

# Lion Cagers Lose, 82-72 To W. Va. Mountaineers

Big Jim Sottile, the Mountaineers' captain, wrecked State's hopes for an upset last night as he paced the West Virginia University squad to their 10th win in 13 starts with an 82-72 victory over the Penn State Lions.

Scoring on a terrific jump shot from almost anywhere on the floor, the 6-3 senior had 33 points for the game's high scorer.

For State it was Captain Herm Gledzik with 21 points to lead the Lions attack. Jesse Arnelle was second with 16 (13 in the first half); and Sherry was next with 12. Lions hit on 27 per cent of their shot, while their opponents hit on 33.3 per cent.

**31 Points in Final Quarter**  
The Lions were only one point behind at half time, 33-32 but a 31-point outburst by the Mountaineers in the fourth quarter gave them the victory. The Lions could only score 19 points in the final period.

Totals show: — for Penn State, Haag with 10, Weidenhammer—3, Phillips—3, and Hill with 2. For West Va. it was Bergines—5, Coil—9, Holmes—14, Becker—5,

Woodings—3, Isner—11, and Stabfore with 2.

**Best Performance**  
The Lions entered the game holding a 22-19 edge in the all-time series which began in 1906. The Mounties, coached by Red Brown, were out after revenge, for last year they took two of their four losses from the Lions and ended the season with a 23-4 record.

The West Virginia quintet gave its best performance of the campaign Saturday at Virginia Tech. They won 92-55 and sank a remarkable 46 per cent of their shots. At half time they had a 35-point lead, 56-21.

The high scorer for the evening was Captain Jim Sottile, who has been pacing the Mounties' attack all season. He scored 27 points for a 12-game average of 18.8. The 6-10 center, Johnny Coil, played his best game and put in 18 tallies.

**Piorkowski to Leave**  
Last night's game was the next to the last before the Lions knock off for two-weeks and their final examinations. Saturday they will play Ithaca at State College and then will not play again until January 31 against Ernie Beck and Penn.

Coach Elmer Gross will be losing a top notch player when the

31st rolls around, for that will be the last game Joe Piorkowski will be eligible for. The 6-3 star is in his last semester at the College and won't be here for the remaining games in February and March.

His graduating will be a big loss, for of all the players it is Piorkowski who knows the Lions' sliding zone defense the best. His three years' experience and thorough knowledge of the intricate workings of the zone has been major factors in the tough defense the Lions have been maintaining.

**Blocker to Return**  
Coming back to the squad next semester will be the 6-4 Jim Blocker. Ineligible this year because of his grades, Blocker should prove a big help in the rebounding department.

A "look-back" into the records of the Gettysburg game show the Lion cagers had a very poor night in their field goal attempts. They only sank 28 shots out of 107 tries for a 26 percentage.

The game was saved by the board work which showed the Lions grabbing 84 rebounds to 35 for the Bullets. Twenty-five of State's rebounds were grabbed by Jesse Arnelle, who wound up as the evening's top scorer with 23 markers.

Sports Thru

## The Lion's Eye



By JAKE HIGHTON  
Collegian Sports Editor

Sixty future terrors of collegiate gridirons recently were awarded freshman football letters by Michigan State College. Of that number, 21 were outside the state of Michigan. Of this one-third, eight were from the state which probably produces more All-America gridders than any other—yours truly, Pennsylvania.

What has Michigan State got that Penn State, Pennsylvania, or Pitt doesn't have? Spartan Biggie Munn, the Coach of the Year—probably because he had such a real problem every Saturday choosing a starting lineup from among 30 potential All-Americans—has the simple answer: "We have a lovely campus and no rules against boys visiting it." Sure, Biggie, Sure.

This out-of-state fascination of Pennsylvanians is naturally a constant annoyance to Nittany Coach Rip Engle. Of course he has a different version from Biggie's delicate esthetic values. Speaking on the subject last winter, the Ripper said, "I can understand it if the boy's father went to school there (out of state). I can appreciate why an ambitious young athlete might prefer an out-of-state college. He might want to go where a subject is particularly well taught. But that's not the way it happens. Our Pennsylvanians, or at least the better ones, go out of the state just because they are persuaded."

This persuasion takes the form of beauty, to be sure. The Yankee beauty most foreign visitors are impressed with. On an unhappy visit to the East Lansing home of Michigan State's gridiron dreadnoughts last fall, a transplanted Pennsy gridder was encountered and promptly questioned. "Why do you come all the way out here to play football when Penn State has just as fine a school—and closer to home?"

His answer is known by all, but most still naively hide it in campus beauty: "Penn State couldn't give me what Michigan State does."

Let's face it. Substantial subsidization is the only thing wherein to catch the conscience of any football player. You either have to spend, or spend frustrating Saturday afternoons. New York University dropped athletic grants last summer and has committed athletic suicide from a big time standpoint. Even NYU's perennial basketball powerhouses have faded to the point of possible evacuation from Madison Square Garden.

