

Lions Hand Mountaineers Second Defeat of Season

By Elliot Krane

Rising to spectacular heights as they passed and shot circles around the powerful West Virginia team, the Penn State basketball team outclassed the Mountaineers 50-46 last night in Rec Hall before 3500 screaming fans.

Scrappy Milt Simon, Jack Biery and Irv Batnick hit the basket from all angles as they completely outshone the potential All-Americans on the tall West Virginia squad. On the defense Terry Ruhlman and John Kulp, seeming to have springs in their legs, snatched rebound after rebound from Coach Patton's bewildered behemoths.

Carefully planning the attack minute by minute, Coach John Lawther sent in substitutes when he saw a Lion courtman tiring and skillfully kept the opponents, the fifth best team in the country, from running amok with their famous fast break.

With ten minutes to go, and the Lions leading 40-31, Dave Wilson sank a foul which Simon countered with another free throw. Then the Pattonmen started to exchange foul shots for field goals and crept up to within six points of the Nittany team. Terry Ruhlman sank a two-pointer at this point and gave State a fairly comfortable eight point margin.

With three and a half minutes left in the game, Coach Lawther sent Biery, Batnick and Ruhlman, whom he had been saving for the crucial moment, back into the game and the dismay that showed on the visitors' faces soon was reflected in their playing.

FREEZE

Penn State took possession of the ball and against the tight man-to-man defense of the Mountaineers, froze the action. Simon led the passing-without-score at-

tack with Batnick and Biery doing some fancy dribbling to work the ball around the opponents. A deep shot by Simon was blocked with one minute and 40 seconds to go, and Fred Schaus, 6-4 forward, took the ball. In a desperate effort, the small Simon lunged at the ball. Schaus to avoid him stepped out of bounds, and the Blue and White again took control of the game. During this play Schaus turned his ankle and had to leave the game.

FINAL SCORING

Leading by a score of 48-44, the locals garnered their last basket when Will Parkhill dropped in a set shot. Bob Carroll countered with his own markers to bring the final count to 50-46 with the once-defeated West Virginia on the short end.

Scoring honors for the most outstanding upset in national basketball this season were divided between Jack Biery with 13, and Milt Simon and Irv Batnick with 12.

For the visitors, Ed Beach and Bob Carroll with 11 markers and Leland Byrd, 6-3 center with nine markers, led the attack.

BOX SCORE

Penn State	FG	F-FT	Pts.
Biery	6	1-2	13
Simon	5	2-3	12
Batnick	4	4-6	12
Ruhlman	2	1-4	5
Kulp	1	0-1	2
Parkhill	3	0-3	6
Nordblom	0	0-0	0
Totals	21	8-19	50
West Virginia	FG	F-FT	Pts.
Beach	5	1-1	11
Schaus	1	2-4	4
Green	0	0-1	0
Duff	2	2-3	6
Byrd	4	1-2	9
Carroll	4	3-5	11
Wilson	0	1-1	1
Sidasas	1	2-2	4
Totals	17	12-19	46

Sigma Nu Leads 44 Fraternities In IM Cup Race

Sigma Nu fraternity is currently leading the race for intramural sports honors with a total of 310 points, according to the initial point report released by the intramural sports department of the College.

Phi Delta Theta with 290 points and Phi Epsilon Pi with 220, rank second and third respectively. Each of the leaders has captured one IM crown this season. Sigma Nu took top boxing honors, Phi Delta Theta annexed the swimming trophy, and Phi Epsilon Pi ended on top in touch football competition.

All three fraternities now boast of outstanding basketball quints. The list ranked the 45 fraternities on the basis of total points scored. Points are awarded for team entrance in each IM sport, for number of victories scored, and for any championships won.

The current point totals do not include tennis singles results. John Olewine of Delta Upsilon, and Ralph Peter of Lambda Chi Alpha will play for the singles championship in the spring.

Grapplers Prep For West Point

Coach Charlie Speidel's Nittany Lion matmen are busy this week preparing for their engagement with the United States Military Academy at West Point on Saturday.

Double eliminations are taking place this week on the Rec Hall mats, for the jayvee wrestlers will be making their first appearance at the same time that the varsity is meeting Army.

