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Bummer! A week after I hailed the success some Cornell teams were having this fall, those teams laid a collective goose egg last weekend—oh for four. Never one to dwell on negatives, I'm going to run through those results (and some others equally bad) quickly and make this report as mercifully short as I can.

Let's start with **Football**, which fell to Colgate, 31-0. 'Gate is in a different league, figuratively. They dominated the Big Red offense and while the Cornell defense did a decent job, the Red never really threatened to make it a game. Cornell's two-headed quarterback monster was missing its running head, **Mike Catanese '20**, who was injured in the Harvard game, and the passing head, **Dalton Banks '19**, did not have a good game, with just 95 yards gained on 25 passing attempts. Enough on that. Fortunately, Colgate is also in a different league literally—the Patriot League—and while this loss might have damaged Cornell's ego, it did not affect its standing in the Ivy League. The Big Red are still 1-1 in league play with five games to go, starting in Providence against Brown on Saturday. The game, at 10:00 a.m. PDT, will be streamed on ESPN+. This is a game Cornell can and should win.

Men's Soccer's six-game winning streak ended with a 2-1 overtime loss to Yale last Saturday. **Emeka Eneli '22's** team-leading seventh goal of the season in the fifth minute gave the Red an early lead but that was all the Big Red scoring. With the loss, Cornell fell into a second-place tie with Columbia at 2-1 in Ivy matches, one point behind Princeton (2-0-1). The Big Red remain ranked in the coaches' poll (25th) and their RPI (30) is still the best in the Ivy League. The Red will try to get back on the horse at Brown on Saturday. The match is at noon PDT on ESPN+.

Cornell **Volleyball** took the biggest tumble, losing at both Princeton and Penn. The loss to the Tigers was not unexpected but losing to the Quakers in four sets was disappointing. So now, after opening with four straight Ivy wins, the Big Red have three losses in a row and sit in third place in the Ivy League, two games behind co-leaders Yale and Princeton. Next up is a home match on Saturday with Columbia at 11:00 a.m. PDT. The match will be streamed on ESPN+.

Other results, while bad, were predictable. **Women's Soccer** was shut out by Yale, 1-0. The shots were pretty even but Cornell had only two shots on goal, none after the sixth minute. Worse was the 8-0 beatdown Harvard leveled on **Field Hockey**. Both Women's Soccer and Field Hockey are winless (0-4) in Ivy League contests. Both teams will look to turn that around this weekend at Brown. The soccer team is still looking for its first Ivy League goal. Both contests are on ESPN+: field hockey Saturday at 9:00 a.m. PDT and soccer Sunday at 10:00 a.m. PDT.

All eight of Cornell's fall sports teams were in action last weekend. **Sprint Football** defeated Chestnut Hill in a 49-41 shootout. The *Sun* touted it as the most points the Big Red had scored since 2015; to me it looks like the most points the Red has ever given up to a school other than Army, Navy or Penn. **Women's Cross-Country** competed in two races: the "A" team went to Penn State and finished 18th of the 28 teams entered, and fifth of the five Ivies in the race. The "B" team went to Princeton and placed seventh of 22. **Men's XC** just competed at Princeton and finished eighth of the 20 teams in the race.

There was some good news last week involving the teams whose main seasons lay ahead. Both **Men's Hockey** and **Women's Hockey** looked strong in disposing of teams in pre-season exhibition games. The men defeated Laurentian, a Canadian University, while the women beat both the Toronto Junior Aeros, a junior team, and the Buffalo Beauts, a professional team. **Men's Lacrosse** scrimmaged against Maryland and the unofficial score was 16-14, Big Red. And Cornell's top **Men's Tennis** player, **David Volfson '19**, won the ITA Northeast Region singles title.

Finally, the **Sailing** team had some very good showings in various regattas. The women came into the weekend ranked No. 1 among 43 women's teams in the first Mid-Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association (MAISA) rankings, and No. 7 among the co-ed teams. That was the first time in program history that the Big Red had been ranked No. 1 in MAISA. Cornell then competed against 17 of the top teams in the country at the Women's Showcase in Narragansett Bay, and finished a very respectable seventh, while a co-ed team won the regatta at King's Point.

That's it for this week. **GO BIG RED!**