

# Women's Basketball Wins First Ivy Crown

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**The Columbia women's basketball team** won its first Ivy League Championship this year, rallying from twelve points down against Cornell on the final day of the regular season to earn a 69-64 overtime victory. A standing-room-only crowd of 2,600 people packed into Columbia's Levien Gymnasium and watched anxiously as Cornell nearly pulled off an upset against the heavily favored Lions (28-6 overall, 12-2 Ivy), but then erupted in celebration when, in the game's waning seconds, senior guard Jaida Patrick cut through the Big Red's defense, caught a pass from senior teammate Carly Rivera, and sank the basket that sealed the win. The Lions then made a deep run in the postseason Women's National Invitation Tournament, beating Fairleigh Dickinson, Fordham, Syracuse, Harvard, and Bowling Green before

falling to Kansas in the championship game.



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