

# Between the Lions

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Friday night's clash between the Wildcats of Kentucky and the Lions of Penn State in the NCAA Eastern tourney at Raleigh will present an oddity in this age of big-time competition.

Neither coach nor team knows too much about its opponent. This gives State an advantage, since more publicity is given to Kentucky's personnel than to the Lions. Most sports fans know the capabilities of Cliff Hagan and Frank Ramsey, the Wildcats' two great players. But what Grassland cage enthusiasts can name State's starting five?

Coach Elmer Gross said he knows nothing about Kentucky except what he reads in the newspapers. But he did see the Wildcats play in their NCAA championship win over Kansas State last year. Since many of the players returned this campaign, Gross has some idea of what to expect.

The thing that impressed Gross the most about the leading team in the nation was their exceptional rebounding ability. Of course, last season the Wildcats had seven-foot All-American Bill Spivey. But despite his loss, Coach Adolph Rupp's quintet managed to remain one of the top rebound teams in the country. Hagan, a midget among centers at six-four, paced the Wildcats. Because of his rebound play and scoring ability he was selected All-American.

The Nittanies will have one advantage—they have everything to gain and nothing to lose. A loss to Kentucky would be the expected thing, but an upset would give the Lions national prominence. One disadvantage will be Kentucky's tourney experience compared to the Lions' freshman-dominated squad. All of Kentucky's regulars were members of their championship team last season.

Over-confidence could be a hindrance to the Wildcats. While they are liable to regard this game lightly, Gross will have his players geared for an upset. If they can overcome the nervousness which hampered them on many road appearances (notably Penn) they could give the great Wildcats a real battle.

Kentucky will undoubtedly prepare defenses to stop Jesse Arnette. They will probably double or triple-team him and try to keep the great six-five frosh from under the boards. Therefore, much of State's success or failure could depend on a "number two" and "three" man to take up a possible scoring slack by Arnette.

If Herm Sledzik can regain the scoring ability he showed in the middle of the season it will be a shot in the arm for the Lions. The six-four junior, Co-captain Hardy Williams, Jack Sherry or Tiny McMahan look like the best bet to fulfill the order.

One thing's certain—they can only have five men on the floor against our five. If the Lions can display the form they hit against Georgetown—who knows? Upsets can happen. Ask W & J.



# Winner of Somerset-Westmont Game Will Meet Tough Farrell

HARRISBURG, March 18—(AP)—Somerset and Westmont vie tomorrow night for the honor of being the first quintet to test powerful Farrell in PIAA Class A inter-district basketball play.

Westmont's Hilltoppers will be heavily favored to win their third straight game over the District 5 champions who enter the playoffs with an unimpressive 12-14 record for the season.

Sharing billing with the Class A game is the clash at Radnor between unbeaten Coudersport from the west and Jenkintown for the PIAA's second annual Class C state championship. Fredonia of Mercer County defeated Mt. Joy,

Lancaster County, last year, 49-43, in the initial state title game for schools with enrollments under 250.

The Somerset-Westmont battle at Johnstown High School winds up the preliminary inter-district round in Class A. Regional semifinals are scheduled for Saturday night at Philadelphia in the east and Pittsburgh and Farrell in the west.

Westmont, District 6 champion, enters the game with a 22-3 record including 41-30 and 54-41 regular-season victories over the Eagles of Somerset. The Hilltoppers have lost only to Altoona in their past 22 games while sweeping to the Tri-County League title.

Westmont's other losses were to Farrell and Swoyersville in the Johnstown War Memorial Tournament last December. The Hilltoppers, with 6 feet 6 center Bob Sharkey leading the scoring, downed Lock Haven, 63-49, and Hollidaysburg, 58-45. Sharkey scored 526 points this season.

On the basis of season's records, Coudersport's Falcons will hold a slight edge over Jenkintown in their Class C title game. The Potter County Falcons have won 26 in a row this season. Jenkintown, District 1 winner and Tri-County champion, has won 23 and lost three games. Its record includes 18 victories of the last 19 games and 14 straight wins.

## Upset --

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212, followed by Co-captain Hardy Williams with 205, Jack Sherry, 159, and Jay McMahan, 150.

Gross and a ten-player traveling squad will leave Altoona by plane at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow. They are scheduled to arrive in Raleigh about 1 p.m., and will be quartered in Watauga Hall on the North Carolina State campus.

Gross expects to use his usual starting lineup of Williams and Sherry, guards; Arnette, center; and either Sledzik or McMahan and Joe Piorkowski, forwards. Jim Blocker, Ed Haag, Chet Makarewicz and Ron Weidenhammer will be reserves.

No matter what they do against Kentucky in the first game Friday night, the Lions will play again. If they win, they play the winner of the St. Johns-North Carolina State contest in the nightcap Saturday night. If they lose, they play the loser.

State will return by air Sunday unless they win the tourney. In that case, they would leave immediately for the NCAA finals in Seattle, Wash., March 24-25.

## Braves Win, 1-0

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 18 (AP)—The Boston Braves ran their winning streak to four straight games and at the same time won their seventh of the Grapefruit League season today by downing the New York Yankees 1 to 0, in a 14 inning game before 2997 customers.

## Christenberry Has 'Clean-Up' Powers

ALBANY, N.Y., March 18 (AP)—The legislature today voted boxing boss Bob Christenberry the sweeping powers he wants to purge "the criminal scum" from the fight game in New York state.

The senate passed 52-2 a bill that would give the new chairman of the State Athletic Commission unprecedented controls over fighters and managers and power to rout racketeers and shady characters from boxing.

Christenberry asked for the legislation, which was sent to Governor Dewey for his expected approval.

When Christenberry took over as boxing czar, he vowed he would "clean up" the sport or ask that it be outlawed.

## Philljes' Power Downs Senators

CLEARWATER, Fla., March 18 (AP)—A third inning display of power hitting today gave the Philadelphia Phillies a 2-1 exhibition win over the Washington Senators.

The Phils put over both their runs in that frame on a homer by catcher Del Wilbur, a single by Richie Ashburn, and a booming double off the centerfield wall by Willie Jones.

The Senators scored their lone tally in the second against Howie Fox, the eventual winner.

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