

THE SPORTIER

“The Game” But With a Twist

Yesterday was the 136th edition of “The Game,” the Harvard-Yale rivalry. Hosted at the Yale Bowl in Connecticut this year, Yale was down to Harvard at the half, 15-3. This is where the game took a turn. After the Yale band performed their halftime show, students from both Yale and Harvard rushed the field, carrying banners protesting climate change. One banner read, “Nobody wins. Yale & Harvard are complicit in climate injustice.” There were a total of around 250 protesters, 150 of whom had planned the storming of the field and 100 other spectators that had joined in. They all sat on the ground for around one hour in protest. After the 15 minute halftime period had ended, with protesters on the field, players from both teams headed back to their own locker rooms to wait it out. After about 1 hour, the crowd of protesters had thinned, and the remaining people on the field were escorted out off, with between 20-30 arrests made. After the delay, a great game was played, with Yale tying up the game in regulation and eventually winning in double overtime by a score of 50-43. Ending in near darkness due to the pushed back second half, this was a completely unusual situation. Yale later released a statement, saying, “The exercise of free expression on campus is subject to general conditions, and we do not allow disruption of university events.”

Fun Fact

This year, the Duke Blue Devils Men’s Basketball team has the same amount of wins in Madison Square Garden as the New York Knicks! Even though Madison Square Garden is the home arena of the New York Knicks, they have only won three contests at home. Duke, on the other hand, has played at MSG three times this year (State Farm Classic against Kansas, two games of Empire Classic against California and Georgetown), and they have won all three.



A New Alabama Football

Last weekend, playing on a weak ankle, Alabama Quarterback and projected top-three pick Tua Tagovailoa took the field. He did not know that his career would flip upside down. During the second quarter of the game versus Mississippi State, Tua suffered a dislocated right hip. He was carted off of the field, though Alabama did still win, 38-7. This injury is a problem for both the team and Tua. For the team, Alabama is not currently in the top four, and they must be in that position to advance to the college football playoff. Losing their best player, their quarterback, is a crushing blow, and the rest of the team must step up in big situations. For Tua, this will, for sure, change how he is drafted. Projected in the top three before, the Miami Dolphins top prospect, Tua, a junior, may opt to stay at Alabama for his senior year. That would help bolster his draft stock for next year's draft. He will certainly not be drafted too high this year after coming off of this kind of injury, but staying an extra year might be able to get him back into NFL-ready shape. Though Tua had just come off of surgery less than a week ago, yesterday, Tua showed up to Bryant-Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to support his team against Western Carolina. He was greeted warmly by all of the fans, his teammates thrilled to have him as well. Sophomore Mac Jones took over starting, but he did not play the whole game. After taking a whopping 45-0 lead, Alabama decided to put in redshirt freshman Taulia Tagavailoa. Yup, that's right, Tua's brother. And that very game, Taulia threw the first touchdown pass of his college career. With his family in the crowd and his brother on the sidelines, it wasn't a bad day for the Tagavailoas.

In The Rulebook

Did you know: In college football, a team may not have more than four captains on their roster? Only one of them is allowed to speak to the official at a time when representing his team.



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