

# Mountaineers Host Lion Cagers Tonight

The Nittany cagers will have to do a better job at rebounding than they have been if they hope to take tonight's contest with the Mountaineers at Morgantown, W. Va.

Never quite up to par on their board work, the Lions will be hard pressed to control the rebounds against the Mountaineers, who can, if necessary, field a team averaging 6-6 1/2.

Coach Red Brown can send in two freshmen "midgets," Johnny Coil at 6-10 and Paul Witting at 6-7, for his guards and then round out the team with 6-6 Willie Bergines, 6-5 Pete White, and 6-5 George Davis. More than likely, however, Brown will count on his three veterans from last year's sensational team to start the contest.

At the forward position and averaging 15.4 points a game is the speedy Eddie Becker, who was the big gun against State last year. The other forward position is filled by Captain Jim Sottile, who is pacing the Mountaineer attack this year with an average of 18 points per game; another veteran, Red Holmes, will be in at guard. The team will be rounded out with Coil and Bergines. The latter is filling the guard slot in place of letterman Mack Isner, who is out with a broken thumb.

### Ninth in Nation

The Mountaineers will be out to take their tenth win in 13 starts while the Lions will be after number eight in 11 games.

Last year the West Virginia quintet ranked ninth in the nation with a record of 23 wins and four losses; two of these setbacks were by the Lions. Favored in both games, mainly because of their all-American Mark Workman, who is now playing professional ball with the Philadelphia Warriors, the Mountaineers lost the first one, 60-61 and the last one, 65-84.

### Workman Graduates

The much publicized dual between Workman and State's sensational frosh, Jesse Arnelle, never materialized as the pressing Lions were able to hold the big center to 13 points in two games. He had been averaging 23 per game.

This year Workman has graduated and Arnelle is still around—however, the 6-5 sophomore hasn't been up to last year's playing form, and it wasn't until Monday's game against Gettysburg that he showed any of the



Jim Sottile  
Mountaineer Cage Captain

form of his freshman year. Against the Bullets he picked up 23 tallies to lead the Lions, and did better work on the boards than he has shown all season.

### Sledzik Leads Lions

At the present time he is averaging 15.5 points in ten games with a total of 155 tallies. (Last year he was averaging 18.9 a game.)

Most of State's scoring load this season has been carried by their Captain Herm Sledzik, who now has 175 tallies in ten games at a 17.5 percentage. The tall senior has shown great improvement over last year and has been scoring most of his points on a drive-in-jump shot.

In ten games the other starters show Ed Haag with 53 points; Ron Weidenhammer with 50; Jack Sherry with 99 and Joe Piorkowski with 82.

Team average is 65.4 tallies a game, while their opponents have been sinking an average of 59.9 a game.

## Engle Defends Eastern Football Against Critics

Penn State's Rip Engle took issue today with bowl-inspired attacks on Eastern football.

He termed lambasting of the East because of Syracuse's poor showing against Alabama in the Orange Bowl as "unwarranted and completely unfair."

Insisting that "one swallow doesn't make a summer," the Lion coach cited Pittsburgh's late-season rout of New York in the pro league as "an excellent example of what can happen in football on any given day."

In defense of the Eastern brand of college football, Engle pointed to Penn's draw with, and Pitt's defeat of Notre Dame, his own team's tie with Purdue's Big Ten co-champions, and Villanova's success in intersectional play.

"Let's not indict Eastern football because of one bad game," he pleaded. "Any seasoned observer knows that is unwarranted and completely unfair."

## WRA Results

### Basketball

Theta Phi Alpha won on forfeit from Alpha Epsilon Phi  
Mac Hall II won on forfeit over Theta Tau Alpha  
Gamma Phi Beta, 59—Beta Sigma Omicron, 9  
Kappa Delta, 43—Atherton West, 18

### Ping Pong

Alpha Xi Delta defeated Phi Mu

### First Three Away

Whereas Penn State played its first three games at home in 1952, it will go on the road for the first three games of the 1953 season. Wisconsin's Rose Bowl eleven will provide the opposition in the opener at Madison, Wis., Sept. 26.

# Delta Upsilon Listed In Top IM Ratings

Delta Upsilon, last year's number-three fraternity in the intramural all-year point totals, was officially listed yesterday as the top team in the 1952-53 race, according to the intramural department's initial report.

The DU's, with a total of 365 points, gathered in four tournaments, are 125 points ahead of the nearest clubs, Sigma Nu and Beta Theta Pi. Both have 240.

Delta Upsilon annexed its fourth straight boxing title this season along with a final berth in the football tourney in picking up its points.

