiello's Ristorante. The electronic sign outside the cozy restaurant read: "Happy Valentine's Day Coach Donahue, Love Pam." When it flashed, that got the biggest laugh from the team so far today, though it was deemed unlikely that Coach Steve Donahue's wife, Pam, actually had the restaurant staff post the sign.

After dining on $384 worth of chicken parm and pasta –- two more food staples of virtually any road trip –- the team filed back on the bus. The good folks at Aiello's were setting up the main dining room for the Valentine's Day rush later that night. The side dining room where the team ate –- the salads were already waiting on the table upon arrival –- was decorated with different Valentine's Day paraphenalia, like hearts and such. Not exactly the typical surroundings of a team meal.

The Cornell assistant coach Zach Spiker ran across the street to a Hess gas station after lunch and bought five jumbo packages of Sour Patch Kids. He brought them to the back of the bus and chucked them to the masses of team members, who were waving their arms and pleading for the candy.

"It looks like Sea World," Spiker joked, making a squeaking seal sound.

Freshman Aaron Osgood traded a pack of Sour Path Kids with a teammate for a pair of socks. Ah, yes, the road trip even includes bartering. Is there anything more timeless than a Sour Patch Kids for socks trade?

Road Trip: Fun 'N' Games

SOMEWHERE ON I-90 OUTSIDE CHICOPEE, Mass., – The intrepid Cornell sports information director Jeremy Hartigan came to the Big Red after working with teams at Cincinnati during the Bob Huggins era.

He said that on his first team road trip with Cornell, he went to the back of the bus and heard a joke. He didn't catch the whole thing, but remembered that the punchline was, "Photosynthesis." That's when he realized he was in a little different world.

The Ivy League exists in a different place than most of the other universities whose teams crowd your television on most weeknights. To pass the time on road trips, the players don't just sit and listen to their iPods. Many are doing -– gasp –- homework. The junior Brian Kreefer was working on a project on business analysis of Kristen's Cookie Company, giving the owner (Kristen, we presume) advice on how to sell more dough to make more dough.

When not in the books, the players sometimes play games. Ryan Wittman said that one popular game involved one person naming an N.B.A. player. He used Michael Jordan for an example. The next guy would have to think of a player whose first name begins with a "J," the first letter of Jordan's last name. So Jameer Nelson would be a logical next pick. Then, Wittman said, one could go old school and pick Nick Anderson. (Yes, he's young enough that Nick Anderson is old school.) If a someone brings up a player like Arron Afflalo, the next person has to pick another player with double initials starting with 'A.' (Afflalo is tough, as there are no other double A's currently in the N.B.A.)

The other game, which the guys played briefly at the beginning of the trip was one where they name an N.B.A. player and then name the college that they went to. The sophomore Jon Jaques is the team's resident college expert, and to his credit he drilled Brian Shaw when I tossed his name out there. "U.C. Santa Barbara, he said confidentially, admitting that he was a Lakers fan.

Wittman said that he stumped Jaques last year with Matt Harpring.

"Great," Jaques said. "One person I can't name and now the whole world is going to know about it." (Harpring, of course, went to Georgia Tech.)

And the new game of the day proved to be the players reading about themselves. They've already called up the blog on The New York Times's home page that's chronicling their trip. (The bus, in typical Ivy fashion, is equipped with wireless Internet access.) And they're not all that comfortable with being watched.

"I just read the thing about the Sour Patch Kids, and it kind of freaked me out," said Jason Hartford, the team's lone senior who gave up the pair of socks for the candy. He said it reminded him of a scene from the movie "The Neverending Story," where a character was reading a book about himself. He couldn't find any other teammates to verify the scene, which they attributed to him being the team's oldest player.

"Not all of us are 27 like you," Adam Gore said.

"Was it in black and white?" Wittman asked.

Hartford just sighed.

"Everyone remembers the big flying dog," he said, "but they don't remember anything else."

Road Trip: Killing Time

NEWTON, Mass. – Good morning from the team hotel, the lovely Newton Marriott on the outskirts of Boston. Welcome to one of the most delicate parts of any college road trip – killing time until tipoff.

Cornell plays Harvard tonight at 7 p.m., which means that there's a lot of time to kill between arrival at the team hotel on Thursday night and Friday's game.

The Big Red players and staff watched film clips for about 15 minutes last night, a series of quick "cut ups" put together by the assistant coach Woody Kampmann and set up by the student video manager Erica Fensterbush. The video reinforced the scouting report that the coaches handed to each player on the bus. (Interestingly, the assistant coach Zach Spiker pointed out that Coach Steve Donahue gives each player a copy with his name on

it to keep the players accountable in case they leave it anywhere.)

The clips go through each opposing player's strengths, weaknesses and tendencies: "likes to push it in transition," "hasn't shot it well lately," "has a nice stroke." Kampmann went through every player, with Donahue reinforcing points about each Harvard guy.

Typically, the team goes out for a nice meal the night before a game. But the Big Red were trumped by cupid, as Valentine's Day filled up all the local restaurants. Instead, they got a bushel of subs delivered from Quiznos. Many of the players gathered in a room at 9 p.m. for a "Lost party," to watch the popular television show. Donahue called for lights out at 11:30 p.m. and wake-up at 9:30 a.m. That didn't appear to be a problem after a long day of travel.

The coaches relaxed in Donahue's hotel suite, flipping between five games on ESPN. (They took particular delight in Bob Huggins's peculiar fashion choice – a blue windbreaker pullover with a "WV" logo on it. "I'm going to wear one with a big white 'C,'" Donahue joked.)

It's fun to watch games with coaches, as they look for totally different things than typical viewers at home. Donahue yelled at a player on television during one game for taking a bad shot – "What are you doing?" — and you could practically feel his empathy for the coach on the sideline who had to endure that bad decision. But mostly, the coaches named the high school, A.A.U. program and recruiting story of just about every player on TV. They swapped stories, broke down different the games of different players and laughed about recruiting hits and misses. (The assistant coach Nat Graham, who coached in Canada before coming to Cornell, rattled off the recruiting story of every Canadian player in every game.)

Tipoff is still a ways away. And they were just killing time.

Road Trip: Shootaround

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — The Cornell team bus pulled into Harvard just before noon for a shootaround on the scenic campus. It's a beautiful day here in Boston. The sun is resplendent. It's warm for this time of year, with the temperature about 40 degrees.

The gym is a bit steamy. The players look happy to be out and moving around after a day of being jammed in a bus and a night at the hotel.

"It felt so good to go outside," the Cornell junior Brian Kreefer said to a teammate while doing some light shooting.

Ryan Wittman, the sophomore starter, and I had a good laugh about shootarounds yesterday on the bus. Wittman is the son of Randy Wittman, the coach of the N.B.A.'s Minnesota Timberwolves. Wittman grew up with guys like Kevin Garnett, Reggie Miller and Tom Gugliotta as fixtures when he visited his dad at his office. Ryan Wittman has also been to a lot of N.B.A. shootarounds, which are staple of N.B.A. life. N.B.A. shootarounds are basically an excuse to get players out bed and make sure they don't go out too late the night before. (I particularly enjoyed this link that I saw on True Hoop the other day. It's an great article from Doug Smith of the Toronto Star in which Raptors Coach Sam Mitchell explains shootarounds this way: "It kind of gets them out of bed, gets them stretched out a little bit and you kind of go over the stuff the other team does.")

And while the Cornell team wasn't in any danger of staying out too late after their "Lost party" last night, the principals of the shootaround aren't much different. The Cornell assistant Woody Kampmann described it this way: "We'll shoot a lil' bit. Get some shots up. Go over their sets and out-of-bounds stuff. Run some dry offense. We'll play some shooting games versus each other."

The best evidence may that the trainer Marc Chamberlain didn't even tape up the guys. (He just provided directions to the bus driver Randall Barham, as Chamberlain serves as the team's personal Garmin.)

The only change is that Cornell Coach Steve Donahue appears to have tensed up slightly, his eyes showing that he's channeling his intensity toward game time. Donahue, who is as laid back as any college basketball coach I've been around, is starting to get in game mode. Less than seven hours until tipoff.

Road Trip: Countdown to Tipoff

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — The Cornell team just arrived at Lavietes Pavilion a few moments ago and the players are changing up in a cramped locker room.

Lavietes isn't much larger than a typical high school gymnasium, holding 2,050 fans. It looks as if it could be an intimidating place if full. That's not expected to be the case tonight. Harvard has lost five straight games and typically doesn't draw too well.

Since the team left here from its shootaround, it's been a pretty quiet day. Its indicative of the dichotomy of an Ivy road trip. Cornell Coach Steve Donahue noted that its difficult to win on the road in the Ivy League because of the wear and tear of travel, saying that the mental grind of playing back-to-back nights is more difficult than the physical grind.

The good part about playing on the road is that the players can focus solely on basketball. On Friday game days, the players are often in class as late as 5 o'clock. That means that they have to rush down to the gym and don't have much time to get in game mode. On the road, there are less distractions and more time to focus on the game. (With the Ivy League only allowing schools to miss eight days of class per year for basketball there are few opportunities to really focus. Most major Division I programs take their players to a local hotel the night before home games and don't make them go to afternoon classes.)

Which will it be for the Big Red: Wear and tear on the road or good focus from some time off? We'll find out soon.

Road Trip: High Anxiety

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Almost as interesting as watching Harvard play Cornell tonight is watching Minnesota Timberwolves Coach Randy Wittman watch Harvard play Cornell.

Wittman and his wife, Kathy, are here to watch their son Ryan, a sophomore forward at Cornell who is the favorite to win the Ivy League player of the year.

Before the game, Randy Wittman was all smiles, chatting with the Cornell team bus driver Randall Barham and the trainer Marc Chamberlain. He munched happily from a large bag of popcorn and signed autographs for a few fans.

But once tipoff came, Wittman tensed up. He looked apprehensive, placing both his hands on the bleacher and straightening his back. Other times he had his hands on his knees, pulling them toward his chest. Often he watched with his hand on his chin, his gaze unwavering and intense. He was in knots the entire game. It didn't look like a relaxing way to spend All-Star weekend.

Kathy Wittman said that when they watched Ryan's games against Penn and Princeton the previous weekend on the Internet, Randy got up and paced during every timeout. Randy Wittman said he got much more nervous before his son's games because he had no control over them. Before the game, Wittman told me it's a completely different kind of anxiety before one of his son's games than before he coaches an N.B.A. game. He said, with his team, he went into a game feeling like he was prepared.

"It's very different than coaching," he said of watching. "I'd rather coach. Up here, you don't have any control of what's going on."

While Kathy Wittman clapped feverishly after every Cornell basket, especially those scored by her son, Randy Wittman celebrated much more sparsely, perhaps a quick clap or two before zeroing in on the next play.

Randy and Kathy Wittman, who began dating as students at Indiana, are heading up to Dartmouth for the second leg of this swing. Not exactly the most exotic way to spend the precious few off days from the N.B.A. season, especially considering many players head to sunnier locales.

"I don't think I'm going to run into too many N.B.A. people in New Hampshire," Wittman said.

Wittman did the halftime interview with Barry Leonard, the voice of the Big Red. When he finished, I told him that he looked miserable the entire first half.

"I told you so," he said.

I asked him if he enjoyed it at all. He looked up at the scoreboard and said, "Ask me in about 45 minutes."

Road Trip: Holy Smokes

NEWTON, Mass. — Every team has its quirks and quirky players. Few have funnier stories on the Cornell team than the junior forward Brian Kreefer.

A few weeks ago when the heat went out at the apartment where 11 of the team's 15 players live, Kreefer was freezing. He said it was less than 50 degrees in the apartment and particularly bad in his room because of a draft. He was wearing three pairs of socks, two pairs of sweatpants and two sweatshirts.

"It was like sleeping outside," he said.

So he did what any industrious college student would do in that situation. He took about a dozen wooden pieces from the game Jenga and lit them on fire in a metal cooking tray in his room. Kreefer stressed that he did this in a controlled environment and away from any smoke detectors. He said it did actually provide some temporary relief, but acknowledged "it wasn't a longterm solution."

To light the pieces on fire, he lit a piece of paper under the wooden pieces and up they went. Kreefer appeared pleased with his work, noting that he kept a steady flame for a while. There were adverse effects, however. His sweatpants smelled like smoke for a few days. But the real bad news: He

and his roommates can't play Jenga anymore.

"It would be a real short game," he said.

Road Trip: Miracle Finish

CAMBRIDGE, Mass — Cornell Coach Steve Donahue asked his team a question in a heated halftime talk during his team's game with Harvard on Friday night: "Did you not expect a hard game?"

That's exactly what the Big Red got, as they pulled out a stunning victory in beating Harvard, 72-71. Harvard led by 5 points with just over 30 seconds remaining, but melted down in the waning moments of what was one of the best finishes in a basketball game all season.

"That was as good a college basketball game you can have," a relieved Randy Wittman said in the stands after the game. "I don't care what the level is."

Wittman is the coach of the Minnesota Timberwolves and his son Ryan is Cornell's top player.

Harvard led by as many as 11 points with less than nine minutes remaining. It went up 5 on a 3-point shot by Jeremy Lin with 42 seconds remaining. But then everything that could go wrong did, as Alex Tyler scored three baskets in the final 25 seconds to steal the game for Cornell.

"We have to win games like this," Donahue said. "That's what champions do."

Tyler, who finished with 19 points and 10 rebounds, put back an offensive rebound to cut the lead to 3. Lin then fell down after catching a three-quarter court pass, turning the ball over. Tyler had his shot goaltended by Harvard's Evan Harris with nine seconds remaining to cut the lead to one. Then Harvard lost the ball on a five-second call, which led to Tyler scoring the winning basket on a wide-open shot off an inbounds play that will long reverberate in Cornell lore. Ryan Wittman set a up screen for Tyler on the high right block, and with so much focus on Wittman getting the ball, Tyler leaked free for a layup. Louis Dale delivered a perfect pass, Tyler banked the shot in and it was ballgame.

"Teams that win it get these breaks," the Cornell assistant coach Zach Spiker said. "You understand that, right?"

Road Trip: Surreal Night

FAIRLEE, Vt. — The whole thing played out in fast forward, yet it seemed like slow motion. Down 5 points with less than 30 seconds remaining, Cornell stunned Harvard by rattling off three consecutive baskets to win, 72-71. The surreal finish, however, soon met a harsh reality.

"We don't even get to enjoy it, guys," Cornell Coach Steve Donahue said in the locker room just minutes after the game. "The biggest game of the season is tomorrow."

Still stunned by what they just did, the team filed onto the bus for a nearly three-hour haul to Dartmouth.

"We shouldn't have won that game," the sophomore guard Geoff Reeves said, shaking his head as the bus pulled out of Harvard Yard.

The players munched on personal pan pizzas and the trainer Marc Chamberlain went up and down the aisles making sure different players got iced up. The coaches didn't have any time to enjoy the game, as they immediately started watching tape of Dartmouth while they munched on foot-long subs. The bus driver Randall Barham sipped on the Mountain Dew he'd bought earlier that day as he nosed the bus out into the frigid, windy night.

The team arrived at the Lake Morey Resort here at 12:11 a.m. (The team affectionately refers to the plush resort as "The Shining" hotel because of its odd set-up.) Instead of crashing, the team dropped off their bags and immediately met in Donahue's room for a quick 15-minute film session. Before it started, Ryan Wittman was nodding off while sitting on a bed.

There were plenty of yawns and baggy eyes from both players and coaches. The meeting adjourned at about 12:35, with Donahue encouraging the team to get "good sleep." Tip-off for the second game of their back-to-back weekend was less than 18 hours away.

One crazy long day ended with another starting very quickly.

Road Trip: Grand Larceny

FAIRLEE, Vt. –- There are certain moments in sports, indelible times from improbable games that resonate for years. For Cornell, its 72-71 victory at Harvard on Friday night was the type of game that the Big Red players and coaches will talk about long after graduation.

No matter what happens in this season in which they are in the driver's seat to get the Ivy League's automatic bid for the N.C.A.A. tournament, they'll always have that night at Harvard. The Big Red were down by 5 points with less than 30 seconds remaining and somehow managed to leave the gym with a victory. Stealing a victory has become cliché, so let's say that rarely does larceny feel this grand.

But one of the quirks of the Ivy League is that they players didn't have much time to enjoy it. As the Big Red players munched on bacon, waffles and scrambled eggs at breakfast Saturday morning they got to enjoy one of the most timeless aspects of a stunning victory –- the rehash. Things happened so fast, with so many big plays happening in such a short window, that the players enjoyed going over the final tense minutes of the game.

The sophomore guard Andre Wilkins may have done the best job summing up the feeling in the locker room. Few moments in sports are as poignant as a winning locker room after a miraculous victory: "If you had a problem with someone on the team, at that moment you don't have a problem with them anymore," Wilkins said. "Everyone is the best of friends. You just feel real close.

"It's the whole overcome type of thing. You just feel real close to everyone at that time. Just really happy. Just really, really, really happy. I mean, really, really happy."

The biggest laugh at breakfast came from teasing the freshman forward Aaron Osgood for running inside the 3-point line in celebration of the critical five-second call that led to the winning basket for Cornell. The problem? Osgood wasn't playing, time wasn't called and since there were nine seconds left he had to scurry back to the bench. He caught a good amount of grief from his teammates after the game and at breakfast.

"I was so excited," Osgood said. "I don't know. My thought process wasn't working as well."

Other highlights from the morning rehash included an almost unanimous agreement that the referee's five-second call came very quickly.

A sampling of the comments on that call:

"It was quick."

"Very quick."

"I thought they called a timeout."

"I thought that they called a foul off the ball on us."

"It was a quick five seconds, but it was still five seconds."

Harvard's failure to call a timeout on both the failed inbounds play with 9 seconds left and their decision to not call a time out to set up a play under the basket with 1.3 seconds left were hot topics at breakfast.

And even with a game looming in about 10 hours, the Big Red were still hooked on a feeling.

"As far as during the regular season, I don't know if it gets better than that," Jeff Foote said.

Road Trip: Midnight Run

HANOVER, N.H. –- The most important person in the Cornell traveling party isn't Coach Steve Donahue, star guard Louis Dale or even the trainer Marc Chamberlain.

