

Lions Eye Mountaineer Home Victory Streak

Back from their recent 55-47 defeat at the hands of Navy, Penn State's dribblers will remain idle until February 2 when they return to the courts for a head-on clash with the University of West Virginia. The Mountaineers are attracting national attention by their brilliant home record of 48 consecutive victories.

Victors over North Carolina College by a 54-34 margin in their last game, the Mountaineers will play host to the Lions at Morgantown, W. Va. The Rebels have dropped only three contests this season, losing to Bradley, North Carolina State, at Raleigh, and Manhattan, in Madison Square Garden.

HEIGHTS

Last year Penn State's Lions rose to spectacular heights as they smote the highflying Virginians, 50-36, in their first meeting at Penn State. However, the Lions found themselves on the short end of a 60-32 score at Morgantown.

The 1948-49 Mountaineer team hung up a splendid record of seventeen wins against three losses, aiming for a berth in the National Invitational Tournament at the Garden.

This year Coach Lee Patton has assembled another top-flight aggregation, minus only one performer, Leland Byrd. The Pattonmen are on their way toward establishing an all-time consecutive home victory record and are determined not to be deterred by a State team which has won two games while dropping five.

SCHAUS

Coming back for another shot at the Centre County hoopsters, Patton will use Beach and Green as his starting forwards, Fred Schaus, 6-foot 4-inch pivot performer, at the tap spot and Carroll and Jackson will operate in the backcourt.

Sparking the Mountaineers offense will be the rugged Schaus who last year was held to four points at Rec Hall but came back with 15 tallies on his home floor. He played an instrumental part in the Southerners' revenge. Carroll led West Virginia in its first loss to Penn State by garnering 11 markers.

The only State warriors who saw action against West Virginia last year are Milt Simon, Terry Ruhlman and Carl Nordblom. Simon looped in 12 points against the Mountaineers in the Lions' Rec Hall win.

The lineups:
 Penn State: Ruhlman, Nordblom, Costa, Simon, Tucci
 W. Virginia: Beach, Green, Schaus, Carroll, Jackson

Petchel, Sam Hit Books After Hawaii Jaunt

By Elliot Krane

After living like kings for almost a month, two Penn State grid stars, Sam Tamburo and Elwood Petchel, must resign themselves to menial chores such as term papers and blue books. The Nittany passing combination re-



Petchel Tamburo

turned last weekend from a tour covering Florida, California and Hawaii and in their spare time played in three all-star football games.

First stop for the traveling gridgers was Miami, Florida, where they played in the North-South game Christmas day. Staying at a \$35-a-day hotel in Miami, the Penn State athletes practiced twice daily for the game and basked on the beach and swam in the gulf between workouts.

While in Florida, Tamburo met his former first-grade school teacher and a couple from New Kensington, his hometown. The hometown folks ushered the Lion end and Petchel around the resort and presented Tamburo with a three-piece luggage set before he left Miami.

WATCH 'ROSE' FESTIVITIES

California and the Rose Bowl were the next stop on the tour, and after getting up 6:30 New Year's day, they were taken to reserved seats to view the parade and following it, the game.

Following a visit to the usual points of interest in Los Angeles, the football players traveled to San Francisco and from there

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LEE PATTON
West Virginia Coach

Sports Calendar

- Jan. 21—Track, Phila Inquirer Meet Philadelphia
- 22—Track, K of C, Boston
- 22—Swimming, Temple State College
- 29—Skiing, Penna State Meet Ligonier, Pa
- 29—Track, Millrose A.A. New York
- 29—Wrestling, Army State College
- Boxing, Western Maryland State College
- Feb. 2—Basketball, West Virginia Morgantown
- 2—JV Wrestling, Lock Haven Lock Haven

Foggen Enter Ligonier Meet

Coach Sherman Fogg has his team in excellent condition for the Pennsylvania State Championship meet to be held at Ligonier, Pa., January 29-30.

Up until two weeks ago, ski team members had been working out at the ski course, using snow which they had lugged in baskets after the Christmas snowfall. They used the snow to build up the jump and slalom course.

The cross-country runners are the only team members who were fortunate enough to have worked out on snow since that time. They were practicing techniques on a strip of snow next to the snow fence on the golf course. The others have been keeping in shape by doing various exercises and running on the track in Rec Hall.

