

Mountaineers 'Freeze' To Win Thriller, 49-47

By Ray Koehler

A fieldgoal by West Virginia's great Fred Schaus with only 1:50 seconds of play remaining gave the Mountaineers a climactic 49-47 win last night at Rec Hall to dash Penn State's hopes of scoring one of the top upsets of the current basketball season.

The spine-tingling finish left a nail-biting crowd of some 3500 partisan students limp as, following Schaus' deciding bucket, the tall, flashy-passing cohorts of Coach Lee Patton successfully froze the ball for the remaining seconds of play.

KEEP PACE

Penn State's courtsters astounded the crowd by keeping right up with the talented blue-and-gold-clad Rebel cagers—at one time holding a ten-point advantage. But with Ed Sterling, 6-foot 1-inch guard, and Schaus each scoring 11 counters the final half, the victors' final drive wouldn't be denied.

The loss sent Penn State past the halfway mark on its 17-game schedule clinging to a three-and-seven record. West Virginia, enhancing its 30th place tie among top collegiate quintets in the country with Southern California, brings its current season standing to 11 wins against five losses.

The tall, rangy Schaus came within two tallies of tying the Rec Hall individual point scoring record, currently held by Colgate's Ernie Vandeweghe and Ed Brett, by sending 23 counters through the meshes. The 6-foot 5-inch forward garnered a majority of his ten two-pointers on pass-offs from Clyde Green, West Virginia's pivot performer.

SIMON

Milt Simon, who played a bang-up game for Coach John Lawther's warriors, tried valiantly to stem the visitors' last-half drive by scoring 15 points—11 the first half and four the second—to lead State's scoring attack. Simon was aided by Ken Weiss and Marty Costa, both of whom chipped in with seven points. Sterling, who caught fire the second half, was runner-up for West Virginia with 14 points.

The Pattonmen started out fast, displaying one of the fanciest passing teams seen here in a long time, and built up an early 8-3 lead, but Lawther's crew soon found the range and began hitting from all angles,

Costa's tap-in and foul shot just before the 10-minute period gave State a hard-earned 16-14 edge.

In the second stanza the fray settled down to a stirring scoring duel between Simon and Schaus. With Lou Lamie and Whitey McKown controlling the backboards State held a ten-point 32-22 lead at halftime.

Using a close defense, West Virginia slowly but inevitably cut the Lions' margin until the defense-conscious Nittanymen found themselves with only a 40-36 three-quarter lead.

The final quarter saw Weiss, blond ace from Allentown, try desperately to pull his mates up by their sneaker laces but his efforts went for naught. After Schaus had given his mates their lead, Bob Jackson added a final foul conversion but the damage had already been done.

Penn State's varsity quintet will swing back into action Saturday night in Philadelphia when they tackle Temple University at Convention Hall as part of a collegiate doubleheader.

	FG	F	FT	Ttl
Penn State	2	2	3	0
Northam, f	3	0	0	6
Ruhlman, f	1	0	0	2
Lemie, f	0	0	0	0
McKown, f	0	0	0	0
Costa, c	3	1	3	7
Simon, g	6	3	5	15
Fucci, g	1	2	2	4
Weiss, g	3	1	2	7
Totals	19	9	15	47
West Virginia	FG	F	FT	Ttl
Schaus, f	10	3	3	23
Bench, f	4	1	2	9
Ryan, f	0	0	0	0
Glenn, f	0	0	0	0
Green, c	0	0	0	0
Sterling, g	5	4	5	14
Jackson, g	0	1	3	1
Duff, g	1	0	0	2
Sitaris, g	0	0	0	0
Totals	20	9	13	49



MILT SIMON

Gymnasts Seek Second Win At Syracuse

Wettstone Expects Strong Opposition

By Red Roth

There's no rest for the weary. Coach Gene Wettstone and his gymnastic contingent, who returned from East Lansing, Mich., at 2 o'clock yesterday morning, leave again tomorrow, this time for Syracuse, N. Y., and a meet with an Orange gym squad that is "out to get them," Saturday night.

Between train hops Captain Bill Bonsall and company will manage to inject two additional days of practice, yesterday and today.

Wettstone looks on Saturday's meeting as a close affair likely to be decided by reserve strength and luck.

"The meet with Syracuse may not be decided until the last of the six events, the tumbling competition," Wettstone said yesterday.