The person who really makes things go on the road trip is the bus driver Randall Barham, who sipped Mountain Dew on 89 North Friday night as he cruised past snow drifts, with midnight beckoning.

It's folks like Barham who are part of the fabric of college sports. He refers to the Big Red as "we", proudly wears a crisp Cornell polo shirt and is beloved by the coaches and players. And if you don't think folks are a bit superstitious, let's just say the Cornell staff likes the fact that the team's record is 8-2 with Barham driving.

And Barham surely is the only person in the Cornell traveling party who missed the final minutes of Friday night's stunning victory over Harvard. With about 10 minutes to go, Barham left the arena to warm up the bus and get it ready for the midnight run up to Dartmouth. (At the time, the Big Red were trailing by double digits.)

Barham usually listens to the games on the student radio station while he waits, but the problem last night was that Harvard's hockey game was on the air instead of the basketball game. That meant that Barham had to try and read the expressions of the fans when they left the gym to see who won.

Finally, Chamberlain got on the bus and said, "You won't believe what happened."

Barham got the blow-by-blow of the game's final tense minutes by listening to the assistant coach Woody Kampmann tell a few friends about it on his cellphone.

That left Barham smiling for almost all of the three-hour drive.

"I knew the guys wouldn't give up," he said. "They're a very disciplined team. You hunt for wins on every road trip. Every time we get one, I'm happy."

Road Trip: The Tension Mounts

HANOVER, N.H. – Cornell Coach Steve Donahue gathered his team at halfcourt at their afternoon shootaround. His message typified the focused and straightforward demeanor he's held on this weekend road trip.

"We've got to come out and play a whole lot better tonight," Donahue said.

Donahue has been interesting to study the past few days. While he's animated on the sideline during games, he has a composed and easy-going demeanor the rest of the time. His coaching style doesn't involve screaming or bullying, yet he's still as intense as any coach I've ever been around. Donahue's style is more that of a focused professor than a guy who rants, breaks clipboards and curses incessantly.

But don't mistake that for him being soft, either. The assistant coach Nat Graham said that the coaches were playing pick-up basketball this season before a game at Army and he and Donahue got in a shouting match. It got so heated that Graham worried the players would walk in and see them yelling.

"That's Steve," said Graham, who also played for Donahue at Penn. "Most of us are playing to get a workout in. He's playing to win. He's intense."

The players like Donahue's business-like approach. They enjoy that he's laid-back and easy to relate to off the court and fiery on it. They laughed about the practice earlier this season when he blocked guard Louis Dale's layup during a drill and then started talking trash. Nothing may better epitomize his intensity than his pregame ritual. Most head coaches sit in the locker room and come out a minute or two before tip. At Leede Arena as I type, Donahue is feeding the ball to his big men in the post and exhorting them to make strong moves to the basket, clapping his hands and encouraging them – "Good shot, Jeff; Let's go Jason" – flashing dummy defense and pushing them toward the baskets on cuts.

"One of the big reasons I came here is that I like intense coaches," the sophomore forward Alex Tyler said. "I need a little pushing. I don't mind if he gets on me."

As the hours whittle down to tipoff, it's been interesting to watch Donahue get more and more focused. No one knows better what's at stake in every Ivy game than Donahue, who has coached 18 years in the league, coming to Cornell after a 10-year stint as an assistant at Penn. He knows that seasons and careers are defined on weekend trips like this, with teams playing games on back-to-back nights. One bad weekend can ruin a season, meaning the pressure packed in those 48-hour stretches is palpable.

And as the clock winds down toward tipoff, Donhue's glare get steelier, his claps of encouragement louder and his body appears to stiffen with tension.

Road Trip: A Telling Message

HANOVER, N.H. — We got to see both sides of Cornell Coach Steve Donahue in the first half, as the Big Red leads by 36-35 at halftime. Donahue left the floor steaming mad after a turnover in the waning seconds allowed Dartmouth's DeVon Mosley to bank in a 23-foot 3-pointer at the buzzer to cut the lead to a point.

"We're shooting 70 percent from the floor and only winning by 1," Donahue said. "What's that tell you?"

Earlier in the half, a gentleman tapped me on the shoulder and offered me a snapshot into Donahue's softer side. In November, the longtime Dartmouth sports information director Kathy Slattery Phillips died after a brief illness. A comment page was set up, and Donahue was the only head coach in the Ivy League to send in his thoughts: "I'm so sorry to hear about the extremely sad news. I've been traveling to Dartmouth for eighteen years and I can't imagine walking in to the gym and not being met by the always upbeat Kathy. The Cornell Basketball program, like thousands of others who knew Kathy, will miss her dearly."

Bruce Wood, the gentleman who tapped me on the shoulder, said that the Cornell sports information director Jeremy Hartigan didn't even tell Donahue that the page had been set up.

"This was short, sweet and appreciated by everyone who read these thoughts as they added up," Wood wrote in an e-mail. "Again, Steve was the only coach to post something. That doesn't say anything about the other coaches, but it says a great deal about Steve. Jeremy said he didn't tell Steve of the effort to collect these thoughts; Steve did it on his own. Classy."

Amen.

Road Trip: On The Road Again

HANOVER, N.H. — There's a strict rule on Cornell road trips: No movies on the team bus after a loss.

For the seven-hour haul back to Ithaca tonight, the Big Red will be able to watch all the "Tommy Boy" they want. (The Big Red assistant Nat Graham has been joking that they typically watch "Citizen Kane," "The Bicycle Thief" and Fellini movies.)

After a sluggish first half, Cornell woke up in time to trudge out a 73-63 victory over Dartmouth at Leede Arena. Dartmouth hung in the game until late in the second half when a pair of 3-point shots by Adam Gore gave the Big Red enough breathing room for a comfortable final few minutes. He was one of five Big Red players in double digits. And also one of many looking forward to crashing out on the bus home after a long weekend of travel and games in back-to-back nights.

"Once we sit down on the bus I'm sure that I'll feel it," said the sophomore star Ryan Wittman, who led the Big Red with 16 points. "We'll all be completely exhausted."

Cornell Coach Steve Donahue isn't particularly quirky, but did admit after the game to one superstition. He leaves his travel bag on the team bus until after the game, when he ducks out to get it. He does this because he doesn't want to think about leaving the gym, which the bag symbolizes. He said that he wanted to stay focused, and leaving wasn't part of that. So after he ducked into the chilly New Hampshire night for his black travel bag, he got out of his dress clothes and into his sweats for his ride home. That's another Donahue rule: If Cornell loses on the road, sometimes he refrains from changing into comfortable clothes as punishment to himself.

But after playing sluggishly both nights, Cornell did enough to get a rare road sweep. It is now 8-0 in the league, and 16-5 over all, firmly in the driver's seat for the league's automatic N.C.A.A. tournament bid, which is given to the regular-season league champion. The Big Red have a two-game lead over Brown in the Ivy standings.

But that was far from Donahue's mind as he met with his team in the locker room after the game. Instead, he said that this weekend showed that Cornell, as league frontrunner, was going to get every team's best shot. Both Harvard and Dartmouth played their best against Cornell. But with two victories, the long ride home should be a bit smoother.

"Let's get showered up and take care of our bodies," Donahue said. "We've got a long one."

Road Trip: Home Again

I've got a confession to make. After spending three days with the Cornell basketball team as it traveled to Harvard and Dartmouth for a weekend road trip, I bailed before the most grueling part. That would be the six-hour bus ride back to Ithaca after the Big Red's victory at Dartmouth on Saturday. (My official excuse is that I had to get home to write a story, which will appear in Monday's New York Times.)

Luckily, the intrepid Times photographer Josh Haner got back on the bus Sunday night and checked in with some integral details today. The team watched "Blow" as the first movie of the trip, before many of the players and coaches nodded off. Eventually, the bus driver Randall Barham pulled into Ithaca at 3:45 a.m. (While the Big Red improved to 8-0 in Ivy League play this season, Randall upped his record driving the team to 9-2). Eleven of the players crammed in one car for a ride to the off-campus house where they live.

Upon arriving home at 4:02 a.m., the Cornell big man Jason Hartford was greeted by his roommates with a screams of, "Congrats on your 12 points, we've missed you."

Hartford missed sleeping, as he soon crashed into bed. Cornell Coach Steve Donahue said in the locker room after the game that he "felt like a dishrag." He said he'd wake up early on Sunday to hang out with his wife and four kids before crashing at about 7 p.m. That doesn't sound like a bad idea.

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Sweet 7-0: Big Red Stuns Harvard In Final Seconds
Cornell Erases 11-Point Deficit To Stay Unbeaten In Ivy League

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Down to its last breath, Cornell found a way.

Sophomore forward Alex Tyler scored Cornell's final six points, including the go-ahead bucket off an inbounds play with about eight seconds left, to spark the Big Red to a come-from-behind 72-71 victory over Harvard on Friday night in Ivy League men's basketball action.

Cornell extended its winning streak to nine games, but for long stretches of the second half it appeared Harvard was poised to hand the Big Red (15-5, 7-0) its first Ivy loss of the year. Instead — somehow — Cornell found a way, and maintained its two-game stranglehold on first place in the process.

The Big Red is trying for its first Ivy title since 1988.

"I think it's just another step of the growth of these guys," Cornell coach Steve Donahue said. "In particular, the sophomore class. They just played their 21st Ivy League game. That's it. That's a veteran group out there, Harvard has."

Jeremy Lin drained a contested 3 from the top of the key with about 30 seconds left to give the Crimson (6-17, 1-6), who led 60-50 with under 9 minutes to go, a 71-66 cushion. But Cornell answered when Alex Tyler followed an offensive rebound with a putback with 25 seconds left to make it 71-68.

Harvard turned it over on the other end, and Cornell rushed down the court with about 10 seconds remaining. Point guard Louis Dale got the ball to Tyler, whose offering inside was ruled good via goaltending on Harvard's Evan Harris with 9.3 ticks left.

It would have been easy for Cornell to jack up a potential game-tying 3-point attempt, Donahue said, but his players remained poised.

"I thought we could drive it in there and take what was available," Donahue said. "Not just panicking and trying to shoot a 3 at that point."

On the ensuing inbounds, Cornell forced Harvard into a five-second violation.

Cornell took over possession and ran a set play using sophomore Ryan Wittman, who scored 20 points, as a decoy. Wittman faked to the perimeter and screened for Tyler, who was left open for an easy layup.

Tyler finished with 19 points and 10 rebounds — both career highs.

"It's a great win," he said. "We knew it was a gutcheck for us."

Especially after Harvard opened up a double-digit lead with a 14-4 run to start the second half.

"It might be bigger than any win that we had just considering the place we're in right now and the opportunity in front of us," Tyler said.

Huge Second Half Spurs Big Red To 11th Straight Win

By Brian Delaney
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ITHACA — Its perfect perch atop the Ivy League threatened, Cornell responded by burying Yale with the most inspired half of basketball in the eight-year Steve Donahue era."It was," said Donahue, moments after the first-place Big Red polished off an impressive 85-65 drubbing of the Bulldogs for its 11th straight victory. "I thought with so much on the line and playing a so-so first half, I thought we played both ends of the floor as well as we can play."

Yale never saw it coming. Trailing 39-36 at halftime, Cornell ripped off a quick 16-3 run to the boisterous delight of 3,589 at Newman Arena. With the first of four huge second-half 3-pointers, a teardrop from the top of the key, junior Adam Gore put Cornell in front for good, 43-40, with 17:18 left.

Gore netted a game-high 18 points, 15 of which came in Cornell's sterling, turnover-free second half.

Senior forward Jason Hartford registered his second career double-double, scoring 15 points and pulling down 11 rebounds as the Big Red improved to 12-0 this season when outrebounding its opponent.

Cornell owned the boards, 37-26, doing so against one of the league's best frontcourts.

"We emphasized that all week," Hartford said. "All week we've been working on our rebounding drills."

When Yale cut its deficit to 58-49 with 10:55 left, Cornell flicked the Bulldogs away like a piece of lint.

Gore, fouled while attempting a 3, knocked down all three free throws. Junior center Jeff Foote converted on the low block, and Ryan Wittman followed with a jumper along the baseline to make it 65-49.

Less than a minute later, after a scramble resulted in an offensive rebound for Cornell, Gore erased any remaining Yale hopes with an NBA-range 3.

Newman Arena roared its approval.

"He's in a zone now where he's got his confidence back," Donahue said. "If you give him daylight, he's going to try and shoot the ball."

Which was something Yale coach James Jones knew.

His players just didn't close out quick enough.

"You look at those guys, Gore and Wittman," Jones said. "They look like they almost make every open shot they get.

"I thought they ran really, really good offense, and we didn't do a good job of contesting shots," he added.

Brown's 67-52 victory at Columbia on Friday sets up a monster Ivy League game tonight at Newman Arena. With a win over the second-place Bears (15-8, 7-2), Cornell (17-5, 9-0 Ivy) would open up a three-game lead with four games left - a likely insurmountable advantage in a league where the regular season champion earns an automatic berth to the NCAA tournament.

Cornell beat Brown on Feb. 1 in Providence, R.I., 75-64. The Big Red's 17 wins are the most since the 1988 Ivy championship team.

"We're trying to set ourselves up to win an Ivy League championship, so obviously this weekend's huge for us," Gore said. "It starts with Yale, so we'll only be thinking about Brown tonight."

Wittman and Alex Tyler each scored 12 points Friday. Eric Flato's 13 points led Yale, but the senior all-league guard managed only eight points over the final 37 minutes.

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48 Hours: On The Big Red Bus

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HANOVER, N.H. — After victories at Harvard and at Dartmouth pushed his team's record to 8-0 in the Ivy League, Cornell's men's basketball coach, Steve Donahue, decided to indulge himself and his team.

He allowed his players to watch a movie, "Blow," on the bus ride home from Dartmouth. A six-hour trip got them back to Ithaca, N.Y., at 3:45 a.m. Sunday. He allowed himself to change out of his suit and into a pair of baggy gray sweat pants.

"If we lose, sometimes I'll just sit there and suffer," Donahue said.

But after beating Harvard, 72-71, on Friday and Dartmouth, 73-63, on Saturday, there was no suffering. Just a bit of nervous sweating. In pulling off the difficult challenge of defeating two conference opponents on consecutive days on the road, Cornell is poised to break one of the most persistent monopolies in college sports.

No program other than Penn or Princeton has won the league's automatic N.C.A.A. tournament bid since the Big Red did it in 1988. The road to the tournament is especially difficult for Cornell, which is among the most remote of the Ivy universities and must endure grueling travel to play in the conference's traditional back-to-back weekend road games. And since the Ivy League is the only conference in the country without a postseason tournament to determine its automatic bid, the stakes are high during these matchups. Seasons can be lost, careers defined and dreams crushed — all in 48 hours.

"I feel like a wash rag right now," Donahue said, exhaling deeply after the victory at Dartmouth. "I'm physically shot. I can imagine what those guys feel like."

Donahue allowed a reporter and photographer an all-access look at a weekend trip in the Ivy League. The trip offered a window into a rare practice in college sports — a schedule designed for players to miss as few classes as possible. In an era when conferences spread over three time zones and marquee games are built around national television, Ivy weekends offer a throwback as exhausting as they are riveting.

"It's like the B.C.S. in college football," the sophomore guard Louis Dale said, referring to college football's Bowl Championship Series. "Every game means so much."

2:15 p.m., Thursday, Ithaca, N.Y.

Two fundamental elements to any college sports trip are food and movies. They dominate conversations and drive itineraries. Next to the games themselves, nothing is more important.

So, after a light practice on Thursday afternoon, the Cornell team bus loaded up and drove for about an hour before stopping in Whitney Point, N.Y., for lunch. The team hit Aiello's Ristorante, where the players were greeted with salads already placed on the tables. The restaurant's electronic sign read, "Happy Valentine Coach Donahue, Love Pam." (Pam is Donahue's wife.)

After consuming $384 worth of Chicken Parmesan, the players piled back onto the bus. They munched jumbo bags of Sour Patch Kids candy bought by the assistant coach Zach Spiker and watched the Chris Farley comedy "Tommy Boy."

"We usually watch 'Citizen Kane' or 'The Bicycle Thief,'" the assistant coach Nat Graham said, a joking nod to Ivy League stereotypes.

Ryan Wittman, a sophomore, who is the favorite to be named the league's player of the year, has a unique perspective on these trips. He is the son of Randy Wittman, coach of the N.B.A.'s Minnesota Timberwolves. Ryan Wittman grew up playing pick-up games at the Target Center with the children of other Timberwolves coaches, and the occasional game of one-on-one with Kevin Garnett. He also occasionally traveled on the team's charter flights, which had gourmet buffets and spacious leather seats.

But now, even with his 6-foot-6 frame crammed into his bus seat, Wittman said he enjoyed the trips because they allowed him to focus on basketball and to bond with his teammates. Then he said, laughing, "Ask me at about 3 a.m. on Saturday night and I may have a different answer for you."

8:30 p.m., Friday, Cambridge, Mass.

More than 24 hours after the team bus pulled out of Ithaca for Cornell's Friday night game against last-place Harvard, the Big Red's season was hanging in the balance.

Harvard guard Jeremy Lin, a 25 percent 3-point shooter, hit a 3-pointer from the top of the key with 42 seconds remaining to give Harvard a 5-point lead.

Cornell had looked sluggish all game, committing 16 turnovers and, with nine minutes remaining, trailing by 11 points. The Big Red stormed back, but a miscommunication between the sophomore forward Alex Tyler and Wittman with 1 minutes 21 seconds remaining appeared to doom them. Trailing by 2 points, Tyler hauled down a defensive rebound and threw an outlet pass toward Wittman, who had already turned to run up the floor, leaving the ball to bounce out of bounds.

Then, in one final, stunning flourish, Tyler went from goat to hero. He hit three shots in 25 seconds, made possible by a Lin turnover and a goaltending call, and then a 5-second violation that set up his winning layup. All that, including on a Harvard inbounds play with 1.3 seconds remaining, occurred without the Crimson calling a timeout.

The same players who botched the outlet pass — Wittman and Tyler — executed the perfect inbounds play for the winner. A solid Wittman screen freed Tyler for a wide-open layup with 6.8 seconds left.

Wittman's father, who was present because the N.B.A. was on its All-Star break, had spent the game looking pensive. Afterward, he celebrated with the other families in the Cornell section.