Coach Fogg reports that he will have a full squad ready for competition in the championship meet at Ligonier, which will be a virtual tryout for the team in preparation for completion in the

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Grapplers Await Tangle With Unbeaten Cadets

A well-earned rest from competition confronts Penn State's undefeated wrestling team. The matmen do not see action until next Saturday, when they tangle with Army's unbeaten Black Knights in the Speidelmen's first home attraction.

It will be the third consecutive week that Coach Charlie Speidel's forces engage a spotless-record combination. Army has trounced Brown, 23-8, and the United State Coast Guard Academy, 22-6, in its two matches this year. The Cadets and Lions tied at 14-14 in 1948.

ARMY CAPTAIN

Captaining the West Point charges will be 136-pound Ralph Raabe, 1947 Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association 128-pound champion. Last year Raabe was unsuccessful in defending his crown, and placed second to Franklin and Marshall's Stan Mousetis.

Raabe suffered a wrist injury in pre-season practice and may not be available for the Nittany meet. However, Coach Lloyd Appellton has molded a well-balanced squad and, with lettermen available in virtually every weight, the future Generals should give the Blue and White plenty of competition.

Other Army veterans are Sam Nicholson, 121; Abe Allan, 145; Charlie Oentine, 155; Phil Lange, 165; and Lin Mather, heavyweight.

LINEUP

Lion Coach Speidel will probably stick to his usual starting lineup for the West Pointers, a team that has ground out two impressive victories over Cornell and Princeton.

Vying for their third straight fall wins will be the Nittanians' "pin pair," Jim Maurey, 145-pounder, and Heavyweight Homer Barr.

Also seeking win number three are Johnny Reese, 121 pounds, and reliable Bob Hetrick at the 165-pound post.

Al Fasnacht, who topped one of the East's best 136-pounders in Joe Colby of Cornell, should reign supreme in eliminations, and will be after his second victory of the season. Grant Dixon, 155-pounder, and Bill "Spider" Corman, at 175 pounds, will also be seeking their second wins.

Jim Walker, loser of two straight against extremely rugged competition, is looking forward to his first win of the season against the Cadets.

Bowling Champs

Phi Kappa Tau, winners in the "B" league, recently captured the IFC bowling trophy by defeating Theta Chi, "A" league champs, 8 to 0.

Each league had 16 teams in competition.

Pool Closed

There will be no recreational swimming in the Glennland pool Friday night because of the varsity swimming meet with Temple University scheduled for Saturday afternoon.



Between The Lions
By Tom Morgan
SPORTS EDITOR

About Wheels

This is what a college sports editor gets in his mail, with apologies to all hard-working athletic managers:

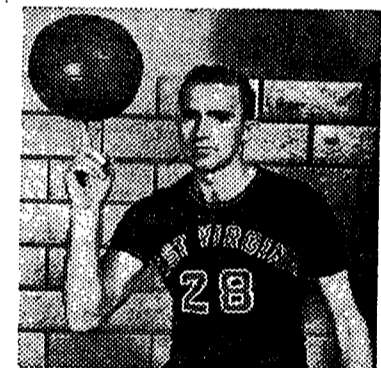
"Dear Tom, My name is Omar Fudd and I'm quite the man around campus; that is, they tell me I am. I believe it, for don't I wear a sweater with an 'S' attached! Buddy, I'm a letterman! You ask what's my job. I'm an athletic manager. I take care of the team, see that they have their ice for sprains and twists, lemons and tea for halves and new cleats for their shoes. I'm essential. No man ever goes out to play unless I issue him a T-shirt and towel.

"Who keeps track of the plays to give to the coach? I do! Important, aren't I? When the game's won and the players (as the papers say) troop happily back to the showers, who glad-hands them and gets their smiles? I do, Mac, I'm tops! Omar's the name.

"What did you say? Cleans up? Well, I do. I pick up the sweaty shirts, the dirty towels and socks. How much time? Oh, about 30 hours a week, but I get a twelve-fifty sweater and pay fifteen bucks to be a hat man, and that makes up for it. I'm a wheel!"

Mountaineer Finesse

What manner of basketball cager is this West Virginia Mountaineer, who craftily balances a cowhide sphere upon his index



finger? From this picture sent along by West Virginia, we infer that Coach Lee Patton's Mountaineer quint (appearing here February 2) is well versed in the art of ball-handling. This cager's name, by the way, is Bob Jackson, a brilliant guard.

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Nittany students (Censuring Sam our admiring fraternity)
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