

## Mountaineers Gun for 7th; Level Sights on Nittany Lion

A small snowball which started in the West Virginia hills a few weeks ago and picked up speed and weight every day will hit State College tonight at 8:30 when the Mountaineers try to add Penn State to their growing string of basketball wins.

With six victories and one defeat in its grasp, the West Virginia five will try to snow under the Lawthermen in Coach Lee Patton's quest for another try for the invitational meet crown at Madison Square Garden next Spring. The Blue and White cagers, sporting a 3-3 won-lost record, will attempt to apply a blowtorch in the form of the sliding-zone defense to halt the team that is currently rated fifth in the nation.

Heading the visiting aggregation is Fred Schaus, 6-4 forward who, although he is favoring an injured ankle, has proven deadly in previous games. Another stand-out on the Mountaineer list is Leland Byrd, 6-3 center who hit the hoop for 267 points as Coach Patton's team won 19 and lost three games last year.

### TRIUMPHS

The list of victims of the Gold and Blue includes a powerful Niagara quintet, Washington and Lee, Fairmount, Canisius, North Carolina State, and Brigham Young of Utah. Only a 58-53 decision to Manhattan mars the otherwise perfect record of the Mountaineers.

As opposed to the deliberate play of the Penn State team, the visitors use a razzle-dazzle brand of ball garnished with fast breaks and accurate shooting from the floor as well as the foul line.

### THE LINEUP

Pos.	Penn State	West Virginia
F	Biery	Schaus
F	Simon	Byrd
C	Bainick	Breach
G	Kulp	Green
G	Ruhlman	Carroll

### Sports Schedule

#### BASKETBALL

West Virginia, tonight, home.  
Carnegie Tech, Saturday, Pittsburgh.

#### WRESTLING

Army, Saturday, West Point.  
Bucknell (JV), Saturday, home.

#### BOXING

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## Penn State Runners, From Grads to Frosh, Vie in Inquirer Meet

Penn State trackmen of the past, present, and future will compete next Friday the 23rd in the fourth annual Inquirer Invitation Track Meet. Heading the list of runners is a quartet of campus speed merchants. Jerry Karver, Horace Ashenfelter, Wilbert Lancaster and Jim Gehrdes.

Two former luminaries of Werner teams, Curt Stone and Barney Ewell, will represent the alumni of the College, while John St. Clair, ace distance runner who is enrolled as a College freshman at Lock Haven, will represent the future Penn Staters.

Competition in every class will be very strong since this is the first of the major indoor meets this season. In the mile, Jerry Karver will vie with Leslie Mac-Mitchell, 1947 mile champ. Tom Quinn and Bill Hulse, two runners who bracketed Jerry in the Sugar Bowl race. Browning Ross, the Villanova speedster who won the Washington Star mile just a few weeks ago, and Jack Milne and Cy Perkins, two outstanding distance men.

Curt Stone, who annexed the NAAU cross-country title this fall, will run against a former team-mate when he competes against Horace Ashenfelter in the Lawson Robertson Two-mile Run

## Swimmers Inaugurate Season

The swimming team will open its current season tonight as the tankmen compete with Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster.

This will be the first contest which mentor Bob Gutteron will engage in as coach. Gutteron was appointed coach after the death last summer of Charles Diehl, late leader of the natators.

Tonight's meet came unexpectedly, with arrangements being made on Monday. Time trials, which had been scheduled for

later in January, were conducted yesterday in preparation for the contest.

Among the Lion tankmen who will compete and the event in which they will participate are Cal Folmsbee and Mike Kutsenkow, diving; Don Peck, 50 and 100 yard free-style; Bob Meyers, backstroke; and Bob Grossman and Bernie Boyle, breaststroke.

The Syracuse meet, which was originally scheduled to be the first on the card this season, will be held as previously announced at Rec Hall, 2 p.m. February 7.

## Around the Rim

The Nittany cagers are rated seventh with a 60.5 mark, according to the NConverse-Dunkel ratings published weekly. Although the ratings give the number of points a team can score against a theoretical team that scores 0.0, the ratings are a good indication as to how any team rates in comparison to its foes.

One of the Penn State opponents, West Virginia, is in the lineup of the top ten teams of the nation with a rating of 74.9, while in the East, West Virginia is second, Navy is fifth with 70.5, and Temple is sixth with 69.3.

On the all-opponent lineup after West Virginia, Navy, and Temple comes Colgate with 68.2, Syracuse with 65.3, Bucknell with 61.5, Georgetown with 60.1, American U. with 56.8, DePauw with 54.2, Washington and Jefferson with 55.3, Pitt with 48.4, and Carnegie Tech with 42.0. The ratings do not include the past weekend's games.



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