"That was as good a college basketball game you can have," he said. "I don't care what the level is."

As the team boarded a bus for a midnight run to Dartmouth, Donahue summed up the reality of an Ivy weekend. "We don't even get to enjoy it, guys," Donahue said. "The biggest game of the season is tomorrow."

After a near three-hour bus ride during which the players ate pizza and wrapped themselves in ice, they gathered at 12:20 a.m. to watch film in the hotel for 15 minutes before heading to bed.

9:30 p.m., Saturday, Hanover, N.H.

In his office Saturday night, Dartmouth Coach Terry Dunn summed up the new reality of Cornell basketball. "They're as good of a team that I've seen since I've been here," he said.

The Big Red indeed has all the pieces of a great team. Dale is an aggressive and athletic point guard. Adam Gore is a fearless shooter. Tyler and Jason Hartford are the type of physical and efficient big men an Ivy League team needs to thrive. The heady Wittman, whose shooting touch is as pretty as any in the college game, gives Cornell a go-to scorer.

The Big Red also has the luxury of a 7-footer, Jeff Foote, a strong defender and a solid low-post scorer who comes off the bench.

Still, the Big Red struggled in its victory against Dartmouth. Cornell trailed by double digits in the first half and did not pull away until Gore hit two 3-pointers late in the game.

Cornell's new reality as league favorite is an old one for Donahue, who was an assistant at Penn for 10 years before taking over the Big Red eight years ago. While at Penn, the Quakers had a 48-game Ivy League winning streak and Donahue learned that each opponent comes ready to play its best.

Cornell saw that effort from Dartmouth, which is tied for last in the conference with Harvard. And it will be the same for the next three weekends. Two of these series, at least, are at home.

As the team scurried to shower and hit the bus before the long haul back, Donahue summed up the trip and the season.

"Let's get showered up and take care of our bodies," he said. "We've got a long one."

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CU Men's Basketball: Lone Senior Meshes Well With Youthful Big Red

By Brian Delaney, Journal Staff
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ITHACA — In the eyes of 6-foot-9 senior forward Jason Hartford, the Cornell men's basketball team is a senior-less roster.

He's the elder statesman, more or less, by default.

"My first year here, I was injured, and last year I completely sat out so technically this is my first full season that I've played (at Cornell)," said the junior college transfer, who arrived at Cornell in the fall of 2005 from Chemeketa Community College in Salem, Ore. "So I wouldn't say I'm new to the system, but I kind of really am new to the system.

"I don't really feel like I'm an elder out there - except for my body, which gets pretty sore these days."

Hartford plays the part of grizzled veteran well, but his personality is a far cry from the "senior leader" stereotype so often thrust onto the shoulders of seniors who perform important roles for winning teams.

He's laid back, mild-mannered and more than willing to let his teammates deal with the bulk of attention.

However, his importance to the Big Red, winners of 10 straight games entering tonight's home Ivy League contest with Yale, cannot be overstated, coach Steve Donahue said this week.

When Hartford's minutes dipped midseason following a minor shoulder injury and a few lackluster performances, he didn't complain. He just got better.

The tipping point was Cornell's 72-54 road win at Columbia. From the start, Hartford and frontcourt mate Alex Tyler outplayed the Lions' forward corps in every possible category.

Since then, his playing time has solidified.

"From that point on, we all agreed as coaches that for us to be as good as we can be, he's got to be in the mix a lot more than he had been," Donahue said.

Hartford adds significantly to Cornell's "difficult to guard" rating.

At 6-9, he can score with his back to the basket, rebound and play solid interior defense. But he can also step out to the perimeter and knock down 3s, which means opponents help off him only at their own risk.

Most haven't risked it.

"You forget about him, and he goes 6-for-7," Donahue said, referring to Hartford's 12-point effort Saturday at Dartmouth.

Hartford wasn't sure he'd be cleared to play this year until just a week before the team's opening practice. In the Ivy League, a student-athlete who applies to receive a medical redshirt waiver must show he or she has significant enough academic work remaining to warrant it. Hartford certainly qualified, but the process still took time.

Despite that distraction, he worked out feverishly in Ithaca with teammate Jeff Foote. Hartford would work 10 hours daily on a construction job before lifting, running and competing in 1-on-1 drills with Foote.

"Yeah, that was a big process," Hartford said. "I'm glad everything went through though, because this has been a great season."

Win two this weekend, and it will only get better.

With a sweep of Yale and Brown, Cornell (16-5) would move to 10-0 in the Ivy while simultaneously opening up a three-game cushion on the rest of the league with four games remaining.

Cornell beat both teams on their home floors back three weeks ago and remains one of only three league unbeatens in Division I men's basketball. But Donahue is wary of both opponents, who are considered to be, along with Cornell, the most talented in the league.

In addition, Cornell has witnessed opponents at their best in recent weeks.

It comes with having a rather large target on your back.

"And it's getting a lot bigger," Tyler said. "You can tell. The first five minutes of every game, there's a lot of energy from every team that we play now. They're coming out and flying around, playing focused and hitting shots."

It's a challenge that even the mild-tempered Hartford loves to meet.

When he left Chemeketa C.C., Division I coaches were promising him starting positions left and right.

Cornell didn't, and that made a difference.

"I wanted a program that would challenge me, because I visited a lot of places and they told me, 'You've got a starting spot if you come here,'" Hartford said. "And (Cornell) told me, 'You've got to work for a starting spot here.' And that was one of the major appeals — I didn't want to get handed a starting spot. I wanted to work and get better."

Cornell Inches Closer To Ivy Title With 74-65 Win Over Brown
Big Red (10-0) Opens Up Three-Game Lead With Four To Play

By Brian Delaney, The Ithaca Journal
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ITHACA — The postgame press conference said it all.

Moments after Cornell toughed out a vital 74-65 victory over second-place Brown, moving the Big Red within a whisker of its first Ivy League men's basketball championship in 20 years, the unlikely pairing of Jeff Foote and Geoff Reeves sat down to address the media.

Unlikely, indeed. Two months ago, Foote — a 7-foot junior center out of Spencer-Van Etten — was preparing to play his first college game after sitting out two and a half years following a redshirt season and a transfer.

Likewise, two months ago Reeves, a 6-5 sophomore guard, was struggling to find meaningful minutes within Cornell's deep backcourt rotation.

On Saturday, they were the centerpiece of Cornell's biggest win in two decades. Foote scored 11 points and grabbed eight rebounds, and Reeves hit all five of his field-goal attempts, including four 3s, to pitch in 14 as the Big Red (18-5, 10-0 Ivy League) opened up a substantial three-game lead in the Ivy League with just four games remaining. Cornell can clinch the title outright, as well as the league's automatic berth to the NCAA Division I tournament, with a home sweep of Harvard and Dartmouth next weekend.

"It's nice, I'm not going to lie," Foote said. "It's very exciting."

Saturday's win, Cornell's 12th straight, came in front of 4,254 — though just shy of a sellout, certainly one of the loudest crowds in recent memory. The Big Red thrived off that energy defensively, holding the Bears (15-9, 7-3) without a field goal for the final 8:45.

"We felt like our defense was the big key to the game," said Foote, who blocked two shots. "And coach stressed at halftime that we needed to step up our defense. He wanted us to play our best defensive half of the year. We really kind of answered that."

In similar fashion to Friday's win over Yale, Cornell overcame a first-half deficit with a second half filled with hustle plays and timely shooting and rebounding. The backbreaker for Brown came with 2:20 left and Cornell nursing a 64-59 lead.

After a missed shot, Cornell's Ryan Wittman dived on the ground for the rebound and slapped the loose ball to Louis Dale on the wing. Dale alertly fed Foote in the post, who, taking advantage of Brown's recovering defense, turned and stuffed home a two-handed dunk that brought the house down.

Cornell then hit all six of its free-throw attempts in the final 80 seconds to seal it.

"Hustle plays are always a big factor," said Reeves, who played 17 minutes, seven above his season average. "Coach preaches it every night that we are the team that gets the hustle plays. It's almost like a 3-pointer going down. It's a momentum killer."

Brown, which scored 10 of the game's first 13 points and led throughout the first half, couldn't have felt too good about its 33-31 halftime lead.

Not after shooting 56.5 percent to Cornell's 37.9.

And certainly not after holding Cornell's two leading scorers, Wittman and Dale, to zero points on 0-for-9 shooting.

Adam Gore picked up the slack, knocking down four first-half 3-pointers and finishing the opening 20 minutes with 15 points. He netted a team-high 18 for the second straight night.

Brown was led by senior guards Mark McAndrew (18 points) and Damon Huffman (19). Chris Skrelja posted a double-double with 12 points and 11 boards.

But the Bears received only three points from their bench. Behind Foote and Reeves, Cornell's bench totaled 25.

"That just shows you the kind of balance we have on this team," Cornell coach Steve Donahue said. "These two guys have done a great job coming off the bench. And let's be honest, they'd be starting for a lot of teams in this league."

Now, the Big Red is staring down the program's first league title since 1988 — the last time a team other than Princeton or Penn won the Ivy.

"Anytime you're building a program, you wonder, 'Can they get over the next hurdle?'" Donahue said. "That's what we've been doing."

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Monday Morning Coffee & Hoops

By Brian Delany, *The Ithaca Journal*
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Just in talking with various people long affiliated with Cornell and IC basketball, this year's collection of talent between the two schools may be unparallelled in terms of how talented the four city-based teams are.

There's no certain way to debate that, but the fact that the topic is being discussed speaks quite a bit to the high level of ball being played here this winter.

Let's recap from a fantastic Saturday of basketball. Anyone who, like I did, took in the IC-Naz game at 4 and Cornell-Brown at 7 enjoyed just about as good a day of basketball in recent memory.

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Geoff Reeves. Talk about a kid who's earned his rewards. A year ago, he dealt with a back injury that set him back almost the entire first semester, which is a pretty critical time for a first-year player.

This year, early on, it appeared he was the odd man out of a backcourt rotation that included Louis Dale, Ryan Wittman, Adam Gore, Collin Robinson and defensive presence Jason Battle.

It had to be either infuriating or, at the very least, extremely difficult for Reeves to sit. He was a kid that came in with a heckuva reputation, and probably someone who would have played nearly 40 minutes three years ago for Steve Donahue. He's that talented (it did take him some time to catch up defensively, but he's about there now).

But instead of complaining (at least outwardly, if at all), quitting or writing himself off, which happens fairly frequently at the Ivy League level, Reeves kept working.

It got him noticed this week especially by Donahue, who said in Saturday's post-game presser: "He had a great week of practice. I just thought he had a great week. I told him that. I thought he would come out and play well, and he did."

Reeves had 14 points on 5-for-5 shooting, with four of those buckets coming from long range. On a night where Brown's matchup zone keyed on Reeves' two classmates, Louis Dale and Ryan Wittman, Reeves contributions could not be overstated.

"Geoff is an interesting character," Donahue said. "He's a little different than your typical Ivy League kid, and I mean that in all the right senses. It took me a while to figure it out. Sometimes you read his body language and his motions as kind of not caring, but he's far from that. He's one of our best students; he's organized, he's a leader off the court, and he just plays that way, that's who he is. I honestly, I mean it, I'm glad we have somebody in our program that can come off the bench in that kind of game and have no 'afraid.'"

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Brown Win Gives Red Three-Game Ivy lead

By Cory Bennett, Cornell Daily Sun
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The Brown men's basketball team sat with their arms interlocked on the bench, leaning forward. Across the court, the stands swayed back and forth under the weight of a packed Cornell student section, making it hard to stand at times. Students in the first few rows brought Brown rosters and heckled the visitors. The noise, at points, was deafening. It had all the makings of a college basketball classic — five second-half lead changes, double-digit leads by each team, an Ivy League title in the balance.

"I thought it was a great college basketball game," said Cornell head coach Steve Donahue. "It was fun to coach, and I'm sure it was fun to play in and watch."

And when the gym had emptied and everyone had gone home, the score remained — Cornell 74, Brown 65. A lead overcome, stifling defense that didn't allow a Brown field goal for the final 8:45 of regulation. The win meant that Cornell (17-5, 10-0 Ivy) needs only a combined two wins and Brown (15-8, 7-2) losses to clinch the Ivy League title.

It didn't always seem like it would be a happy ending for Cornell, though. The scoreboard told a different story midway through the first half — Brown 25, Cornell 13. The 12-point deficit was the largest Cornell had faced since its Jan. 6 matchup with No. 5 Duke. Sophomores Ryan Wittman and Louis Dale — the Red's two leading scorers on the season — were on their way to a collective zero points at half time. The duo finished with identical 2-for-10 shooting nights.

"There's a lot of pressure when you play in front of such a big crowd because you want to play great," Donahue said. "You want everybody to enjoy the experience, then all of a sudden here comes a team playing out of their minds. We honestly might have gotten a little tight."

Brown was playing well, with its explosive backcourt duo of Damon Huffman and Mark McAndrew combining for 18 first-half points (and 37 for the game). Brown's crisp execution and ball rotation found Huffman open looks and he drained 3-of-4 from behind the arc in the first stanza.

Cornell threw the ball away on offense a few times, hesitated on a few more passes, and struggled to get the big men in position on the block.

"I thought there were about three or four plays where [Brown] could have got the ball and we could have said 'Oh, this isn't our night. We're going to let down the fans,' Donahue said. "… What we did was outhustle them on four or five plays and even though the ball didn't fall, you could tell we weren't going to quit."

The Red kept at it, and as soon as Brown's lead swelled to 12, the margin began to deteriorate behind the quick-release shooting of junior guard Adam Gore. After Friday night's 85-65 win against Yale, Donahue said that he thought Gore had a renewed confidence in himself. Saturday night, it showed.

Gore hit 4-of-5 3s in the first half. On another attempt, he drew a foul and hit all three free throws — 15 points on six shots. While Cornell struggled being decisive with its shots, Gore rose up every time he seemed to have a sliver of daylight — and made it. He finished with a team-high 18 points on the night.

While Gore drew his team to within two at halftime, 33-31, it wasn't Gore's sharp-shooting that propelled the Red past, and ahead, of the Bears in the second half. Sophomore Geoff Reeves benefited from a Brown defense focused on stopping Wittman and Dale. He hit all five of his shots, including four from behind the arc, for 14 points — well above his season average of 3.4.

"Because they know Ryan and Lou are great scorers, they're going to look off of them," Reeves said. "That got other people shots tonight. If they're keying in on them, it's going to give us open shots. … No pressure on me, just to knock it down."

Donahue also had a message for his team at half time. It wasn't a new message, but it's one that Donahue has consistently pointed to as the reason for his team's improved play during its 12-game winning streak.

"Coach [Donahue] stressed at halftime that we needed to step up our defense," said junior Jeff Foote, who finished with 13 points and eight boards. "He wanted us to play our best defensive half of the year. We really answered that because we knew our defense was creating our offense. Once we got a couple of turnovers, our momentum started to build. We felt like we could really guard these guys, and we did."

Brown only shot 33.3 percent in the second half, down from 56.5 percent in the first stanza. Huffman and McAndrew, despite still supplying the offense, went a combined 2-for-9 from long range in the second half.

A large part of the Red's improved half-court defense has been the shot — and pass — altering arms of the 7-0 Foote, who joined the team in December after sitting out a year due to NCAA transfer regulations.

"Jeff Foote surprises me everyday," Donahue said. "I think the thing that takes me back, in particular, is the poise that he shows. He's never [really] played college basketball up until December. This is game [No.] 12 or 13 for him and he looks like a four-year vet out there. His poise is what amazes me the most."

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At Cornell, Basketball Teams Eye Ivy League History

By Brian Delaney, *The Ithaca Journal*
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ITHACA — Five weeks ago, they were just expectations. This weekend, those expectations could become reality. Reality would mean history — and lots of it.

For the first time ever, both Cornell basketball teams enter the last weekend of February sitting on the same coveted perch: first place in the Ivy League.

On only two occasions has an Ivy League institution swept the basketball titles, dating back to the first crowning of a women's champion in 1974-75.

Princeton accomplished the feat both times, in back-to-back years: 1975-76 and 1976-77.

"It's hard to do this in one program, let alone two," said men's coach Steve Donahue, who took over at Cornell in 2000 after 10 years as an assistant to Fran Dunphy at Penn. "To try and do it in the same year, it's kind of remarkable."

The Big Red men (18-5, 10-0), holders of the second longest winning streak in Division I (12), own a commanding three-game lead with four games to play. They can clinch the program's first regular season title since 1988 with a home weekend sweep of Dartmouth and Harvard, or with a win Friday over Dartmouth coupled with a Brown loss to Princeton.

Cornell is 10-1 at home this year, while Dartmouth (9-15, 2-8) and Harvard (8-18, 3-7) are a combined 2-24 on the road. With no postseason league tournament, the regular season champion annually represents the Ivy in the NCAA tournament.

Since Cornell's 1988 championship season, only Penn and Princeton have done so.

For obvious reasons, Cornell would prefer to end that lengthy reign this weekend in the friendly confines of Newman Arena, where a rejuvenated student section, dubbed "Newman Nation," has given the Big Red a sixth man it hasn't had in decades.

"To be 12-0 and have things wrapped up, it makes things a lot easier than having to lose a game or two and making it so you have to win next weekend," said junior guard Adam Gore, who tallied 36 total points in last weekend's sweep of Yale and Brown. "It would just be a lot easier to get two wins this weekend.

"Especially for the fans here," he added. "They've done a great job this year."

Unlike the men's team, which was the media's preseason pick to win the Ivy, Cornell's women have risen above expectations.

The team's 17 wins this season, and nine in the league, are both program records, as is their current eight-game win streak. Earlier this month, they polished off their first home sweep of perennial powers Harvard and Dartmouth since 1994.

Cornell (17-6, 9-1) visits those two teams this weekend in what amounts to the biggest back-to-back league series in program history. Third-place Dartmouth (10-14, 7-3) will host on Friday, while defending champion Harvard (15-9, 8-2) awaits the Big Red on Saturday.

With a sweep, Cornell would clinch a share of the league title with an opportunity to win the championship outright against Penn on March 7 in Ithaca.

"It's funny, because two weeks ago, when it was Harvard-Dartmouth (in Ithaca), it was, 'This is the biggest weekend in program history,'" said women's coach Dayna Smith, who like Donahue arrived after a stint as a Penn assistant. "And then last weekend, when we were up at Yale and Brown, when we were preparing for it, it was like, 'This is the biggest weekend in program history.' So it seems like we've had a few of those this season."