Other individual champions are the surprise outfit of the young season, Alpha Phi Delta, who captured the football crown, and Delta Tau Delta in the golf-medal tourney. Delt John Carney was the medalist.

The Alpha Phi Deltas, who literally came from nowhere to prominence in the IM fraternity proceedings in the short space of one season, are resting comfortably in fourth place with a total of 180 points.

Behind the football kings in the fifth position in the standings is the swimming runner-up, Delta Sigma Phi. Rounding out the top nine clubs are Phi Sigma Kappa, Kappa Sigma, Delta Tau Delta, and Delta Chi.

The defending Phi Deltas weren't the only outfit to tail-spin in the standings. Alpha Tau Omega, last year's fourth-place team, and Sigma Chi, the number-five outfit last season, dropped to 16th and 17th places, respectively.

# 16 Greeks Remain In Ping-Pong Tourney

An unofficial fraternity ping-pong tournament, started way back on Nov. 20, finds its field narrowed down to a total of 16 contestants. Survivors in the tourney, and their latest matches, are as follows:

Dick Gross, Beta Sigma Rho, defeated Dick Zimmerman, Phi Kappa Psi, 21-9, 21-7; Al Freedman, Sigma Alpha Mu, by default over Dick Bunnel, Phi Gamma Delta; Harry Nichol, Alpha Gamma Rho, by default over Hal George, Sigma Phi Epsilon; Jack Charlton, Sigma Pi, defeated Cliff Stewart, Phi Kappa Sigma, 17-21, 21-14, 21-14; Leon Leftkowitz, Phi Sigma Delta, by default over Dick Smedley, Theta Xi; John Cleary, Phi Kappa Tau, defeated Dave Holdsworth, Delta Upsilon, 17-21, 21-18, 21-7; Al Kutz, Lambda Chi Alpha, defeated Lou Gornick, Alpha Tau Omega, 21-13, 21-17; Bill Ziegler, Phi Kappa Psi, defeated Chuck Leech, Theta Chi, 21-14, 21-17.

Delta Theta Sigma, defeated Rod Wiseman, Theta Chi, 21-14, 21-23, 21-13; Lou Landon, Sigma Pi, defeated Josh Ledderburg, Sigma Alpha Mu, 28-26, 21-17; Paul Lizza, Sigma Phi Sigma, defeated Jerry Rosenberg, Phi Epsilon Pi, 21-16, 23-21; and Bruz Ray, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, defeated Tony Ven Detti, Theta Kappa Phi, 21-10, 21-15.

The competition, started this year on an experimental basis, is not sponsored by the College. Awards are two trophies, both on display at the Student Union Desk in Old Main.

Semi-finals and finals will be played at Theta Xi Jan. 21 and 22, with play beginning at 7 p.m.

### Four Home Foes

Syracuse, Texas Christian, West Virginia and Fordham will be Penn State's home attractions for the 1953 football season.

# Matmen vs. Lehigh—'Toss-up'

By SAM PROCOPIO

"It's a toss-up." That is what most wrestling enthusiasts would say for the Lehigh-Penn State dual meet Saturday in Rec Hall.

Why? Coach Charlie Speidel's once-victorious wrestling squad will face one of the best teams in the East (second only to Penn State), if not in the nation.

**13 Times EIWA Champs**  
The Engineers advancing interest in wrestling has been helpful to the prestige they now possess. Unlike the Nittany Lions, Lehigh's sports program includes varsity, freshmen, and junior varsity wrestling.

Wrestling calibre at Lehigh has been so outstanding, in fact, that the Engineers have captured the annual coveted Eastern Intercollegiate wrestling championship 13 times since 1927. Five times they have finished second in that same period.

Won and lost records, which don't reveal much unless one scrutinizes the team's schedule, certainly do not reveal the hurdle that Penn State's EIWA championship squad will jump this weekend. Dual meets between the schools do, however.

**Lehigh Always Strong**  
The Lion grapplers in 1945 slammed out a 19-7 triumph from the Engineers, but then Lehigh became a jinx, spoiling Penn State's attempts for unblemished seasons.

In 1946 Lehigh held out an 18-15 win and followed that up with a 24-5 shellacking of the Lions.

The Engineers won the 1948 match by a 26-10 score and squeezed by the Lions in 1949 with a 14-11 win. It wasn't until the 1950 season, when upsets were the rule rather than the exception, that Penn State edged the ever-strong Engineers, 17-13.

Since then the Lions have posted notches in the win column, defeating Lehigh in 1951, 22-6, and beating them again last year, 20-5.

One bright feature in the overall rivalry, dating back to 1911, however, is that the Lion matmen have tumbled the Engineers to the wayside 24 times and have

been on the short end only ten times. Two dual meets ended in ties.

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