

# West Virginia Favored Over Nittany Lion Courtmen

## Invaders Boast High-Scoring Attack

By GORDON COY

Heralded as one of the greatest teams that has ever donned the Blue and Gold of West Virginia University, the championship-bound Mountaineer cagers will invade Rec Hall at 8 o'clock tonight with confident intentions of crushing Penn State's Lions and insuring a bid for national basketball honors.

More than 6,000 fans are expected to jam the Nittany stronghold for a battle that promises all the fire and color of any Madison Square Garden classic. Metropolitan sports writers will add to the "big time" atmosphere, as will the play-by-play radio broadcast direct from the floor.

Although both teams have records of 14 victories and 2 defeats, the invading Mountaineers, who have scored 886 points this season, boast a definite edge over Coach John Lawther's unpredictable Lions: West Virginia, with smashing triumphs over Pitt, Army, Navy, and Penn State, is rated fourth in the nation's basketball standings. Rankings show that the Mountaineers place behind Colorado, West Texas State and Illinois in that order.

Having already scored more than 200 points apiece this season, Dick Kesling and Rudy Baric will carry the brunt of West Virginia's fast scoring attack, which has accounted for an average of 55 points a game this season.

The latest preview of Mountaineer might was shown in Pittsburgh Monday night, when Carnegie Tech's hapless Skibos were decisively whalloped by West Virginia, 77-33.

Tonight's probable starting lineup follows:

Pos.	West Virginia	State
G	Hicks	Gent
F	Hamilton	Gross
C	Kesling	Baltimore
G	Baric	Grimes
G	Kulmar	Ramin

## Intramurals

### BASKETBALL

In the fraternity section of intramural basketball last night Phi Sigma Delta eked out a close decision over Theta Chi, 13 to 12 by virtue of a last-minute field goal by Lieberman; Theta Xi was defeated by Phi Sigma Kappa, 22 to 8; Delta Sigma Phi swamped the Alpha Chi Rho squad, 20 to 9; it was Sigma Pi over Sigma Chi, 26 to 10; and Alpha Zeta over Alpha Kappa Pi, 16 to 5.

On the independent front the Gypsies dropped one to Y-Le-Low, 16 to 11; the Dogpatchers won on a forfeit from the Phys Ed Majors; Penn Haven topped the Nittany Co-op five, 10 to 6; and the Engle-side Club edged out the Watts Hall Blues, 11 to 7.

### WRESTLING

Eight wrestlers moved into the semi-final round of intramural competition as a result of last night's action.

Only nine more bouts remain to place all surviving wrestlers into the finals. After Thursday night's eliminations, the tournament will rest until the finals to be staged next week.

### VOLLEY BALL

Kappa Sigma won a first round victory over Phi Kappa Sigma with scores of 15-1, 15-11. KDR No. 2 lost to Alpha Chi Sigma No. 1 by 15-13, 15-4. Phi Gamma Delta nipped Alpha Chi Sigma No. 3; 15-7, 15-7, 11-15.

Thursday's schedule pits Sigma Nu No. 1 against Alpha Zeta No. 1, Beta Sigma Rho with DTD, and Delta Chi against Phi Sigma Kappa No. 1.

### HANDBALL

Playing the first games in the Handball tournament Brookes DU was defeated by Howarth, Sigma Pi; Friedman, Phi Sigma Delta, defeated Sortore, Pi Kappa Phi, and Byers, DTD forfeited to Baldi DU.

## Orange Boxers Score Four TKO's As Lions Drop Third Straight 5 1/2-2 1/2

### Special To The Collegian

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Feb. 24—The Penn State boxing team lost a 5 1/2-2 1/2 battle to the defending intercollegiate champion Syracuse team here tonight before 2,000 fans for their third straight setback. Homer Hoffman and Jess Fardella were the only Lions to gain victories while Bill Richards fought to a draw.

The match was marked by four TKO's, all registered by Syracuse, and the close decision won by Loren Schoff over Captain Bob Baird in the feature bout.

Fardella-upset Jack Roland by a decision in the 127 class and Homer Hoffman barely edged Benny Sgroi in the 135-pound tilt. Richards and Ned Weber fought a counter-punching duel to gain an even split in the 155-pound match.

Gerry Auclair scored the first Orange technical knockout by flooring 127-pound Jack Grey in 1:15 minutes of the first round in the finest fight of his career and Toots Mirabito sent Aldo Cenci to

the canvas in 1:59 minutes of the second round. Mirabito was the intercollegiate champ in the unlimited class last year. Bill Calvert, making his collegiate debut, was too inexperienced for Kune of Syracuse and was TKOed in 1:10 of the second round.

### Summaries:

120-pound—Auclair, S, TKOed Grey, PS 1:15 of first round; defeated Roland, S.

135-pound—Hoffman, PS, decision Sgroi, S.

145-pound—Schoff, S decision Baird, PS.

155-pound—Weber, S, drew with Richards, PS.

165-pound—Kune, S, TKOed Calvert, PS, 1:10 of second round.

175-pound—McArdle, S, TKOed Palena, PS, 1:15 of second round.

Unlimited Class—Mirabito, S, TKOed Cenci, PS, 1:59 of second.

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## Lion Hockeymen Meet F And M At Hershey

Bolstered by several good practice sessions on the college skating rink as a result of the recent cold weather, the Lion hockey team will seek to extend its win streak to three straight when it meets Franklin and Marshall tonight in the Hershey Ice Palace.

The F. & M. puckmen are runnersup in the Eastern Intercollegiate League, and are expected to provide a stiff battle for Coach Art Davis' boys.

Coach Davis will start Captain Larry Lightbody at the goalie spot, Bert Anthony and Tom Goodwin at the defensive, and Johnny Dufford at center. Ted Cauffman and Earl Johnson will start at the wing spots.

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