But none bigger than this one.

And for once, that goes for both teams.

Cornell A Step Closer To Title
Red Clinches A Share Of Ivy Title By Beating Dartmouth

By Brian Delaney, *The Ithaca Journal*
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ITHACA — Sophomores Louis Dale and Ryan Wittman snapped Cornell out of its first-half shooting funk, and 7-foot center Jeff Foote punctuated a decisive 14-0 run with two transition dunks as the Big Red cinched up a share of the Ivy League title Friday night with a convincing 75-59 victory over Dartmouth.In front of nearly sold-out Newman Arena, Cornell inched closer to its first NCAA tournament berth since 1988 on the strength of Dale's monster night. Busting out of a shooting slump, the 5-foot-11 point guard finished with 22 points on 9-of-14 shooting while grabbing 11 rebounds and handing out six assists

His sly, one-handed dish to Foote on the break resulted in an emphatic two-handed slam, sending the crowd of 4,224 into a frenzy as Cornell's lead surged well into double digits. "They always say you've got to reward the big man when he runs the floor," said Dale, who finished with just two turnovers.

Second-place Brown beat Princeton, 64-57, on Friday to keep its slim title hopes alive. Cornell (19-5, 11-0 Ivy League), whose winning streak reached 13, can capture the title outright tonight with a win over Harvard (8-19, 3-8), or by beating either Penn or Princeton next weekend — or if Brown loses another game. That would give the Red the title, regardless of what Cornell does.

A title for Cornell would end Penn and Princeton's 20-year reign of league championships.

"I didn't know that. Is that true?" Cornell coach Steve Donahue joked in the post-game press conference. "It's obviously something that keeps creeping in my mind. I try to put it back away and just let the routine of the day take place."

Cornell, which entered the game ranked in the top 10 nationally in field-goal shooting, 3-point shooting and free-throw shooting, did none of those things well in Friday's first half. The hosts shot 42 percent and missed nine of 11 from beyond the arc. While Cornell struggled, Dartmouth (9-16, 2-9) kept things close behind 11 points from forward Elgin Fitzgerald.

But Dale livened things up at the first-half buzzer, picking up a loose ball and draining a desperation heave from inside the arc to send Cornell into the locker room with a 32-27 lead.

"That follow-up was a big play," Donahue said.

Dale then opened the second half with a 3-pointer from the top of the key. Wittman (14 points) followed suit with three quick buckets, doubling Cornell's lead.

That's when Foote changed the game.

After his first dunk forced Dartmouth coach Terry Dunn into a timeout, the junior center — who nearly missed the game with a bacterial infection — provided a worthy encore.

Wittman chased down a defensive rebound and pushed the ball up the right wing. On the opposite side, Foote streaked toward the basket, leapt and finished off Wittman's alley-oop pass for a resounding dunk. He finished with 11 points, 10 rebounds and three blocks. That bucket exemplified Cornell's offensive execution in the second half, which featured 65.5 percent shooting by the hosts.

"Anytime you have a seven-footer that can run the floor as he can, as he does, it adds to your offense, particularly transition," Dunn said. "It puts a lot of pressure on your big guy."

Said Donahue: "We see that all the time in practice. He's always the first guy sprinting down the floor."

Wittman's defense helped hold Dartmouth leading scorer Alex Barnett to seven points on 3-of-14 shooting.

That kind of defensive effort will be needed again at 7 tonight against a high-scoring Harvard team that Cornell stunned in the final seconds, 72-71, two weeks ago. Harvard is 0-14 on the road this year.

"I just can't allow myself or my team to go that way," Donahue said. "We've got such a hard game (today)."

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On Cusp Of Ivy Title, Cornell Stays Collected

By Brian Delaney, *The Ithaca Journal*
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ITHACA — Steve Donahue has been in this situation before. Quite a few times, actually.During his 10-year stint as a Penn assistant, Donahue watched and learned as Fran Dunphy guided the Quakers to the NCAA tournament as often as not — five times during Donahue's tenure.

Those lessons proved useful this week as Cornell prepared for tonight's game with Dartmouth and Saturday's home finale against Harvard. Win both, and the Big Red wraps up its first Ivy League men's basketball title since 1988 while clinching the league's automatic berth to the NCAA tournament. Cornell finishes its regular season schedule on March 7-8 at Penn and Princeton.

"I fall back to my experiences with Penn and Fran Dunphy," said Donahue, now in his eighth season at Cornell. "You never knew when you walked into that gym whether it was Oct. 20 or March 2, getting ready to play Nebraska in the first round of the NCAA's. You really didn't. That's the sign of a good team."

That's what he's seen this week from a group that's reeled off 12 straight wins, including all 10 of its Ivy games, despite playing only one senior and dealing with the departure of its third-leading scorer a mere 48 hours before the Ivy opener.

Guard Collin Robinson, a USC transfer, left the team in mid-January for "personal reasons," but Cornell hasn't lost since.

"There's a routine, and you change it intelligently to adjust to the time of the year," Donahue said. "But in general, if somebody walks into that gym, they shouldn't know there's a difference."

With a three-game stranglehold on first place with four contests remaining, Cornell (18-5, 10-0) has the title all but locked up. A win tonight coupled with a Brown loss to Princeton would give Cornell the championship outright, but a weekend sweep by the Big Red would also be enough.

Taking care of business at home, clearly, is the priority.

"It would mean so much to wrap it up at home," said 7-foot center Jeff Foote, a junior playing his first season of college basketball since graduating from nearby Spencer-Van Etten High in 2005.

"That would be a great gift to the university, to the fans who are coming out and to ourselves," Foote said, "because there's definitely a big difference between when we win at home, and when we win on the road."

Cornell won at Dartmouth, 73-63, on Feb. 16, one night after pulling off a stunning comeback over Harvard in Cambridge, Mass. Harvard, in particular, has given Cornell fits in recent years. The Crimson (8-18, 3-7) led for nearly the entire second half in the Feb. 15 affair, and a season ago swept Cornell despite finishing in the bottom tier of the league.

"They've played everybody in the league tough this year, except they had a poor weekend at Yale-Brown," Donahue said. "All the players, they can all pass, they all share the ball, they're all tough, and they all compete, so there's no real weaknesses."

Still, considering Dartmouth and Harvard have a combined 2-24 road record, Cornell enters the weekend as a heavy favorite to clinch.

Last weekend, the Big Red played some of its best basketball in a key sweep of title contenders Yale and Brown. Cornell committed only 11 total turnovers in the two wins, the program's fewest in consecutive games since 1980. The team's phenomenal shooting touch also factored into the sweep, which came by a combined 29 points.

Cornell enters tonight's game as the only Division I team ranked in the top 10 nationally in field goal percentage (8th, .488), 3-point percentage (3rd, .419) and free throw percentage (1st, .788).

Junior Adam Gore had 18 points on both nights, hitting 10 of 17 3-pointers.

"I think obviously we've put ourselves in a pretty good situation this weekend," said Gore, who sat out the 2006-07 season with a knee injury.

"It would be a lot easier to go ahead and get two wins this weekend instead of putting a little more pressure on us that last weekend."

If practice was any indication, Cornell's ready to do just that.

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March To Madness: Cornell Nabs Year's First Tourney Berth

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For the first time in 20 years, Cornell's men's basketball team has supremacy in the Ivy League. The school clinched its first conference championship since 1988 and an automatic NCAA tournament berth by defeating Harvard 86-53 on Saturday.

But the players still have work to do before gearing up for the NCAA tournament, only the third time the school has advanced. Cornell (20-5, 12-0) has two games left, at Penn on Friday and at Princeton on Saturday, and will try to finish its Ivy League schedule unbeaten. The Big Red are on a 14-game winning streak.

"It's another way to put your stamp on it, to leave your legacy," Cornell coach Steve Donahue said Sunday. "It also helps with the (NCAA) tournament seedings."

Only Penn and Princeton have gone undefeated in league play, with Penn last doing so in 2002-03. Those schools have ruled the league since it was established in 1956, with either getting its automatic NCAA tournament berth in all but seven seasons. The league does not have a conference tournament; thus, the regular-season champion advances.

Penn won the league the last three seasons, but Donahue believes his team's title signals a new tide. "There's going to be more parity over the next decade," he said.

Cornell should be a force for at least a few more years. Its top two scorers, 6-6 swingman Ryan Wittman (15.3 points) and 5-11 point guard Louis Dale (13.1), are sophomores. Junior guard Adam Gore (9.9) has two more years of eligibility because he missed all but one game last season because of a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee.

Wittman, whose father, Randy, is coach of the NBA's Minnesota Timberwolves, is one of the nation's leading three-point shooters at 47%. Dale is the Division I leader in free-throw shooting at 94.6%. At

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Red Captures First Ivy Title In Two Decades

By Cory Bennett
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He looked unsure, uncomfortable, out of place even. Men's basketball head coach Steve Donahue was sitting on the bench. He rarely sits on the bench. Saturday night's game against Harvard, though, was a night for rare occurrences.

"I said to the guys, that was the hardest half I've ever coached. I just didn't know what to feel," Donahue said. "I was frustrated that we weren't playing a little better, yet I look up and we're up 30. I tried to sit back. As you know, I don't sit very often. It was enjoyable to take it all in to be honest with you."

There were so many things to take in: a twenty-year Ivy title drought ending, a second-half lead hovering around 30, the raucous crowd, the years of work to get to this point, Cornell's history of losing in basketball.

"I feel like proud parent," Donahue said. "I feel like those guys did it for me. I was along for the ride. Everything I've done, they took and ran with it. It is a tremendous group of kids who are close knit. It's a talented group that's unselfish."

Each member of the tight bunch took it all in differently. While Donahue sat back and watched, even flashing a rare smile on the bench, sophomore Andre Wilkins danced at the end of the bench, holding up the "Cornell" printed across the front of his jersey. Senior Jason Hartford clutched a folded red banner that read "IVY LEAGUE CHAMPIONS 2008" as if it were his own child.

"Since I saw it, it hasn't left my grasp," said Hartford, who was honored before the contest in his last home game in a Cornell (20-5, 12-0 Ivy) jersey. "You can try taking it, but I don't know if that would work."

The game itself, an 86-53 victory, seemed mostly like a formality. The backcourt duo of sophomore Ryan Wittman and junior Adam Gore shot unconsciously from all angles and distances, combining for 27 points. The Crimson (8-20, 3-9) defense feared the deep ball so much it started overplaying shot fakes, allowing sophomore guard Louis Dale to bob and weave around his man and into the lane where he collected eight assists to go with 12 points.

The benefactors of Dale's generosity were the Red's big men, who poured in 46 points in the lane, compared to Harvard's 18. 7-0 junior Jeff Foote displayed his mobility on both sides of the floor, collecting four blocks in the lane, while rotating out to the perimeter to challenge 3s. He also ran the floor on fast breaks and asserted himself on the block, finishing with 10 points. Frontcourt-mate Jason Hartford tallied eight points on backdoor cuts and step-out jumpers.

The game was over by halftime with Cornell leading 45-20. The Crimson was shooting 22 percent compared to the Red's blistering 65 percent. After the teams had matched each other at 11 all, Cornell stymied Harvard's backcourt penetration. And when the Crimson did get to the rim, its layups seemed to roll out or not find rim at all. For a team that has consistently started slow all season, Saturday was an aberration.

"Coach told us that we had to get off to a good start," Wittman said. "We can't get down by 10 every game and just expect to come back easily. I think we did it on the defensive end. It started last night [in a 75-59 win over Dartmouth]. They got out to a 10-point lead, but we just weren't hitting shots. I think in the Yale and Brown games [last weekend, they got out to early leads] because we weren't playing defense. This weekend, we did a really nice job of playing defense and tonight we just started hitting shots too."

Straight out of the locker room, Hartford, Wittman and Dale hit three straight buckets to stretch the lead to 30, and it seemed obvious Harvard would not make a run. When Dale later got a three-point play on a slashing layup, he and Wittman just smiled at each other and exchanged a knowing high-five.

Donahue began pulling starters shortly after.

"Storm the court, storm the court," the crowd began to chant.

The starters sat on the bench, leaning over and talking to each other, laughing and playfully punching each other — "being happy" as Dale put it. Donahue smiled and put his arm around Gore at one point.

"I was just excited and waiting for the fans to come on the court," Dale said. "That's all I was thinking about."

"I didn't really know what to expect when we won," Foote said.

"In the event that Cornell clinches an outright Ivy League championship, fans will be invited on to the court, but only after the visiting team has left the court," the PA announcer said during every timeout.

A loud "Boo" went up in response from the student section each time.

"I was getting chills in my body because it was a crazy atmosphere — fantastic," Dale said.

Sitting behind the bench, Andrew Naeve '07, the starting center on last year's team, slid behind guys who were coming off the court and got in on the bench chatter.

"It's the next-best thing to actually being able to do it myself," Naeve said. "We're still so close with these guys, though, that it's like pretty much doing it yourself."

Kevin App '07, one of the captains last year, but one who rarely played, sat behind the guys on the end of the bench.

"I felt right at home because that's where I used to sit," App said. "Those were my guys down there — [sophomore Jon] Jacques and [sophomore] Pete [Reynolds]. So I was telling them that they had to get in the game and do me proud."

And they did just that. The bench players went in and more than held their own. Cornell got 37 bench points while the lead bloated to 35.

"It was just people coming off the bench making plays like we've been doing all year," Wittman said. "It was great, though, so much fun."

Andre Wilkins played like a live wire, racing around the court and slashing to the hoop. He made all four of his field goals and finished with 11 points. All but two players scored. And with a crowd looking for a reason to lose it, the bench provided that too. Junior guard Conor Mullen, with only a few minutes remaining, drove the lane on a fast break. He sent his bulky, 6-5 frame into the air, cocked his hand back and tried to throw down a dunk. The ball caromed off the back iron, tough, and went straight into the air.

"When Connor tried to dunk, I was going crazy," Dale said.

"We wanted to see that epic dunk by Conor," Naeve said. "I told him he's going to have to live with regret for the rest of his life. He was trying to get on SportsCenter and that would have definitely made it."

Police lined the front of the student section with a few minutes left. The bench stood and peered up at the clock. The people on press row stored breakable items under the table.

"I'd duck and cover if I were you," a fan in the first row said amidst more "storm the court" chants.

As the final seconds ticked off, junior Jason Battle, sporting a huge grin, spread his arms out to hold his teammates back from the court.

Then it happened.

"No words can express the feeling to that one sound of the horn," Hartford said. "All we could do is run as fast as we could to the middle of the court and jump as high as we could to be able to share it with the people that were there with you the whole way."

Sheer pandemonium. Fans from every corner rushed toward the bench, lifting players up on their shoulders.

"I was just so excited," Foote said. "I had never been picked up before. … There's really nothing like [winning the Ivy title]. I've never been this happy in my life. I'm really speechless."

Surfing above the mass of hundreds of people, Foote pumped his fist in unabashed celebration.

"The crowd needs that," he joked.

When Wittman got lifted up, the mass started chanting "MVP, MVP." Hartford jokingly yelled, "We're going to Disney World."

"[We were yelling to each other] a lot of 'You're the man,' 'I love you,' that kind of stuff," Foote said.

"It's just a great experience to be a part of a team that has all your friends," Wittman said. "Going through the year, there are so many ups and downs. Finally to cap it off with this — I'm kind of at a loss to explain it."

And before they cut down the nets, Donahue left his team with one message.

"This is their chance," he said. "It's a short period of time and I want them to take advantage of every opportunity. This is the result of them."

Newman Nation' Cheers CU Men's Basketball Team To Ivy League Championship

By Anne Ju
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The thunderous cheering in Newman Arena was truly the sixth man on the court March 1, when the Cornell men's basketball team clinched the Ivy League championship title for the first time in 20 years by beating Harvard, 86-53.

The victory gave Cornell an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament, which begins March 20 and 21. For Jason Hartford, the team's only senior, it's a childhood dream come true.

"Growing up, you watch the NCAA tournament on TV, and it's your dream to be a part of it," said Hartford, who was honored by teammates, coaches and fans before the game. "If you're a basketball player, getting to the NCAA tournament is the ultimate goal. Tonight we were fortunate enough to actually be able to do that."

Saturday's game was an 86-53 runout, with Cornell handing Harvard its 15th loss on the road this year. Cornell moved to 12-0 in Ivy League play before a capacity crowd at Newman Arena -- including Cornell President David Skorton.

The Big Red clinched its first Ivy League title since 1988, with two games remaining in the regular season. The previous night, Cornell also routed Dartmouth 75-59 before a nearly equally rambunctious Newman crowd, which allowed Cornell to clinch at least a share of the Ivy title.

On Saturday, the crowd did not let up all night. Some students donned T-shirts emblazoned with "Newman Nation." Many were hoarse by night's end, as they screamed for the Big Red from start to finish, also dutifully booing whenever a Harvard player touched the ball, and crinkling paper popcorn bags while Harvard shot its free throws.

Louis Dale '10, who elicits cheers of "Louuuuu" whenever the ball is in his possession, expressed his appreciation for the fans this year.

"It's been great this whole season, having people coming out and supporting us," Dale said. "It's overwhelming."

When the final seconds ticked down, throngs of students rushed onto the court to help celebrate the historic moment. They stuck around long enough to watch each player, and head coach Steve Donahue, cut down pieces of the basketball net as mementos of the championship. Queen's "We Are the Champions" blared in the background.

Cornell is undefeated in the Ivy League this season and 20-5 overall. They hope to put the finishing touches on a perfect conference season when they face off at Penn and Princeton, March 7 and 8.

Through Thick And Thin, Longtime Fans Have Been There

By Anne Ju
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Though Newman Arena has been drawing near-sellout crowds this year with the success of Big Red men's basketball, the team has always counted on its most loyal fans, who have been with them for decades.

Following the victory Saturday over Harvard, the team attended a party hosted by the Rebounders, a fan group consisting of alumni, parents and friends. Some of the most die-hard fans are old enough to remember the last time Cornell went to the Big Dance in 1988, and some go back as far as Cornell's first NCAA tournament bid in 1954.