The Lion Cubs oppose the Bucknell varsity squad at 2 p.m. Saturday in Rec Hall. Bucknell came from behind to tie Lafayette, 18-18, last week.

The Army grapplers trounced the Coast Guard Academy, 21-8, last Saturday, with Captain Stan Thevenet, Eastern Intercollegiate champion in 1947, spearheading the Cadets' victory.

Boxers Speed Up Sessions; Coach Houck Optimistic

Speeding up sparring sessions to three two-minute rounds, Coach Leo Houck's charges are quickly shaping into what looks to be one of the Blue and White's most successful boxing units in recent years.

Although the veteran Lion mentor rarely expresses himself on the future outlook of his team, he states: "This should be a good season. This is an Olympic year and that should give the boys an added incentive."

Captain Jack Tighe, his noise still on the mend, remains a doubtful starter in the 155 weight class when Houck unveils this year's boxing edition of the "Fighting Lions" against Bucknell at Rec Hall this Saturday at 7 o'clock.

Filling Glenn Hawthorne's mitts in the 130 pound class will be John Benglian, an EIBA champ in 1946 who swings from the port side.

Houck is undecided who will get the starting nod in the other weight classes. In the lightweight division the battle of the midgets is raging with Fred Smith and John Turcaso being the standouts. "Gentleman Jim" Cassidy has practically assured himself a starting berth in the 135 pound class.

Competition is exceptionally

keen in the 145 pound division with Walter Wheelock and Jack Sheehee being the top contenders. Hal Howard is the strongest contender for Tighe's starting berth in case the veteran Lion boxer is unable to step into the ring Saturday.

Veterans John Slusser and "Buzz" Fahringer are the main competitors in the 165 bracket while the two top contenders in the 175 pound division are Nick Ranieri and Pat Conlon. Both of these boxers graduate in February. Sam Tamburo, star end on the Lion's '47 grid machine, may also get the starting nod in this weight class.

Another footballer, Chuck Drzenovitch, a 210 pounder, and Nick Restaine, a newcomer to the State boxing ring, are struggling for starting berths in the unlimited weight division along with veteran Jerry "Humphrey" Sitkin.

Second round IM bowling league matches, scheduled for Thursday nights, will begin the second week of next semester. Any team unable to compete should notify Frank Stoner, chairman, before Friday, January 16, by calling 4255 or contacting him personally at Penn Haven, 315 S. Allen street.

Dorm 33 Gains IM Victory

Dorm 33 trounced Dorm 37, 20-12, in a clash of unbeaten cage quintets to record its fourth straight triumph and take undisputed possession of first place in independent league "A".

Led by Wilhelm and Denniston, the Dorm 33 boys jumped off to a 9-3 lead at halftime, and from there coasted to the triumph. Wilhelm with 8 points and Denniston with 6 were high scorers for the victors.

In independent league "B", Dorm 28 held Dorm 38 scoreless for the first half and went on to crush their opponents 30-2. Only Cheri's final period score saved the losers from a shutout as Dorm 28 racked up its fifth straight win.

Dorm 30 stayed on the heels of Dorm 28 by roaring back in the second half to overcome a 4-5

deficit, and defeat Dorm 36, 16-8. The win placed Dorm 30 in second place in league "B" with a record of 4 victories and 1 defeat.

Other scores were: Dorm 25, 13-10; Dorm 40, 8; Dorm 35, 15-Dorm 24, 13; Dorm 39, 12-Dorm 29, 2; Dorm 27, 18-Dorm 41, 10; Murgas, 20-Dorm 6, 3; Comets, 29-Dorm 5, 13.

Tonight's schedule:

8:45-Phi Sigma Kappa-Alfa Gamma Rho, court 1; Kappa Sigma-Sigma Nu, court 2; Tau Phi Delta-Phi Sigma Delta, court 3.

9:25-Beta Sigma Rho-Triangle, court 1; Acacia-Alfa Zeta, court 2; Phi Kappa Psi-Theta Xi, court 3.

10:05-Alpha Chi Sigma-Theta Chi, court 1; Pi Lambda Phi-Beta Theta, Pi, court 2; Sigma Phi Epsilon-Delta Upsilon, court 3.

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