The NCAA can talk sanity codes and reforms as much as the Russians talk peace—and with about as much accomplishment. Its action like that taken by the Ivy League last summer which counts. With a formalized and official league, the Ivies have limited scholarships, eliminated spring practice, post-season play, and the subsidization of prep school players, and compounded schedules. In short, the Ivies will be the Simon Purest gridders in the land—and probably be the most putrid.

But the formal banding of the Ivy League was easy in comparison with attempts to get some universal order in so large a body as the NCAA. Sure, the NCAA can institute cleanup campaigns and suspend Kentucky's 1953 basketball schedule. But the NCAA covers too large a territory and too many schools to see what's going on, let alone do anything about it.

Some remarks made by Michigan State President John Hannah in a recent article in the "News and World Report" bring up a few questions. Hannah, who must be awfully good at tongue-in-checking since his ECA committee recommendations for athletic cleanup come so close to Michigan State, says the Big Ten plans to go along with post-season deemphasis. Hannah says the Western Conference isn't likely to renew its Rose Bowl pact with the Pacific Coast after the current contract ends next New Year's Day. But, is the Big Ten likely to throw away a bountiful source of revenue which is divided among the whole conference?

As to athletic scholarships, Hannah says, "Our recommendations are essentially that there be no athletic scholarships as such." Yet, conferences are permitted to give board, room, tuition, books, and "small" monthly stipends. Hey, who's kidding whom here!

## Sports Briefs

### Platoon System Out

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—College football's two-platoon system was killed yesterday by the Football Rules Committee of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Chairman H. O. Fritz Crisler said the vote was unanimous.

The new rule, which brings an end to a colorful and controversial era of college football, reads:

"A player withdrawn from a game during the first or third periods may not return during the period from which he was withdrawn."

"Players withdrawn from the game before the final four minutes of the second or fourth periods may return during the final four minutes of the period in which they were withdrawn, but if withdrawn during the final four minutes of either the second or fourth periods, they may not return during that four-minute period."

### Boxer Honored

NEW YORK (AP)—Heavyweight Champion Rocky Marciano and George Barton, NBA president and veteran sports writer, will receive the Boxing Writers Association's two highest awards tonight.

Pete Mello, co-coach of the champion U.S. Olympic boxing team, young welters Chuck Davey of Lansing, Mich., and Vince Martinez, Paterson, N.J., and boxing writer Jim Jennings of the New York Daily Mirror, also will be honored at the association's 15th annual dinner.

### Baseball News

CINCINNATI, Jan. 14 (AP)—Cincinnati Reds last night announced that pitchers Harry Perkowski and Herman Wehmeier have signed their 1953 contracts.

### Baseball News

CHICAGO (AP)—Phil Cavarretta, 36-year-old manager of the Chicago Cubs, said yesterday he may lend a hand in right field to bolster the Bruin outfield this year.

## Gymnasts Open Season Jan. 30 Against Spartans

By TOM SAYLOR

A journey into the Midwest will open Penn State's 1953 gymnastic season Jan. 30th.

Coach Gene Wettstone, a judge during last year's Olympic games at Helsinki, Finland, will take a 13-man team to East Lansing, Mich., to battle Michigan State, Big Ten gymnastic runnerups to Illinois last year and always tough in any sport. The football team will testify to that.

### 2d Spartan Match

The match will be the second for ex-Temple star George Szypula's team, which faced Wisconsin recently.

The following day, Penn State will travel by private cars to Champagne, Ill., to meet Charlie Pond's Illinois squad, spearheaded by Bob Sullivan, the whirlwind tumbler. Sullivan placed second to another Illinois University graduate, Dick Browning, in the Olympic tryout and the National Amateur Athletic Union (NAAU) gymnastic meet here in April.

Sullivan, one of the best all-around gymnasts in the country, won the Big Ten and the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) crowns and appears a sure bet to beat State's entry of either Warren Homas, Bob Kenyon, Bob Kreidler, or Bill Sopper.

### Sabo Lost

One of two losses from last year's team was tumbler Owen Wilkinson, leaving only Bob Kenyon with any notable experience to replace Wilkinson.

Bill Sabo, last year's third parallel bar man, was the lone other man graduated from a team that this year Wettstone says has "depth."

Defending Eastern individual titlists from last year's team, winner of four and loser only to Army, are Jean Cronstedt and Bob Lawrence.

### Won Two 3d Places

Cronstedt, the "Flying Finn," was State's best all-around gym-



Gene Wettstone  
Gymnastics Coach

nast last year, winning the Eastern titles in the high bar and the all-round events. Lawrence, after winning five consecutive meets, lost to Army's Bob Wheeler in the Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastic Association (EIGA) meet at Syracuse.

Cronstedt also did well in the NCAA's, grabbing third places in the calisthenics and the parallel bar events and a fourth in the horizontal bar.

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