Don Greenberg '55, the Jacob Gould Schurman Professor of Computer Graphics, played sports at Cornell, as did his father, who was in the Class of 1922. He has followed Cornell men's basketball since the late 1930s.

"I played a lot of sports for Cornell, and it was a big part of my life," Greenberg said. "It changed my life, and I hope it changes theirs."

Prior to this season's Ivy League championship, Cornell's basketball team suffered through some lean years. Cornell has had only one overall winning season (2006-07) in the last nine. In Ivy League play, they finished with a winning record the last three years, but had six straight losing seasons from 1998-99 to 2003-04.

Head coach Steve Donahue said his first eight seasons with Cornell were part of a learning process, together with players, coaches and staff, that have culminated with this year's league championship.

"It's an eight-to-10-year process to really turn things around when you haven't had a winning tradition for a long time," Donahue said.

Carol Hardy McFadden, a retired biology lecturer who served as the men's basketball team's faculty adviser from 1982 to 2002, can also safely be counted among the team's biggest fans. She offers biology tutoring to any players taking introductory biology courses, and she can't remember the last time she missed a home game.

"I never dreamed it would be another 20 years before another Ivy League championship," McFadden said.

Longtime Rebounders Carl and Jean Gortzig were also enjoying the ecstatic celebration after the victory.

"This is probably the best team we've seen in 40 years," said Jean Gortzig, who retired from Alumni Affairs and Development about 10 years ago. Having to wait 20 years to see another championship, she said, "just makes it that much more worthwhile."

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This May just Be The Beginning For Foote

By Brian Delaney
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ITHACA — After spending two and a half years transforming himself into a difference-making Division I basketball player, Jeff Foote relished the reward for his efforts Saturday night amidst the screaming throngs of his Cornell peers.

Contributing 10 points, seven rebounds and four important blocked shots, Foote proved once again that if he's not the No. 1 reason Cornell clinched its first Ivy League title in two decades, at 7-feet tall, he's certainly one of the biggest.

Saturday's 33-point dissection of Harvard means Cornell will represent the Ancient Eight at this year's NCAA Division I tournament.

"It's been an amazing experience," Foote said. "Watching the final seconds tick off tonight, realizing we're the Ivy League champs by ourselves — there's no greater feeling."

Showing just how far Foote has progressed over the last 30 months, Cornell coach Steve Donahue said this week that he remembers hearing about Foote when he was a 6-8 senior center at Spencer-Van Etten.

At the time, Foote wasn't considered a Division I talent.

"He was about 6-8, he was very skinny, and at the time we just never followed up on it, because initially it just didn't look like Jeff would be a Division I player," Donahue said.

That, clearly, didn't last.

After red-shirting a year at St. Bonaventure, Foote transferred to Cornell in the second semester of the 2006-07 school year. He continued to work on his game while sitting out the NCAA-mandated two semesters. Once cleared, he immediately began making a name for himself.

In Cornell's Ivy opener against Columbia, Foote dominated the paint with 13 points, six rebounds and four blocks. Later, he produced an 11-point, 11-rebound effort against Yale, and a career-high 18 point night in a win over Princeton. In Friday's win over Dartmouth, he further endeared himself to the student body with two thunderous dunks in transition, including an alley-oop finish from teammate Ryan Wittman.

"Especially being a local kid, now I have something to bring back," he said. "Lockwood and Spencer-Van Etten now have something that they can claim."

At this point, it would be difficult to envision an Ivy League all-star team — first, second or honorable mention — without Foote's name on it.

"Jeff Foote surprises me every day," said Donahue, following Cornell's victory over Brown on Feb. 23. "The growth he's had since he came into our program a year and a half ago. The poise that he shows. He never played a college basketball game until December. This is like his 12th or 13th game, and he looks like a four-year vet out there."

Foote, clearly the fan favorite of Cornell's student section, "Newman Nation," is part of a core group that should keep the Big Red in title contention for the next two seasons. Out of nine players averaging 10 minutes or more this year, only one — 6-9 forward Jason Hartford — is a senior.

Six of the remaining eight — Foote, Ryan Wittman, Louis Dale, Alex Tyler, Adam Gore and Geoff Reeves — are either sophomores or have two years of playing eligibility left.

In short, there's a good chance this isn't a one-and-done deal.

Which has former players, like 2007 graduate Kevin App, thrilled for the future.

"I told these guys, 'Enjoy it,'" said App, who stormed the court with former classmate Andrew Naeve. "I hope they keep it up, and they should.

"These guys are pretty good."

Cornell In Hoops Heaven
Spurred By Raucous Crowd, CU Puts Harvard Away Early In 86-53 Win

By Brian Delaney
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ITHACA — Playing for its first NCAA tournament berth in two decades, Cornell gave a wired, standing room-only crowd a dominating performance to remember.

Bringing Penn and Princeton's 20-year supremacy over Ivy League men's basketball to a resounding end, Cornell shot Harvard into a 25-point first half deficit and waltzed into the Big Dance with a title-clinching 86-53 victory Saturday night.

"No words can express the way you felt when that horn went off," said forward Jason Hartford, Cornell's lone senior. "Everything you worked for all season ... went to that one sound of the horn. All you could do is run as fast as you could and go out in the middle of the court and jump as high as you can and just share it with the people that were there with you the whole way." An overflow student section, raucous from the opening tip, stormed the court in celebration of Cornell's first league championship since 1988. They stayed long after the final buzzer to watch and cheer each cut of the net, singing along as Queen's "We are the Champions" blasted throughout the arena.

"I feel like a proud parent," Cornell coach Steve Donahue said. "I'm like, 'Those guys did it for me.' I was just along for the ride. They took and ran with it. Just a tremendous group of kids who are close and don't care how it gets done."

Some of the loudest cheers were saved for Khaliq Gant, who suffered a career-ending neck injury that left him temporarily paralyzed during a practice in January of 2006. As the final seconds ticked away, Gant hopped lightly up and down at the end of the bench, waving a towel feverishly as the crowd noise reached deafening levels.

"It's euphoria," said Gant, donning a 2008 Ivy League Championship hat. "It's a great feeling. ... I've been with the guys every step of the way. It's been fantastic."

Cornell put this game, its 14th straight victory and 20th of the season, on ice early. As Harvard, winless on the road, endured long stretches without a field goal, the Big Red's slew of scorers knocked down shots from every angle. Ivy League Player of the Year candidate Ryan Wittman drained two consecutive 3's and junior teammate Adam Gore knocked down another — his third of the half — to push the Big Red's lead into the 20s.

Cornell shot a blistering 65 percent in the first half, with Wittman and Gore hitting on 8-of-11 from the field and totaling 21 points. Louis Dale's contested floater in the lane in the final seconds gave the hosts an insurmountable 45-20 advantage at the break.

The second half was one long celebration, allowing Donahue to empty his bench quickly. At the 15-minute mark, the student section took up the chant, "It's all over." With just under four minutes left, two Cornell cheerleaders unveiled a banner across Newman Arena's court bearing the words, "2008 Ivy League Champions," prompting the crowd of 4,473 to give another standing ovation.

By that time, all Donahue could do was sit nervously on the bench and wait out the clock.

"It's so gratifying, so rewarding," he said. "I'm so excited for my guys. They get to sit there on Selection Sunday, and when the world knows what you've accomplished, it makes you feel proud."

Eight years ago, when Donahue arrived at Cornell following 10 years as an assistant at Penn, he'd occasionally remind his team of the program's ultimate goal.

"I used to play the CBS song for the tournament to my guys in the locker room and joke around and try to imitate Jim Nantz," he said.

Now, his vision of seeing Cornell in the field of 65 will become reality on March 16, when CBS broadcasts the tournament pairings. "Amazing," Donahue said, for a team whose rotation is comprised of mostly underclassmen. Despite the grueling demands of the Ivy League's back-to-back weekend schedule, Cornell (20-5, 12-0) is in line to become the first team to run the table since Penn in 2003.

Cornell visits Penn on Friday and wraps up the regular season on Saturday at Princeton.

"Just because of the youth on the team, I knew they were a special group of guys, but to figure out what it takes day in, day out to win back-to-back against teams that are very similar in talent," Donahue said. "I'm amazed that we're 12-0."

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Finally, '88 Team Has Company

By Brian Delaney
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ITHACA — No matter how busy life gets as head coach of the University of North Carolina Greensboro men's basketball team, Mike Dement finds time to search out the Ivy League's weekend results.

Dement is particularly interested in one team — the team he used to coach. This year, Cornell's results have certainly evoked a raised eyebrow or two. And a smile.

"Just watching their scores, they've been pretty dominant," said Dement, who headed the Big Red program from 1986-91 and won an Ivy League title in 1988. For 20 years, that 1987-88 team stood alone as Cornell's only Ivy League men's basketball champion.

On Saturday night, the 2008 edition gave its brethren some much-wanted company. Cornell (20-5, 12-0) picked up its second Ivy League title with an 86-53 victory over Harvard.

Before the season started, Dement visited Cornell and met with this year's Big Red, now coached by Steve Donahue. Dement said he came away impressed that day.

"When I met those kids, they were pretty focused," he said. "This is exciting for me because I know how hard (Donahue) has worked to get them in this position. And they knew they had a good team and a chance, and that's not the easiest thing to deal with, especially in that league."

Dement's 1987-88 team finished with an 11-3 mark in the league, and a season record of 17-10 following a loss to Arizona in the first round of the NCAA tournament. After an embarrassing 84-43 loss to Lafayette on Jan. 19, 1988, dropped them to 6-7, the team turned its season around.

Sam Jacobs was the team's top player that year, earning first-team all-league honors. Other key guys in Dement's rotation included Mike Millane, Greg Gilda and James Paul.

Cornell handled its own adversity this year, when junior guard Collin Robinson left the team for "personal" reasons just 48 hours before the Ivy opener — which also came on Jan. 19. Since that point, the Big Red has reeled off 14 straight wins by an average margin of 17.5 points per game. With two more victories, Cornell could become the first team to run the table since Penn in 2003.

Considering the challenges of juggling an Ivy League academic schedule with games on back-to-back nights, Dement understands how difficult that feat would be.

"It's a tough thing to do in that league over the years, and breaking through and doing it is pretty special," he said.

Dement said he had only one regret.

He couldn't be there in person to see it.

"I wish I could be there for that atmosphere (this weekend) in that building," he said. "We had that a number of times at Barton Hall. That atmosphere was great. I can only imagine what it would be like."

CU At The Dance: Ivy Champs Now Covet Perfection

By Brian Delaney
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ITHACA — In the wild aftermath that followed Cornell's Ivy League championship-clinching victory over Harvard on Saturday, the Big Red began hinting at its next goal.

It wasn't, 'Win an NCAA tournament game.'

Not just yet. That, for now, can wait.

First, Cornell wants to finish what it started when it beat Columbia by six points on Jan. 19 — a rare unbeaten run through the Ivy League's brutal schedule.

"I think that's special," Big Red coach Steve Donahue said. "I think that's a great goal right now."

Adding a strong slice of irony to Cornell's final two games are the opponents and venues: Penn at the famed Palestra, and Princeton at Jadwin Gymnasium. By knocking off the alternating Kings of Ivy League basketball — for the last 20 years, at least — Cornell can polish off arguably the most impressive season in school history.

Already, its 20-5 record overall is the best since the 1950-51 season, and its 12-0 mark in the league has never been equaled previously by Cornell. Perhaps more impressive is Cornell's average margin of victory against league opponents — 14.1 points per game.

Saturday's 86-53 rout certainly boosted that statistic. The manner of victory made it hard to believe Cornell needed some last-second heroics by Alex Tyler to nip the Crimson, 72-71, two weeks ago in Cambridge, Mass.

"We came out ready to go," senior Jason Hartford said. "We didn't want what happened last time at Harvard to happen again, especially in front of the home crowd."

Saturday's sellout crowd witnessed a methodical, machine-like dismantling of the Crimson, as Cornell shot 65 percent in the opening half compared to Harvard's dismal 22.6 percent. Sophomore Geoff Reeves landed the first blow when, after a Jeff Foote bucket, he surprised Harvard by stealing the ensuing inbounds pass and laying in a quick deuce for a 15-11 lead.

That sequence sparked a 13-2 Cornell run, and Harvard never recovered.

It was a departure from previous wins, when Cornell forced itself to overcome an early deficit with a strong second half.

"Coach kind of told us that we need to get off to a good start," Ryan Wittman said. "Every game we can't get down 10 points and expect to come back.

"I think we did it on the defensive end."

And in particular, the backcourt.

Harvard's guards, Jeremy Lin and Drew Housman, have given the Big Red fits previously. But on Saturday, Louis Dale and Adam Gore helped stifle the duo to just 14 points on 4-of-17 shooting.

It's been defense, Wittman said, that led Cornell — known nationally for its uncanny shooting ability — to Saturday's climactic clinching.

"The key point in the season was, and I've said it before, after the Bucknell and Syracuse games (in December)," Wittman said. "I think early in the year we tried to rely on our offense to win games. It won us some games, but then we went on that three-game losing streak and we realized ... that if we're going to win games in the Ivy League, we're going to have to become a defensive team.

"We really did that, and that's why we're 12-0 right now."

Just two wins away from that magic number — 14.

"That's our focus right now," Foote said. "We're not taking these next two games off. We're not going to rest anybody; we're going to go for the undefeated record."

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Around The Rim: For One 'Lucky' Night, Cornell's Crowd Delivers

By Brian Delaney
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ITHACA — As the second half of Saturday night's blowout victory over Harvard wore on, Cornell coach Steve Donahue admitted he kept sneaking looks at the crowd.

"I can't ever remember sitting back and being ahead by that much in any game," Donahue said Monday, following the team's sudden return to normalcy — practice — after 24 hours of celebrating the team's first Ivy League championship since 1988. "So to take a look around, and you look up and the stands are full, and the hallways are full, the over-ledge is four rows deep; I just think it was so great that it culminated like that.

Eight years ago, Donahue, then a first-year coach after 10 years as an assistant at Penn, picked up career victories 1 and 2 in front of a grand total of 636 people. Three hundred and twenty devoted fans (i.e. family, friends) witnessed what was assuredly a thrilling 91-81 overtime win over Army at West Point on Nov. 29, 2000. Less than a week later, 316 took in an 83-50 blowout of Skidmore at Newman Arena.

On Saturday night, the announced attendance was 4,473. Any more would have exceeded capacity.

But there were more.

And they were loud.

For once, and this includes the Penn sellout earlier this year, Newman Arena appeared to be "shaking" as the student section thundered its response to the back and forth. Donahue agreed the environment matched that of a major Big 5 showdown he saw so often at the Palestra.

"To have the whole building waiting to explode for the whole 40 minutes," Donahue said, "They stood up, they were loud; they were into it. It was what you would hope."

"And it tells you a little bit about our town. It's a pretty good sports town."

The atmosphere made an impression on 2007 graduate and tri-captain Kevin App, who acknowledged he was hoping for Brown to beat Princeton on Friday night because he couldn't get to Ithaca in time to see Cornell-Dartmouth on Friday.

Cornell could have won the title that night, but Brown held on to beat Princeton.

So on Saturday, App — so well-liked within the program that Donahue referred to him once as the coaching staff's best recruiter — got to rush the court.

"The crowd was unbelievable," App said. "There were more people here an hour before the game then there were here for our games in full last year."

That Cornell's fan base was able to witness the clinching in person was remarkable, Donahue said.

In his 10 years at Penn, the Quakers won six Ivy titles. Only once, Donahue said, did they clinch at the Palestra. On one occasion, the team actually found out on its bus ride home from a road game that other team's results had clinched Penn's championship.

"I don't think people realize how lucky we are to have that happen in that day," Donahue said. "A Saturday night, our last home game, and we can wrap it up.

"To have someone rush the court and have it culminate with everybody here, it was great."

Cornell hoops: A long, satisfying road for Donahue and Co.

By Brian Delaney
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With Saturday's victory against Harvard, the Cornell University men's basketball team earned an invitation to the most anticipated tournament collegiate sports has to offer. The pundits call the NCAA men's basketball tournament the Big Dance because of its importance in the basketball world. It offers drama, storylines, competitive basketball and enough Cinderella stories to capture the interest of even the most casual fan. For players and die-hard fans, it means a lifetime of memories, even if a team falls short in the first round.

Make no mistake, this was quite an accomplishment. A total of 341 teams began playing Division I basketball in November, each with a dream to be one of the 64 to still be playing on March 20-21, the beginning of the tournament (65 teams actually make the tournament; two will face off in a play-in game earlier that week to finalize the field).

Cornell has already received national attention this year, with The New York Times and other national media cataloging their run through the Ivy League. Expect the coverage to be ramped up in the next two weeks. This team is the first from the Ivy League not named Penn or Princeton to make the tournament since Mike Dement's 1988 Cornell team earned a berth and lost a first-round game to perennial basketball power Arizona.

No matter how Cornell fares this time, people should look beyond the final result. When head coach Steve Donahue took over this program in 2000, it was not a power in the Ivy League. In fact, his first squad went 7-20 overall and 3-11 in conference. But since then, this community has seen steady progress, even if many fans could be found elsewhere on Friday and Saturday nights for the majority of the run.

Following Saturday's blowout of Harvard, Donahue acknowledged that tough beginning. He came from a Penn program run by the highly respected Fran Dunphy and was used to winning. During his time at Penn, Donahue was part of six teams that won Ivy League championships. While Penn and Princeton produced champions and received attention, Donahue and company quietly went about their business. He told reporters after the game that the entire process was a learning one for everyone at Cornell, including the head coach. To fully appreciate that comment, you must have more than a cursory understanding of the politics, egos and money that drive modern-day college basketball. He credited all the people at the university who work behind the scenes to make basketball happen. He credited his mentors. He credited the fans who have made Newman Arena a hostile environment for opponents this year. Most importantly, he credited his players. Without them, none of this would have happened.

Building tournament-worthy teams does take time, and most never reach the ultimate goal. Cornell brass had patience as Donahue slowly built a winner, something that doesn't occur too often on such a long schedule nowadays. Many schools only seem to care about getting to the tournament at all costs. Even Harvard has possibly lowered its recruiting and academic standards to reach the tournament on a much quicker schedule, according to a recent Times story.

Donahue and Cornell apparently decided that the quick fix wasn't for them. When they play their first NCAA Tournament game in about two weeks, they'll enjoy the sense of accomplishment much more because of it.