"We've heard from the grapevine that Coach Paul Romeo's squad is up for this meet. In fact they probably want to beat us more than any other opponent on their schedule. Of course we're out to keep our undefeated record intact, also. It all adds up to

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Between The Lions

By Tom Morgan
SPORTS EDITOR



On Fisticuffs

Witty Wilbert, our admiring fraternity brother, approached us last night and offered a few prime quips. Said Wil:

"'Tis all fine 'n' dandy, this intercollegiate boxing rule that says I can't holler for the Drax when he's in the act o' layin' the leather to some Larry Lay-down in the Rec Hall ring. It helps put the fighters on more even terms, I c'n see, by eliminatin' the clamor from 5000 fans yellin' for Chuck 't' clobber him.

"But, 'cha know, the guy who made up that rule, I'll bet, was no psychologist. 'Cause it's agin' my human nature to bottle up my lungs 'n' stay lilly-white 'n' peaceful when I see two guys beltin' each other."

Wilbert assured us he was not campaigning against the rule by saying: "Now don't get me wrong. I'm going to try to shut up next time Benglian or the rest of them are slingin' punches, but it's gonna be hard. Got my point, don't 'cha?"

We said we had, and changed the subject to basketball by asking Wil if he had made any bets lately on the outcome of Nittany cage games.

"After that Syracuse game last weekend," answered Wil, "I'll never bet again."

"Oh, yes, you will," we returned.

"I don't think so. How much will you bet I won't?"

Charlie's Fan Mail

Back in '32 Grantland Rice, noted sports columnist, asked Wrestling Coach Charlie Speidel to stage an intra-squad meet in Rec Hall for a "Sportlight" sound film. Thousands of Lion sport fans turned out secondarily to see the meet, primarily to "get in the movies."

The result was a Penn State film which Speidel calls the "only one of its kind concerning amateur wrestling." Now the 17-year-old film has been dusted off and is being shown on television, so Charlie now receives belated mail from appreciative fans who exclaim: "I saw you on television the other day."

The Nittany Realm

By Bob Koitzbauer

Clarence "Dutch" Sykes flipped an aspirin to his boss, IM Athletic Director Gene Bischoff, gulped one himself, and both settled back to the task of drafting the intramural basketball schedule.

"You see," Gene said, "we can't put this independent team in league 'C.' There'd be two of last season's champs playing in the same circuit that way. We'll stick them down here in 'F.'"

"And this fraternity team. Can't put it in this league because the chief swimming rival of that house plays there. We'd have too strong a rivalry built up between just two fraternities at the expense of spoiling the spirit and competition throughout all '49."

NEIGHBORS

"Okay," said Dutch, "but this team in 'D' is that fraternity's next door neighbor. It'll be the same as putting them with their swimming opponent."

"And we can't create another league. When playoffs come, the finals work out best if the number of champions is a power of two: 16, 8, 4,—like that. We'd better stick to eight. This house will fit in 'A'."

And so they go. But making up the league card is hardly half the job. There's also the task of fitting the schedule to meet the limitations on time and place facilities at the College.

Basketball is restricted mostly by the time factor. The varsity squad needs the space for nightly practice, meaning a late start for IM cage games. Then Rec hall is becoming more and more the center of large student activities—the formals, registration and graduation.

VACATIONS

The IM department has a problem about vacations too. Bischoff

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All for Fun
We quote Harry Grayson, NEA sports editor:
"Down through the years the only two worthwhile professional boxers have come out of the college ranks—Steve Hamas and Billy Soose, both of Penn State."
Leo Houck, who tutored this duo along with more than 50 other Eastern and National Collegiate champions at State, says:
"Most collegiate boxers don't want to go at it seriously. They're only out for the fun and the varsity letter. Any boy with professional ambitions is a rarity among college fighters, and the few who do arrive at a campus waste some of their best boxing years."
Although Houck maintains that some college boxers could make top pros, he says, "They'd have to put boxing ahead of everything else to become a good professional. In college their primary interest is a degree, not boxing."
From the Morg(ue)
Bill "Spider" Corman, Nittany first-string wrestler, was a State Teachers College mat champ while a freshman at California State Teachers College. . . . In addition, he earned the first-team quarterback post on an undefeated football eleven that included Fran Rogel at full, Chuck Beatty at center, Bob Ross at tackle, Paul Kelly at guard, and several others now well-known to Lion fans. . . .
Track Coach Chick Werner owns an interest in a shoe factory. . . .

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