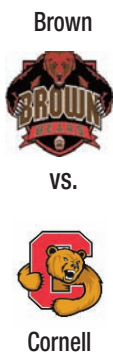


**MEN'S HOCKEY**

## Team Plays for Ivy Title This Weekend

By **DANI ABADA**  
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The Red returns home with an important weekend ahead at Lynah Rink. On Friday, Cornell (11-6-6, 8-3-5 ECAC Hockey) faces Brown (8-12-3, 5-9-2) at 7 p.m. and then Saturday takes on Yale (10-12-2, 7-8-1) at the same time.



Tonight, 7 p.m.  
Lynah Rink

A lot is at stake for the Red this weekend, as the team is looking to clinch an Ivy title for the first time in seven years. If Cornell beats Brown on Friday, it will secure at least a share of the title. If the team defeats Yale, Cornell would win the title outright.

Although head coach Mike Schafer '86 strongly emphasizes that his team refrain from worrying about the standings, he admits that it would mean a lot to the athletic department for the Red to secure its first Ivy League title since the 2004-05 season.

"I think we take great pride in being in the Ivy League and having success as an athletic department in the Ivy



**Setting the score** | Junior forward Greg Miller leads the Red in scoring this season with nine goals — surpassing his total goals scored from last two seasons combined.

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League, so to get an opportunity to do that and to have success is big for our athletic department," he said.

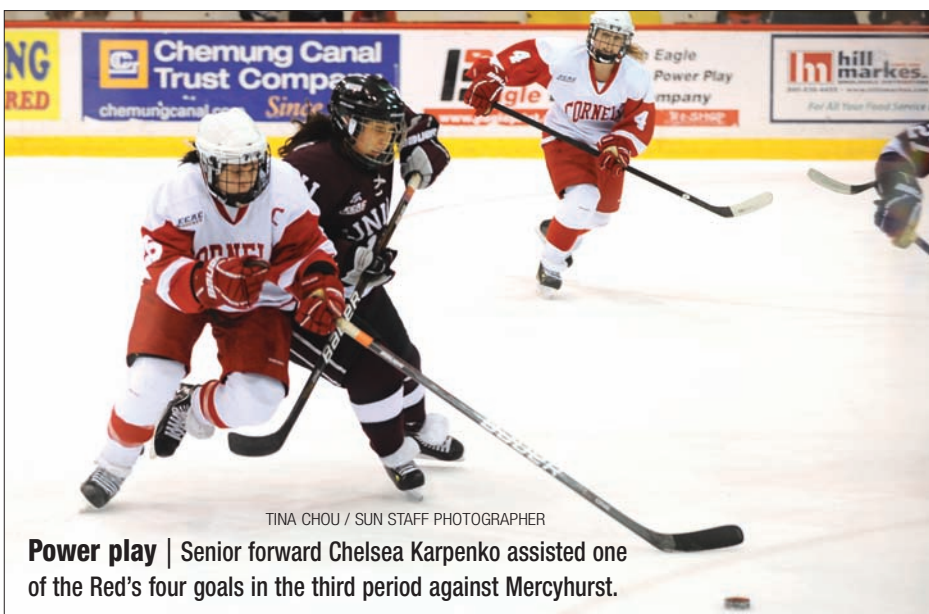
The team is still taking it one game at a time and staying focused on just "sticking to the process," something Schafer ingrains in his players.

"It's about all the guys in here and what we can do as a team to grow and become better and get wins," said junior forward Greg Miller. "That's what it is at this point — to get wins. You can't focus on where you are in the standings ...

we're focusing on day in day out working hard, making each other better and coming to the game, coming to the weekend focusing on our opponent Friday night; then moving on [and] learning what we can learn from last night's performance and picking up on Saturday."

However, the standings are definitely an important factor going into this weekend. Right now, Cornell sits in second

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**Power play** | Senior forward Chelsea Karpenko assisted one of the Red's four goals in the third period against Mercyhurst.