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Cornell basketball on the rise after clinching only 2nd Ivy title

ITHACA, N.Y. (AP) - Even in defeat, Steve Donahue felt something good might be brewing for his Cornell Big Red back in December.

After Syracuse dealt Cornell its third straight loss, 80-64 in the Carrier Dome three days before Christmas, the Orange's postgame analysis did wonders for a team searching for answers.

"The comments by the Syracuse guys were right on the money," Donahue said. "They felt they could get any rebound, they felt they could get any shot. The blatant honesty - we really needed that. From that point on, we've been terrific."

So terrific that Cornell (20-5, 12-0 Ivy League) has lost only one game since - at Duke - and last Saturday night clinched just the second Ivy League basketball title in school history with an 86-53 win over Harvard. That made the Big Red the first team in the nation to clinch a berth in the NCAA tournament.

"We kind of knew coming into the season that we had the potential to be a good team," said co-captain Adam Gore, a junior guard from Indiana. "It wasn't until we got into the Ivy League season and got on a roll that our confidence really picked back up. Guys realize now that we have a chance to do some things."

The road to the NCAA tournament is especially difficult for Cornell, which is located about 50 miles south of Syracuse in upstate New York. The Big Red must endure long bus trips to play conference road games scheduled on back-to-back weekend days so players miss as few classes as possible. And since the Ivy League is the only conference in the country that doesn't conduct a postseason tournament to determine its champion, the pressure is high each Friday and Saturday, when one shot can ruin a chance at the NCAA tournament.

That was never more evident than in a 72-71 victory at Harvard in mid-February. Crimson guard Jeremy Lin, a 25 percent 3-point shooter, made a 3 with 42 seconds remaining to give Harvard a 71-66 lead. Undaunted, Cornell sophomore Alex Tyler, who had committed a turnover with just over a minute remaining, made a putback, a hook that drew a goaltending call, and a layup in a 25-second span without a timeout.

"Not only do we win it in regulation, we win it with three field goals," Donahue said. "The guys don't panic and throw a garbage 3 up there and get lucky. It was three executed plays. They did a terrific job of staying poised."

That has seldom been the case. Since coach Mike Dement's 1987-88 Cornell team went 17-10 and 11-3 in the Ivy League to earn the school's second NCAA tournament bid (the 1953-54 team won the Eastern Intercollegiate Basketball League and the school's first NCAA berth two years before the Ivy League formed), the Big Red had just two winning seasons until going 16-12 and 9-5 in the Ivies in 2006-07 under Donahue.

In winning this year, Cornell broke through one of the most consistent monopolies in college basketball. Since 1969, Penn or Princeton have either won or shared the Ivy League title in all but three years.

"This wasn't a quick fix," said Donahue, who compiled a 74-117 record in his first seven years. "I'm appreciative of the guys who built the foundation and then we were able to sell that same product to better players."

And Donahue takes his sales pitch to new places, trying to avoid banging heads in the Northeast because there are so many options for prospective players.

"We can go find kids that are a Cornell fit, and that's basically the Midwest," said Donahue. "We have a Big Ten-type of campus, and I thought those kids would appreciate it."

A key example: his leading scorer is sophomore forward Ryan Wittman, who grew up in Minnesota the son of the NBA's Timberwolves head coach Randy Wittman, a former Big Ten Player of the Year at Indiana.

Donahue traces the turnaround to a horrific accident in practice two years ago. Guard Khaliq Gant dislocated two vertebrae in his neck in a collision with two teammates that left him temporarily immobile. He underwent a seven-hour operation to fuse the vertebrae and secure them with plates and screws and has since recovered. Although his playing days are over, Gant remains an integral part of the team as manager.

"That was the low point. There were a lot of defections from the team, and we were still trying to find ourselves," Donahue said. "From that point on, actually, we've become a much better team. I don't know why that is, but since that accident and his miraculous recovery, this has been spiraling upwards."

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Gore leads Cornell to Ivy League title
2005 Monrovia High School graduate accepts different role after knee injury

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ITHACA. N.Y. Every team needs him.

The passionate, emotional leader who hates to lose, who won't accept losing, and will take any role to help the team win. The guy who puts the team's success before his own, no matter what the cost.

For the Cornell University mens basketball team, that player is Adam Gore. The Monrovia High School graduate is described as "tough-minded" by his coach, Steve Donahue, and the heart and soul of the Big Red, and this year that team, with Gore at its center, accomplished something special.

Cornell won its first Ivy League title in 20 years March 1, defeating Harvard 86-53 and clinching the title outright. Gore led the team with 14 points, including four 3-pointers, setting off a wild celebration after the game.

"It was a fun weekend," Gore said. "We're all excited up here. Your goal every year is to win a championship. We put a lot of hard work into it and it worked out for us last weekend."

However, those 14 points were only the tip of what Gore has contributed to the Big Red. Donahue said Gore's contributions to the team go much farther than that.

"He's our toughest competitor," Donahue said. "And this year he had to accept a different role."

Two years ago as a freshman, Gore was a pleasant surprise for the Big Red. He set school records for freshmen for points per game, (12.9) and 3-point field goals made (83.) He was the Ivy League Rookie of the Year and a second team all-Ivy League selection. However, in the first game of his sophomore year, a win over Northwestern, Gore went to make a cut and fell, suffering an ACL injury and forcing him to miss the rest of the season.

"When we lost him last year, I thought we would be in dire straits," Donahue said. "He blows out his knee, and his swagger is what everyone fed off of."

The team regretfully moved on without him and found other scoring options, especially in Ryan Wittman, the son of Minneseota Timberwolves coach Randy Wittman. Gore had surgery and was ready to come back this year, but had to accept a different role, that of a supporting player.

" It was difficult at first, coming back from the surgery, I worked hard over the summer and it took a lot more work than I thought. It takes a while to get back into the swing of things and the level of Division I basketball.

Gore said he really didn't start feeling himself until the beginning of the Ivy League season, which was great timing for Cornell. The team is still undefeated in the Ivy League with a game Friday at Penn.

Gore's average of 9.9 points per game is lower than his freshman year, but his point total and contributions began to rise during the Ivy League season.

"He's as strong and as quick and as athletic as he's ever been," Donahue said. "When one of our players, Colin Robertson, left, he realized he need to be way more aggressive and he's been looking to score. I think he's playing better than ever has right now. He's a better defender, better with the ball, and he's able to find his way. Even when he's not open he's going

to find someone."

Gore said he just wants to what he can to help the team win. If that's scoring, he'll do it, but if its something else, he'll do that as well.

"I'll do what I can to help the team out," Gore said. "As long as were competitive and winning games."

Gore doesn't like to lose, and that much is evident in his play.

"He takes the big shots, gets the big points, does everything we need to help us win," Donahue said. "He embodies everything I preach."

Gore said he doesn't really see himself as the emotional leader of the team and if he is, he's not doing it on purpose. He's only trying to be himself.

"That's just the way I play," Gore said. "I don't see myself being too outspoken. Maybe I get a little frustrated but if the team needs someone to step up and be that guy, show a little fire, and I'm that guy, than so be it."

Cornell will now move on to the NCAA tourney after games at Penn and at Princeton, and is almost assured of a double-digit seed. Gore said he's hoping to avoid a 16 seed, but the school will play whoever they draw.

"We have some experience with big-time competition," Gore said. "We were pretty competitive against Duke (an 81-67 loss) and I think we can play with anyone out there."

"If were able to be competitive, that's all I can ask for."

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College basketball: Cornell's run may have started a year ago at Penn

By Brian Delaney
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ITHACA — It may be impossible for Steve Donahue to point at a specific moment in time and declare, "That was when this team turned a corner." But the date Feb. 17, 2007 certainly sticks out in his mind. On that night, in front of 6,656 at the Palestra in Philadelphia, he saw glimpses of the future of his Cornell men's basketball team. On that night, with Adam Gore and Jason Hartford watching injured from the bench, Donahue saw his freshman class come of age.

The maturity showed in Cornell's response to University of Pennsylvania runs. When the Quakers ripped off nine straight points early in the first half, the Big Red responded with the next 11. When Penn ended the half on a 15-2 spurt, Cornell answered with a 17-6 outburst immediately after halftime to erase a 10-point deficit. Later in the second half, the pattern continued until point guard Louis Dale fouled out with about 4:30 remaining. Only then did Penn pull away.

Said Donahue that night: "We had every right to come out, with as young as we are, with all the freshmen out there, to get blown out by 30 to this team. And part of me thought we might."

Tonight, slightly more than one calendar year later, Cornell returns to the Palestra to play its first game as the 2007-08 Ivy League champion. At 12-0 in the league, the Big Red is two games away from becoming the first team that isn't Penn or Princeton to run the Ivy table in men's basketball.

Donahue said last year's Penn game was a cornerstone in the continued growth of this year's sophomore class, which includes Ivy League player of the year candidate Ryan Wittman, elite point guard Louis Dale, starting forward Alex Tyler and reserve Geoff Reeves. That foursome combined for 99 minutes and 42 points in the Big Red's 83-71 loss.

"That was a big game for us, because although we lost against a really good team, I thought they gave us a knockout punch and we were knocked down and got up off the mat and came back and fought and took the lead," Donahue said. "I thought it was great. I got an insight of what could happen to this group."

This year, Cornell (20-5 overall) has dealt the knockout punches. It's outscoring Ivy opponents by 14.1 points per outing, and enters tonight's affair on a 14-game win streak. Cornell hasn't won at the Palestra since the 1988-89 season, which ups tonight's ante significantly for Donahue's players. The Big Red is playing for its NCAA tournament seeding.

"Two (losses) could obviously hurt us, and we really don't have a lot of room to screw up," junior guard Adam Gore said. He added that finishing 14-0 would be a special accomplishment. Penn has achieved Ivy perfection seven times, Princeton five. "It doesn't happen very often," Gore said. "Usually the Ivy League champions have a loss or two, so just to get that would be one more thing on top of a pretty successful season so far."

Penn is capable of stopping Cornell's current streak. The Quakers, young this year like Cornell was a season ago, boast freshman Tyler Bernardini (12.4 ppg) and senior Brian Grandieri (13.1 ppg) as double-figure scorers. But balance has been key for Glen Miller's club. Thirteen different players have started for Miller this year, and eight have finished a game as the team's top scorer. Cornell beat Penn, 87-74, on Feb. 9 at Newman Arena despite career nights from the Quakers' Andreas Schreiber (23 points) and Harrison Gaines (17). Penn played Cornell tougher that night than most of the Big Red's opponents this year. Cornell's 27-for-29 performance from the free throw line was a key difference.

"They're a physical team," Donahue said. "I think they like to play that way. We have to handle their physicality in an intelligent way. We can't just go back and forth with fouls. It's got to be a smarter approach."

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PAINT THE TOURNEY RED
CORNELL DANCIN' FOR FIRST TIME SINCE '88

By MARK HALE
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The turning points may have come from a couple of losses, and to Jason Hartford of Ivy League-champion Cornell, that's exactly the point.

"You learn the most during failure," the fifth-year senior said earlier this week.

Cornell's basketball team had failed this past December at Bucknell, getting obliterated defensively. But it was the impetus for a team meeting that helped change the season. A few weeks later, even when Cornell lost again - this time at Duke - it was hardly devastating. Falling by only 14, according to Hartford, spiked the Big Red's confidence.

Since that Jan. 6 game, Cornell hasn't lost, banging out 14 wins in 14 games. The Big Red (20-5, 12-0) clinched the nation's first NCAA Tournament automatic bid this season, and will become the first Ivy school not named Penn or Princeton to appear in the Big Dance in 20 years (Cornell went in 1988). The only drama left regarding the tourney is seeding. The highest an Ivy champ has been seeded in the last five years was No. 11 (Penn, 2003).

Indeed, the Ancient Eight is suddenly brand new.

Last Saturday in Ithaca, Cornell wrapped up the Ivy title. This weekend, the Big Red will try for conference perfection. No team other than Penn or Princeton has ever finished the Ivy unbeaten (for the record, Penn is 6-5 this season, Princeton 2-9). At 12-0, however, Cornell will try to do it tonight and tomorrow.

And how's this for irony? Where are those two games? At Penn and Princeton.

Cornell opened as the Ivy preseason No. 1 choice, but on Dec. 19, the Red was smashed by Bucknell, 88-75, as the Bison nailed 55 percent of their shots. Coach Steve Donahue, a former Penn assistant who's in his eighth year at the Red's helm, wasn't exactly thrilled.

The team had a meeting - in a Bucknell classroom of all places - where Donahue, believing the game was a bad sign for what Cornell could expect in the Ivy, emphasized defense, toughness and accountability. He called it "a pretty good soul-searching."

Was Donahue angry at the meeting?

"Yeah, he was," star forward Ryan Wittman said, "but he had a right to be."

Wittman, though, says Cornell has been much better defensively since Bucknell, and the record shows it. The Big Red didn't take off instantly after the meeting, losing its next game at Syracuse, but then won two straight and hung tough at Duke.

Since then, it has orchestrated a John McCain-esque run. In the 17 games since Syracuse, Cornell has held teams to 39 percent shooting.

Which is basically the opposite of how Cornell itself shoots. The Red ranks first in the Ivy in scoring, averaging nearly 77 points, and heading into this week, it is the only team in the nation's top 10 in shooting percentage from the field, 3-point territory and the free-throw line. Sophomore point guard Louis Dale (13.1 ppg) went into the week leading the country from the line (he has missed only five of 92 attempts).

As for the 6-6 Wittman, last season's Ivy Rookie of the Year is averaging a team-best 15.3 ppg. The sophomore forward is the son of former Indiana star and current Minnesota Timberwolves coach Randy Wittman.

"I definitely would say he's the best shooter in our league," Penn coach Glen Miller said. "I think he can play anywhere in the country in some capacity, some role."

Actually, Ryan could potentially be playing at a bigger program. According to Randy, Minnesota offered him the chance to walk on. But Ryan honored his Cornell promise and insists he has never second-guessed the decision.

After Monday's practice, Cornell president David Skorton addressed the title-winning squad, expressing his pride and offering his appreciation.

And one other thing: "I told them I was looking forward to following them in the NCAA playoffs," Skorton said, "and that I was looking forward to more victories."

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Men's basketball: Cornell's Ivy League title a signal of change in league

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The scene was perhaps like no other that Newman Arena has ever witnessed.

The sight of fans storming the floor, the sounds of cheers echoing through the cold upstate New York air, the feeling of, as Ryan Wittman described it, "complete happiness."

"Kids were actually jumping over my head to storm the court," said Wes Harris, who handles media relations at the Ivy League office for everything men's basketball.

Then there was Cornell coach Steve Donahue — actually sitting down during a game.

"Yeah," Donahue said, "that doesn't happen very often."

None of this does.

With its 86-53 win over Harvard on March 1, Cornell ended one of college basketball's rarest monopolies. The victory, played before a sold-out crowd of 4,473 fans, clinched the Big Red its first Ivy League title and NCAA tournament bid in 20 years and the first for any team not named Penn or Princeton in the same span.

Combined, the Tigers and Quakers own 50 regular-season titles (shared or separate) compared to 10 among five other teams in Ancient 8 history, which, with no conference tournament, guarantees in most years the first NCAA invite in the country. The Red, who now own two, took their first in 1988, which at the time broke a string of 21 league championships in 22 years for the two Ivy powers. This has been Penn and Princeton's league for as long as it's existed. But even with some scares in recent years — most notably in 2002 when Yale forced a three-way playoff but lost — it took a program that was an also-ran as recent as five years ago to change all that. And those in Ithaca will tell you change is good.

"It's mind-boggling when you look at it and see how few teams have won this league besides Penn and Princeton," said Donahue, who took over in leaner times eight years ago after serving as a Penn assistant. "Being in the league 18 years, I understand that, I really do. But I don't want to be one of those guys that says, 'Oh I'm a genius and I figured this out.' This was this group's team and they did an incredible job."

Lots to celebrate

Cornell's assault on history extends far past titles.

Combined with two more wins this past weekend at (coincidentally)

Penn and Princeton, the Big Red (22-5, 14-0) completed the first undefeated season in league play by a team other than the the Quakers and Tigers. They're the first team outside of Penn or Princeton to pull the trick, and in the process have set a school record for overall wins, built the school's longest road winning streak (eight games) in 41 seasons and shattered a program mark with 16 straight wins.

Reminded that a win at the Palestra on Friday would also snap a 19-game losing streak at Penn's famous arena, Cornell junior Adam Gore asked, "You know, why not?"

A 94-92 win later, and Cornell had yet another footnote to add to the championship banner.

"Before the season started, just playing pick-up and stuff, I think we knew that we had the pieces to be a pretty good team," said Wittman, a sophomore who is a leading candidate for Ivy League Player of the Year, averages 15.4 points per game and helps lead an offense that is tops in the league in virtually every major category.

"It was just a matter of working hard and coming together."

Doing it differently

It wasn't always this way. During Donahue's first three seasons, Cornell won a combined nine Ivy League games and was 5-22 in 2001-02. As recent as the 2003-04 season, the Big Red were still under .500 in league play (6-8) and hadn't had a winning season overall since the 1996-97 campaign.

But as things started to shift in the league, with more teams challenging Penn and Princeton, things started to change in Ithaca. Better recruits started to come in, the records (at least 8-6 in the league the last four years) started to reflect it and thanks in part to the faith the administration kept in Donahue, Cornell suddenly was a contender.

But in a league that forbids athletic scholarships, the pool of available talent that fits the Ivy profile is limited. And if a team loses the race for a recruit, it's common he chooses to stay within the Ivy ranks, making those near misses hurt that much more.

Seeking to make the next step to the elusive league title, Donahue started to look elsewhere for players.

"I didn't go up and just get the Northeast kid that went to a prep school in the area or the L.A. kid that went to all the good schools," Donahue said. "I think geographically we determined we had to get away from where everyone recruits. We have a lot of Midwest kids on our team. There aren't a lot of options for those kids if they're not a Big 10 or a Big 12 or an SEC player, and then there academics come into play, there aren't a lot of choices out there."

First, Donahue found Gore, a Monrovia, Ind., native, who earned league Rookie of the Year honored and returned from a knee injury to average 10.2 points per game this season.

