

# Lions at W. Virginia In Quest of 13th Win

Penn State will seek its 13th basketball win tonight when it meets the revenge-hungry Mountaineers of West Virginia at Morgantown. The game will mark the Lions' final road appearance of the 1949-'50 season.

Nittany hopes of recording win No. 3 over the Hillbillies this year were somewhat heightened by the news of the release of their record-smashing center, Marty Costa, from the College Infirmary.

Sent to bed for a head cold on the Lions' return from their New York trip on Sunday, the 6-foot 6-inch athlete was released by Dr. Alfred Griess this morning. He will make the trip with the team but whether his playing effectiveness has been impaired is unknown. He has been unable to practice this week.

### GROSS HOPEFUL

"I presume that Marty will be able to play tonight," Gross said yesterday afternoon. "If he doesn't, it's going to cripple our chances badly."

"The Mountaineers are practically unbeatable at home. So far this season only two teams have been able to upset them there. Both of those teams—Kansas State and Cincinnati—are rated away above us."

Just in case Costa finds the going a little rough, Gross plans to insert "Tiny" McMahan into the Lion co-captain's guard slot alongside of Ted Panoplos. Lee Schisler will take charge of the center spot with Lou Lamie and Joe Tocci generating the Lions fast break from their front-court positions.

In regard to the dog-eat-dog fight for regular varsity recognition between Panoplos, Hardy Williams and McMahan Gross said, "It's up to the individuals involved. Any of the three who shows he's got the stuff will play."

West Virginia will enter tonight's game with a record of ten wins and eleven losses, a good indication of how far back they have gone since last year when they won 18 out of 24 games.

### TOUGH AT HOME

However, at home they are still as tough as ever. This was demonstrated when they dropped Temple 57 to 46 at Morgantown after receiving an 82 to 48 come-pancy by the Owls in Philly.

Like State, West Virginia has one more contest to play after today. Saturday the Mountaineers close their season against Pitt while the Lions end up against Georgetown at Rec Hall.

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### Tickets

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H. R. Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics, said tickets will be disposed of on a "first come, first served" basis. Reserved seat prices range from \$1.20 for the first two sessions to \$2.40 for the finals.

### Two Scoring Marks

Marty Costa's 32 points against American U. and his team's 82 points against West Virginia represent new scoring highs for modern Penn State basketball.

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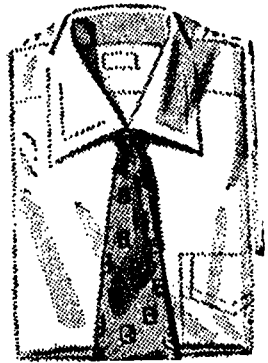
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# Schis' Records Talk Louder Than Words

By RAY KOEHLER

Lee Schisler, 6-foot 4-inch center, is probably one of the most underrated athletes at Penn State, yet he has been one of the main cogs in the rejuvenation of the Nittany Lions' basketball team this year.

It is seldom that his feats are discussed with the degree of enthusiasm which promotes even athletes of lesser ability above him and it is not uncommon to have to dig through wads of agate type before coming to the name, Schisler. If you really want to get the low-down you would have to stop by and talk to Head Basketball Coach Elmer Gross, or some of the varsity players.

They will tell you the story of a kid who is as game as they come, a real "money player" when the tension and pressure of a tough game is highest. For two years the former Northampton High School boy plugged along, willing to bide his time until a varsity position opened.

### OPENS AT CENTER

Last Fall, when the 1949-'50 season got underway, Lee was ready, and he opened the campaign at center.

In 21 games the botany major with the 2.4 all-college average pocketed 165 points to help pace the Nittany club to its best season in six years.

His high mark was a 21-point performance against Gettysburg. Schisler ranks third in team scoring behind ace guard Marty Costa and forward Lou Lamie.

Despite the language of the record books Schisler still remains as noticeable as the second man in a game of solitaire. Because of the steady, workmanlike job he turns in game after game fans have become used to seeing him do the right thing at the right time without showmanship or attempting to "hog the show." He is a collegiate "pro" in every sense of the word.

### CUSTOM BUILT

Schisler is what is known as

a hand-made ball player. John Lawther, former Penn State mentor and perhaps the best authority on the "zone" in basketball today, turned him into an alert defenseman. Gross worked many hours to straighten out the kinks in his now deadly one-hand push shot, while Assistant Coach John Egli, himself an excellent rebound man for Penn State in 1943, has "helped me plenty in moving in to position for a recovery."

Lee's biggest thrill was realized several months ago when Penn State received an invitation to play in the first annual Dixie

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