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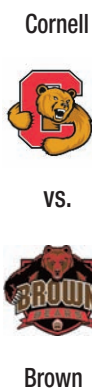
**WOMEN'S HOCKEY**

## No. 3 Red Hits the Road

By **ZACH WALLER**  
Sun Staff Writer

Following Tuesday's 5-1 victory over No. 5 Mercyhurst at Lynah Rink, the Cornell women's hockey team heads back on the road this weekend to face Ancient Eight rivals Brown and Yale. The action starts Friday at 7 p.m. in Providence, R.I. against Brown and continues Saturday at 4 p.m. when the Red makes the trek down I-95 to take on the Bulldogs in New Haven, Conn.

The No. 3 Red (22-3-0, 16-2-0 ECAC Hockey) is on a three-game win streak, earning wins over RPI, Union and Mercyhurst, all within the last week, and sits atop the ECAC standings, a full five points ahead of the second place team, No. 8 Harvard. On the other hand, Brown (7-11-7, 4-10-4) has been on a slide as of late, losing each of its last four games. Brown's skid, however, does not even



Tonight, 7 p.m.  
Providence, R.I.

begin to compare to Yale's. The Bulldogs (1-24-0, 1-17-0) have not won a game since an overtime victory against Union on Nov. 11.

"Both teams definitely have their backs up against the wall," said senior forward Chelsea Karpenko. "They're going to throw everything at us. We've got to be ready for that. I don't think this time of year the standings say much."

While the standings may not say much about how teams perform at this point in the season, they will indeed be an important factor when the puck drops Friday night at Meehan Auditorium. Currently, the Bears are embroiled in a heated battle with RPI and Colgate for the last spot in the ECAC playoffs, sitting in eighth place in the conference and occupying the final tournament slot. Brown will likely be looking to add to its current total of 12 points in order to fend off the Engineers (12 points) and the Raiders (11 points).

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

## Cornell Hosts Ivy Foes at Home

By **SCOTT CHIUSANO**  
Sun Staff Writer

Sitting right in the middle of the Ivy League standings with eight games left in the regular season, the Red has an important weekend homestand ahead. The squad faces off against Yale — the second place Ivy team — on Friday and a struggling Brown team on Saturday.

The Red (8-12, 3-3 Ivy League) will host a Yale (15-5, 5-1) team that has won three straight and whose only conference loss so far was at the hands of No. 22 Harvard.

"It's going to be a tough game," said junior forward Eitan Chemerinski. "They have a lot of size, and we're going to need to do a good job rebounding."

Cornell is doing its best to prepare for the tough weekend ahead.

"They're going to come out with a lot of energy to try to set the tone early," said junior guard Johnathan Gray. "We're

expecting them to run mostly a half court game, and they'll try to impose their game on us in our home court."

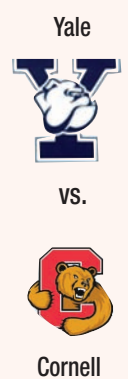
Helping the Bulldogs set the tone that Gray mentioned will be the team's center, Greg Mangano. The 6-10 senior is leading the Ivy League in both scoring and rebounding, with 19 points and 10.1 rebounds per game. Even in the one conference loss to Harvard, Mangano put up 17 points, accounting for almost half of the team's total scoring.

"He's a great player," Gray said. "We need to make other players beat us, and make sure all the guys are aware of where he is on the court at all times."

The Bulldogs do have two other starters in double figures — Austin Morgan and Reggie Whillhite — but almost 52 of the team's 71 points per game average comes from the starting five. The Red has used its depth to its advantage many times this season, and bench points will be a big factor against the Bulldogs tonight.

"We're going to have to limit Mangano's touches," Chemerinski said. "Our big guys have to keep in front of him on the post and keep him off the glass."

In last year's matchup, the Red came away with a 68-55 win, even though Mangano scored 18 points and grabbed five boards. The team was able to keep the rest of the Bulldogs' scorers relatively quiet, only allowing Morgan to score 11



Tonight, 7 p.m.  
Newman Arena



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**Ivy rivals** | Senior guard Drew Ferry helped defeat Columbia at Newman Arena.

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