Then came Wittman, the son of Minnesota Timberwolves coach and Indiana legend Randy Wittman, who with a lack of size and strength, but a great touch, was largely under-recruited. The same goes for sophomore point guard Louis Dale, a Birmingham, Ala., native who was AAU teammates with UConn's Stanley Robinson in middle school, but was overlooked because of his height (5-foot-11).

Two years later, they represent perhaps the best trio in the Ivy League.

"We're all unselfish," Dale said. "We're always looking to get our teammates the open shot. The majority of our shots are open because we drive and kick or make the extra pass."

And perhaps the most impressive thing about Cornell is its youth. There are just two seniors on the squad, though every member of the team will be making his first NCAA tournament appearance later this month. At the moment, the Big Red are projected to place as high as a No. 14 seed as they go for the Ivy League's first tournament win since 1998.

A victory there is perhaps the only thing that could top the celebration it experienced to open the month.

"The atmosphere in that building and just the pure happiness that everyone felt," Donahue said, "it was really, really a special thing."

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Cornell joins prestigious 14-0 club

Brian Delaney
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PRINCETON, N.J. – Sloppy, ragged, frustrated – Cornell was all of those things Saturday night.

But not a loser.

The Big Red, behind a strong second half from sophomore point guard Louis Dale, polished off a rare unblemished run through the Ivy League with a 71-64 victory over rebuilding Princeton at Jadwin Gymnasium.

Cornell (22-5) clinched the program's first NCAA tournament berth by beating Harvard last weekend in Ithaca. With that wrapped up, Saturday's regular season finale was about joining the prestigious 14-0 club, which includes seven teams from Penn and five from Princeton since the Ivy League's inaugural 1955-56 campaign.

"We never talked about it, but obviously it was the white elephant in the room," Cornell coach Steve Donahue said. "We wanted it. There's no doubt."

The win also ensured that Cornell's resume would not slip in the eyes of the NCAA tournament committee. With Princeton Director of Athletics Gary Walters, last year's committee chairman, in attendance, Donahue acknowledged the importance of winning out this weekend against Penn and Princeton. Cornell nipped Penn at the Palestra on Friday, 94-92. The tournament pairings will be announced on March 16.

"This was a huge game for seedings," Donahue said. "If we lose these two games, I could have imagined our RPI dropping. Gary's been on the committee, and he knows these are critical games to keep us in the forefront of, 'How good a seed can you give these guys?'

"I think it was critical."

Dale scored 17 of his game-high 21 points after halftime, including consecutive 3's that pushed Cornell's lead from 51-48 to 57-48 with 6:48 remaining. When Princeton inched back on a Jason Briggs 3 with 3:24 left, Dale knocked down yet another triple that crushed the Tigers' comeback hopes. Sophomore Ryan Wittman finished with 16 points, and senior Jason Hartford added 15 and eight rebounds for the Big Red.

But it didn't come easy.

Friday's physically draining affair in Philly appeared to take its toll on Cornell, which endured a sluggish first half against a Princeton rotation that featured senior regulars Kyle Koncz and Noah Savage, and a slew of reserves playing for 2008-09 minutes.

Princeton outrebounded Cornell in the first half, 20-12, and limited the Big Red's dribble penetration significantly. Cornell, which entered the weekend as Division I's fifth best free-throw shooting team, missed nine of its first 10 attempts from the stripe and finished just 6-for-16 on the night.

Dale said the team picked up its energy in the second half.

"Coach, he challenged us to come out with intensity, more fire, more passion," said Dale, who's averaging 19.8 points over his last four games. "That's what won us the game right there. We got loose balls, we hustled and we played great defense."

Following the game, Koncz and Savage detoured to the Cornell locker room to offer their personal congratulations.

"A 14-0 season is what you dream of," Koncz said. "That's what you want to do. You've got to be a man, you've got to step up and congratulate a team that competed hard every night and did something that's very hard to do."

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Cornell Clinches First Ivy League Title in 20 Years

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After the yelling ceased, after the net was carefully cut, after the hugging turned into handshakes and "I love you, man," became "Good game," there was nothing left but satisfied smiles and relaxed conversation.

It was about half an hour after the men's basketball team had clinched the Ivy League title. What was just recently a theoretical concept was now a reality. Still, the notion of winning it was certainly not concrete.

"That was as an emotional, exciting, exhilarating atmosphere as I've ever been around," said head coach Steve Donahue a few days later. "Not even close. And it probably has a lot to do with the fact that everyone is very hungry for a championship. … That was an incredible feeling. I don't know if we'll be fortunate enough to duplicate it again. I've never been through something like that."

For Donahue, winning the Ivy League title meant eighteen years of hard work had finally paid off. The first 10 were spent as an assistant at Penn, and the last eight passed bringing Cornell from the basement of the Ivy League to a team that Dartmouth head coach Terry Dunn called better than some of the Penn teams from the beginning of the decade (Penn went undefeated in Ivy play in 2002-03).

For Jason Hartford, the only senior on the team, an Ivy championship meant a full season of health for the first time since transferring to Cornell from Chemeketa Community College three years ago. Offseason surgery, multiple injuries, redshirting a year because of a broken bone in his foot — all could be reasons to be proud of making it all the way back to contribute on an Ivy championship team. Hartford was just proud to have his parents watch him play on senior night.

"The biggest thing was having my family here," Hartford said. "This is the first time that they were able to be on campus. And just to have them here with the crowd and the atmosphere. Just to even have the chance to clinch the Ivy championship and them to be a part of it was great. The fact that we actually won is unreal."

"Jason Hartford is the luckiest guy ever to get hurt," said Andrew Naeve '07, making fun of Hartford's super-senior status.

Naeve was an All-Conference player last year as a senior, but came back into town for the last four home games to witness what he had helped build as a player.

"We're still so close with these guys, though, that it's like pretty much doing it yourself," Naeve said.

While Hartford came back from multiple injuries and Naeve came back from Finland where he was playing professionally, perhaps the biggest comeback of them all was junior Khaliq Gant. Just over two years ago, Gant suffered a neck injury in practice that left him temporarily paralyzed. Gant regained most of his movement and returned as a full time student in the fall of 2006, but has been sidelined from strenuous basketball activity since.

When Gant climbed the ladder to cut down his portion of the net, he got one of the biggest uproars from the masses piled onto the court.

"That caught me," Donahue said. "Everybody is so proud of what he's done. He's an inspiration for a lot of people just thinking about what he went through and how he reacted to it. But I'm not surprised. He was so great through the whole ordeal."

"It's just such a great feeling," Gant said. "It's just something I've dreamed of, to cut down a net after winning a championship. I didn't even notice [the cheer], though. Maybe what I've gone through symbolizes the rise to the top our team has taken and setting a goal and then achieving it."

Tough Defensive Mentality Emerges From Skid

By Cory Bennett, Cornell Daily Sun
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They say hindsight is 20/20, but the way the men's basketball team talks, you might think hindsight has grabbed a pair of binoculars and is seeing with 20/10 vision.

To a man, each player on this Cornell basketball squad seems to look back and point to the same stretch of the season that created a new mentality — a mentality that allowed the team to sweep the Ivy League.

With microphones stuffed in his face after the Red clinched the Ivy League championship against Harvard on March 1, sophomore guard Louis Dale calmly answered the questions posed from voices obscured behind several cameras.

"What was the key that allowed you guys to go undefeated in Ivy play?"

"I would have to say that it's all about defense," Dale said. "After we lost to Bucknell, Colgate and Syracuse, [head] coach [Steve Donahue] really tested us. He pushed us on defense and we became a great defensive team. I think that's pretty much why we've been winning so much."

The games Dale mentioned were the sixth through eighth games of the year — all losses. Off to the side a few minutes later, sophomore guard Ryan Wittman — a big part of the team's defensive improvement according to Donahue — casually talked with one reporter. Same question. Same answer.

"I think the key point in the season were the Bucknell and Syracuse games when we were just trying to rely on our offense to win games," Wittman said. "Then we hit that three-game losing streak and coach made us realize that if we're going to win games in the Ivy League we have to become a defensive team. I think from that point on we really did that."

Donahue blamed no one but himself. Despite a 4-1 record going into the skid, he recognized a need for change.

"After the [Bucknell game], we just had a great conversation as a team," Donahue said. "I was extremely disappointed in myself that I allowed it to get to that point. I got caught up in [the fact that we were] winning games, we're scoring 88 points a game [through four games]."

The Red was also shooting the ball at one of the best clips in the country. Through five games, the squad was hitting 52.1 percent from the floor and 52.4 percent from behind the arc. But Cornell was also giving up nearly 82 points per game over that stretch.

"We changed how we practiced," Donahue said. "We were allowing guys to stay fresh instead of working hard, and there wasn't enough accountability for failures on defense. There wasn't enough competitiveness in practice. As I said, it was all me. Over break we were able to do more teaching and defense and change all the drills in the sense that there was a winner and a loser. There was just a lot more competition. … You lose, the other team runs suicides."

And it looks like Donahue was right. The team still finished its regular season ranked sixth in the nation in overall field goal percentage, No. 4 in 3-point shooting and, just to be well rounded, ninth in free-throw shooting. But after the loss at Syracuse brought the losing streak to three, the most noticeable change was on the defensive end. Cornell clamped down on its next eight opponents, holding them to 37.8 percent shooting and only yielding 59.5 points per contest.

When the Ivy League season rolled around, nothing changed. The Red holds its opponents to the lowest field goal shooting percentage of any team in the Ancient Eight. Each Ivy game, it seemed that when the Red made its run to put away the opponent, everyone would credit a defensive lockdown.

"The results are very consistent efforts on defense game-in and game-out," Donahue said.

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Constructing a 14-0 team took persistence — and a bit of luck

Brian Delaney
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As Cornell men's basketball coach Steve Donahue can attest, recruiting is no exact science.

In early February of 2006, a highlight tape from a prospective recruit arrived at his desk. It was exceptionally late in the recruiting season to begin pursuing a high school senior, but the diverse talents of this particular student athlete caught the eye of Donahue and his staff.

So much so, actually, that Donahue made a rare decision. He had assistant coach Nat Graham miss Cornell's game with Dartmouth in order to see this new recruit play.

"Quite honestly, when we saw the film, we felt like it was a practical joke," Donahue said. "How can this kid be available at this point with these kind of grades, with this kind of character, from this kind of school?"

It was no joke. Louis Dale, a 5-foot-11 point guard from the Altamont School in Birmingham, Ala., was inquiring whether Cornell's coaching staff would be interested in having him.

"We got the tape, and (Nat) went down about three days later," Donahue said. "He called and said, 'He's fantastic.'"

Donahue still couldn't believe it.

"I said, 'Come on. Something's gotta give there,'" he said. "That late in the game, that good a player, you just wonder why everybody else was missing him."

In the spring of 2006, Dale was officially accepted to the university, completing a six-man recruiting class that would change the face of the men's basketball program — and stir Donahue's career to new heights.

At the time, assistant coach Zach Spiker said it was a good group of recruits that could someday "be great."

Still, Donahue had brought in what he thought were "great" recruiting classes with highly touted players in previous years. But Cornell remained light years away from its goal of an Ivy League championship.

Not until this particular class played as freshmen did Donahue realize he had something special. For two players in particular, he knew from their first day of practice.

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In the summer after his junior year at Eden Prairie High School, Ryan Wittman hit the AAU circuit — the prime recruiting time for a player with collegiate aspirations.

But the circuit hit right back, in the form of a deep thigh bruise that limited his range of motion significantly. Scouts and head coaches were turned off, Donahue said, by what they perceived was a player that — despite his "coach's son" intellect — lacked the quickness and mobility to play Division I ball.

"There weren't too many schools that were interested in me, I guess," Wittman said recently.

"He got so dramatically under-recruited," said Donahue, whose staff had seen Wittman play in person before the thigh bruise. "That was the one kid I obviously thought would be very, very good at this level. We worked extremely hard at it, and it wasn't easy to convince him to come to Cornell initially."

During the first week of practice for the 2006-07 season, both Dale and Wittman justified the coaching staffs' evaluations.

"I could tell right then they would be very good players in our league," Donahue said.

When Adam Gore, the 2005-06 Ivy League Rookie of the Year, suffered a season-ending knee injury in the 2006-07 opener at Northwestern, a devastated Donahue worried how his team would score consistently. But Dale and Wittman matured quickly into go-to players, finishing the year 1-2 in Ivy League Rookie of the Year voting. Wittman won the award.

This year, both players received Ivy League Player of the Year consideration after leading the Big Red (22-5) to a rare 14-0 record and its first league championship since 1988. Dale won the award, while Wittman was a unanimous first team all-Ivy selection.

"We've had big classes here before, but this class surprised me last year with their ability to come out and make a great impact initially," Donahue said.

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Donahue has said that the low point of his career was the incident that occurred on Jan. 24, 2006.

During a rebounding drill in practice, guard Khaliq Gant collided with teammates and suffered a neck injury causing temporary paralysis. He was Medivacked to Arnot Ogden Medical Center in Elmira, where days later he underwent surgery before being flown to the Shepherd Spinal Clinic in Atlanta, Ga.

The head nurse at Arnot Ogden at the time was a Lockwood resident by the name of Wanda Foote. Her son Jeff, she told Spiker, was a 7-foot basketball player looking to transfer out of St. Bonaventure at the end of the year.

A seed was sown.

When Jeff was given his release, Spiker made contact. Jeff said he knew quickly, after meeting the team, that Cornell was a good fit.

"I really liked coach Spiker," he said. "My parents were really happy for me. The school was great academically, and I was closer to home so I could see my grandparents, my family — it just seemed like the right place to go."

Foote arrived at Cornell in time for the second semester of the 2006-07 school year. He spent the following calendar year practicing with the team, and sitting at the end of the bench in a shirt and tie on game days with Cornell's troop of injured players — Gore, Gant and Jason Hartford.

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For a long time, Gore wanted to stay close to his home in Monrovia, Indiana.

Donahue and his staff, especially former assistant Izzi Metz, refused to let him.

"I guess I never pictured myself heading too far away from home," Gore said. "At first I was like, 'Well, where the hell's Cornell?'"

At the time, Gore appeared to be headed to the Division II or III level. Generously listed at 6-foot, he wasn't long or athletic enough to attact the attention of many Division I schools.

But Donahue saw something unique when he traveled to Indiana to see Gore work out.

"The thing that jumped out at me was that he was a tough son of a gun," Donahue said. "He is a farmer, so he jumped out on our radar. Our (agriculture) school is huge there, so we sold that. That's why we went after the farmers as one of our strategies. Andrew Naeve was that way."

It was Metz who suggested Cornell target the Midwest for recruits.

With Penn and Princeton claiming lordship over prospective Ivy basketball recruits in what Donahue called "the Northeast Corridor," Cornell needed to go elsewhere.

At that point, Donahue said his philosophy — and ego — changed. Instead of trying to bring in the best players, his staff set out to find the best "fits" for Cornell.

Those fits have come almost entirely outside that Northeast Corridor. Of the current 16 players on the roster, only Foote's hometown resides in that region.

"Who's going to really love Cornell?" Donahue said. "The academics, the environment, and the Midwest just makes sense. So we targeted that and we went after the kids who were in that area and who were under-recruited."

In doing so, Cornell avoided the Ivy League recruiting quagmire of banging heads against the league's seven other programs.

"I don't know how many kids on our team took any official visits to other Ivies, but it's not many," Donahue said. "Maybe one or two."

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One pursued Cornell, instead of vice versa. A deep thigh bruise. A chance meeting at a hospital. A farmer who didn't want to leave home.

Dale, Wittman, Foote and Gore were Cornell's four representatives on the 2007-08 all-Ivy League teams, which were released Wednesday.

Their individual journeys to Cornell serve as a reminder just how much luck, chance, persistence and opportunity play a part in the building of a championship team.

As Donahue said, it's no exact science. It has, however, appeared to have opened more doors for the program.

"We're involved with very good players," Donahue said. "Better players that we've ever been involved with at this point."

They just have to "fit."

"We just wanted guys who were going to tough it out and just believe that that's the way we're going to build this thing," Donahue said. "When you're losing and you're trying to change things, you need kids that are going to tough it out."

Slow and steady, Cornell rose to the top of the Ivy

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A no-nonsense coach from the old school of hoops, Skip Werley doesn't soft-pedal much. He believes in facing your warts head on rather than spending time floating in the clouds. He is brutally honest in a profession now dominated by the slick sale.

Steve Donahue is used to Werley's blunt words of wisdom. Donahue played for Werley at Division III Ursinus College and got his first coaching job, a jayvee position at a suburban Philadelphia high school, when Werley hired him.

So when Donahue, then a longtime assistant at Ivy League power Penn, told his mentor that he was considering the head coaching job at Cornell University eight years ago, he knew what was coming.

"I told him, 'You know what happens to everyone in that league except the guys at Penn and Princeton? They work just as hard and they get fired. Are you sure you know what you're doing?'" Werley recalled saying.

Steve Donahue's efforts have brought Cornell from Ivy-mediocrity to the NCAA tournament.

Donahue didn't, he admits now, but his ignorance -- coupled with a slight dose of ego and a heaping portion of hard work -- allowed Donahue to prove even his well-intentioned mentor wrong. While everyone else dukes it out this week to get off the bubble and into the tournament, Donahue and Cornell can casually watch the games from afar.

The Big Red locked up their place in the NCAA bracket before the madness of March even rolled around, as they won the school's first Ivy League title since 1988. Cornell clinched the championship on March 1, dismantling Harvard 86-53 to turn the usually hockey-loving Ithaca, N.Y., campus into a hoops haven.

"We've made our school proud," said sophomore Louis Dale, the Big Red's second-leading scorer.

Cornell winning the Ivy League -- or Columbia, Brown, Harvard, Yale, or Dartmouth for that matter -- is about as likely as Barack Obama winning Texas.

Werley's assessment of Donahue's job security was spot-on. When Donahue signed on at Cornell in 2000, the Ancient Eight was basically six dead-end jobs and Penn and Princeton. In the 53-year history of the Ivy League, the Quakers or Tigers have won 47 titles. And for the past 20 years, the rest of the season swirled around like some sort of B-grade warmup act for the season finale when Penn and Princeton determined whose turn it was to dance.

Donahue knew all of that. He spent a decade alongside Fran Dunphy at Penn, helping establish a league stronghold that was almost laughable. When Cornell beat both the Quakers and Tigers to become the only non-P school to go 14-0, it also became just the fourth team to complete the road-trip sweep since 1957-58, when the Ivy League went to its travel partner system.

But Donahue has never had anything handed to him. He played D-III ball and coached everything from ninth grade girls hoops on up. Even Werley originally tapped the newly minted 22-year-old college graduate as a volunteer assistant jayvee coach at Springfield High School. Donahue got the jayvee head job only when the original coach quit.

Your ego tells you that you're going to go in there and show them how it's done. In reality, there's a reason they haven't won in a long time, and very rarely is the head coach the problem.

Going to Cornell, where the Frozen Four means a whole lot more than the Final Four, was frankly right up his alley.

"I had been a finalist for a lot of jobs, and when I went up there I thought I saw a lot of potential," Donahue said. "These are the types of kids I'm comfortable with and to have an opportunity to coach Division I basketball, I thought that was just amazing."

Werley worried about him -- not just about Donahue's job security but also whether he fully appreciated the size of the task in front of him.

But Werley also had watched Donahue for years. He saw a coach who "has no baloney in him" and easily relates to players.

"He has so much confidence and so much enthusiasm," said Werley, who will be in the gym wherever Cornell plays the NCAA first round.

Both took big hits initially.

"Your ego tells you that you're going to go in there and show them how it's done," Donahue said. "In reality, there's a reason they haven't won in a long time, and very rarely is the head coach the problem."

Donahue found at Cornell what a lot of coaches find at schools with long droughts -- facility issues and an attitude stuck in a losing rut. Donahue made small but significant changes in improving the practice times and locker rooms.

The payoff for those sorts of changes rarely comes quickly, and Donahue didn't see immediate results. Instead he slogged through back-to-back seventh-place Ivy League finishes, convincing himself that the turnaround was imminent.

Minneapolis-native Ryan Wittman is an example of Donahue's ability to recruit players from all over the country.

It wasn't.

Slowly, Donahue shelved his own ego and made other necessary changes. The first few years at Cornell, Donahue stubbornly visited his recruiting comfort zone, convinced he could pry Ivy-caliber athletes and students away from the two Ps. Now he has wisely stopped banging heads and has culled talent from the Midwest and the South.

Of the Big Red's starting five, only one player -- Alex Tyler of Maryland -- is from the East Coast. Ryan Wittman, the Ivy League Rookie of the Year last year and first team all-Ivy this season, is the son of Minnesota Timberwolves head coach Randy Wittman and a lifelong resident of Minneapolis. Dale, recently named the Ivy League's Player of the Year, hails from Alabama; Adam Gore from Indiana and Jason Hartford from Oregon.

Cynics would argue that the Big Red's rise this season fortuitously timed with Penn and Princeton's simultaneous crash. There's no doubt that the traditional powers face unprecedented lean times as they make their way through difficult coaching transitions.

But to say that Cornell is winning simply because Penn and Princeton are not is to discredit Cornell. The Big Red's rise is right there on paper, a steady climb from nine wins in 2002-03 to to this year's 22.

And the Big Red don't appear to be a one-hit wonder. Cornell has just one senior on its roster, and the bulk of its talent lies in the sophomore class with Wittman and Dale, the two leading scorers.

"I want to build this so it's every year we're challenging for the championship," Donahue said. "My thing is, if we don't get better, the league will jump over us. We're not in a situation now where we can just say, 'Here we are,' and dominate the league. We have to keep working at it and continue to build."

Should he forget that, Werley will be right there to remind him.

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Cornell Ready For NCAA Seeding

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As he sat on the bench there in Newman Arena at Bartels Hall 15 nights ago, his club cruising by some 30 points, the Ivy League championship secured, the bid to the NCAA Tournament tucked into a breast pocket, Steve Donahue gazed around the spiffy joint, properly awed.

In the very stands where just a few years earlier only hundreds would gather to watch basketball, thousands of folks were all but spilling into the aisles and onto the court. And loud? In merely its 19th season, but still named for a guy who'd graduated in 1912, the gorgeous hall all but swayed.

And so, with little coaching to do - not with his Cornell club shattering poor Harvard - Donahue studied the house and noticed that "not only were there no seats available, there was no place to even stand. Every angle, every corner was filled. I got chills. It was amazing."

Of course it was. But then, so was this Big Red squad that would end its regular campaign with an overall record of 22-5, with a perfect Ivy League run of 14-0 and with a finishing kick of 18-1 that was marred, if that's the right word, by only an early January road loss at Duke.

Still, this was Cornell, which since 1968 had employed 10 basketball coaches, none of whom had compiled a winning record. This was Cornell, which had qualified for the NCAA Tournament in 1954, in 1988 and then only in silly dreams. This was Cornell, the hockey school where slappers are saluted and fish are tossed.

And Donahue's memory was stirred.

"We had Vermont in here, and they were pretty good," he said. "But we didn't have many people in the stands. No matter. A fire alarm goes off and we have to empty the place. Right in the middle of the game, they funnel everybody - fans, players, everybody - out into 20-degree weather.

"Tommy Brennan, the Vermont coach, is out there in the cold, laughing. 'Now, I've seen everything,' he says. I mean, come on. A fire alarm? Fire alarms don't go off at Syracuse. You ask yourself, 'How can that happen in a Division I basketball game?' Well, it did."

And now . . . this. This glory.

Once shivering on a not-so-long-ago January night, the Big Red - which has been making noise on Donahue's watch by going 46-22 over these past 26 months - will bask on this March evening when the NCAA Tournament roll is called. And Steve, in his eighth campaign at Cornell after having served for a decade on the staff of the Pennsylvania Quakers, will finally be revealed as a seer.

"When I first got here, I told the guys how great Selection Sunday was," he recalled. "There's no better day than to wake up knowing your name is going to be called and the world is going to see what you accomplished. I used to play the CBS music. I used to do my Jim Nantz impersonation. I was naive enough to think it was going to happen that year."

Oops. The Big Red went 7-20 that season. And 5-22 the next. And 9-18 the next. But the climb, unnoticed as it might have been, had begun. And now, look. Look at the perch from which Donahue's athletes - Ryan Wittman and Louis Dale and Adam Gore and Alex Tyler and Jason Hartford and all the rest, each without the blessing of an athletic scholarship - will view this splendid day.

Anaheim? Tampa? Denver? Washington? Omaha? Raleigh? Birmingham? Little Rock? Cornell, and neither of the Ivy League's usual NCAA Tournament peeps, Penn or Princeton, is bound for one of those first-round sites this week. And upon arrival it just might be a handful.

"We kind of knew early on that we had the pieces to be a special team," said Wittman, one of the Big Red's many sophomores, Cornell's leading scorer at 15.4 points a game . . . and, altogether now, the son of the head coach of the NBA's Minnesota Timberwolves. "We've been playing some pretty good basketball. If we keep playing hard and keep doing the things we've been doing, then we'll see what happens."

Assuming a friendly matchup and a smidge of luck, do not be terribly surprised if this balanced Big Red outfit, which is so good at the staples - shooting, defending, passing . . . those kinds of things - wends its way into the weekend. Donahue knows enough to say, "Instead of going against a 6-foot-7 kid from the Ivy League who's going to be working on Wall Street, we'll be going against a 6-foot-9 kid who's going to be playing in the NBA," as he did last week. But he also understands that his bunch, with no apple in its mouth, is no sacrificial lamb.

"Hopefully," said Wittman, "the team we'll play will look at us and think that. But it really doesn't matter. After we lost to Syracuse (in the Carrier Dome in late December) - that and Bucknell were our worst games of the year - we realized we had to play defense if we wanted to win. And that's what we've been doing these past couple of months.

"That's what's gotten us here. We've done something that hasn't been done at Cornell in 20 years, and that's pretty cool: We're going to the NCAA Tournament. We know it'll be a challenge, but if you're a competitor you should embrace a challenge. And that's what we're going to do."

How long has it been since there has been a Sunday like this one in this town? It's been pushing some 3,700 days and nights. It's been 534 games (309 of which were lost). It's been five coaches. It's been a lot of empty seats.

It's been, in other words, a long, long time. And now the wait is over.

"Guys from the '50s, guys like Chuck Rolles and Lee Morton, have called," said Donahue. "Guys from the '88 team have called. Guys from all the years have called. And you begin to wonder, even though there have been so many great players here, if there's a reason why you can't do it at Cornell. I mean, it does go through your mind.

"Then to finally do it, to reward those guys who know how tough it was around here to win five games in a season never mind run the table in the league, is great. There is a great joy around this team. The electricity is overwhelming. And it all came out that night against Harvard. People are paying attention. People are caring. The hockey team has always done well . . . and now, here comes basketball."

And with tonight's televised announcement, there it will soon go, off to the NCAA Tournament. For the first time in 20 years. For the second time in 54 years. For the third time ever. The guy who coaches the Big Red isn't the only one in awe.

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Formidable first round opponent now has a name

Brian Delaney
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As Cornell men's basketball coach Steve Donahue can attest, recruiting is no exact science.

While his players cheered, Cornell coach Steve Donahue's heart sank.

He had expected it, even predicted it.

But there it was, daunting and formidable.

14-CORNELL vs. 3-STANFORD

His team's NCAA tournament matchup finally known, the eighth-year coach doled out a healthy share of hugs and thanks to the well-wishers at the Moakley House on the grounds of Cornell's Robert Trent Jones Golf Course, where the Big Red watched Sunday's Selection Show telecast on CBS.

But his mind never really left the 11th-ranked Cardinal.

"(I feel) a bit strange, honestly," he said. "When our name was called out, obviously there was a wait here and there and you wonder where you're going to go, (but then) the guys hit the roof and I felt a pit in my stomach for who we're going to play."

At approximately 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Cornell will play its first NCAA tournament game since 1988, and very near the same location. Twenty years ago, the Big Red won the Ivy League title with an 11-3 record and drew a 16 seed, which meant a first-round game against top-seeded Arizona in Los Angeles. Cornell was overmatched and lost, 90-50. This week's first-round game will be held at Honda Center in Anaheim, Calif.

Because of the balance and overall talent of this year's Cornell team, which finished a program-best 22-5 with a 14-0 mark in the league, thoughts of pulling an upset are not out of the question.

Cornell's winning streak of 16 games is second longest in Division I, behind Davidson. The team's last loss came on Jan. 6 at Duke, an 81-67 decision that played a large part in the rest of Cornell's season.

"After we played against Duke and we played competitively against them, I think that gave us a lot of confidence," sophomore point guard Louis Dale said. "We're going to play the best we can, so maybe we can get an upset and make history."

Stanford is a tough draw for any team.

The Cardinal (26-7), which lost to UCLA 67-64 on Saturday in the Pac-10 title game, boasts a pair of 7-foot post players in Brook and Robin Lopez, and a strong point guard in Mitch Johnson — a high school teammate of Cornell junior Conor Mullen.

Stanford is known as a physical team that plays tough defense. Opponents have shot just 39 percent against them this year, including a measly 33.5 percent from 3.

Earlier this week, Donahue had a feeling his team would get matched up with Stanford. He called former assistant Paul Fortier — now an assistant coach at Washington, a Pac-10 member — to get some insight.

"He told me how good they were and what they do," Donahue said. "We're really different then them. They're a physical, tall team. They play half court, and obviously we like to speed the game up a little bit, see if we can use the 3-point line to our advantage.

"I think (contrasting styles) can be a good thing if we can count on what they do well," he added. "They're going to have to figure out how to play a smaller team that utilizes the 3-point line. They're not used to that."

The Lopez brothers dominated the talk amongst Cornell's players Sunday night. Game-planning for one 7-footer can be difficult enough, but two is a rare occurrence.

Sophomore Ryan Wittman and junior Adam Gore said they watched a little bit of Stanford's loss to UCLA on Saturday, but hadn't seen the Cardinal play much beyond that.

"They looked like a pretty good team," Wittman said.

Which was what Cornell expected.

And the warm-weather site didn't seem to bother anybody either, even if it means a short turnaround for travel.

"California's great," Gore said. "Can't ask for much better than that. Stanford, obviously a good team, but anybody we would have played would have been a good team."

Between Sunday and Thursday, Donahue and his staff will be trying to figure out ways to beat the Cardinal.

"I had so much time to think about this over the last two weeks, that we're going to play a heck of a basketball team," Donahue said. "And we prepared this week for a team like Stanford. Someone that's going to be big, and athletic, and just thinking of ways we can be successful against them defensively."

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A Bracket Not To Bet On

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Given that Inside Higher Ed is just three years old, we haven't established too many formal traditions so far. But around this time in each of the last two years, in our own twist on March Madness, we have adopted an out-of-the-box method of assessing the outcome of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Division I men's basketball tournament, which begins this week.

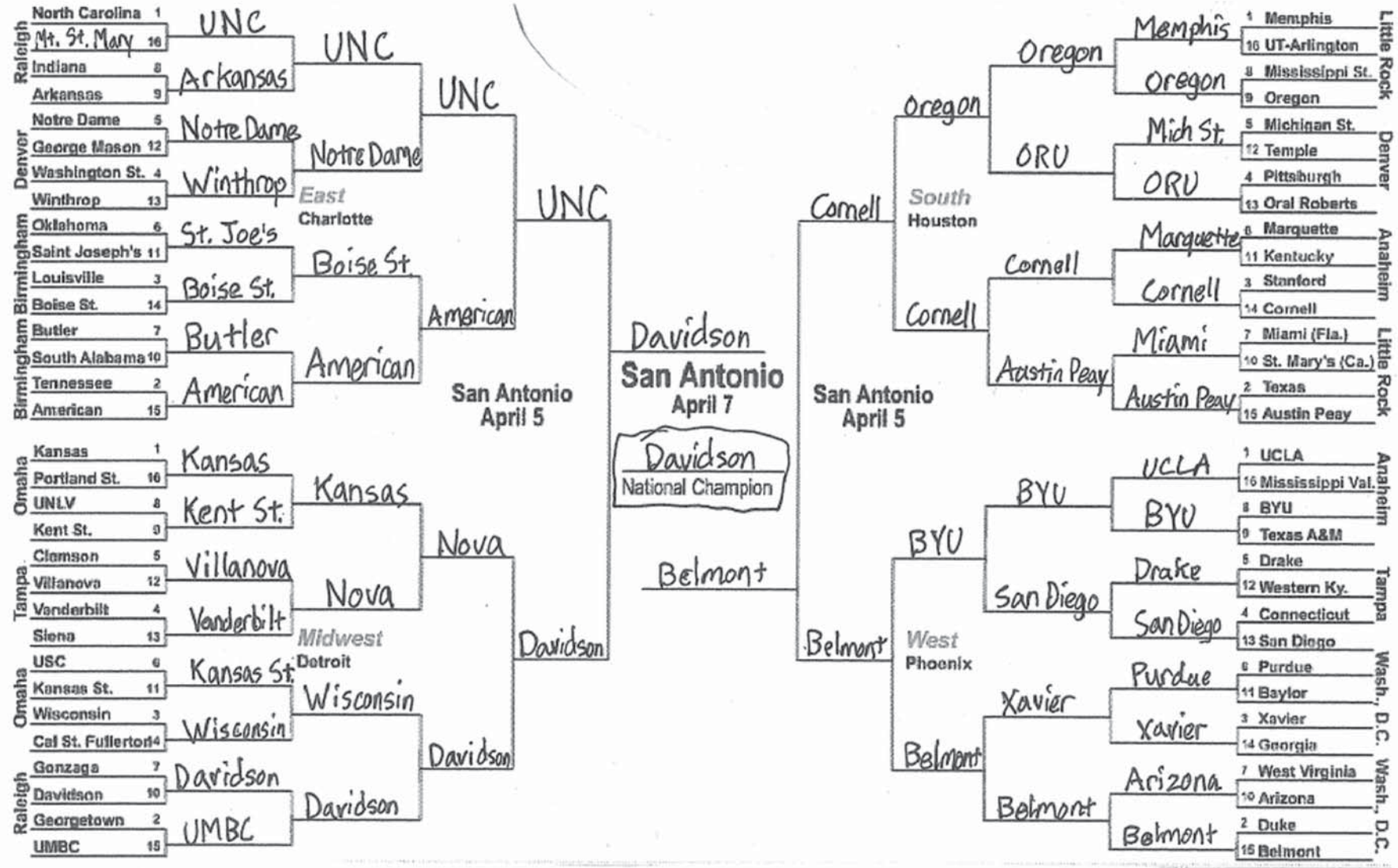
Befitting a Web site that focuses on higher education, and looks at college sports through the prism of how they fit into the larger picture of academic life, our NCAA bracket gives the edge in each game matchup to the team with the strongest academic performance. In past years, we've based our bracket on the teams' graduation rates, which has traditionally been the best (in part because it was really the only) nationally comparable way of measuring how athletes fared in the classroom.

This year, however, we're taking a slightly different tack, basing teams' pathway through the Inside Higher Ed Academic Performance Tournament (or APT) on the latest Academic Progress Rates for each team. The Academic Progress Rate is the NCAA's relatively new tool for assessing the real-time performance of teams and colleges, and it gives teams points for the extent to which their athletes stay in good academic standing and remain enrolled from term to term. (The NCAA uses the rate to reward and punish strong and poor performers, and it will begin imposing penalties this spring based on teams' outcomes.) We use the NCAA's Graduation Success Rate as the tiebreaker.

As in past years, we would not recommend that any of you use this bracket to make your selections in any office pools that you choose to enter (not that any of you would gamble, since illegal wagering is, well, illegal). After all, in the last two years, Bucknell University and College of the Holy Cross, both of the Patriot League, have won our brackets, and while Bucknell won its first-round game in 2006, Holy Cross lost in its first-round matchup in 2007.

Still, if you think college athletes should be students and want to know which teams, by the NCAA's own measure of choice, fare best academically, the Inside Higher Ed bracket is the one for you.

Some of the highlights of our tournament: The first round game between Georgetown and the University of Maryland Baltimore County is a tight one, and Belmont and Brigham Young go to the tiebreaker in the Elite Eight. Our Final Four looks a wee bit different from most of the experts', but let's just say that one of the No. 1 seeds makes it into our Final Four. The full bracket, and the winner, can be found here.

On with the games.

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